

THE LATEST CURTAINS.

Dreams in Silks, Tapestries and Laces for the Homes-Artists Now Decorate Satin Bed-Quilts-Harmony and Colors-Fancies for the Fair.

Little by little the housefurnishing business has drifted from spring to fall, says the Philadelphia Upholsterer. The time was ple who ten years ago refurnished their homes in May now pull down and pack away everything desirable and liable to the depredatory moth, and not until the fall do they attempt redecorating. Still, we find that importers continue to bring over new things for the spring trade. Here are some of them:

A new curtain is called the Benares, a



light weight, white cotton curtain on the general character of the snow flake, but fresh and dainty with a neat mesh on the muslin order, and cross stripes of ribbonlike tints, edged with a little tinsel.

Printed tapestries in reproduction of the famous pieces in the Palais de Madrid, antique looking fac similes of the XVI century color and work, large enough to cover a whole wall in an average dining room, from ceiling to floor, illustrating scenes from the

"Foundation of Rome." A silk curtain is shown with a peculiar design representing a rope portiere over drapery, and a lace curtain is shown with a black net and white embroidery, the appearance of which at the window is spectral, the embroidery being shown, but the black net being quite invisible. A chic, od t effect in chamber, vestibule and sash curtains, is what you might call a French puffed muslin. It looks like China silk In muslic curtains by the sum the

silk. In muslin curtains, by the way, the hem stitch for the coming season will be considerably narr-wer; the styles change in these goods as they d. ... handkerchiefs. A few years ago the variety to be had in

lace curtains was very limited. Now it is inexhaustible. You can buy a Brussels ourtain for \$150 or pay \$4 50 and get a Nottinghum, which 6 feet away looks every thread of Brussels; but the imitation is like the paste jewel to the diamond-a fine handa row of precious stones about a gold thim ble and sends the purchaser a bill for \$80.

I need not tell you that there can be nothing more awkward, more lacking in grace and ease, more utterly devoid of what we call comfort, than a fashionable dinner party, says Clara Belle. One of the prime factors of discomfort is the straight-backed, when house urnishings began with May 1, armless chairs. The diner romain is a but nearly all of this is now changed. Peo- genuine novelty. It cannot fail to become intensely popular, for it does away with several of the disagreeable features of the ordinary occasion. The first reformation is the banishment of the chairs referred to and the substitution of a cross between a barber's chair and a chaise longue. You may either sit bolt upright or lean gracefully back until your body comes to a comfortable

barbarism anyway, and it should have been stopped long ago. At the diner romain nothing is served which may not be eaten with a fork, or drunk from a cup or a glass. The spoon, another intensely vulgar im-plement, also goes the way of all savage tools of the table. Originally it was a bit of a skull bone. It has lasted altogether too long. The third disappearance is that of the man waiter, whose bulk made him a

ntroduction of the diner romain.

the man waiter, whose bulk made him a nuisance to everybody, and the introduction of trained boys of 10 to 16-slender, agile messengers who slip in and out, bring and carry away, kneel, rise, bend forward or backward with a grace that is charming. Such are the main changes effected by the introduction of the diner romain

Anglomania has started the rage for

same things shown by importers at prices that kill all romance. An embroidered panel which eight years ago cost a Broad-way dealer \$45 at wholesale is to-day selling for \$4 50. Even Japanese dolls that 10 years ago were \$1 apiece can be bought now for 10 cents. Bamboo portieres, which only a short time ago retailed at \$15, are now shown at \$5. The other day we saw a case of Tarkien embroidering anoned and same THE TITLED WOOERS Get a Broadside From the Leading Women of the Capital City. enown at \$0. The other day we saw a case of Turkish embroideries opened, and some of the most beautiful doylies, tidies and lamp or bric-a-brac mats were thrown out, in sizes eight and nine inches square, at \$1 50 a dozen-15 cents apiece-goods which a few years ago would have brought \$1 50 or \$1 each. FOREIGNERS NEED CREDENTIALS. The Ladies, Including a Cuban Beauty, Boom American Husbands. SOME ALLIANCES THAT ARE HAPPY A small turquoise blue silk crape handkerchief, with an embroidered border of daisies, is utilized for the plastron shown CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. below, says Harpers' Bazar. The founda WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 .- All Washing-

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tion is two strips of pale blue ribbon two inches and a half wide, each half a yard long; the two are sewed together in a point at one end for the front, and ton is still talking of the gorgeous wedding of Florence Audenreid to Count Forest Divonne. It was gorgeous in the extreme, and the bride's wedding gown cost a fortune. It

was of cloth of silver, and its train was 12 feet long. It was wonderfully embroidered and the wedding veil was the finest of Duchesse lace, and this was pinned to the Duchesse lace, and this was pinned to the bride's dark hair by a diamond fleur de lis. that Dr. Guzman wooed and won her. I do

the capital were present. Secretary Blaine brought the bride into St. Matthew's Church on his arm, and he led her up to the front of the church where he handed her over to the groom. The French Minister was the Count's best man, and two of the Count's which whether man, and two of the Count's noble brothers came over from Europe to attend the wedding. The Presents in Keeping.

The presents were numerous and valuable The presents were numerous and valuable in the extreme. There were pounds upon pounds of solid silven. The Count's brother gave the bride a sapphire bracelet, and there were diamonds and jewels and plate of all description. The bride looked beautiful, and she is exceedingly rich. She is about of medium height, has dimpled cheeks, Ribbon Collar With Plastron. and she is exceedingly rich. She is about of medium height, has dimpled cheeks, dark eyes and a most corpulent bank ac-count. She will make a striking addition to the rich American girls who have mar-ried nobles, and her marriage brings again to the front the subject of international mar-

riages. Should our American girls marry dukes? The World's Fair of 1893 will flood the The world's Fair of 1893 will nood the country with fortune hunters. I have dis-cussed the situation with the leading ladies of the capital this week and I find them up in arms. Mrs. Proctor, the wife of the Sec-retary of War, said: "Doubtless there are very many instances of love matches of per-cuss of different nationalities that might be sons of different nationalities that might be quoted as examples of life-long happiness. Yet in every marriage there is much to test the devotion even when the individuals have been surrounded through life by the same customs and domestic anfluences, and where marked differences exist, one could convert evenest parfect harmony."

scarcely expect perfect harmony."

A Very Risky Lottery. Mrs. Dolph considers all marriages to be at best a lottery, and when contracted with foreigners a very great risk, that no parents should be willing for their danchiere to should be willing for their daughters to incur. "As to titles," responded the Sen-ator's wife, "no woman who sells herself for such a price can expect true wedded happi-ness. I think it is high time that a stop be put to the growing habit among Americans, and mothers should guard their children from temptation in this respect.

"Probably more marriages are made be-tween foreigners and families of officers of the navy than any other branches, owing to the opportunity offered for intercourse with where squadron officers find charming solace for their leisure hours in the society of bright young American girls. It seems to be the general impression that Miss Nellie Grant's married life has proved anything but a happy one. Yet Mrs. Grant never loses an opportunity of speaking of her daughter's perfect context and pleasant do.

PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SUNDAY, JANUARY 25. 1891. "is that of a bright New York girl who some years since married a German count, and I have never known a happier or more con-genial couple. Yet doubtless the Germans as a nation are much more domestic in their tastes than even the English, and there is much poetry and practical beauty in family life among the Germans. This is especially the case with the higher classes of society who, having traveled much and enlarged who, having traveled much and enlarged their views, have gradually engrafted upon their own national tree many enlightened ideas of our republic. "But I must confess that I do not approve of our girls marrying Frenchmen, for surely there will be little or no wedded happiness

there will be little or no wedded happiness among a people who so poorly understand domestic joy. An Englishman may not with propriety be termed a foreigner, and yet I would not care to have anyone in whom I am personally interested, become the wife of a scion of nobility, for the sim-ple reason that no Englishman ever truly appreciates the higher qualities of his wife. Two shining Examples.

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"To be sure there are many cases on record to the contrary, but there are excep-tions to every rule. For instance, there is Madam Guzman, wife of the Nicaraguan Minister. She was by birth a Philadelphian, bride's dark hair by a diamond fleur de lis. The bride wore at her corsage a magnificent spray of diamonds which the Count gave her, and she was, all told, more gorgeously clad than Sheba's Queen in her glory. The groom was quite as gorgeous as she He wore a coat embroidered with gold lace. There were jeweled orders on his breast, and his costume was that which he wears at court. All Washington bowed down in honor to the couple, and all the diplomats of the capital were present. Secretary Blaine brought the bride into St. Matthew's Church on his arm, and he led her up to the front of the church where he handed her over to the

hostess." Mrs. Senator Spooner said: "Judging from the accounts I read, I should not cast my vote for foreign alliances. In case of neglect or abuse she has no redress and no

adequate protection as in this country. I believe that, as a rule, American women fully appreciate American manhood, and realize that nowhere in the wide world are women treated with finer chivalry than by the man of our country. the men of our country." American Belles Who Married Well

of the British Legation at Washington. Miss Campbell is a sister of Captain Charles Campbell, whose marriage to Miss Elana Porter was a recent event of such wide-Porter was a recent event of such size spread interest, and her union has for some 12 or 14 years continued a most cogenia bardsome one. Mr. Charlton was heir to a handsome entailed estate in England, which not long after his marriage fell into his possession. Since then the happy couple, with their trio of boys and their little daughter, have spent the seasons between London and their fine estate situated at the foot of the Cheviot Hills.

Another example is that of the daughter Another example is that of the daughter of a prominent naval officer, Miss Sophie Radford, and Mr. DeMeisner, at one time attache of the Russian legation, who at pres-ent resides at the court of St. Peteraburg, where Mr. DeMeisner holds a lucrative po-sition in the retinue of the Czar. Their only son, Sacha, was recently appointed a cadet at the National Military Academy. Mrs. DeMeisner has, since she went abroad, published asvaral charming little novels. published several charming little novels the first of which, entitled "The Terrace of Mon Desier," won for the authoress consid-erable fame, both at home and abroad.

Other Happy Romances.

Everyone will remember the event of the marriage of Miss Beale and Count Bakhmetiff, of Russia, which was a true-love match, and has proved one of the most thoroughly

making all Europe his empire and its rulers his obedient servants, Talleyrand had a gueen at home who ruled him by her beauty, her temper and her eractions, and nortified him coatinually by her ignorance, her blunders and her tantrum. His marriage was a failure in more ways han one. It cut him off from resuming the Koman purple of the church, and destroyed all prospect of his securing the "red hat." It almost destroyed all intercourse with his relatives, who could not be induced to as sociate with his wife. It exposed him to the contempt and ridicule of society. The knowledge that his domestic infelicity had been forced upon him must have added bitteness in his soul. Women Raised the Rampus. SECRETS OF A LIFE. Tallevrand's Memoirs Will Let in a Flood of Historic Light UPON THE TIMES OF NAPOLEON. Women Will Find in Them a Strange Tale

of Marital Infelicity. THE NOTES OF MADANE DE 'REMUSAT

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.)

The publication of the long delayed memoirs and diaries of Talleyrand will probably throw a new light upon, and arouse

probably throw a new light upon, and arouse a fresh inferest in the life of the great Napoleon, who for years was glorified as the "hero of France," reviled as the "terror of Europe," and esteemed by the wide world as "the greatest soldier of modern times." In his will, Talleyrand gave orders that his "memoirs" should not be published for 30 years. This indicates that he must have left revelations in black and white concerning revelations in black and white concerning that might endanger their diplomatic schemes. But the wives of these foreign ministers refused to submit to any such his cotemporaries that would hardly do credit to their fame and stories of French history that were kept "hushed up" through deference to friends and families who would have uffered by their disclosure.

Mrs. General Eaton, as related, ruled An-drew Jackson as completely as he ruled the Democratic party. Jackson swore "by the eternal" he would make the wives of his Cabinet officers—and other women in society —recognize "his little friend Peg," but he found that "when a woman won't she won't." Talleyrand, in church, society and State, was distinguished for his shrewd sagacity and marvelous tact. No one, it is said, was more thoroughly versed in the art of diplomacy, or more skillful in managing men. He won his way to rank and wealth Their husbands in consequence had to re-sign their Cabinet offices, and Mr. Calhoun's by his talents as a time-server and his genius political aspirations were blasted. Napo-leon, on hearing of the social turmoil, did not attempt to coerce the ladies of the Diplofor deceit. His acuteness in the game of politics, his mastery of finesse, his prompt-ness to secure an advantage, or to dilly-dally when activity was not desirable, made him one of the most famous men of his matic Corps. No Way Out of It.

time. He seems to

Have Had No Consci-

to deter him from wrongdoing. The Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments had no more place in his code and creed than they have in American politics to-day, according to Ingalls. He was educated as a priest, and attained to high dignities in the church. His immorality was a disgrace to his calling, but did not prevent his secur-ing the honors and revenues of its high and holy offices. So openly immoral was his life, and so glaring his abuse of his office as bishop, that he was excommunicated by the Pope, but he afterward managed to have the

with the diplomatic corps were adjusted and smoothed over. There was no doubt plenty of gossip over her blunders, her foolish sayings and her an removed. As Minister of Foreign Affairs he was of great use to Napoleon. His firmness and moderation, as set against the thirst for displays of temper, but the profound silence with which they were received by Talleyglory and the arbitrary despotian of the successful general, were needful checks in negotiating treaties of peace, and in pre-serving the interests of France. Napoleon rand checked any display of amusement when he was present. However, in public he defended her with the remark: "A serving the interests of France. Napoleon gave him credit for his talent for diplomacy, but always regarded him with distrust and suspicion. On his side, Talleyrand had the measure of the mind and the vanity of the "child of destiny." Both men seemed to read each other. The conceit, selfishness clever woman often compromises her husband; a stupid woman only compromises herself."

Beauty, which proves so alluring to men before marriage, loses its power afterward. A wife may be beautiful as a poet's dream, but after marriage beauty becomes second-ary. She must show enough good sense to sustain the husband's choice as creditable. Madam Talleyrand was one of the noted beauties of her time, but she "had a disagree-able voice a fierr temper her mennen was and towering ambition of Napoieon were so plainly shown that Talleyrand found flattery a most able assistant in the management of matters, when the cool sense and fine finesse of the diplomatic minister were met by the haughtiness of despotic power.

Could Manage His Tongue.

able voice, a fiery temper, her manners were bad and she was so intolerably stupid that Talleyrand himself was one of the silent men, whose policy was that of a turncoat or a Judas. Like some of the politicians of to-day, he knew how to keep his mouth shut. she never by chance even said the right thing." Altogether it was a miserable mar-riage for both of them. Women take much interest in the domesto-day, he knew how to keep his mouth shut. But with all his tact and powers of decep-tion he did not impose on Napoleon, whose own lack of moral principle led him to doubt the honesty of all men. He assumed that the leading motive of mankind was self-interest. He had no faith in sincerity. tio lives of great men and women. Histo-rians mainly confine themselves to public life and events. But when women pursue this study they want a knowledge of the sort of man he is at home. Hence memoirs, biographies and reminiscences are always more interesting than the dry details of a history filled with a dull list of political His measure of the superiority of a man was his ability to lie, and he was fond of telling that in his youth "an uncle had pre-dicted that he would govern the world be-cause he was an habitual liar." moves and battles, murders and sudden deaths. Talleyrand's "Memoirs," although

rather late in the day, will be welcomed as The ability to flatter acceptably and to

A MUCH ABUSED FOOD

Oatmeal Has a Good Many Enemies That It Ought Not to Have.

Women Raised the Rumpus

POOR COOKING IS RESPONSIBLE.

It Paints Roses on the Checks of Scotland's and Ireland's Maida.

SOME RECIPES BY ELLICE SERENA

IWRITTEN FOR THE DESPATCE.1

As the story goes, a Madam Grand, who was remarkable for her beauty, became an inmate of his house as his mistress. She also did the honors of his table and his salon to As a matter of some concern to the busi-ness world it has lately been announced that some five of the largest manufacturers of oatmeal in the United States have formed a combine, called in commercial parlance the Oatmeal Trust. Such combinations, it is commonly believed, are prinarily formed with the object of raising the market price of their produce, or possibly, we should say. of regulating and controlling the output so that the consumer shall pay what the trust chooses to demand.

When this fact became known but the ministers refused to submit to any such breach of social etiquette, or to give sanction by their presence to any such exhibition of unblushing effrontery. Mrs. General Eaton, as related, ruled Another day it was, as a bit of news, commented on by newspapers, and extracts from some of them at the time appeared in THE DISPATCH. A writer in one of these exchanges seems to have hailed the news with the most pronounced expression of satisfac-tion, and he hopes that the trust may send the price of oatmeal so high that no one will ever again be obliged to eat the "wratched stuff" for breakfast. This gen-tleman, one would conclude, had some per-sonal cause of complaint, and I have wellgrounded suspicion that his sentiments were approved by legion.

Dr. Johnson's Sarcasm.

Dr. Johnson's Sarcasm. Of course, we are all familiar with Dr. Johnson's not very amiable attitude toward the Scotch, and it is well known how, on every opportunity, he stapped out of his way to ridicule them. According to Bos-well he has associated together the two terms "oats" and "Scotchmen" in such a variety of instances as to make them both membral commencement. In his distinguish He simply told Talleyrand he must marry Madam Grand, and gave him 24 hours to make up his mind. To her tears the great man raplied by saying: "I see only one way of managing this. Let Talleyonly one way of managing this. Let Talley-rand marry you and all can be arranged; you must bear his name, or you cannot ap-pear in his house." Talleyrand, beset on all sides, was compelled to yield. He hated a disturbance. As the woman knew some of his secrets, he was, as Madam de Remu-sat observes, afraid to irritate her. He did not desire a rupture with Napoleon, so in two days he was married, and the difficulties with the diplomatic corps were adjusted and peculiarly conspicuous. In his dictionary he defined oats as "a grain which, in England, is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people." It was Lord Elibank that, according to Waiter Scott, made the happy retort, "Yes," said he, "and where else will you see such horses and such marge" such men?" It has been the boast of the thoroughbred

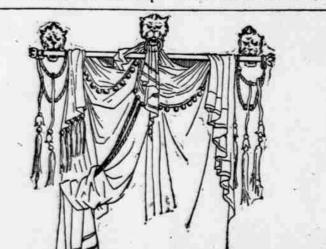
Scotch and Irish that the men of their re spective countries, whose tood is largely made up of oatmeal, are the strongest in body and the clearest in mind; that is, that they are physically and organically healthy Carlyle, when he first met Macauley, said he was sure "the mon has been raised or oatmeal." It is equally certain that it is the almost unanimous observation of travelers that the women among the oatmea eaters of both those countries have beauti ful, well-rounded torms and fine, healthful rosy complexions. The complexion of the young Irish peasant girl is something to be talked of. The laudation of Dean Swift or of Tom Moore might be suspected of having been influenced by partiality and national pride, but very lately Mr. Edgar L. Wakeman and Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, unprejudice. travelers, have adverted to the same circum stance.

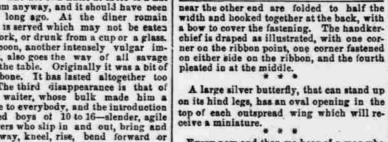
Evidence of the Physicians.

Thus oatmeal, as a primary article of diet is recommended by very eminent physician to those of their female patients who ar especially desirous of having or retaining fresh and fine looks as well as of having healthful and vigorous physique. Othe physicians recommend it on purely scien tific principles, and with no ulterior objec than that of conserving health.

To the family in which economy and good food-the question of money and of money', worth-are the main things to be consid ered, the subject is to be presented in : more practical view. In the matter of liking or taste for certain food, our training

Needs Lots of Cooking.





Every now and then we hear of a man who has died from arsenical poisoning, brough: about by inhaling the green venom of the wall paper," says the Philadelphia Uphol-sterer. All this is sheer idiocy. Every



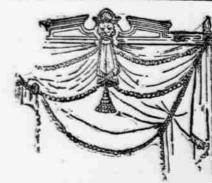
made Brussels always has its value. Muslin curtains are shown now with tinseled de signs worked into them. The tendency in all curtain work is to

quieter style. There is less looping. But window curtains. French periods, the drapery cannot be too

Everyone is going decorative mad, and artists are now decorating satin bed quilts elaborately. . . .

"When I hear 'Lohengrin' or the Wagin should be quiet. I have been actually on nettles at some receptions, where the and delicate in colors, so dream-like, and entirely out of sympathy with the longhaired, spectacled individual at the piano, who would insist upon pounding 'Tam O'Shanter.' Such surroundings seemed only fit for Offenbach or Lecoq music. When I turnish a room I almost invariably learn its object, and if possible see its future occu-pants, for anyone with a grain of soul will know that a bedroom for a heavy type of brunette womanhood should be dealt with in a different way to the sanctum of some ethereal, pink-tinted, big-eyed, petite

blonde beauty. poetic young gentleman, "and can hear a waltz, and it seems as though everything should be rose pinks, and pale blues and lichen greens or the soft shades of spring time; just as the music of 'St. Patrick's Day in the Morning' suggests green, and plenty of it, and as the 'Star Spangled Banner' arouses red, white and blue in your mind, and church music seems all purple and white. I do not know how to account for it; some people, you know"-musingly-"think that Tom must be fat and Fred thin, Kate to be sharp of tongue and Maud purring. If I



Where Beauty's Head Rests.

were a girl and wanted to sing 'Annie Laurie,' I would dress in blue and gray, and would feel in harmony wi a the song. It's the same in home decoration; the surround ings have much to do in shaping one's char acter and disposition. Bring up a child in the streets and it will have street ways. Bring it up with the sourroundings of a quiet home and its manners will be shaped accordingly. Phy-sicians will tell you that red excites the mind, and that a patient in a madhouse is simost invariably surrounded with blue stones, blue carpets, blue wallpaper, every-thing blue. They mollify and quiet him through his optic nerves. Of course, I would not suggest that house decoration should form part of one's health diet. It's the average person would not be content with following a blue-room treatment through life; but let me understand the, decorative tastes of a person and I can tell you to a certain extent his character."

MAKES THE WHOLE HOME LOOK RICH.

monograms, arms and heraldio devices on

A woman of means will send a lace curtain to a competent establishment where it can be "done up" properly, says the Philadelphia Upholsterer. This is the way it is done there: The washers of nice lace form a

class of labor quite by themselves, and few people have an idea of the amount of labor "When I hear 'Lohengrin' or the Wag-nerism music in general," says a very fastidious young gentleman, "I want to see big columns, heavy arches, plenty of red and blue in the mural colorings and huge chandeliers. Now, if 'Esmereida' is the play, the furnishings of the house that I sit care that is amazing. Through every mesh a pin is placed to hold it in place, and the on nettles at some receptions, where the whole pattern is thus pricked out till every room furnishings are so quiet and simple, leaf and sprig is firmly fastened, so that it cannot shrivel or contract. a whole day being sometimes used up in preparing single yard of the lace so that when dry it lifted all soft and perfect and unimpared in the design.

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Bronze peddlers have got their stuffs so cheap now that they permit the servants to do over their kitchen chairs in Louis XVI tints; indeed, the price of gold is low enough to give us all white and gold coal bins. * * * In the fashionable prayer books and

hymnals the most exquisite taste has been "I can shut my eyes," continued this lavished. The binding is shown in a variety of leathers, velvet, shell, ivory and silver and not only is excellent plate used but 18-karat gold as well, prices ranging from \$1 25 to \$100 each, and from \$2 to \$200 a set. The day of the doll-faced shallowpate has

passed away. A merely pretty woman cannot hold her own beside the interesting woman, the woman who fuscinates, says Edith Sessions Tupper in the New York World. Who attracts the cleverest men at a social function? Not the beautiful woman or the dancing woman, but the woman who can talk, charm, interest and fascinate. Let us

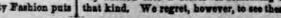
taik, charm, interest and tascinate. Let us not undervalue the worth of beauty. A fascinating womas may have beauty; she must have brains. Beauty is a powerful adjunct to the empire of mind, but beauty without wit, eleverness and magnetism no

The woman who fascinates—what is she? a study. Above all must she pique curiosity, rouse a man's interest, puzzle and allure his thought. A woman who can reveal just enough of her real self to make a man long to know her better can fascinate. Allow yourself to be read and understood at once and you will never fascinate. Man is by nature a discoverer.

An inch of gold braid on the bottom of a white evening dress is exceedingly pretty though not economical.

Fourteen dollars for the simplest gold key ring! And all the girls have them, with some such quotation as this inscribed: "A man's tongue is the key to his heart," or "In changing keys there is safety," "The key of fate is in our hands," "Turn the key upon my love," "A key confines, a key re-leases," "A golden key unlocks every door save that of happiness." Strung on these pretty gold bands are the bracelet key, the key to the forever-and-ever box and the key to milady's satchel, trunk, club locker and front door.

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dyer of any consequence in this country who is at work on upholstery goods denies emphatically that they use arsenic or have used it for years past. Ever since the in-troduction of aniline dyes arsenic has been regarded as too expensive. There are plenty

of cheaper greens, and the most beautiful shades are now made from coal tar colors or anilines. A man any way up in the busi ness would pooh-pooh this arsenic idea, for the competition nowadays does not let dyers

indulge in this luxury. The most aristocratic perfume in use is that made from orchids. . . .

The Boston woman has her clearly defined deas and knows perfectly well what she is about, says the Budget. She is "up" in cience, and a typical illustration of her attitude toward life is shown in this authentic



A Debutante

anecdote. A lady came to a Back Bay hotel to look at rooms. She was duly shown, and finally made her choice, and while lingering in the apartment asked the official waiting In the anartment asked the official waiting on her if he would give her a piece of the carpet. He sceeded to this novel request. She then asked for a piece of the wall paper. "Will you tell me, madam," he asked, "why you wish these?" "Certainly," she replied; "I intend taking them to an expert and have them examined to see if there are and have them examined to see if there are any microbes in them." This is truly Bos-

TOM MARSHALL'S EXPERIENCE.

He says the Hardened Criminal Never Loses His Temper or His Nerve. Chicago Mail.]

On the train the other day I met Tom Marshall, the great criminal lawyer of Pittsburg, than whom there is no abler man before the American bar in his line of professional work. In the course of a long conversation concerning criminal jurispra-dence and the practice of criminal law the eminent Pittsburger related several interest-ing experiences of his which are well worth "The thoroughbred criminal," said Mr.

The jeweler to Her Majesty Fashion puts

daughter's perfect content and pleasant do-mestic life in her English home."

No Bounds to True Love.

Mrs. Miller, wife of the Attorney General, said: "It is far safer and happier to wee one whose education and associations have been in the same sphere. One can seldom be sure of the preconceived views and habits of a stranger to our customs, and it is a seri-ous risk to enter the matrimonial state without a thorough investigation into a man's redentiale Even if all seemed satisfactor I do not think I would care for a child o mine to leave her home as the bride of a duke or of any other titled aristocrat. Still,

true love is the all-important point and it has no national bounds." Mrs. Blanchard, wife of the Representative from Louisiana, is a typical Southern

woman of enlarged views. She writes me: "Many American girls have married for-eigners, and few to their happiness. The great majority have married to their sorrow. Most emphatically I do not think it advisahappy one. ble for our girls to seek or wish for foreign alliances. Too many are dazzled and in posed apon by the seeking adventurers who parade a seedy title in the hope of alluring beauty and wealth. Others who marry

among the nobility or wed foreigners of position and who find congeniality, enter into a sphere of life where the conditions are so different from what they are accustomed to, that the change cannot be alto gether conducive to contentment.

The Mercenary Lordlings.

"The chances that the match is made from nercenary motives on the husband's part in the case of a foreign union are far greater than when the man is an American. To be sure, Miss Mary Endicott made a happy match when she swore allegiance in love and honor to the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, She met with a warm welcome on the other side, and she has won universal admiratio Yet we can hardly consider the English as strangers, since so many of our oldest families claim them as progenitors, and the old Puritan stock from which the Eddicotts descended claim to have stepped upon New England soil from the deck of the May-

Mrs. Menocal, wife of Engineer Menocal, U. S. A., at present in charge of the Nicara-guan Canal project, is a Cuban by birth, though from her 21 years of wedded life in the United States she has become a stanch American, and a true supporter of our national customs. I asked her for an ex-pression of her views in regard to foreign

narriages, and she replied

The Wife in a Free Land.

"It makes my heart ache to see a young girl led to the altar by a foreigner. No matter how true and deep the love may be, I realize how much there will be in her new and untried life to test that love, and how little the young bride knows of the widely diverse views her husband holds in relation to the solemn responsibilities of his position as her future helpmeet in all that relates to

as ner lature herpmeet in all that relates to her domestic happiness. Had I never married in this country, I probably would never have understood the superiority of the woman's position as wife in a free land, but since I have known and enjoyed the privilege, I am more and more opposed to American girls wedding for mere rank or

title. "In other lands a wife does not win that unity of interest with her husband that a man educated in the more liberal influences of our own country naturally accords her. of our own country naturally accords ner, and a woman must sadly learn that to retain her husband's affections, she must never demand more of his confidence and interest in her occupations than he chooses to give. I am truly glad that I have no daughter to run the risk which so many of our girls are every day being led into, and I should never give countenance to such a proposal or one with whom I had any influence to the contrary.'

A Good Word for Germany.

Mrs. Senator Manderson does not think that the mere fact that a man's being a foreigner, must necessarily be productive of an unhappy union. "The only instance with which I am familiar," she continued,

vows of constancy, and never met his sweet-heart again for 12 long years. During that period a brisk correspondence was kept up between the two, when suddenly the lover found an opening for visiting America, and found an opening for visiting America, and lost no more time than was necessary to take a steamer and reach the goal of his long-cherished desire. The marriage was quietly celebrated, and the couple returned to make their future home in Finland, Contain Ethlic's action had a benefit Captain Etolin's native land, where they were welcomed by his parents with all the national show and remance customary upon such occasions. Their arrival was the occasion of general rejoicing among the peas-antry, who assembled in large numbers at

the landing arranged in picturesque holiday attire, and escorted the bride to her new home over a pathway strewn with flowers for their reception. A description of the fes-tivities which followed is like a tale from fairyland, and, in fact, there seem to have been fully as many happy weddings & un-happy one. MRS. GRUNDY, JR.

His Wife Should Be Satisfied. Detroit Free Press.]

He was standing in a doorway on Jeffer son avenue and presently he halted a pedestrian with a wave of his hand and beckoned him to approach, and said: "How do I look?"

"Why, you present a pretty shabby appearance, if you want an honest answer, replied the surprised citizen. "That's good. Shabby refers to my dress How's my facial appearance?

"Pinched and hungry." "That's excellent. Do I look like a man who had money?" "No.

"Would you class me as hard up and friendless? "I certainly would." "Thank you. To sum up, you would set

me down as a victim of unfortunate circum-stance, who couldn't get out of this town too "That's about it." "Thanks. Here is a letter I have written

to my wife, asking for money to get home. She's a suspicious woman, and she won't take my word for it. Please write at the "'Attest: It's a durned sight worse than

he says it is.' And sign your name." The citizen complied, and the letter was at once taken to the postoffice.

BANQUET FOR THE BIRDS

A Very Pretty Christmas Custom Practice by the Norwegians. Louis Post-Dispatch.]

When deep snow covers the earth and crusts of ice seam highways and byways, so that the little birds in the pir know not where to turn for a grain of corn anywhere in field and meadow, man's compassion saves them



The Birds' Feast.

from starvation. In every household throughout Norway, be it rich or poor, a large bundle of grain with full, heavy ears is used to the top of the "starbur" (granary), found on every Norwezian farm, the pecu-liar construction of which our illustration shows. Hither the birds come flocking, celebrating the Christmas-tide around the hospitable bunch of golden grain,

lie cleverly were to his mind the virtues of a statesman. He was always credulous of evil, and malicious gossip always found in him a ready listener. Talleyrand, with all his quick insight, complained that this "devil of a man deceives one on all points." How he deceived the people of France, how he gave them glory instead of liberty, how he counted thousands of precious lives as nothing beside ambition, is well known by history. Tallevrand's memoirs, even if they were devoted to his praises and filled with

stories of his greatness, could not alter the name and fame he has made for himself.

The Diary Is Faithful.

But it is likely that, while the famous Minister of Foreign Affairs seldom-if ever -opened his mind, or showed his hand in ublic in those days, he has yet given vent to his opinions and emotions in his liaries, as was the fashion in courts, where it was as much as life and place were worth for people to air their views on men and affairs. The famous diary of Pepys, published a century or two after it was written. is held in highest value as presenting pleture of the times of Charles II. Writte without the slightest idea of publicity, it depicts the events and portrays the char-acters of the people of his time with a truth to nature and sincerity of detail that make it one of the most interesting volumes of

upon the dynasty of Napoleon is to be in-ferred from the fact that instead of being withheld from publication for 30 years, as he by will directed, they were suppressed for over 20 more by the influence of Napoleon III. and the powerfal families that composed his court. It will be interesting to compare these long locked-up notes with the "me-moirs" of Madame De Remusat, whose hus-

one of Taileyrand's friends, if he had any, and who shows how the "Bishop of Autun" was in league with the Revolutionists, while at the same time he was secretly favo ing the monarchy, and how while ostensibly supporting the sovereignty of Napoleon he was quietly engaged in endeavoring to se-eure his downfahl and the restoration of the

Always With the Winners.

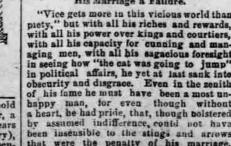
sun and thus take dare of number one. But even the most skillful of liars and knaves occasionally come to Grief as did Talley-rand, when he was proscribed in France, driven out of England, and sought in Amer-

ica a new field of operations. His character seems to have preceded him, for Washington declined to receive him. By adroit in ton declined to receive an managed to get trigue, however, he soon managed to get back to his native country, where by the in-finence of Madam de Stael, it is said, he back to his native country, where by the in-fluence of Madam de Stael, it is said, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, an office which he held successively under the Directory, Napoleon and Louis XVIII., and in which he made himself a name sec-ond only to that of Napoleon himself.

The laster, while cordially despising him yet made use of his talents and rewarded

was deposed from office. With the craft and cunning of his kind, he then gave himself up to secret conspiracies against Na-poleon, even going so far, it is said, as to plan his assassination. For this treachery he was rewarded with his old office, but did

His Marriage a Failure.



may clear up some mysteries and dispose of some of the "prodigious lies" told in his time. What interests the world to know is

A WOMAN'S POLITICAL FORESIGHT.

CAUGHT ON THE ENGINE.

Burlington Railroad.

Disturbed at Dinner.

heart on an Election. Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.]

young lady tell with a good deal of enjoyment a campaign story in which she figures. Before the Democratic convention the young lady, whose eleverness enabled her to scan the political horizon with the glance of a statesman, made a wager with a young man of her acquaintance that G. W. Peck would be the nominee for Governor. Then, thinking that she was taking an unfair advantage of him, because she considered it glaringly apparent that she would win, she attempted to square things by making another bet that he would be elected.

The young man was a Democrat, but he took the second bet for the purpose of "hedging." Their surprise was mutual on English history. That the memoirs of Talleyrand bear hardly

the morning of November 5 when the young man found that instead of "hedging" he had doubled up his bet. He promptly paid both wagers, and the young lady, still bent both wagers, and the young lady, still bent upon squaring things, presented to him, as a souvenir of the occasion, a copy of "Peek's Boss Book." On the fly-leaf she wrote the following witty inscription: "The Earl of Beaconsfield used literature to rise in politics; let us pray-in German only-that George W. Peck may use politics to rise in

band was literature." Singular Capture of a Large Eagle on the While a Chicago, Burlington and Quiney freight train was coming from Burlington Bourbons. here yesterday, says a Galesburg, Ill., dis-

patch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the His aim was ever to worship the rising engineer noticed an eagle sitting on the track feasting on a rabbit. The eagle arose

when the engine drew near, but the locomotive was running so rapidly that the big bird could not clear it. One of the

him with a principality. He finally fell into disfavor with his despotic master, and not long retain it.

"Vice gets more in this vicious world than piety," but with all his riches and rewards, with all his capacity for cunning and man-aging men, with all his sagacious foresight in seeing how "the cat was going to jump" in political affairs, he yet at last sank into charactive and discrease. Even in the with in seeing how "the dat was going to jump" in political affairs, he yet at last sank into obscurity and disgrace. Even in the zenith of his fame he must have been a most un-happy man, for even though without a heart, he had prive, that, though bolstered by assumed indifference, could not have been instanible to the stings and arrows that were the penalty of his marriage. While in the diplomatic enjoyment of forcing the dignitaries of Europe, in church and State, to eat humble pie and to submit to the dicitation of a man who contemplated

our prejudices and our preferences are cer tainly very important factors. Thus we set how even here in America a native of the Orkneys or of the Highlands retains his the measure of a man without his stilts. These set him above his fellows, but they fhese set him stature. do not alter his stature. BESSIE BRAMBLE. liking for his porridge, and the Irishman for his meal and potatoes. As to oatmea with as, it is not much wonder that the tast for it and its usage should be so slow in it.

Beauty After Marriage.

progress. And, unfortunately, many have a perfect and legitimate right to designate it "wretched stuff." But may we ask whose the Wins Two Wagers From Her Swe fault is it?

The friends of a very bright West Side

Of farinaceous foods-we may take it or the best scientific authority-none is more healthful than oatmeal. Dr. Smith, in hi stronger and better food than wheaten four He advises long cooking, which is necessary to break the starch cells. The longer it a cooked the more easily it is assimilated Oatmeal should be steamed for three or fou hours, or, in the words of Mr. John McCann the manufacturer of the famous Irish out meal, known as the McCann brand, "i should boil until it stops fluff-fluffing." A rule to observe in cooking it is four meas ures of water or milk to one of meal, salt to

taste, and as little stirring as possible. Oatmeal made into a beverage-commonly called "oatmeal drink"-is wholesome and refreshing. It is the substitute for wate among many mill hands and among such a are exposed to great bodily labor or to un due heat. It is simply made, and is regard ed as a safe drink for man, woman or chile during the warm weather. A tablespoonfu of meal is steeped in a glass of water, and i a flavor is desired a few drops of iemon juics may be added. The following recipes I hope will afford a change for those who are fone of oatmeal :

bake quick

oldy.

London Punch.]

favor of politics.

Siberia.

Vatican.

OATMEAL GENS.

Mix a pint of well-cooked oatmeal with a Mix a pint of sweet milk. Stir in the beaten yelks of two eggs, a tes spoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of meltor

Add flour enough to bind the oatmenl, and then whip in the beaten whites. Heat the gem pans, pour in the mixture and

OAT CANES.

OAT CARES. Oat cakes, or bannocks, so commonly used in Scotland, are made simply from water and meal. The paste is rolled very thin and bakes for about five minutes in a slow oven. The Scotch meal is considered the best for table use. It is cooked in less time than other brands from the fact that the cats are kill dried. This is a necessity on account of the moidt.

FRIED OATMEAL.

Cut oatmeal mush into slices, dredge with flor and fry brown in drippings.

OATMEAL CUSTARD.

Soak a small cupful of oatmeal, and mix with quart of milk and five well-beaten eggs.

quart of milk and five wan beauty of a fittle sait. Flavor to taste, and add a little sait. Steam for two hours, and serve cold with

OATMEAL PUDDING.

To a quart of boiling milk add a pint of out

meal. Let soak over night, and next day, when ready to make the pudding, stir in two well beaten eggs, season with sait and steam for two

Serve with cream and sugar, or with butto ELLION SERENA.

Royal Tasks for the New Year.

Emperor of R-ss-a .-- To personally visit

King of It-ly .- To come to terms with th

atican. Emperor of G-rm-ny.-To stay at home. King of P-rtug-1.-To accept the situation

President C-rn-t.-To forget the existence

of Egypt. King of Sp-n.-To master the difficultie of the Alphabet. Emperor of A-str-a.-Between Kingdon and Empire, to make both ends meet. Lord S-l-sb-ry.-To prepare for the Gen

eral Election. Mr. Gl-dst-ne.-To explain Home Rule. Lord R. Ch-reb-ll.-To give up racing i

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