### LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Cock's-feather fans painted by hand are novelties.

Camels' hair bonnetts in braided bands are late Parisian novelties.

Stylish costumes of cloth or velvet are trimmed with natural gray lynz. Black velveteen is a favorite walking

suit of the dressy New York woman.

bird's crest effectively on a lady's hat or bonnet.

Knots of ribbon of several shades are worn by some in place of flowers on the corsage.

The newest linen collars are standing clerical bands with a finely embroidered edge. The fashion just now is an em-

broidery worked in gold threads on the insteps of fine stockings. Skirts, when made of velvet or cloth, plush or velveteen, need not be

trimmed at the bottom. Cedar red is the new shade for kid gloves, and heavy lines of embroidery

in black decorate the backs. Young girls should avoid heavy velvets; simple muslins and soft, clinging

materials are much more attractive. Moyenage necklets of silver or enamelled gold are replacing the muslin cravats that have been so long

worn. Long "matinee" sacques for mornings in the houses are made of plush, and worn over a blouse waist of satin surah.

Tulle and satin are favorite materials for ball dresses, as are satin and cashmere or nun's veiling in delicate

evening shades. Black dresses of fine camels' hair or shoodah cloth have a collar, cuffs, vest, and panels of black velvet, with a cord

of gold on the edge. Moonlight-blue satin with embroidery of silver threads and flounces of white lace is one of the most elegant

materials for reception dresses. Russian sable trimmings are made of the tails of the animals, in perpendicular rows that form stripes of darker

brown than that of the bodies. A gentleman's cravat of terra-cotta satin, striped with gold, and a scarfpin to complete it, is worn by ladies with double-breasted Prince Albert frock coats of olive green cloth or

velvet. The chasseur hat of green or brown felt, with a high, sloping crown and long cocks' plumes, is a favorite with blonde young ladies, who wear it pushed back from the brow, to show all the front hair.

Serpent green with golden tinges is one of the colors most fashionable for velvet or plush suits, and a slight glint of terra-cotta enhances its beauty. Black Spanish lace with thickly corded designs is the rich trimming, and with these two odd shades make unique coloring.

Mastic gray cloth paletots are fashionable for children. They are semi-fitpockets and a wide collar of brown plush. A mastic beaver hat of the great cart-wheel shape is worn with this cloak, trimmed with brown plush trapery.

# The Utility of Neatness in Dress.

Neatness is, however, the great detoilet is carefully made, the dress tidy, well fitting and neatly put on, and the collar or frill spotless, the effect can scarcely fail to be attractive. To keep pains is necessary. The dress must be brushed or at least shaken when taken off, and be carefully hung up, not crumpled heap. Gloves should be tenderly smoothed out, frills rolled up and straightened and ribbons smoothed over the fingers, tightly rolled up and pinned with a fine needle; a pin is apt to leave the mark behind it in unsightly holes.

# A Charming Custom.

There is a custom prevailing among the inhabitants of the Sandeman Islthe civilized use of wedding cake. When a native girl whose exceptional beauty has brought her many suitors is knocked down with a club and carried off by her accepted suitor, the wedded pair, within forty-eight hours of wedding, the send a cup of poison distilled from the hulahula tree to each and every one of the bride's former admirers. If any recipient feels that he cannot become reconciled to the marriage, he drinks the poison and dies; but if he decides that he will survive the loss of his intended wife, he throws away the poison, and feels bound in Rhode Island have 112,472 depositors honor never to show the slightest sign and \$48,320,671 deposits. of disappointment. By this admirable system the husband is spared the pangs of jealousy, and be able to live on 200 doxen shovels a day.

friendly terms with the surviving admirers of his wife.

### Woman in India.

A learned Hindoo lady, Pundita Romabai, who has devoted her life to the promotion of female education in India, recently aroused great interest by a course of lectures in Bombay. She is a widow and barely twenty-five years of age. Her lectures have drawn out Walking suits of velveteen are large numbers of Hindoo and Parse rivalling plush costumes in popular ladies, on whom she is already declared to have produced "something of an It takes an artist to place a bird or electric effect." She dwelt at great length in the lectures on the benefits arising from education and the importance to women of cultivating and embellishing their minds if they wished to advance with the progress of the times. After she had finished one of her lectures the ladies present were asked to express their thoughts on the subject. One of them, after a slight pause, gathered courage, stood up and spoke, and nearly half a dozen others followed, vieing "eagerly with one another for the privilege of gracefully speaking to the audience in praise of their able and learned sister." Even the most hopeful of women's advocate's, a native paper adds, were "hardly prepared for this singular but most delightful spectacle."

### Japanese Folk Lore.

To spill the medicine is a sign of re

To bite the tongue indicates that the food is begrudged.

Twins of opposite sex were often wedded to preclude the necessity of a cruel separation.

A woman stepping over an edge tool, sword, razor or knife, spoils the edge and temper.

A bean dropped into the well for each day a journey is supposed to last will preserve the traveler's feet from

The dead are placed with the head ing to the north; no one who desires to survive until morning should rest in this posture.

The gridiron used for broiling fish is held above the head and thrice turned as a charm to prevent the fish from adhering to the metal.

If a traveler before commencing a journey writes the character shin (red) on the palm of his left hand and licks it off he will be preserved from harm.

The poorest will not wear cast-off sandals, "fearing to step into another's shoes." Signs for luck are seen everywhere, and when a girl begins to play on the three-stringed guitar touches her wrist with her lips for

A piece of paper bearing the impression of a black hand is employed to ward off an attack of small-pox. A piece of red paper with three of the characters for "horse" serves a similar purpose. A rice spoon is also used. Garlic is hung up to protect sufferers from chills and colds.

Some women are liable, when sound asleep and dreaming, to have their head leave the body, still slumbering, and roam about, the head only attached to ting, and are long enough to cover the the body by an almost imperceptible child's dress. They are braided in film. It is dangerous to arouse them rings of large size, and have square till the head returns to its original

# Samson's Strength.

Abundant hair is not a sign of bodily or mental strength, the story of Samson having given rise to the notion that hairy men are strong physically, sideratum to economy in dress. If the while the fact is that the Chinese, who are the most enduring of all races, are mostly hald, and as to the supposition that long and thick hair is a sign and token of intellectuality, all antiquity, garments fresh and and neat much all mad-houses and all common observation are against it. The easily wheedled Esau was hoary. The mighty Cæsar was bald. Long-haired men are tossed down on a chair or the bed in a generally weak and fanatical, and men with scant hair are the philosophers and soldiers and statesmen of the world. -London Lancet.

# Nothing Fit to Eat.

In Lounsbury's life of James Fenimore Cooper, a good story is told of the novelist while traveling in the wilderness bordering upon the Ontario. The party to which he belonged came upon an inn where they were not expected. ands, which may throw a light upon The landlord was totally unprepared, and met them with a sorrowful countenance. There was, he assured them, nothing in the house that was fit to eat. When asked what he had that was not fit to eat, he could only say in reply that he could furnish them with venison, pheasant, wild duck, and some fresh fish. To the astonished question of what better he supposed they could wish, the landlord meekly replied that he thought they might have wanted

The thirty-eight savings banks in

A company at St. Louis turns out

### FOR THE FARM AND HOME.

### Household Hints.

Sixty drops make a spoonful; three

Copal varnish applied to the soles of soles waterproof and last as long as the

pork two hundred, a firkin of butter ago to improve his corn crop by plant- pounds of corn, 200 pounds of bran or fifty-six, wheat, beans and clover seed ing all kinds mixed together. He consixty pounds to the bushel; corn, rye fessed that this plan was a failure, as and flax seed fifty-six; buckwheat fifty he got no improved variety, but a grind the corn, it should be made as fine two; a barrel of rice six hundred; bar | mixed up lot, just what the offspring | as possible.—Indian Farmer. ley forty-eight; oats thirty-two; coarse | would be from a mongrel sire, illustratsalt eighty-five.

white castile soap and soft water, and A great many farmers comfort themwhile cold dip the lace in and put on selves with the notion that if they the stove to boil. Let it remain until change seed with some other farmer the lace looks clean. Do not rub. they are doing a big thing. This is a After boiling sufficiently rinse thor- mistaken idea. Seed should be imoughly in clear, cold water and then proved and taken from the farm where milk and let it dry again; then dampen itself. At home is the place for imand stitch it on a flannel cloth and put provement. The idea that the little over it a piece of damp flannel. Steam | germ of a seed can carry the good qualdry with a hot flat-iron and then pull ities of a good farm with it is ridiculous,

sugar, a cupful of nice molasses, two suited to another; hence, reader, im- tion was first directed to coffee as a well-beaten eggs, a teaspoonful of soda prove the seed on your own land. sifted in the flour, a little salt and ginger, flour enough just to roll, bake in sheets in a quick oven. This is so full, quick and easy a return for grain simple that invalids can eat it.

RICE CHICKEN PIE.-Line a pudding dish with slices of broiled ham, the feeder can almost measure the rathe dish, filling in with gravy or melted is so well-regulated a machine for the the night. It is better to sleep in a butter; add minced onions, if you like, conversion of corn into flesh that the moderately cool room, though dressing or a little curry powder; then pile boil- farmer who feeds by a regular system in such an atmosphere is not conveedrice to fill all interstices, and cover car generally tell about how much nient in the morning. On this acthe top quite thick. Bake it for half or three-quarters of an hour.

half a dozen good siezed tart apples; to tell just when and to what degree while the family is in bed, and close splint, but be careful to have them marketed almost while the feeder is Take plenty of exercise, and you can the cores, cut out a little less than one- ing cattle and sheep, have rendered Lawyers and clergymen, who use their third of the apple, separate it from the hogs more popular as a market product brains much, are the longest-lived men taste. When the apples are done, fill than of cattle and sheep combined, of the nervous system in particular. the centers of the apples with the rice, while it is perhaps true that three. The muscular system must be treated etc.; beat the whites of the two eggs to fourths of the meat-producers prefer in a similar manner if you do not wish a stiff froth, adding the two tablespoon-beef to pork as an article of food. | it to become subject to fatty degenera fuls of powdered sugar as you beat Pittsburgh Stockman. them; put a spoonful of this on the top of each apple and send to the table. These are delicious, either warm or ter must necessarily be chiefly upon dry cold.

entary folks.

and before the sap has started and cleft | corn, oats, ry

Some experiments have recently been conducted in the old coontry, with a view to ascertaining the best methods of preserving manure so as to retain the more valuable ingredients. In one of these experiments the manure was allowed to accumulate under the cattle for a long period-three months or more-in specially constructed deep stalls. It was found that in every case the manure so formed was, as compared with that of the ordinary manure heaps, in a more workable condition, the ammoniacal salts were better preserved, and useful ingredients were present in greater proportion.

Continue this a week or two, then will then be ten pounds of meal and teaspoonfuls a tablespoon, one-third of hoof. Then stand him in a clay puddle should be substitued as the meal is lesshoes, and repeated as it dries until the ness or soreness. Repeat the blister and will be nearly or quite as good: pores are filled and the surface shines of the coronets once a fortnight for a

Seed Corn. F. D. Curtis writes as follows to the A barrel of flour weighs one hun- Country Gentleman concerning seed lng still further the similarity in the To wash lace make a soapsuds of nature (breeding) of corn and animals. When perfectly dry, wet it in it is grown, and to which it has adapted its nature (growth and maturity) ac-

No other domestic animal gives as feed as the pig. When rationed for the shambles, the experienced eye of cut up a boiled chicken and nearly fill tio of gain per day. The healthy porker keep their shape. When you cut out laying his plans for growing and ripen- use your brain as much as you please.

# The feeding of a cow during the win-

fooder, as hay, corn stalks, etc. cured corn fodder is but little inferior Take a dessert teaspoonful of oat, to the best hay, which is clover. Timmeal, place it, in the morning, in a othy hav is not so good for milk as good tumbler and fill up with new milk. corn fodder. Blue grass and red top Let it stand all day, and take it for hay is better than timothy, about as supper or for a night-cap. The grains good as good corn fodder that has been will have been softened by their long cut before it has become dry or frosted. soaking in the milk, and it can be eaten Mixed meadow hay, with about onewith a spoon. This is said by its advo- half clover, is better still, and orchard cates to be a specific against neuralgia, grass and clover in equal parts is yet and is soundly recommended for sed-better, while well made hay from clover cut when in blossom is the very best fodder for a cow. The stalks of the Grape vines can be grafted, although small early kinds of sweet corn, cut a run to catch a train, a fall on the ice, grafting has not been much practiced when the corn is in the state in which in this country. Various methods of it is used in cooking or canning, is grafting has been recommended, but quite equal in value to the best clover the following is, probably. as good hay. But a cow requires some good through them all had he allowed his any :- "The old vine should be cut food to give quality and richness to the nerves and muscles to wear away in below the ground early in the spring milk. And this usually consists of vigorous activity. middle in the same manner as an apple or pear |A| mixture of these is better than any stock. The cutting is prepared and one, because with the mixture one can inserted in the manner usual with get precisely what is needed, when any met, when a young man entered in. other grafts. The stock is bound up one of these will furnish only a part. and the earth replaced. The cutting Cotton-seed meal is now much used for house, "I have come to you on a very should have one eye left above the feeding cows, and it is most valuable important mission. Were it otherwise, ground .- Empire State Agriculturist. and should be added to whatever mix- I should not have ventured to call upon ture is made. The result of years of you upon this auspicious day, when, as experience with dairymen has estab- I perceive you are about to celebrate lished cornmeal as the principal feeding the betrothal of your fair daughter. substance, and coarse wheat middlings, Still, as it may save you \$10,000-but or rye bran, or both as the best addition if you are engaged I will retire." to it. A portion of cottonseed meal is "By no means, my dear sir, by no then added to complete it. The mix- means," said the father of the bride exture is best made by grinding it togeth- pectant, warmly; we are just about er with the corn as follows:--100 sitting down to dinner, join us, and pounds of corn, 100 pounds of rye bran, after dinner we can discuss matters." 100 pounds of wheat middlings and 100 finer and the whole are better mixed. three, This makes an excellent and rich feed. of which six quarts or ten pounds daily father escorts him to a private departwill be high feeding for a cow. There ment and begs him to reveal his busiwill be then two and a half pounds of ness Pounder.

The disease in founder exists in the lowance, and more than this of the cot- offering him a cigar of prime quality, form of inflammation in the urinal or ton-seed meal might not be advisable, leaves of the feet. The stiffness and so it is very rich. To feed this five me how to save \$10,000." inability to move are often thought to pounds of hay or corn fodder cut in a be best symptoms of trouble in the fodder cutter into chaff is wetted in a ing the cigar. "Now, you intend marchest, but it is always in the feet. box, and two quarts of the mixed meal rying your daughter to that amiable Remove the shoes, soak the feet in hot added, and the whole stirred and given but somewhat weak-minded youth water one at a time once a day, and put for one meal. At noon two quarts of down stairs, and giving her a marriage linseed poultices on them on coming the meal can be given dry with a small portion of \$20,000. Give her to me out of the water. Give him plenty quantity of dry hay or fodder not cut. sir, and I'll take her with half the

blister the coronets all around with fly about twelve pounds of hay. If less blister to promote a new growth of meal is given, twice as much hay days and take him out nights. Con- sened. Some other equivalent rations, tinue this as long as there is any stiff- which may be found more convenient

100 pounds of corn, 50 pounds of like polished mahogany, will make the couple of months.—Chicago Horseman. oats, 100 pounds of rye, 100 pounds of corn, 100 pounds of rye, fifty pounds of wheat bran; 100 pounds of hominy waste, 100 pounds of wheat middlings. dred and ninety-six pounds, a barrel of corn: A friend undertook a few years lifty pounds cottonseed meal; 100

sharps, 100 pounds of cotton-seed meal. If it is convenient to do more than

### THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

The best way to cure corns is not to have them. Have your boots and shoes made to fit your feet, instead of trying to shape your feet to the boots and shoes. If you are so unfortunate as to have corns, soak them in warm water occasionally, cut off the softened surface, and in due time they will be seen no more forever.

Dr. P. A. Willuto thinks he has observed as evil results of coffee-drinkbut it can carry with it peculiarities in ling gout, congestion of the liver, indigestion, nervous debility and irritabil-HARD GINGERBREAD .- A cupful of quired in one place, which will be unlity, mental depression, etc. His attencause of such affections by observing a disappearance of them in Southern women whose supply of coffee was for a long time cut off during the war .-Dr. Foote's Health Monthly.

Children should have warm night they are sure to kick off the clothes in pork a given quantity of grain will count a servant or some member of produce. It is comparatively easy, the family should be entrusted to go STEWED APPLES.—Pare smoothly therefore, as compared with other stock, around the first thing in the morning scoop out the cores; boil the apples in pork production is profitable. These windows and doors and open registers, sugar and water until they are soft enough to be pierced with a broom- crop of hogs can be bred, raised and for dressing.

core, and, after stewing it, mix it with than any other class of domestic ani- in the country, showing plainly that some cold boiled rice, the yolks of two mals; and there are vastly more pro- regular brain work is good for the geeggs, sugar and spice to suit your ducers of hogs in this country to-day neral health as well as for the efficiency tion. An unused muscle shrinks and becomes soft and flabby, presenting an appearance of marked contrast to the brawny arm of the blacksmith. Instances of the feebleness of tissues thus preserved frequently present themselves to the notice of the surgeon. A muscle is called upon to perform a vigorous contraction, but it snaps in the effort. The heart itself is sometimes torn asunder in attempting to send an extra supply of blood to some needy limb. No man can afford to lower his general vitality for the sake of mere idle gratification. He never knows when he may require all the energy which can be stored up in his tissues. A railway accident, a runaway horse or even a fit of coughing, may bring a life of misery or an early death to one who would have passed unscathed

# Saving Fen Thousand Dollars.

The feast was set, the guests were "Sir;" said he to the master of the

The young man allows himself to be

pounds of cottonseed meal. By grind- induced to join the jovial company, ing these together the corn is much where he eats for two and drinks for

At the conclusion of the feast the

"that you observed that you could show

"Precisely," says the stranger, lightof bedding and encourage him to lie At night a similar feed to that of the money. That'll leave you \$10,000 down to take the weight off the feet, morning is given. The day's feeding ahead!"-Chicago Tribune.

Like to a storm-tossed bird that, tired of flight, Seeks longingly its nest, So I, world-weary, find in thy dear sight

My truest rest.

I will not ask what coming years may hold; If thou art near, Though pain and sorrow time for me unfold, I shall not fear.

I have safe garnered in my quiet heart A love so deep That bids me live a charmed life apart,

And safely keep

All tender thoughts, unuttered, unexpressed,

Like opening buds, within this loving breast, ike opening buses, ...

To bloom for thee.

—Philadelphia Record.

A mere nothing-O.

Patent medicines are now made that will cure everything except hams.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

A piece of steel is a good deal like a man-when you get it red-hot it looses its temper.

Why is a railroad so patriotic? Because it is bound to the country with the strongest ties. An exchange wants to know, "What

are our young men coming to?" Coming to see our girls, of course. "Ma, don't you remember that one

day, a few years ago, you swooned?" "Yes, my dear, I have a faint recollection of it." A coat-tail flirtation is the latest. A

wrinkled coat-tail bearing the dusty toe marks means "I have spoken to The average life of a farmer is fifty-

six years, but it depends a great deal on how old he is when he purchases a mowing machine.

A young man who was presented with eleven pen wipers last Christmas by his lady friends, continues to wipe his pen on his coat tail.

"What shall I do," asked a miserly millionaire of his physician, for a tightness in my chest?" 'Start a home for Incurables," said the doctor. Clothing is no more a part of the

man than is the toothpick a part of the dinner, but given the man and the dinner, clothing and toothpicks are Over 140,000 plants are known to

botanists, and yet out of the lot the chemists can't make a mixture that will undo in ten minutes the work a hornet has done in two seconds. The German paper reports the case

of a woman who had a muscle of a dog successfully grafted on her foot. Whenever she sees a cat she chases it to the top of a fence and stands below and barks.

"Did I understand you to call me a puppy, sir?" "Yea, sir, I called you a puppy." "Lucky for you, sir. The insult is too small to notice; but had you called me a dog-an old dog-I would have knocked you down."

A man at a hotel fell the whole length of a flight of stairs. Servants rushed to pick him up. They asked him if he was hurt, "No," he replied; "not at all, I'm used to coming down that way. I'm a life insurance agent.

She went into a shop to buy some toilet soap, and while there the shopman was expatiating on its merits, and she about made up her mind to purchase, but when he said it would keep off chaps she said she didn't want that kind.

"Why do women so often wander aimlessly in the murky solitudes of the dead past, brooding over days forever rying widower. "They don't I think," he said. "Rather they wander in the dry goods stores of the present, often pricing articles which they have not the remotest intention of buying."

In a rural church where it is the custom to publish the banns of marriage a queer incident recently occurred. The minister, after the service, published the banns between a loving and interesting couple. At that portion of the form where the words, "If you know any just cause," etc., came in. the minister, whether from any previous knowledge or not, looked straight at the young gentleman directly at the foot of the pulpit. Thinking that he was personally alluded to, he immediately rose up, amid the laughter of the congregation, and exclaimed, "Oh, no, not the slightest objection, sir."

# ON THE SAME FOOTING

How much a man is like old shoes! For instance, both a sole may lose, Both have been tanned, both are made tight By cobblers; both get left and right, Both need a mate to be complete, And both are made to go on feet. They both need healing; oft are sold, And both in time all turn to mold. With shoes, the last is first; with men. The first shall be the last; and when The shoes wear out, they're mended new; When men wear out, they're men dead, too, They both are trod upon, and both Will tread on others, nothing loth, Both have their ties, and both incline, When polished, in the world to shine And both peg out. And would you choose To be a man, or be his shoes?