

Two Womanly Women.

One was perhaps 25, the other a little younger. They were pretty, and were stylishly dressed. A carriage stood at the Fourteenth street entrance of Willard's Hotel awaiting their pleasure. It could not be supposed that they were in very distressful financial straits.

"We will be there to-morrow." "That was what they wanted to say. That was what they said in the very first number."

"But," said the younger, "if we say we are coming home we shall both have to go."

"Carrie and I will be there to-morrow." "That was the result of much mental effort in composing and much physical exertion in erasing."

"I guess that will do," said the younger, and the two seemed to breathe with that freedom which tells of great responsibilities unshaken."

"Hold on," said the elder, at the door. "Carrie and I will be there to-morrow." One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

"Why, we have to pay as much for seven words as we do for ten." "Here was more difficulty. It would never do to pay for ten words and send only seven. That would be a reckless and a wicked waste. They proposed many ways to lengthen it but each time they talked off a new message on their fingers they found that they had either too few or too many words."

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Many of the cheap derby hats that will be worn this season will be made of a new material of which the hat makers have just got hold. The stuff is called linters. It is the short cotton left on the seed after the cotton has been ginned by the cotton raiser. He sells the cotton to the merchant, and the seed to a mill that makes 'cottonseed-oil. The miller puts the seed through a gin, especially made to clean short cotton from the seed. In an oil mill of small capacity several bales of cotton are ginned from the seed in this way. The fibre is broken and very short, and up to a few months ago the mills sold it to the hat maker for a few cents a pound cheaper than cotton. The discovery is likely to have a lowering effect upon the kind of derbies which are sold for \$3, and in fact some merchants are already using the linters derbies as 'leaders' for their other goods, selling them at half the cost of the felt hat.

Little Birds at Sea. Every day birds are seen playing around the ship, and skimming up and down the water hollows. They are lovely little terns and sea swallows, the latter no bigger than thrushes. These fearless people of the air have not by any means followed the ship from the land, living as gulls often will, on the waste thrown from the vessel. They are vague and casual roamers of the ocean, flying the great steamship from afar, sail close up to see if it is a rock or an island, and then skim away again on their own free and boundless business.

Planting an Orchard. Although not claiming to be an experienced orchardist, I have observed, says a writer in Popular Gardening, some things that I think would be of value to me if I should plant an orchard. In the first place, I should put the trees into 'plowed ground. I should keep the ground plowed several years, till the trees come into bearing, cropping it all the while lightly, but putting in each year more plant manure than I take out, thus having in a reserve fund for the support of the trees in years to come. Then I would lay it down to grass, but keep the grass from growing for several feet around each tree by mulching quite heavily each year after haying, with leaf mold, compost, etc. In the meantime I would keep the ground well up with liberal top dressings. Thus managed I do not see the necessity of plowing much if any in the orchard, after it has come to maturity, and it is certainly not convenient to do so among low trees as I believe in, and thus managed, we shall find that no crop comes easier into our hands than the apple crop. An orchard where both the land and the trees give a good showing, even though the apples bring but one dollar per barrel, pays a per cent on the capital invested that any merchant would be proud of in his business. What way is there to earn a dollar any quicker or easier in horticulture than to pick a barrel of apples from a low tree?

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