A wee mother is carefully putting her favorite doll to bed. With tender solicitude she carefully removes each dainty garment and fastens on the tiny night gown. Then, with a fond kiss, she hugs her treasure to her and places it in its little cradle. After patting it for a moment gently, she tip-toes out of the room as the twitight peeps curiously

A fair maiden stands before her looking glass adding the last touches to her evening toilet. Her lover will soon be here! Her eyes are full of innocent lovelight! She looks eagerly at her reflection in the glass! How glad she is that the most delicate stomach will bear. at a crimp that will not stay just as it she hastens away in the gathering twilight to meet her beloved.

A young wife sits anxiously watching for her husband. At each approaching footstep her heart beats rapturously and then grows heavy with disappointment ! She will not go indoors, it is so sweet out there! The creeping shadows cheer her trembling soul-so she waits and wiehes and the shadows lengthen into darkened night.

A mother is rocking her baby to sleep. He looks at her gravely while they move to and fro, as if asking why the bright sunshine must leave and the ugly shadows hide her dear face from him. There is a wealth of wisdom in his great sweet eyes! He holds tightly to her dress as if to keep her near him !

When at last his eyes are closed, she disengages the loving hand, kisses him fightly-he must not be awakened-and arose to put him into his crib. Then she sinks back into her chair and begins to rock him again. It is so pleasant to rest in the twilight and he is so sweet 3 to nurse!

A woman kneels by a fresh-made grave. The headboard stares coldly at her and seems to say over and over again the words inscribed upon it : "He

washer only child and she was a widow." With tear-laden eyes she bends down lower and lower, till her lips rest upon the earth. She longs to kiss the quiet form it is hiding from her! And the the twilight seems to hurry past her and gladly lose itself in the darkness.

A care-worn old woman sits watching the shadows come-they are friends to her-friends that she welcomes-for they always sing the same song to her, "One day nearer home." And as she smiles to them her thanks, she, too, repeats "One day nearer home." And so life-woman's life-goes on in the twilight till rest comes to her weary body and joy to her aching heart-till her spirit reaches its home, where never a shadow can fall upon it.

# A Steep Climb.

For the first time for a number of years the Sigiri rock in Ceyion has been scaled by a European, the feat on this occasion being performed by General Lennox, who commands the troops in the island. It is said, indeed, that only one other European, Mr. Creasy, ever succeeded in reaching the summit. The rock is cylindrical in shape, and the bulging sides render the ascent very difficult and dangerous. There are galleries all round, a groove about four inches deep being cut in the sorid rock. This rises spirally, and in it are fixed the foundation bricks, which support a platform about six feet broad, with a chunam-coated wall about nine feet high. The whole structure follows the curves and contours of the solid rock, and is cunningly constructed so as to make the most of any natural support the formation can afford. In some places the gallery has fallen completely away, but it still exhibits flights of marble steps. High upon the rocks are several figures of Buddha; but it is a mystery how the artist got there, or how, being there, he was able to carry on his work. The fortifications consist of platforms, one above the other, supported by massive retaining walls, each commanding the other. Owing to the falling away of the gallery the ascent in parts had to be made up a perpendicular face of the cliff, and General Lennox and four natives were left to do the latter part of the ascent alone. The top they found to be a plateau about an acre in extent in which were two square tanks, with sides 30 yards and fifteen feet respectively in length, cut out of the solid rock. A palace is believed to have existed on the summit at one time; although time, weather and the jungle have obliterated all traces of it. During the descent the first comer had to gnide the foot of the next into a safe fissure; but all reached the bottom

MANY of the so-called cheap cuts of meat are preferable; for instance, the shoulder of mutton is much more delicate than the leg, and, as few persons know, the price is low. The English, who of all people know what good mutton is, always give the leg to the household, and save the shoulder for guests or first table. However, meat is not the only thing you must learn to choose. Good eggs may be quickly designated by their dull shell and clear appearance. An old, or stale egg, as a rule, has a dull porous looking shell. The flesh of fresh fish should be firm, the gill should be light red and the scales silvery and clear and the eyes full and bright.

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TRY this lemon sponge, it is easy to make and is always liked . Soak one ounce of gelatine in one pint of boiling water until disolved; then pour on it one pint of boiling water, the juice of three lemons and sugar to taste. When thoroughly mixed beat to a white froth and add the whites of four eggs, well beaten. Beat all together until quite stiff, put in molds wet with water and get on the ice.

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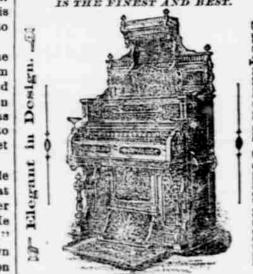


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## The Rose an Emblem of Love.

This flower, so marvelous in form, color and fragrance has instinctively won the love and admiration of men. The lover saw in the red rose a fair emblem of his own feelings, and laid it secretly upon the altar of Venus; while the pure white roses made them a fit symbol of chaste virgins. In Italy it is a very popular custom, all over the kingdom, the bodies of departed friends are covered with white roses as they are borne in open biers to their last resting places. All the ancient masters of medicine speak of the rose with great reverence. In Chinia a small bag filled with rose leaves is a tailsman to secure the bearer against diseases. The Pope consecrates on the Sanday called Dominica in rosa, the third Sunday before Easter a golden rose, which he bestows as a special sign of favor upon a church or crowned head. In 1856 the Empress Eugenie received this work of approbation on the occasion of the christening of her son, and in 1867 Isabella of Spain was so honored, not because of her virtues, but as an acknowledgment of her liberal contributions to the Papacy.

In France roses were once so highly revered that only certain privileged classes were permitted to raise them in their gardens.

In olden times in many portions of Europe, rose water was an indispensable seasoning for most delicate dishes, and roast meats were never eaten without a large quantity of that esteemed liquid essence. The humblest citizen in former days was by law bound to present his daughter, on her wedding day, at least with a chaplet of roses, though he might not be able to make her any other present. Roses were prominent elements of Roman luxury. At an entertainment which Cleopatra gave, the floor was covered three feet deep with roses, over which nets had to be spread to make walking possible.

Europe had early a great variety of roses, to which the crusaders added some fine varieties, brought from the East, as the fragrant Damask rose, from Damascus, the largest and one of the sweetest of the whole family.

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It will be remembered by your readers that the last Napoleon showed a special fondness for his roses at Fontaineblean, of which he knew every one. The empress shared this fancy, and hence it was that the Prince of Wales presented her, during the last empire, in acknowledgment of her cordial hospitality, a tained every known rose.

There is said to be historical facts to prove that a certain rose bush in Germany, still bearing flowers in summer. was cherised and cared for by a noted Bishop nearly a thousand years ago.

# Pins Tweive Dollars a Dozen.

From the article entitled "Hard Times in the Confederacy" in the September Century we quote the following : In August, 1864, a private citizen's coat and vest, made of five yards of coarse homespun cloth, cost two hundred and thirty dollars exclusive of the price paid for the making. The trimmings consisted of old cravats; and for cuting and putting together, a country tailor charged fifty dollars. It is safe to say that the private citizen looked a eritable gup in his new suit, in spite of

its beavy drain upon his pocket-book. In January, 1865, the material for a ady's dress which before the war, would have cost ten dollars could not be bought for less than five hundred. The masculine mind is unequal to the task of guessing how great a sum might have been had for bonnets brought in the OILS! OILS! lines; for in spite of patient self sacrifice and untaltering devotion at the bedsides of the wounded in the hospital, or in ministering to the needs of relatives and dependents at home, the Southern women of those days are credited with as keen an interest in the fashions as women everywhere in civilized lauds are apt to be in times of peace. It was natural that they should be so interested, even though that interest could in the main not reach beyond theory. Without it they often would have had a charm the less and a pang the more. Any feminine garment in the shape of cloak or bonnet or dress which chanced to come from the North, was readily awarded its meed of praise, and reproduced by sharp eyed observer, so far as the scarcity of materials would admit. T But fashion's rules were necessarily much relaxed in the Southern Confederacy so far as practice went when even suca articles as pins brought through paper, and needles for ten, with not

## enough of either. Care of Horses.

Remember that one of the most important points in the care of farm horses s to feed regularly. If you drive your horse until mid afternoon before be gets his noon meal you may expect a lank looking anima! the next day. A thorough rubbing and a currying is as essential to the well being of a borse as a feed. It is an old saying that a good grooming is equal to four quarts of oats. The horse might think this not more than half true, but unless your animals are at pasture or where they can rub and roll themselves, grooming is neces-

A writer in the Rural New Yorker says few farmers kow the value of pea straw as a wisp to rub with. It is as nearly an equal of the currycomb as anything. He feeds carrots at noon uring the working season, and attributes to this cause the fact that he had not had a sick horse for years. He salts twice a week and feeds nothing at noon, but regularly at six in the morning and at the same bour at night for ten months of the year. The two hardest working months he feeds at noon also.

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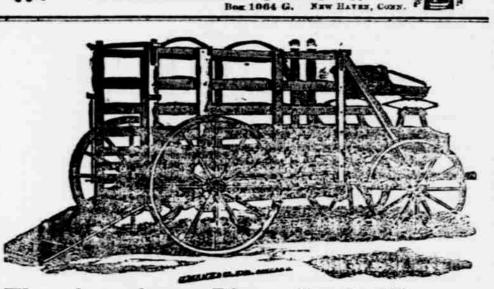
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# The Longest and Shortest Livers.

It appears that the most refined and polished nations have no prominence over savage tribes in longevity. Leaving out causes of destruction inseparable from the habitudes of barbarous races, the Africans and Indians often attain extreme old age. Humboldt gives native American Indians long lives. He speaks of an Indian woman who died at Chiquata aged 143 years, and her husband died at the age of 117. He also speaks of a Peruvian who, when 130 years old, walked daily four leagues. Prichard, on the longevity of the negroes, speaks of Robert Lynch, the property of Sir Edward Hyde East, who diedat St. John's at the age of 130. Numerous other instances are given of the great age of this race in the United States. Dungleson's "Human Health" says: "Throughout the United States the number of colored people who are reported to attain tha age of 100 years and upwards, bears a large ratio to the whites."

Kings and Emperors are not characteristically long livers. Out of two hundred Roman and German Emperors only four lived to the age of eighty year . The same holds good with Ecclesiastical representatives. Out of over three hundred Popes only five arrived at the age of 80. Monks and hermits, on the contrary, by temperance ond rectitude, strict regimen and prayer, including the saving virtue of starvation, arrive at patriarchal ages. Poets and artists, it seems, have long leases of life, because of their occupation which leads them to be conversant with the sports of the fancy and self-created world, whose whole life is an agreeable dream. Philosophers, it seems, attain great age, especially such as are occupied with the study of nature and the discovery of new and divine truths. It appears from tables that miners and doctors are among the shortest livers-miners from long exposure to poisonous effluvia : physicians in serving others are consumed, in healing others are destroyed. The rate of mortality among practising physicians is greater, perhaps, than among men of any other profession. The most extraordinary instances of

longevity are to be found only among those classes of mankind who, amidst bodily labor and in the open air, lead a simple life agreeable to nature, such as farmers, gardeners, hunters, soldiers and sailors. In these situations man still attains the age 140 and even 150 years. Frankenberg, a Dane who was a seaman, lived to be 146 years old. Efflingham, an Englishman, born poor, brought up to labor, and who ended his days as a laborer, died in the 144th year of his age. R. Glenn, a shoemaker, who lived at Tacony, near Philadelphia, lived to be 114 years old. There are many thousand instances of simple, laborious children of nature who have lived to agreatage. It is not the rich and great, not those who take gold tincture and wonder-working medicines who become old, but laborers, farmers, mariners, and such men as, perhaps, never in their lives employed their thoughts on the means which must be used to promote longevity.

# How to Make Cucumber Pickles.

The first pickles are always the best, Select plump, freshly picked cucumbers, of any size desired. Take water enough to cover them well ; add salt enough to make a brine that will bear up a potato until it can be seen above the surface of the brine, about the size of a ten cent piece; pour this boiling hot over the pickles-do not cover them, but when cold lay something on that will keep them under the brine, as those that float will become soft; leave them twenty-four hours, then drain them and cover with boiling water ; let them stand also twenty-four bours, keeping them under the water. The third day drain and pack in stone jars. To a three gallon jar put in enough pickles to fill about one-third full, then a layer of sliced onions, then a cheese cloth bag about eight or ten inches square, in which put a small tablespoonful of black pepper, two cunces stick cinnamon broken rather small, half tablespoonful of cloves; mustard seed mace or any other flavoring may be added. Horseraddish cut in strips, and three or four red peppers may also be added. Then repeat-pickles, spices, etc. Cover all with boiling cider vinegar, as weak as will keep the pickles. I generally add half water to the vinegar not good and they become soft. The scalding hardens them and also makes them green; the spices preserve them from moulding. As soon as they are cold they should be covered to keep them well under the vinegar and the jars also covered to keep out dust, and they must be kept in a very cool place. Do not wash them at first, as handling breaks the skin and they will not keep as well. Stirring them once or twice a week is a good plan, as it prevents mould from gathering.

# Fall Chicks.

Now is the time to get broody hens in order to get a supply of pullets for early spring laying. Pullets hatched during the next few months will begin laying in February and March, and the first to begin will want to sit by the last of March. In sitting hens in hot weather It is best to make a nest on the ground, or if this is not practicable line a box with sod, dire side up. Sprinkle with water containing a solution of carbolic acid. Make the nest on top and sprinkle with sulphur, and you need have no

If you have any newly batched chicks that seem droopy, and you not taken the above precautions against lice, examine their heads at once for the so-called butcher lice. To destroy them anoint heads with your finger dipped in lard. Repeat the third day and treat the breast, body and wings of the mother hen to a like process.

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To a gentleman every woman is a lady in right of her sex. Every thought which plety throws into the world alters the world. He who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart.

True nobility scorns to trample upon worm or sneak to an emperor. One must study to know, know to understand, understand to judge,

Great good is often accomplished merely because it is not attempted. Ability is of little account without opportunity. Make the opportunity. Industry has annexed thereto the fairest fruits and the richest rewards Agitation is the marshaling of the conscience of a Nation to mould be

The pleasures of understanding and preferable to those of imagination of of

There is nothing so strong or safe in any emergency of life as the simple truth. Sometimes a noble failure serves the

success. It takes very little brain and much less piety to constitute a first-class grumbler

world as faithfully as a distinguished

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff ife is made of. Kind words are the brightest flowers in earth's existence—they make a para-

dise of the humblest home. All virtue lies in individual action, in inward energy, in self-determination; the best books have most beauty.

If your wife wants at "allowance" give her your whole income. Whe will save more out of it than you can. To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship which illumina only the track which has been passed

going to prove one's self a foel; the truest heroism is to resist the doubt. It is wrong use of your understanding to make it the rule and measure of another man's, a use which it is neither fit nor capable of,

The greatest obstacle to being here's

is the doubt whether one may not be

You may depend upon it that he is a good man whose intimate friends are all good, and whose enemies are characters decidedly bad. Civilization is to have solved the pro-

blem how we may best avail ourselves of our opportunity and enjoy the beautiful world in which we live. No man has a prosperity so high or firm but two or three words can dis-

hearten it. There is no calamity which light words will not begin to redress. Teach self-denial and make its prartice pleasurable, and you create for the world a destiny more sublime than ever

issued from the brain of the wildest We should rule ourselves with a firm hand. Being our own master mests often that we are at liberty to be the slaves of our own follies, caprices and passions. Generally speaking, a man

cannot bave a more tyrannical master than himself. Let no man in despair say, "I am but one." In his unity, as in the unity of a sword, lies his might. If his metal be true, his singleness is strength; he may be mulipled, indeed, but he cannot be divided. Minorities of one, have generally done the real work of manking, In all our efforts to subdue ignorance and vice, to aid the feeble, to raise the fallen, to restore the erring, to relate the oppressed, we need to look far deeper than the surface facts or the actual evils we would banish. "What is the source?" should be our constant inm

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ry; and against that, when we have

found it, should our chief efforts be al-

To starch and iron collars no mil have a good gloss requires the skill that comes from practice. Add a little cold water to two tablespoonfuls of good starch and rub to a smooth pasts with I spoon; pour boiling water showly open the starch, stirring briskly to prevent lumping. When mixed smooth add a little salt and a piece of mutton tallow or white wax the size of a hared nut. Many good laundresses add also, tablespoonful gum arabic solution (made by pouring water upon white gum arable and letting it stand till clear. Ball the starch twenty minutes and Stall through three minutes. Use starth scalding hot and rub it thoroughly through the linen so that no lumid his left on the surface. After drying the collars, dip them, an hour or so below ironing, into cold starch made by die solving a tablespoonful of starch la pint of water, warm, but not hot enough to scald the starch. Roll them up in a clean towel and before ironing rub ovit with a fine damp cloth, Iron quickly and polish with a polishing from on a bosom board.

THE process of making the wood carpet now coming into common use comparatively simple, aithough it must be done with exactitude. Carefully adjusted saws strip the lumber into the desired thickness and width, the lattel differing according to the work requi ed. The stuff is then subjected to saws that cut it out in proper shape inlaying, to form the fabric and and of the carpet. This must be done will much particularity, as such of the woltiform pieces must exactly fit. The st rangement of the pieces and the gining of them is done by lads, and looks like slow work, but yards are thus woven with fair celerity. Canvas is glad on one side to give strength to the fabric. The carpet is then subjected to saidpaper, and is finally finished with hard

'HEROINE" is perhaps as peculiar word as any in our language. The first two letters of it are male, the first three female, the first four a brave man, and

the whole word a braye woman.