

PLANTATION VIOLETS.

To women's enterprise and energy the preservation or restoration of many of the picturesque and historic old Virginia homes is due. By one means germs which cause decay be allowed or another they have found the money to prevent the houses from falling into decay and the lands from going under the hammer. From Shirley, one of the loveliest places on the James River, its owner a woman, sends bushels of violets to Northern cities. Some of the most famous old estates in Virginia have been converted into prosperous truck farms; which supply the tables of Washington statesmen with fruits and vegetables.

THE MONAGRAM STOCKING.

panion.

way of combining pleasure and phil. rated solution of boric-acid wash, the anthrophy. Half a dozen girls agree last being mildly antiseptic, can be to meet at the home of each, in turn, used .- Marianna Wheeler, in Harper's once a week, or once a fortnight, for Bazar. luncheon. At every meeting each guest brings fifty cents, which is given PERSONALITY OF NAPOLEON'S to some charity, and each hostess pledges herself not to exceed three dollars in preparing her entertain- poleon Bonaparte is seldom better prement. These prices and contribu- sented than in the following brief sentions, may, of course, be varied at tences, which make one feel very much pleasure. At the close of the meal at home with her. She was married the hostess must tell the price paid at sixteen to Charles Bonaparte, an for each article of food which the humble notary of Corsica, and bore guests note upon their menu cards. him thirteen children. She had very A sample menu would be- Canned little education, knew nothing of bouillon (15 cents); creamed codfish, literature, and until after she passed served in green peppers (40 cents); middle life could talk no language but two pounds of chops (50 cents); with her native Corsican dialect; yet, when puree of French chestnuts (15 cents); she was left a widow with the slendersalad of chopped apple and celery est means, she educated her family with mayonnaise, served in red ap. and lived to see every one of them exples(35 cents); pine-apple ice served | cept Lucien and Pauline seated upon in the whole rind (45 cents); coffee (8 a throne. And Lucein declined two. cents); bread and butter (15 cents). Total \$2.23 .- Ladies' Home Journal.

WHAT GIRLS SHOULD READ.

of English literature at Wellesley ing and her inability to speak French, College, makes a few suggestions in but she was a woman of fine presence. regard to what girls should read. She of perfect self-possession, and her nasays that the beginning of English tural abilities and strong character literature study should be made at made her a very interesting person. home and in the nursery. Let the For twenty-two years the occupied girl learn by heart poetry and prose. a dismal old palace at the corner of The best and all, she will. Keep the the famous street known as the Corso nickle magazines from her, but feed and the Piazza Venetia, and there held her young imagination with myths of court with great dignity, with four Olympus and myths of Valhalla Hans ladies in waiting, two chamberlains, a Christian Andersen, old ballads, Homer, "The Fiery Queen," "The Pil- go Record-Herald. grim's Progress," "The Arabian Nights," and "The Alhambra." Let her know Roland the Cid and Don Outxote as she knows Miles Standish and Horatius. Let Beatrice be as real to her as Martha Washington. Read Scott with her and Shakespeare. She and they are often made of silk trimwill read Tennyson for herself. Save | med with long fringe. her in those sensitive first years from books. Every hour spent in reading the new hats. thrash is not merely so much time wasted, but it is so much fineness blunted, so much dignity of mind de the most delicate and dainty stuffs. based .- Chicago Record-Herald.

no attention, and that nature will care for them. As a maiter of fact from the moment the first little teeth make their appearance the care of the teeth the second or permanent teeth de-

pends largely upon the good and sound condition of the first. As the decay of the teeth always commences from the outside, the first care is the mouth. It should be kept clean and none of the to remain there. Acid is one of the first causes of decay in the early teeth. and the cause of acid in the mouth is often that after each meal a small portion of the milk is allowed to remain in the mouth, where the warm temperature causes fermentation. In a small baby the mouth should be wash ed with water containing a pinch of borax or boric-acid solution after every meal and at least two or three times a day in an older child. A soft bit of linen or a little absorbent cotten wrapped around the finger is sufficient for this process. When the The very latest in hosiery is the child's double teeth come, a small soft monogram stocking. The stocking is tooth-brush should be used. Be sure preferably black, in lisle thread or to use the brush gently, employing the silk. In the front, just above the horizontal motion and the perpendicuankle, is a diamond-shaped inset of lar as well, as by doing this the black net, and upon this the mono- bristles of the brush get between the gram is embroidered. The letters teeth and dislodge the particles of may be worked in black silk or in food which cling there. The mouth whatever color the wearer may also should be opened wide, and the choose. The rest of the stocking is crown of the teeth well brushed. perfectly plain .-- Woman's Home Com- After the teeth are washed, the mouth should be thoroughly rinsed. It is not necessary to use soaps or tooth pastes THE "POVERTY LUNCHEON" NOW. or powders. Plain boiled water, or "Poverty Luncheons" offer a good water with a pinch of borax, or a satu-

MOTHER

The personality of the mother of Na-She was herself by no means elated at receiving the title of "imperial highness," and was exceedingly sensitive. Her exalted position exposed her to Miss Katherine Lee Bates, professor | ridicule because of her lack of learn-

****** For the Housewife.

AN ACCOMODATING PEOPLE.

A hint, which the housewife who has to be her own doortender may appreciate, is, before using a stuff for the door panel, make a test hanging, to see if a caller can be seen without seeing. An accommodating peephole of this sort is, at certain times, something for which to be truly thankful.-Good Housekeeping.

CUT FLOWERS.

One who has found the experiment successful says that if the ends of cut flowers are clipped and the blossoms put into a pail of water sufficiently deep to let the blossoms float on the surface, they will be as fresh in the morning as when first cut. Furthermore that they will keep fresh looking according to this process much longer than by any other.

HOW TO GIVE CHILDERN CASTOR OIL

Children who refuse to take castor oll make no fuss if it is given in this way: Take one cup of milk, one of molasses, half a cup of sugar, half a cup of castor oil, a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, two of ginger, a little salt and enough flour to make a stiff paste. Roll out, cut into shapes and bake in a quick oven. One or two are as good as a dose of oil.

TOILET TABLE COVERS.

One-inch insertions in the new colored lace, yellow, blue, pink, though of rather crude shades, look pretty as a frame round plain transparent muslin slips for the toilet table Crochet edgings, especially of Irish make, are now employed as borders to muslin covers, embroidered white or in natural colors. Darned net or guipure d'art are once more fashionable for the purpose, with the introduction of tinsel threads and dainty ribbon bows.

CONTRASTS NEEDED.

Many matrons desiring harmony. are too prone to get monotony by having too many of their furnishings match. A little contrast not only gives relief but warmth. For instance nothing could be prettier than a room with wood green walls and plain wood green Wilton carpet, jet its effect, will be much intensified and warmth given by a touch of yellow or wood brown here and there.

RECIPES.

Apple Cup .-- Put half pint of milkone cup-in a sauce pan over the fire: rub three tablespoonfuls of flour smooth in a little cold milk; add it to the hot milk and stir until smooth and thick; take from the fire and add the yolks of four eggs; beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and stir nem in; peel, core and chop fine six apples; mix them into the batter; fill buttered custard cup two-thirds full; stand them in a pan of boiling water and bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven. Serve with hard or foamy sauce. Orange Dainty .- Beat thoroughly the yolks of two eggs with one-half cup of sugar; add one large tablespoonful of flour, one small tablespoonful of corn-starch dissolved in milk; pour into one pint of boiling milk and let cook about three minutes; flavor with half a cupful of sweet orange juice and pour into a baked crust. Beat the whites to a stiff froth; add onehalf cup of sugar; flavor with half a teaspoonful extract of orange; spread on top, put in oven and let slightly brown.

THE FAD IS A SNAIL FARM. founder. Pavements on which salt has been sprinkled to melt the ice or

MME. PERNOT HAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE UNITED STATES.

She Thinks the Raising of These Little Creatures Might Prove a Profitable Occupation for Women-How the Toothsome Delicacies are Eaten. Southern California has a snail

farm. It is said to be the only one in the United States. Of course, it is a lusk having been imported direct from France, and imported for its gastron. James Jesse Strange, the Michigan omic features alone. This snailery is a few miles out from Los Angeles, at

huge windmill a short distance from paragraphs: the driveway leading up to the Pernot home. Vines growing over the inclosure, running all around the supports, are box shelves, lidded with fined.

guarded they wander far from home, eration. so here they have plenty of room and comfortable quarters. Each box is earthen pipe, where the little creatures may retreat at night or in cold weath-

er, attaching themselves to the inner the shell.

variety escargot Bourgogne, but they sands of family relatives.

earth about an inch deep. They do postmaster. not hatch simultaneously, but the average period is about sixty days. The eggs, numbering 200 or 300, are whitish gray. The young snails are about the size of a pinhead when hatched, having a perfect shell complete as when grown.

Mme. Pernot is as devoted to her snail fad as many women are to a poultry fad. She gives the little things a bath with the hose upon bright mornings when they travel wearily around with their shells upon their backs.

"As my snails are shut in," said Mme. Pernot to a New York Tribune representative, "they must be well fed consists of lettuce, artichokes, cabbage and various kinds of herbs. Just mer savory, which adds greatly to the flavor. A month before eating we pack them in bran. At the end of this time they are ready for use. They are then thrown in salt and vinegar, which extracts the slime. Then they are placed in boiling water for a few moments. After being stuffed with parsley, bread crumbs, pickled bacon, butter and parsley, they are placed in the oven and browned, and then you have the most delicious dish. "About forty are considered a meal. ing them a little with flour. Still another method is to stew them in half tain British consul. water and half white wine, mixed with course, there is none of the fishy insufferable vulgarian. taste found in the bivalve. In France large ones are taken to market, where diet. The small ones are fed to poul-

snow are particularly dangerous. The salt when it becomes saturated plays the mischief with a horse's hoof. have known cases where the animal

has been made absolutely worthless." Spinal meningitis is considered fatal, and unless the patient is an extremely valuable animal it is put out of its suffering as soon as the disease develops .- New York Press.

French snallery-each original mol- CURIOUS AMERICAN CHARACTER.

Usurper and His Ways.

The curious American character is the ranch of Mme. V. A. Pernot. It is the subject of an article in the Cenlocated under the tank house of a tury, from which we take the opening

The fact that about fifty years ago a kingdom was established on Beaver framework of this particular spot ren- Island, at the foot of Lake Michigan. der it cool and shady. Inside of the which flourished for seven years, in defiance of our government and its laws, is one of the episodes in our wire gauze, where the snails are con- national life which has not yet passed into history, and is consequently

Snails are great travellers. If not unfamiliar to most of the present gen-

The strange story of this isolated Mormon community centers around furnished with sections of porous the strong personality of the selfconstituted king.

James Jesse Strang was born in the year 1813, in Cayuga County, New surfaces by means of a viscous fluid York. The son of a farmer, he had which oozes from around the edges of only the ordinary education of a country lad of that period, but as he

The first snalls imported from was an indefatigable reader and pos-France by Mme. Pernot were of the sessed a retentive memory, he was constantly adding to his store of did not long survive. The smaller knowledge. He early took a promivariety, escargot Bourdelaise, were nent part in rural debating clubs and then tried, and the three dozen which temperance meetings, where he showarrived in the month of June in good ed marked oratorical ability. He condition before a year had elapsed was extremely voluble, self-conceited, numbered more than three thousand. and visionary, but was regarded as a This was in 1900, and now the snailery promising youth, entirely reputable is growing too small for the new thou. in character, though eccentric. At the age of twenty-three he was admitted In this group of mollusks respiration to the bar, and, in connection with

is effected by means of a lung or his practice of the law, filled acceptapulmonary sac, no gills being develop. bly, at various times, the positions ed. The eggs are laid in a hole in the of editor, schoolmaster, lecturer, and

At the time when the remarkable career of Joseph Smith, the Mormon 'prophet," was drawing toward its close, Strang removed with his young wife to Burlington, Wisconsin, where he became one of a firm of attorneys. Previous to this he had been interested in the preaching of itinerant elders from Nauvoo, the Mormon center, and in his new home he soon fell under the same influence; his active imagination was stimulated by the socalled "revelations" of Smith to espouse some of the doctrines of the Latter-Day Saints. One year later he visited Nauvoo, where he became an easy convert to the belief that not

or they eat each other. Their food alone spirital blessings but earthly honors would be the reward of membership among the faithful. The asbefore we cat them I feed them aro. tute leader, Smith, undoubtedly recogmatic herbs, mint, thyme and sum. nized valuable material in the wellinformed, eloquent, and ambitious attorney; his arguments were so convincing that in a few weeks Strang was again at Nauvoo, where he received baptism, and, was ordained as an elder with authority to organize a church, or, in their phraseology. "plant a stake of Zion," within the limits of Wisconsin.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Special Dispatches Boiled Down for Quick Reading.

PENNSYLVANIA

PATENTS AND PENSIONS GRANTED.

Manacled Madman's Suicide-Threw Himself Backward Through the Window of a Car-Temple of Labor for Pittsburg-Cannot Tell What Hit Him -- Skyscraper's Dire Record-Tax Collector Accused.

Pennsylvania patent: Jos. E. Baines, Pittsburg, threading tool; Murray C. Beebe, Pittsburg, system of distribution; Edward C. Brice, Colwyn, kiln for burning bricks, etc.; Harry H. Butler and W. A. Dauley, Brockwayville, waste W. A. Dauley, Brockwayville, waste cock; Frank Conrad, Wilkinsburg, instrument for indicating the phase and frequency relations of alternating currents; James Culbertson, Goheenville, nut lock; George H. Fernald, Northeast, thill coupling; Charles Bulland, Pittsburg, stand pipe; Marshall W. Hanks, Pittsburg, removable heater for electric lamps; John J. Hennnessy, New Kensington, spinning top; Henry Huff-stickler, Coal Valley, hoof trimmer; Benjamin G. Lamme, Pittsburg, alternating electric current generating and distributing system; also, alternating current motor; John McAlister, Berwinsale, mining car; Michael B. McManus, Titusville, lift for well drilling and pumping rigs; David Gorman, Pitts-burg ram; John S. Pack, Pittsburg, system of electrical distribution; Henry U. Potter, Pittsburg, heater wire support for electric lamps and making same; also, electric glower lamp; Cyrus Robinson, Edgewood Park, fluid pressure engine; Norman W. Stoner, Edgewood Park, system of electrical distribution; Patrick Wall and B. W. Moore, Allegheny, oil can.

Pennsylvania pensions: August Douch, Allegheny, \$6; William D. Noyes, Al-legheny, \$8; Louis F. Swope, Pittsburg, \$10; Samuel Jensy, Etna, \$8; Alonzo Foust, Tamarac, \$12; David Jericho, McDonald, \$12; John Gallagher, Allegheny, \$8; Daniel Braun, Jr., Pittsburg, \$8; Samuel D. Hess, Lewistown, \$18; Samuel Bolinger, Natrona, \$12; John Simons, North Towanda, \$12; Andrew F. Birch, Edinburg, \$10; Henry Linhart, Turtle Creek, \$10; Charles Langhorst, Valencia, \$12; Benjamin R. Jones. Corry, \$12; Regina Langhorst, Valencia, \$8; Mary S. Beighel, Altoona, \$8; Ma-tilda Hatch, Cambridge Springs, \$8.

W. E. Coyan, connected with the works of Carnegie Steel Company, at Homestead, has invented a process for making rails which is being used at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, Braddock, with pronounced success. By the Coyan process the inventor says a rail can be produced with a hard, tough face. free of scale. The rail, it is asserted, will wear from a third to a half longer than the ordinary rail and it can be bent to any shape without fracturing it.

At Harvey's Lake, a summer resort near Wilkes-Barre, James Larkins, aged 57 years, warden of the lake, was found dead in a house in which he lived alone. His throat was cut and he also had several stab wounds on his head. During the night Larkins had as his guest Samuel Keller, who is about 60 years of ase. In honor of Easter the men had purchased several quarts of whisky, and they drank it. It is presumed that they quarreled and fought with knives. When Larkins' body was found Keller was still in the house. His clothes were saturated with blood, and he also had a stab wound on the neck and another on his breast. He was placed under arrest and loged in the county jail to await an investigation by the Coroner. The Coroner's jury at Reading, that investigated the death of Daniel M. Heller, and Mrs. Mary Rolland, who were killed in the explosion that wrecked two Penn street buildings four weeks ago, after hearing fifty-two witnesses, agreed upon a verdict that the deaths were due to an explosion of acetylene gas, the explosion being caused by a fire. With both hands manacled and fastened to a belt around his waist, George E. Anderson threw himself backward through the window of a passenger car and was killed. Anderson was being taken to the insane department at Clare mont on the West Pennsylvania Railroad. When the train was nearing Claremont, Anderson asked his attend ant for a drink of water. As the attendant was returning with a glass, he saw Anderson project himself backward and head first through the car window, taking the sash with him. The train was running at high speed. When it was backed up to where the man was lying he was found to be dead. Policeman A. B. Simmons, who two weeks ago was severely injured during an encounter with Chief of Police Stryker, of Williamsport, has recovered sufficiently to make a statement regarding the affair, so far as he remem ner. In fact he struck me as being | He denies that there was a fight. He says he went to see Chief Stryker to ask for permission to go to supper one hour earlier than usual. The chief was sitting in the sergeant's room and Simmons called him to the door and presented his request. From that moment Simmons says all is blank to him. He remembers nothing more until he came to his senses at his home several days later. He declares positively, however, that he had no quarrel with the chief. Constable Joseph Matthews, Schaefferstown, attempted to arrest Henry Hoffman, a tramp, who is charg-ed with robbing Samuel Missley, of Lincoln, Lancaster county, of \$150. Hoffman was armed with a knife and revolver and resisted arrest. A posse was then organized and Hoffman was overpowered and guarded in a room of the hotel, until the arrival of Lancaster county constables. The Altoona & Logan Valley and the City Passenger Electric Railway Companies granted an increase of one-half cent an hour in the wages of conductors and motormen. Benjamin Dorrance, of Wilkes-Barre, who had an exhibit at the annual show of the American Rose Society in New York city, won eleven prizes and the silver medal for the best collection of roses. He had 2000 blooms. Mr. Dorrance was also awarded a certificate for the new rose, Sara Nesbitt, named for the daughter of Abram Nesbitt, of Kingston. At a meeting of the charter members of the board of trustees of the Pittsburg Carnegie Library, ex-Judge James H. Reed was elected a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late David McCargo.

THE ENGLISH GIRL'S FOOT.

going on for some time in the English tumes are the result. newspapers relative to the somewhat intimate subject of the young English woman's foot or rather her shoes. The modern English girl is tall, tall in a sense and to a degree that the Gibson cartoons of the stately American girl do not even adumbrate. In the aristocratic set, more often than not, she towers over the heads of foreign gentlemen. Long generations of descent from tall fathers and mothers and vigorous years of outdoor exercise have gowns. Made in tailor fashion, with made her what she is-very occasionally a six-footer and with hands and ming, they are natty and service allow half an hour and twenty-five feet in due proportion.

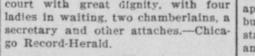
The note of alarm has at last been ters of Anak" are exercising too wide, is carried twice around the waist freely, if they would wear the dainty and tied once at the left side in front shoes that are women's traditional and the ends hang to nearly the edge adornment. While the answer is of the frock. These edges are cut made that the apparent size of the slanting and finished with white English girl's foot is due to her sen- fringe. sible preference for loose easy shoes, it is admittedly an incomplete explan- and dies have scalloped ends in color ation. One reason for the growing embroidered with small flowers and popularity of the American shoe in green leaves. At the front of the London is that it looks neater and stock is a deep point of the color trimmer and decidedly smaller than shaped somewhat like a large butterthe English shoe of the same size. fly

But another reason is that the American woman resident in London cannot find an English shoe small enough to fit her foot. One shopper re- the British Isles, the American bittern, lates in a London paper that the small- is reported from Ireland. The bird's est sizes she could find in a Regent breeding grounds are in and about street store were sixes. The exhibi- Texas, and in the autumn it migrates the New Gallery furnishes interesting According to Howard Saunders, it has testimony that a generous understand- only been seen some twelve times in ing is no mere development of the Ireland. This specimen met, of modern Amazonian spirit. The boots course, with the customary reception worn by Queen Elizabeth as princess, extended to rare visitors, and was inpreserved in the collection, are almost stantly shot .-- London Globe. as capacious as the slippers worn by George IV. at his coronation .-- New York Mail and Express.

BABY'S FIRST TEETH.

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It is a mistake to think that the child's first set of teeth need little or cent. are daily on the sick list.



-BITS OF FEMININITY-Empire scarfs are worn this spring

White Chantilly lace is one of the

the cheap, the flimsy, the corrupt in laces which are being much used in

The postilion effects are modish on evening gowns, although they may be The contrast between moire and the plain taffeta is singularly effective, whether one or the other be the foun. A sprightly controversy has been dation, and exceedingly smart cos-

> Elaborate yolks and sleeves and skirt bands are the rule, and in some cases there is a decoration in yoke effect on the top of the skirt which meets and corresponds with a trimming around the lower part of the bodice. This gives a princesse effect which is most becoming.

Coarse linens in natural color promise to be much worn for summer street powder and one teaspoonful of salt stitching or bands of silk for trimable.

A sash worn with a white gown is sounded. It is held that "the daugh. of white moire four or five inches into pans.

Dainty white crepe de chine stocks

Rare Bird.

A specimen of a very rare visitor to tion of royal relics recently opened at in great numbers to the Bermudas, to you. You doubtless like traveling.

> Japan's foreign trade has in thirty London Globe. years increased from less than \$1 to nearly \$7 per capita per annum.

Of London's policemen 3.32 per

Glazed Turnips-Boll and drain the turnips, then slice rather thick. Melt butter in a pan and when hot lay in the slices of turnips, sprinkled with salt, pepper and sugar. Brown well on both sides and serve.

Banana and Cornmeal Gems .--Cream third of a cup of butter; then add one tablespoonful of sugar and beat until creamy. Stir in three wellbeaten eggs; one pint of milk: one cup of cornmeal; two-thirds of a cup of flour; three teaspoonfuls of baking sifted together. Bake in a hot oven in gem pans. If the pans are deep minutes for shallow pans. Slice two bananas into batter, just before going

Collector and Dealer.

Here is a little story about the collecting mania, which has the advantage of being quite true. A certain German professor of my acquaintance. who is an expert as to ancient Greek statuary, went the other day into a shop in Paris to inquire the price of a beautiful bust, which appeared to him to be authentic. The price was forty thousand francs, and the bust

would not have been expensive at the price had been real, but it was not. The details by which the fact that it was not genuine was proved were pointed out to the cealer, who made no other remark than this: "So be it, but now I have an offer to make I will give you a ticket to any place in Europe you care to go to if you will only get out of Paris. I must, how: ever, insist upon seeing you off at the station." The professor did not accept this generous offer, and the dealer is doubtless still on thorns .---

Women may not have brain power, but they have wits enough to make knees .- New York Press.

"While my fad for snalls is only rather cool." for the pleasure of the family table, cies. Considering their easy and very why snail culture might not be a of introduction?" very profitable industry in Southern California."

try.

The Romans considered the snail a great delicacy, and portions of plan- have handed to him instead your note tations were set apart for their cultivation. From Italy the taste spread throughout the old world, and colonies are yet found in Great Britain where the Romans encampments were.

How Horses Catch Fatal Diseases. Persons who fancy that a horse can get his feet wet with impunity are in error, according to a local veterinary surgeon. This man's practice is confined principally to public cab horses, and for the last ten days he has been up night and day in attending cases of spinal meningitis. All of them, he declares, have been caused by the pawith which the streets have been comered. "There are few abuses to which the

"more disastrous than leaving him for is another." any length of time in snow that is

certain to result in acute laminitie or lings.

The Wrong Letter.

Letters of introduction are not invariably servicable. For one reason, they may be too frank. Harry Furthough many more may be eaten, as niss, in his "Confessions of a Caricathey shrink greatly in cooking. An- turist," says that when a brother other method of preparation is to fry artist was setting forth on his travels them with an onion in butter, brown- in foreign climes, he was provided with a letter of introduction to a cer-

The writer of the letter enclosed it parsley, thyme, garlic and laurel leaf. in one to the artist, saying that he After baking for half an nour, serve would find the consul a most arrant them in a high pyramid, with thicken- snob, a bumptious, arrogant humbug, ed sauce made of the yoiks of eggs, a cad to the back-bone. Still, he would butter and lemon juice. The stuffing probably offer some courtesies to any and seasoning so change the flavor one who had a good social standing. that really the taste of the snail be- and thus compensate the traveler for comes a secondary consideration. Of having come in contact with such an

On the return of the artist to Engsnails are a great pest in vineyards, land, the writer of the letters asked and boys are hired to pick them. The how he had fared with the consul. they are sold as a regular article of artist, "he did not receive me very "Well, my dear fellow," drawled the warmly, and he did not ask me to din-

"Well, you surprise me," rejoined yet I supply many of my French his friend. "He's a cad, as I told you neighbors with these toothsome delica- in my letter, but he's very hospitable, and I really can't understand this state rapid propagation, there is no reason of things. You gave him my letter

"Why, I thought so; but do you know, on my journey home I discovered it in my pocketbook: So I must to me about him!"

The explanation was quite adequate

When a Hint Failed.

The kaiser's barber is an incorrigible latecomer. Some time ago he kept his royal master waiting several minutes. On his appearance the kaiser, in a fit of generous irony, presented him with a costly gold chronometer, leaving it to the barber to guess the real reason of the gift. The servant's inability to arrive up to time continued, however, until at last the kaiser demanded, impatiently: "Have tient's standing in the snow and slush. you still got the watch I gave you?" "Yes, your majesty," was the answer, "here it is."

"Well," came the royal reply, "as horse is subjected," said this doctor, it doesn't seem to go very well, here

And the next moment the stupefied even fetlock deep. If it does not hair-dresser had in his hand a nickelbrain power crawl to them on its bring on spinal meningitis it is almost plated timekeeper valued at five shil-