A TAPESTRY AE YIST.

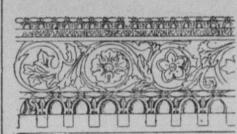
MRS. H. W. DART, THE MOTHER AMERICA.

Pictures That Command Attention --A Glimpse of Her Studio.

A pretty and practical studio in New York, which has not been formally thrown open to the public, belongs to Mrs. H. W. Dart, the tapestry painter. It takes up the whole width of the house, on the ground floor, is simple and unpretentious in decoration, and fitted up with large stretches and easels, all of which are well filled with the work of the artist.

Mrs. Dart is the mother of tapestry painting in America. She was the first person to do the stained tap-

Chleago, and for six months hung a canvas frame upon which is been hung in the Women's Building It depicts a young girl sitting on the OF TAPESTRY PAINTING IN at the World's Fair with Mrs. Dart's bank of a stream, surrounded with tapestries of Marie Antoinette, in a wild roses and butterflies; her bare



TAPESTRY BORDER.

n the entrance hall of Mrs. Potter stretched a large worsted tapestry, Palmer's mansion. It was to have upon which the artist is now at work. space that was offered to the artist feet barely tip the water as she sits for that purpose, but which she was looking into it with a musing expression. The figure is three-quarters life size. Opposite to this, nearing completion, is a large tapestry of Charon rowing Psyche over the river Styx. The figures are half life size and beautifully proportioned. The subtle beauty of Psyche, as she sits reposefully in the end of the boat, is intensified by the contrast of Charon's brawny body, upon which every muscle is highly developed.

Another well-known piece of Mrs. Dart's work is now in the possession of Mrs. Ladd, of Boston. It is a re-

SOMEWHAT STRANGE.

INTERESTING NOTES AND MAT-TERS OF MOMENT.

common in Siam.

New York has 400 regular egg chandlers, who earn their bread by telling good eggs from bad.

achusetts have increased in number from 1,400 to 2,500 in two years. in New Hampshire at the age of 66,

who during his life distributed 120,-

A CAR LOAD of matches was ignited by friction in transportation and Kentucky.

thirty years ago.

In certain districts of Sicily the industry of gathering the thread-like substance secreted by mussels is carried on. The fiber thus obtained is chase. used in the manufacture of silk.

A Mosquiro injects poison into the wound he makes, in order preservative properties of chokeenough to flow readily. This is what province of Anhui a party of miners products and not mere estimates: causes the pain.

full-blooded Indians, recently ap- The miners, on reopening the old

of from thirty to forty days are very common, and once a year they are said to abstain from food for seventyfive days.

nople, from Salonica, is exciting the stronger parts of their clothing, skill being required in the river great curiosity. The captain, officers The miners, terrified, fled from the mines than in the land mines. In and crew are all monks of Mount spot, and though there were valuable South Carolina the earnings in land Athos, and while visitors are kindly deposits of coal in the shaft nothing mines were \$287 per annum, and in received, women are not admitted.

ZEKE CLOTTS, of Mobile, Afa., is to return to their work. the owner of an ox with a natural eral veterinary surgeons have tried frontier of Belgium and the Rhine, to untie it, but their efforts caused knot that it is practically valueless and a wire is conducted from one to to switch off flies.

lecorations. She has painted some three-fourth miles, but in that dis- to which the wire is fastened. As the tance it makes an ascent of 5,360 wheel goes around it jerks the wire,

> Department has after prolonged in new kind of buckler made of alumi- discover the secret. This simple conenough not to be burdensome, and very well. yet strong enough to stop even the modern rifle ball except at short range.

> when the clouds threaten rain, and dog which seemed to be on the bank notice a plant, whose solitary, five- of the stream, and near them. It apparted scarlet flowers, rising from pearing that the dog did not move, the axils of opposite green leaves are the sound coming from the same rapidly closing, be wise enough to spot for some time, led them to inseek shelter, for this is the 'Pimper- vestigate, thinking perhaps that the nel' or 'Poor Man's Weatherglass,' and the closing flowers indicate that Approaching the spot carefully, they, rain is coming speedily.'

> THE Six Finger Club is the latest thing in the way of clubs. Each member of this particular club must have at least six fingers on one hand. An elaborate report drawn up by the secretary shows that there are 2,173 persons in the world with six fingers with great rows of teeth glistening in to each hand and 431 with seven the sun, and, all the time the creafingers. One individual, indeed, is ture was baying as if about to attack the proud possessor of eight fingers something. Before the hunters had to one hand.

> THERE is on a mantel in one of the of using their guns, the fish glided the residences of a Georgia family a into deep water and disappeared, piece of stone which bears a striking the same dismal barking being heard resemblance to an ancient castle, the once or twice after it went under. turrets, massive doors and strong foundations being distinctly marked. The peculiar feature about the little oddity is that, to hold it under a gaslight, gives the stone the appearance of the building with many lights reflected from the windows.

cious metal. THERE may be seen near Kelso, Scotland, the extraordinary spectacle of a hen bestowing maternal care on a litter of three Dandie Dimmont pups, the property of John Wait, forester there. It seems that the pups, which are about three weeks old, had been deserted by their mother, and in their aimless wanderings had come into contact with a broody Orpington hen, the result being that the hen began to go about with them. When she sits down the pups climb over her back and crawl under the wings just like as many chickens, and are, apparently, as much attached to their feathered foster-mother as the latter spent in prison completely cured her, and she is almost afraid to go

ing curious circumstances: A freight! train had in one of its cars some cod liver oil, which began to leak away The Growth in the South is a Com from the containing vessel. By chance, the escaping stream struck exactly in the middle of the rail. The Queer Facts and Thrilling Adventures train that bore the oil was not affec-Which Show that Truth is Stranger ted, but the track was thus well greased for the passenger train that lina, Florida and Georgia. But little TAILLESS cats with purple eyes are followed, which came to a standstill is done, however, in the first and last when it reached the oil rails. Nearly named States. The commissioner's three-quarters of an hour were consumed in running the two and onehalf miles to the next station, and this rate was only attained by dili-

'Tis said that drug stores in Mass- gent sanding of the track. an interesting story about a woman ery was promptly recognized and ap-A BIBLE distributor died recently who formerly lived in that city. Her preciated both by scientific and by husband was critically ill, and while he was in that condition she happened to hear of a lot in the local cemetery which was for sale very tons. cheap and, thinking she would have use for it in a short while, decided burned the other day at Burgin, that it would be the wise thing for her to do to make arrangements in ad-According to statistics, women to- vance. She accordingly purchased day are two inches taller, on an av- the lot, but no sooner had she done the North Carolina mine reported erage, than they were twenty or so than her husband began to im- 700 tons, or a total for the whole inprove and was soon entirely well. Shortly afterward, the woman became ill and died, and her body was interred in the lot her thoughtful economy had induced her to pur-

recently struck an ancient shaft. where history records that a great BLACK BULL and Bushyhead, two catastrophe occurred 400 years ago. would induce the superstitious men | the river mines \$378.

Some of the farmers of the Eifel, knot in the middle of his tail. Sev- the district that lies between the adopt a novel plan for scaring the the animal to emit a strange hoarse birds from the wheat. A number of cry. The tail is so shortened by the poles are set up in the cornfields, the other, just like the telegraph posts ONE of the most wonderful of the that are placed along our railways. many mountain railways is that From the top of each pole there hangs which ascends Mount Pilatus, Switz- a bell, which is connected with the erland. Its length from the shores wire. Now, in the valley a brook of Alphacht Bay to the Hotel Belle- runs along, with a current strong vue on the summit is but two and enough to turn a small water-wheel, and so the bells in the different fields are set tinkling. The bells thus A COMMITTEE of the French War mysteriously rung frighten the birds from the grain, and even excite the vestigation, reported in favor of a wonder of men and women until they num and copper; it can be made light | trivance is found to serve its purpose

Some hunters near the Alapaha River in South Georgia were attrac-"Ir you chance to be in the fields ted by the continued, barking of a dog had "treed" some heavy game. presently, came in sight of something that made their hair stand on end, so great was their surprise. There, lying on a sandbed, was an immense fish, the body and tail being perfect, but, instead of the regulation head, the monster's head was shaped like an English bull dog recovered their senses and thought

Sure Cure for Kleptomania.

"Kleptomania is becoming so general in the East that it will soon have Leonard F. Clifford, of Boston. "In gilders their rags with surprising re- consulted a year ago by a man whose sultant economies. One important wife had acquired the habit of pilferfirm of jewclers in this city requires ing both stores and private houses. its factory employes to leave their He was constantly coming home at working clothes at the factory. The night and finding ornaments, vases work benches and floors are carefully and jewelry in the house which he swept nightly, but once in every few knew had not been acquired honestyears floors, benches and clothes are ly. Again and again he compromised burned. After one of these burnings with storekeepers, sometimes paying the crucibles contain as a residuum | exorbitant prices for luxuries he did thousands of dollars' worth of pre- not require, and which were beyond his means. He had paid two or three large doctor bills in trying to get his wife cured of what he charitably regarded as a disease, and he had come to the conclusion that it was necessary to take measures of a more prompt character. I advised him to take the bull by the horns and let his wife serve at least a week in jail. He did not like the idea, but consented, and the next time his wife was caught he refused to bail her out and allowed the law to take its course. To his astonishment his wife was given ninety days. We managed to get three-tourths of the sent-ace remitted, but the three weeks the lady into a store now lest she should be A TRAIN was recently stopped in suspected of an offense of which she France, on the line between Belle- is never likely to be guilty again." garde and Geneva, under the follow- -[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY.

mercial Marvel.

The growth of the phosphate industry in the past four or five years has been immense. It is located in the States of North Corolina, South Caroreport covers 137 phosphate mining establishments, 106 being in Florida, thirty in South Carolina and one in North Carolina. Phosphates were discovered in South Carolina in 1867-THE Covington (Ky.) Record tells 68, and the importance of the discovbusiness men. In 1868 the South Carolina mines produced 12,262 tons, while in 1891 they produced 572,949

The Florida phosphate deposits were discovered in 1888, and their last annual output was 532,027 tons. The last annual output of the South Carolina mines was 698,976 tons, and dustry of 1,281,703 tons. This quantity was valued at the mines at \$7,-153, 201.

As in other valuable things counterfeits will accompany real values. There have been bogus phosphate lands and bogus phosphate compa-A curious story, illustrating the nies and much money has been sunk by investment in such. But the that the blood may become fluid damp, comes from China. In the figures here given represent actual

The operators in all the four States mentioned control 265,638 acres of land and 1704 miles of river. Of the land 183,348 acres are in Florida. peared in St. Paul with 162 head of shaft, came upon upwards of 170 The total value of capital invested in cattle to sell for themselves and bodies of the former workers, lying plants in the industry is \$4.705,582 neighbors. Black Bull alone owns where they had been overcome with and in land \$14,363,067. The total foul gas four centuries back. The number of hands employed in the As PASTERS the sect of Jains, in corpes were as those of yesterday, industry is 9,165; of this number India, is far ahead of all rivals. Fasts quite fresh-looking, and not decayed 5,242 are employed in South Caroin any way. The faces were like lina mines. The total expenditure those of men who had only just died. for labor for the last year was On an attempt being made to move \$2,478,265. The average earnings in them outside for burial, they all the Florida land mines was \$214 for crumbled away, leaving nothing but each person employed, and in the THE brig St. Andrea at Constanti- a pile of dust and the remnants of | river mines, \$355, a higher grade of

In addition to the wages paid in the mines, a large body of longshoremen have been brought into employment through the phosphate industry, the amount of wages paid to this class of men being for 1892, \$121,685, while the wages paid for manipulating and converting phophate into superphosphate are estimated at \$1,587,600, or a total wage roll added to the industry of the State named, through the discovery of phosphate of \$4,182,910, the payment of this large sum being due to the new industry of phosphate mining, and it is of course a constant yearly addition to the economic force of the States in which the industry is carried on. It should be noted also that labor is benefited through the cost of transportation, drayage. warehousing and other handling which, in the aggregate, amounts to a very considerable sum.

With so enormous a development in so few years it might be imagined that this industry must soon play out. But in the first place the need of fertilizers is constantly on the increase. The soil not only needs more as the years go by, but the benefits and uses of the various fertilizers and their adaptation to produce the results desired in agriculture are becoming every year better known. In the second place, the supply of the raw material seems to be comparatively inexhaustible. A careful expert estimate gives for the State of Florida the amount of phosphate in sight as 133,055,835 tons, for other States 1,000,000 tons. These various estimates give a total of 149,055,385 tons of phosphate in sight, and this statement shows better than any other the future opportunities for the employment of labor in this industry. -[Farm, Field and Fireside.

Stopping a Runaway.

It is asserted that in Russia a horse that is addicted to the habit of running away has a thin cord with a running noose around his neck at the neck strap, and the end is tied to the dash-board. "At Rome," says this informant, "I saw in the Corso a phaeton with two spirited horses bolt. They were driven by a lady, to be treated as common theft," said and I expected to see instant destruction. But the lady coolly grasped "GOLDSMITHS "save" their floors and my capacity as an attorney I was a thin cord and within thirty yards the horses came to a full stop. I afterward met the lady at Nice and expressed surprise at the skill with which she stopped the runaways. She treated it as a trifle, and told me accidents from runaway horses are unknown in Russia, as no one but a lunatic would drive without the cord. When a horse bolts he always takes the bit in his teeth, and the skill of the driver is useless. The moment the pressure comes on the windpipe the horse knows he has met his master."-[Farm, Stock and Home.

Turkish Bedrooms.

Turkish bedrooms are models of simplicity, the beds though luxuriously soft and furnished with heavily embroidered pillows, being made upon the floor, from whence they are swept up early in the morning by slave girls the moment their occupants' eyes are open, and stowed away in closets, while the visitor is left to dress himself in a room from which all traces of night occupation have disappeared as if by the wave of a magic hand. This does not apply to all parts of modern Turkey. There are progressive Mussulmans who indulge in brass bedsteads and Freuch dressing tables.



estry work in this country. The first piece ever completed hangs on the south wall of her studio. It is about a yard square, and portrays a couple of lovers, dressed in old-fashioned costumes, leaning on a gate. It is nearly a quarter of a century old. and has been washed and scrubbed, but age only beautifies it, softens the rich colors and endears it to the heart of the painter. Many bids have been made on this little gem, but is not for sale. Mrs. Dart says that while she lives its home shall be in her studio.

Mrs. Dart's masterpiece, and the most ambitious work of her life, is a reproduction of Vibert's "Missionary Story." It has just been bought by parties who value it at \$1,000. This tapestry measures 8 feet 9 by 10 feet 3, and has a border one foot wide. The reproduction is almost perfect. Mrs. Dart having used the same colors in the tapestry dyes as Vibert used in his painting. At the Boston exhibition in 1871. Mrs. Dart was awarded the first prize for tapestry upon the merits of this piece of work. The prize was a diploma, the only thing of the kind ever awarded for stained kept from filling by uncontrollable tapestry in this country. In 1892 circumstances.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

LITTLE "DIRTY-FACE."

She says "my name is Dwace"-

You scrub and dress that child at

White muslin trimmed with lace-

But smiles oft break that crust o

And smiles the dimples chase,

'T is naught but superficial dirt

Which scrubbing will erase;

On tot's small phiz the trouble is

But stay-I see a rose-bud mouth

Thou little toddling Grace-

Thy soul's as pure as angels' robes,

A CURIOUS EXPERIMENT.

five inches square, roll it into a tube

with one end just large enough to fit

round the eye, and the other end

rather smaller. Hold the tube be-

tween the thumb and finger of the

right hand (do not grasp it with the

other hand); put the large end close

left hand hold a book against the side

- Boston Transcript.

So ma and pa are rather proud

And tender eyes light up with love

To pa and ma she's better known

We have a little maid at home.

As "Little Dirty-Face."

In fifteen minutes, often less,

That little dirty face.

Of Little Dirty-Face.

To find a kissing place,

On Little Dirty-Face.

My Little Dirty-Face.

She's "Little Dirty-Face."

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dirt.

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MOTHER AND CHILD.

"The Missionary Story" was sent to In one corner of the studio stands

length when it is spread.

downy seeds of the dandelion. his wonderful crest makes him un- ornamental or loose and feathery, like any other bird, big or little.

And yet the umbrella bird has trunk for his dinner. another gift in a sort of fan on his | The funny noise which the woodbreast. A large, hanging tassel of pecker makes sounds much like the feathers grows from a sort of quill tapping at a door or a window. And of flesh. When this is spread it is when the disturbed one looks out just like a fan and covers the whole and finds clinging to the roof or a front of his body.

Then come and give that sweet "bear | that carries a fan and umbrella al- eyes that he knows he is cheating ready made for use?

These birds are seldom seen, be- person's discomfort. cause they live on the highest they get their living. But their cry is often heard. It has so deep a! sound that the Indians call them "trumpet birds." - [New York Re-Take a piece of pasteboard, about

THE WOODPECKER'S WAYS.

his living by tap, tap, tapping at the trees to find out any little bugs or worms soughy hidden under the bark. against the right eye, and with the His name, as I suppose you know. is Mr. Woodpecker. He finds most of the tube. Be sure and keep both of his food in hollow or partly decayed trees, where myriads of small well-known one and makes himself insects make their home under the very useful in destroying the various bark, or in the various parts of the insects which destroy various kinds decayed trunk.

Here Mr. Woodpecker is in his glory. He taps and taps with his sharp little pickax of a bill until he Office require that every unsound finds a hollow place. Here he runs tooth shall be taken out of a man's The left hand can be held against the his long, slim tongue, which natura- head before he can be employed. An tube instead of a book, and the hole lists tell us is so sticky that it pulls unfortunate girl who recently was out the poor little worm or insect examined for promotion had fourteen easily enough and the creature be- teeth taken out at one sitting by orcomes Mr. Woodpecker's dinner. If der of the official dentist, who ex-

skin, upon which she paints magnificent cushion covers, lambrequins, and designs for upholstered chairs. The artist learned her art in Paris.

production of the celebrated painting

Mother and Child," and though

Mrs. Dart had nothing more than a

photograph to go by while painting

"The Peacock Girl," purchased by

Montague Marks, and which is still

in his possession, is one of the dain-

tiest pieces of work ever put upon

tapestry. It is of an ethereal-looking

maiden, gracefully poised in midair,

Another of Mrs. Dart's talents

comes out forcibly in her interior

of the handsomest houses in the

country. Another material upon

which this artist has become very ex-

pert in coloring is the white mole-

this, she has lost none of the senti-

ment of the original picture.

scattering food to doves.

where she spent seven years in the best schools, under the best masters. And the painters of many of the most beautiful tapescries painted in America to-day boast of having been at one time or another a pupil of the

mother of the art. -[New York Recorder.

brella, this bird from Australia, be- large pieces of the bark of the tree cause he is called so? Oh, no! But and he hunts his game out of its he does carry over his head a sort of hiding place as gleefully as a real helmet of feathers, which answers for hunter could do.

Mr. Woodpecker is said to have one. It is more than two inches in several peculiarities. One of these These pretty, hairy plumes, curved is his feet, or rather the arrangegracefully at the end, cover the head | ment of his toes upon his feet. He of this pretty bird all over, even going has two toes pointing front and two beyond the beak. Each one stands back, instead of three in front and out, just as you have often seen the one toward the back, as most birds have. This enables him to cling This curious bird is as black as the | more tightly to the bark of the tree raven in body. The edges of the when he runs up and down in search wings are tipped with glossy blue. of food. Another singular feature He is only the size of the jay, but is his short little tail, which is not but is very stout and firm and use-Shoudn't you think any bird might | ful to him, for he can prop himself be proud of such a royal covering? upon it as he pecks away upon the

post only a saucy little woodpecker Did you ever hear of a bird before it is easy to think by his mischievous somebody and rather enjoys the

Mr. Woodpecker makes his nest in branches of the fruit trees, where the same spot where he gets his dinner-an old hollow tree. He picks out a tree to suit his taste and makes a long passage down the inside of the bark as a sort of entrance to his house. At the end of this passage he hollows out a nice nest in the dead part of the tree, lines it with soft, dry leaves, moss and wood There is a little tapper who gets dust, and then his nursery is all ready for his young family.

There are many different kinds of woodpeckers—the downy wood-pecker, the golden-winged woodbecker and the commonest-the redheaded woodpecker. This bird is a of trees .- [Atlanta Constitution.

Do you think he carries an um- a more thorough search is required plained that "we can't have girls laid up with toothache."

THE regulations of the British Post

is to her canine family.

eyes open, and there will appear to be a hole through the book, and objects seem as if seen through the hole instead of the tube. The right eye sees through the tube, and the left eye sees the book, and the two appearances are so confounded tother that they cannot be separated.

will seem to be seen through the

hand .- [New Orleans Picayune.