Oh! what is the way to Easy street-which turning shall I go? For many a day I've sought the way that no

one seems to know. How do you turn?-do you keep straight on

and get there just the same. Or is it the case that you find the place by

chance and happy luck? Some say this and some say that, for every

one I meet. Going it blind or searching to find, is look-

ing for Easy street. Easy street! Easy street! The street so

hard to find! No sign boards show the route to go save the ways that lie behind.

But fortune's smile is worth the while, so never know defeat,

When the very next turn for you may earn the way to Easy street.

From little Queer street through Hard Times Court to the Highway of Success, Is the nearest way, I've heard some say, and

it4s true, I guess. So through Poverty Place my way I trace

(with Queer street left behind), But in Hard Times Court the way's cut short-it ends in an alley blind.

In the Lane of Chance I sometimes glance, but the risk seems all too great.

To turn and stray down its winding way and blindly follow fate. So, with courage high, I strive and try, seek-

ing with weary feet, My way to grope, nerved still with hope, the way to Easy street!

Easy street! Easy street! Where happy mortals dwell, Out of the strife of work-day life and the

battles of buy and sell. Wearing good clothes, having no foes, with

life's good things replete, Oh, happy fate! to dwell in state, at last, on Easy street!

We will all of us live on Easy street when things have gone our way,

When fortune and fame shall attend our name and leisure comes to stay,

Through the deed achieved we've had our minds the long last year or two; Giving us zest to finish the rest of the things-

we-are-going-to-do. With the toil of these struggling days forgot, and in our happiness all complete,

we live on Easy street!

are always blue. And all of the schemes of our well-loved dreams are ever coming true.

We'll live at our ease and do as we please and find that life is sweet

When through toil and pain at last we gain our way to Easy street!

JEAN'S HOUR OF TRIUMPH.



ried."

into a kitchen."

furnishing it, and beginning life as housekeepers on our own account.'

"It's all very well to talk of furnishhaven't."

"Well, I don't know about that," said Jean. "You keep what little I Jack, without so much as by your you've got saved up, Jack, and add to leave, gave her another hug. it as much as you can, dear. I'll furnish the flat."

told the old folks, and they had great low cases -and see, mother, there are

of second-hand stuff."

all new, good material; and without ised me her crazy quilt for 'dress-up.' especially hunting for bargains,

either.'

mother took charge of her simple just miss the dollar. Spoons I had. her to Fiftieth street to see her house.

When they reached the flat house, Jean, who knew the value of effect,

"Now, then, my girl," said her father, when they had made the grand

around, pointing out each thing, show- ures.

man fashion. "Those curtains," she began, "are, of course, imitation Nottingham, but

Jack's folks being in Connecticut-or forty-yard roll, which cost me \$3.57, take a couple of pleasant furnished while the dining room took one rooms until they saw their way to go twenty-yard roll, which cost \$2. The to housekeeping. Then it was that reason why I put the better matting Jean gave the first curious proof of in the dining room is because I knew her woman's impracticability. "No," she said, "I want to go to the rolling of the table and pushing housekeeping as soon as we are mar- of heavy chairs over it. Besides "So do I." said Jack, "but how are

"No, I den't mean that sort of which is not the real thing, of course, makeshift housekeeping," interrupted | but which looks Persian, and cost me Jean. "I mean taking a small flat, just \$1.61. The portieres between the though I could have got a pair with-Jack laughed rather uneasily. out the fringe for \$2.97. And now,

ing," he said, "but you know very well, Jean, I haven't any money for furnishing a flat, and I'm sure you

"You?"

and with \$100 I'll furnish a flat of four water here and that the washstand rooms-parlor, bedroom, dining room | would not be needed I very gladly and kitchen-and I'll furnish it so changed my mind and bought this nicely that we'll neither of us be white iron bed with brass trimmings ashamed to ask our friends to visit us for \$5.98, which included the spring At this Jack burst out laughing, and \$3.48. The blankets (Saxony) I picked thought it was so good a joke that he up for 98 cents. The sheets and pil-

sport at Jean's expense.

said her father, "maybe you're right, should have to go beyond my limit. maybe you're wrong. Certain it is However, by dint of following up certhat things are wonderfully cheap tain newspaper leads, running my feet nowadays, but \$100-my, but that's off, and by a happy thought I mana small sum to do anything with in aged it." New York. Now, see here, Jean, I'll The clever young woman had had tell you what I'll do. You go ahead, the table set with a light luncheon, pick out your four-room flat with and it was while sitting down to this tian antiquities, in the museum of the Jack, and then if you furnish it for that the rest of the inventory was New York Historical Society, is pre-\$100 so that it looks neither poor nor gone over. cheap, why, I'll give you another hun-

apartment.

any of you-not even of Jack."

they walked over from Sixth avenue. up for her before she took her people just thirty cents." up stairs, and the janitor, who had been taken largely into her confidence, laid your matting?" and was not a bit like most janitors,

illumination. It had been a week's hard work of room and kitchen.

"Well, I must say it beats me," said Jean's mother, while her father pulled hard at his cigar and felt for the check in his vest pocket as he waiked from yours?' room to room, and Jack gave her a hug right before them all, and said he her father, "you've done wonders. always knew she was a wonder.

tour, "tell us how you did it all."

So Jean took them to the parlor, and

the pattern is copied from the real No trouble or care will bother us there when article and they are good enough to begin with. The two pairs cost \$3, Easy street! Easy street! Where the skies and the poles and rings, which I put up myself from the janitor's stepladder, cost twenty-five cents a set. This bookcase, oak with movable shelves, cost \$2; the books are mine and the drapery is from an old crepe neckerchief. That table in the centre cost \$2.48, without the work basket. of course, which used to be yours, mother. The smaller two of those he has put in a refrigerator." three pictures, which are imitation etchings in real white frames, cost thirty-nine cents spiece; while the HEY all said it larger ones, which is a good photocould not be done; gravure of a masterpiece, cost sixtythat 18, all but nine cents, polished oak frame and all. Jean. She insisted The three rockers which you are sitthat it could, even ting in, one plush seated, one with a shoulder quite distressfully. But though Jack cobbler's seat, and the other a Shaker her father came bravely to her resranged himself on pattern, cost just \$7, and the draper- cue. The two-cane botwho called her tom chairs cost ninety-eight cents whom she was to be married the next believe, in Birmingham, cost \$1.04. As to the matting, I may as well tell When marriage was seriously dis- you now that it took sixty yards to cussed as the end of their long court- cover the three rooms and the bathship, it had been suggested that they room, with several scraps left over. should either live with Jean's father- In the parlor and bedroom I used a the thin matting would pull up with which, you see, I have covered a good deal of the matting here-which is we to manage it? Setting up house- cotton warp, mind you-with these keeping means turning your rooms two Japanese rugs which I got at a bargain at \$1.98, and this hearthrug, bedroom and parlor cost \$3.25, al-

> pray what do you think of my par-"Very pretty, fresh looking, and nice," said her mother.

> "Good enough for me," said her father.

"Now, then, the bedroom," said

Jean, drawing aside the portieres. "First I thought I would get an oak "Yes, sir, I. I've got \$100 saved up, set, but when I saw there was running mattress. The fibre mattress cost four more of each in the closet here-"That's all right," said Jean. "I I bought for \$3.62 for the half dozen don't read the newspaper advertise- of each. My towels, one dozen, cost ments and look into store windows \$1.10. These two chairs cost 60 cents and visit bargain counters for nothing. apiece. The bureau cost \$6.65, and I want to tell you folks that right here the mirror is good American French in New York you can furnish four plate, with real antique rings to the rooms comfortably, nicely and neatly drawers of the very latest design. for \$100. "Yes," said her mother, "with a lot | table with the sprawly legs cost 69 cents. Oh, the counterpane cost 95 "No," replied Jean, "I mean with cents, and you know Aunt Franc prom-

"My dining room nearly broke my heart," said Jean, leading the way to "Well, now, look here, my girl," that apartment. "I thought sure I

dred dollars, just to cultivate home leaves to it, I would have you know," 900 years B. C .- Chicago Timestalent, on the presentation of a re- said Jean "cost me \$7.80. The four | Herald.

ceipted bill for every article in the chairs in which we are seated cost me \$2.10, real Cordova leather from "I'll do it," said Jean, stoutly, Philadelphia, and all. These tum-"and, more than that, I'll do it in blers only cost seventy-five cents a three days, and I won't ask a cent's dozen, and there are plenty that are worth of assistance or advice from cheaper, only I do like a thin glass to drink out of, and I know you all do. That was on Sunday. The flat was I got two damask table cloths for found by Wednesday afternoon, and \$1.40, and one dozen napkins, quite they saw very little of Jean for the fair ones, only they're a little stiff, next three days. She was very quiet you know, for ninety-nine cents, one and very tired each evening, but her of those cunning prices where you trousseau so as to give her some rest- For crockery I bought a very neat ing time, and on Saturday evening porcelain tea set for \$5.46, and I when they had all sat down to tea Jean added six dinner plates, six soup said very quietly that she should be plates, two platters and two vegetable very glad if they would go over with dishes for \$4.48. I was in despair over a sideboard till I recollected that They saw that she was rather ner- there was another cabinet mantelvous, and so spoke of other things as piece here, so I determined to make that do, together with a plain table, which cost me \$1.25-that one over there with the red cloth on it I mean, asked the janitor if he would not light the cloth, I should tell you, costing

"By the way, Jean," said Jack, "who "The janitor and I," said Jean, willingly ran ahead to attend to the proudly. "I paid him a dollar for helping me, and gave his wife an old dress to pay for the tacks. My kitfinding and fitting for Jean, but she chen, as you see, is very simply furwas amply repaid when she saw the nished, and I intend to keep it so. look of surprise which the folks wore The stove cost \$4, utensils \$5.54, and when they walked into her parlor grow | the table and chair just \$2. Fortuninto one of wonder as they passed into ately, there are stationary washtubs, the bedroom, and deepen into one of and, as the floor is painted, I don't amazement as they saw the dining see any need to cover it, and," concluded Jean, with a whimsical smile, "I don't know that I should have been able to, even if I had wanted to. And so, dad, there's my \$100; now where's

"Well, I must say, my girl," said But a bargain's a bargain, you know. Let's see the recipted bills first."

"Here they are," said Jean, bringing out a bundle of papers, very much thumbed and very much covered with while the others sat down she moved calculations in irregular pencil fig-

> So down they sat again, and, when the old man had called out each item and Jack had set it down, they made up the following summary: Parlor.....\$23 64

> Kitchen. 11 54
> Matting and laying 6 57
> Portieres between parlor and bedroom. 3 25 Just as they were about to cast up the addition Jean's mother came in

from the kitchen with a look of mischief upon her face. "The landlord has provided washtubs," she said, "but I don't see that At that Jean turned pale, and she

began to tremble a little, "Oh dear, oh dear," she cried. "I do declare I forgot the refrigerator." And when she saw failure before her, and knew she was wrecked in port, she laid her head on Jack's

"Hold hard a minute," he cried, "you're all right, Jean. You've made scheme impractic- apiece. The ornaments on the cabinet a mistake here. You've only spent And Jack was the mantelpiece, imitation Venetian glass 899.99 and I'll sell you our old reyoung fellow, a telegraph operator, to and imitation Japanese vases, made, I frigerator for a cent and be glad to get anything for it.

And then he added this item: One refrigerator.....

Total for furnishing four rooms and

bath.....\$100.00 "Well for sure," he said, "that \$100 has gone further than any hundred I ever heard of. But the best of it is," he added, "that anybody in New York can do the same thing. Here's your other hundred, Jean."-

New York Sun.

A Cough That Slew Thousands, Recent history proves to us that it was a cough that was mainly responsible for the immense amount of bloodshed that attended the coup d'etat whereby Napoleon III obtained his throne. The field marshal in charge of the military operations was unwilling to assume the direct responsibility of ordering the troops to fire upon the people. So when the moment of action arrived, and the mob began to show signs of sweeping the troops, the generals under his orders sent an officer to him at headquarters for instructions. Just as the field marshal was about to respond he was seized with a violent fit of coughing, which lasted several moments. When at length he ceased, he managed to gasp the words, "Ma sacree touz!" ("My cursed cough!") The officer waited to hear no more, but returned post haste to his superiors with the news that Saint-Arnaud had said, "Massacrez touz!" ("Massacre everywhere?") These commands being carried out. thousands of people were shot and bayoneted in consequence.

Barbaric Splendor of a Modern Prince.

The appointment of Prince Lobanoff as Chancellor and Foreign Minister of Russia has occasioned new stories of the barbaric splendor of his life. With a lineage prouder than that of the Czar himself, the Prince has indulged himself in an independence that once led to the snubbing of a grand duke. He is a man of vast wealth. His horses are the finest in Russia, and are shod with silver (though that is no longer a prerogative of princes), and the numerous pages in attendance in his palace are the sons of chieftains of the Caucasus, The Prince is a bachelor and about seventy years old. He is a student and a historian, and the only woman he has ever devouted loved, it is said. is Mary, Queen of Scots. - Frank Leslie's Weekly.

Heimet of Jerusalem's Conqueror.

In the Doctor Abbott case of Egypserved the iron helmet of Shishak, "This table, which has three other | who took Jerusalem from Rehoboam

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

FOR SOILED CARPETS.

For soiled carpets at the time of spring cleening salt is a wonderful restorer of faded color; the coarsest kind is the best and should be spread without stint. Let it lie on the carpet for a few hours, then brush it off with a hard broom; the result is most satisfactory. A pinch of salt dropped in the receiver of a lamp where kerosene is burned gives the light a wonderful brilliancy .-- New York Telegram.

LUNCHEONS FOR TRAVELERS.

Once upon a time, when we traveled toward the setting sun, our boon companion, a huge tin lunch box, was in a very demoralized condition long before the six days' ride was over. That same lunch box has several times crossed the Rocky Mountains, but its load has not since consisted principally of rich cakes and other sweets to pall the appetite and crumble over the other articles of food.

Some crisp, spicy ginger snaps make a good finish for a lunch, but the best desserts consist of tart, juicy fruit, either canned or fresh, and jam or jelly. Thin slices of pressed chicken, veal or beef loaf make good sandwiches, so does boiled tham, but avoid salty meats as they create thirst. Hardboiled eggs, bottled pickles, meat or vegetable salads and spiced fruits make good relishes. If lemons are to be had carry a bottle of lemon juice and sugar for lemonade. A tablespoonful or two of tea may be placed in a small bottle and this filled with water. A little of this in a glass of cold water makes a pleasant summer drink for travelers.

A friend tells me how a kind relative prepared her meals for a ten days' Each lunch was wrapped up by itself in tissue paper. No two were exactly alike, and the tiny bit of curiosity and surprise accompanying the unfolding of each, served as an excellent appetizer. - American Agriculturist.

THE MATTER OF CUSHIONS.

Whoever heard of a house with too many cushions? The chairs need cushions, and so do the hammock, the sofas, lounges, divans, while generous. sturdy cushions for the feet are among the luxuries of rest. Always cover cushions first with unbleached muslin or bedticking, and then put over it the outer covering. This will prevent the stuffing from working out, and the pretty cases from wearing out too quickly. Delicate, tinted coverings for cushions ought to be made of materials that may be laundred, for nothing is more offensive than a soiled

cushion. There is a wide range of clothes to choose from, even under this condition. China silks, pongees, plain and fancy linens, dainty ginghams, chambrays, and lawns are some of the fabries. Chintz, cretonne and velours make suitable coverings for those shions that will see hard service. while grass-cloth is specially adapted to cover veranda or hammock pillows, as it is not injured by rain. There are also several materials for filling the cushons. Excelsior or hav will answer to put in cushions for the floor or doorstep, when curled hair cannot be had. Hair cushious ought to be tufted, and, when so made, are the best for chair seats. But hair, as well as wool, which is an excellent stuffing, mat and pack down, and cushions filled with either of these substances will need to be made over occasionally, and the hair or wool

picked apart. Goose down is not as desirable as the costly eider down, because it works through cloth. Goose feathers are the best filling for sofa and lounge cushions, while an outer coat of hen's feathers will form a fair stuffing for a cushion, with excelsior or hay for the mass of its filling. Hen's feathers alone would make a cushion too heavy. - New York Times.

RECIPES.

Batter Pudding-One pint of milk, three eggs, seven heaping tablespoons of flour; heat the eggs thoroughly. stir in the flour gradually, salt and bake twenty minutes.

Hickory-nut Cake-Sugar one and a half cups, one cup of raisins, one cup nut meats, half cup butter, threefourths cup milk, two eggs, one teaspoon cream of tartar, half teaspoon soda, two cups flour.

Hominy Fritters-One egg, onehalf cup of sweet milk, one tablespoon of flour, one quart boiled hominy, a pinch of salt. Roll into oval balls with floured hands; dip in a wellbeaten egg, then in dried bread crumbs; fry in hot lard.

Crimped Fish-Soak slices of any firm white fish in strongly salted water, with two tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and boil for about ten minutes. Drain the fish, arrange on a platter and remove the skin and bones. Serve hot with oyster or lobster sauce, or cold with mayonnaise or tartar sauce poured into the space left by the bones, Garnish with water cress.

Coffee Cake -- One-half cup of butter, one cup brown sugar, one cup molasses, one cup strong coffee (boiled), one beaten egg, four cups flour, one heaping teaspoonful baking powder, one tablespoonful cinnamon, one teaspoonful cloves, two pounds seedless raisins, one-quarter of a pound of sliced citron. Dredge the fruit and add last. Bake one hour.

Oyster Potato Balls-Peel and boil twelve medium-sized potatoes, mash fine, salt, and add a piece of butter the size of an egg, and four tablespoonfuls of cream. Beat well, and when cold work into pats, putting two good-sized oysters inside of each pat. Dip in beaten egg and roll in crackermeal. Put a tiny bit of butter on each ball and bake a light-brown in a quick

Baking Highest of all inleavening strength — Latest U. S. Government Food Report.

The Cochineal Crop.

The cochineal insect is a fat, dark, spherical little creature, looking like a black current, and with neither head, legs, nor tail, to the essual observer. In fact, he is so inanimate that any one may squash him between finger and thumb without any qualms of conscience. He is nothing but a black current, sure enough, though the bright carmine or lake exusion from his body, which serves him for blood and us for dye, is a better color than the juice of the current.

It was the cultivation of these pleasant little individuals which, more than a score of years ago, put no less than forty per cent. per annum upon investments into the pockets of the cultivators. Such prosperity was too good to last.

The insect was not introduced into Teneriffe until 1825, and for a time it could not be encouraged to propagate successfully.

A priest had the honor of being the discoverer of the right method of nurture, and to him it is due that from 1845 to 1866 an annual crop of from two to six million pounds of cochineal was produced.

A cochineal planation has a singular aspect. The larve, being very delicate and rather thick-witted, have to be tied upon the cactus plant, which is to be their nursery and their York Times. nourishment at the same time. Thus one sees hundreds of the shoots of the prickly pear-the cactus in questionall bandaged with white linen.

In this way the insects are kept warm and dry during the winter, and induced to adhere to the plant itself. When they are full grown they are ruthlessly swept from their prickly quarters, shaken or baked to death and dried in the sun. The shriveled corpses are then packed in bags and sold as ripe merchandise at about \$25 a hundredweight. - Pearson's Weekly.

A Japanese Composing Room.

To see a Japanese compositor setting type is more fun than a baby show. As there are 4000 characters in the language in common use, others less frequently, he can't reach them all. Instead he sits at a desk containing the characters called kana, or connections, of which there are fortyseven. He cuts up his copy into small pieces, giving each to a boy, who goes trotting about the alley singing the names of the characters he seeks until he has found them all. when he carries them to the typesetter, who puts the letters together with the kana. As all the boys sing at once and the proofreader sings to his copyholder, the noise is terrible .-Detroit Free Press.

Gentle Annie.

Gentle Annie was the girl who went forth when the spring-time came to gather wild flowers,-daisies along the hillsides, and forgot her rubbers. She came back with wet feet, followed by the worst case of neuralgia she ever had. Fortunately she was told and had long known that for any kind of neu ralgic affection St. Jacobs Oil is the most re-markable remedy ever used. All the year round any one subject to such attacks should not fail to have it in the house. For all aches and pains which at all times beset us there is nothing to equal it. Nerve pains especially are brought on by sudden changes of temperature, but the great remedy, applied promptly, will surely cure.

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An Anti-Cat Society.

The town of Munster, in Westphalia, has a club of an unusual kind. Its object, which is strongly hinted in its name, "Antekatzenverein," may excite the indignation of lovers of the feline species, and to learn that the club's rooms are ornamented with the tails of some 1500 cats will surely have that effect, but judging by the laments that frequently come from Brooklyn and other suburban towns, similar organizations might not be unpopular on this side of the Atlantic .- New



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