## Facts of Interest To Women Readers.

Symposium of Information, Partly Grave, Partly Gossipy and Partly Gay.

A FIN DE SIECLE DUEL: You fight for a place in business,

You fight for a chance to speak; You fight for the right to study With men their Latin and Greek

You fight for a seat in the street car, You fight for the ayes and the nees; You fight for our reformation: You even light for our clothes,

We laugh at your pert presumption You dear, divine, little shrew! Yet every man among us Would like the taming of you.

We know the one way to conquer, Since this dread duel began; So long as woman is woman, So long as man is man;

You may scold, and sneer, and scoff at us. You may play your Katherine's part; But Petrucio is victor

If he but aim at your heart.
-Ruth Hart, in Truth.

"Who are the happy? I look about ie," writes "Amber" in the Chicago Herald, "and try to answer the que tion. First I take the married folks. Are they happy? Not one out of twenty. Why? iscause they exact too much. Whisky itself has not wrought the marital woe that exaction has. Matrimony is a chain. You may pad it with velvet or wreathe it with flowers. yet it remains a chain. There is un wisdom in pulling it too tightly. As long as the slave does not feel his fettern he can be comparatively happy. but let the steel corrode his flesh and he ecomes aware of thraldom. When a woman goes through her husband's kitchen wenches, to support which in-pockets on the sly she pulls at his chain. tolerable pride they have insensibly When she sheds tears because he walks down town with a pretty neighbor she pulls at his chain. When she sits up to scold because he comes home late she pulls at his chain. Such things may not be agreeable for her to bear, but there are better ways of holding a man than hauling him along at the end of a chain. If I were a married woman and had a husband who neglected me, do you know what I would de? I would begin all over again and lay siege to his heart. I would make myself so charming that before he knew it he would fall In love with me for the second time. There is no use denying it, men are queer. They grow tired of what they possess and are always reaching out after the fruit that hangs high. There leads him to be always on the lookout for fresh conquests. From the time he begins to drive his dog in harness, through the stage of liking to break she leviel blackmail, too, upon her miscolts, all along the era of love-making. tress guests, in shape of "valls," or tips. and away down to old age, man wishes to be master of the situation and lord says the author, they make it a per-of a new possession. He loves his wife, quiete, a material part of their wages, no doubt, but after a few years she becomes an old story, and he begins to but that the maid expects the guests yearn for something newer and fresher. should pay for it." And those were the He doesn't mean to be exactly unfaith- "good old times." Who would care to ful, but he is like a man who leaves his substitute them for our own? Bible untouched to read the daily papers. The news is what he covets: the plan of redemption will do to save his soul and to base his hopes of heaven upon, but the columns of the 2-penny hold the current news, and that is what he demands for daily needs. If, then, when your husband is taken

times I doubt it." A MODEL CHILD:

Her temper's always sunny, her hair is ever neat; She doesn't care for candy—she says it is

too aweet! She loves to study lessons-her sums are always right;

And she gladly goes to bed at eight every single night!

Her apron's never tumbled, her hands are With buttons missing from her shoe she

with buttons missing from her side and never has been seen. She remembers to say "Thank you," and "Yes, ma'am, if you please;" And she never cries, nor frets, nor whines; she's ne'er been known to tease.

Each night upon the closet shelf she puts away her toys;

never slams the parlor door, nor

makes the slightest noise; the loves to run on errands and to play with her little brother disobey her mother.

"Who is this charming little maid? I long to grasp her hand! She's the daughter of Mr. Nobody, And she lives in Nowhereland!

-Helen Hopkins in May St. Nicholas. "If you know something to the discredit of somebody," says "Amber," another place, "keep it to yourself. If certain circumstances lead you to suppose a woman is not what she should be why should you constitute yourself the town-crier to cry her shame? God will take care of her. Suppose you look after yourself-know where your own boys spend their evenings before you judge your neighbor's. There never s a heart record that did not include entries in invisible ink. We cannot explain what we do not understand; so let us keep our eyes off our neighbor's books and try to make our own accounts balance. If we see a fact that looks black and would make a God knows the truth, for He looks back of results at causes and judges by the heart rather than the deed. Of one thing I am determined, and I wish that I could rally an army under the banner I carry. I will not lug the devil's powder-horn around any longer, furnishing scandal for him to load his gun with. I will not tell disagreeable truths unnecessarily, even if they are truths. I will make myself so busy with my own affairs that I shall have no time to spend watching others. And, lastly, whenever there is somebody down whom I can help to stand again, or somebody discouraged whom I can help before being added to the meat, and to cheer, I humbly pray that I may be there, not with ill-truths and taunting I told you so's,' but with love in my heart and everlasting silence on my

"My dear," says this same charm-ng writer, "if you are young and lookg for your prince just get a chance to ht his home conduct before you ac-pt him. Don't be guided in your noice by what he is in your parlor; find at what he is in his mother's sitting-Don't judge him by how he can ace or turn a compliment, or tip his or carry your small bundle; find w agile he is to do a service for sister, and how he speaks to his old d aunt, or to the maid when things don't go to suit him at home. You may think all this old-fashioned talk, and hardly worth the heeding, but if you and restorative-

are wise enough to test your butter be fore buying why not your husband? A tub of butter is soon finished, but a husband lasts a long time. Said some body once: 'Marryin' a man ain't like settin' aside of him nights and hearin' him talk pretty; that's only the first prayer; there's lots of meetin' after If that homely bit of philosophy were incorporated into the world's practice there would be fewer dreary

and loveless homes."

It there be one point on which modern housewives are agreed it is certainly the degeneracy of modern housemaids And yet there is room for doubt as to whether this is not a popular fallacy. In a curious old tract entitled "A Trip Through a Town; Containing Observations on the Humours and Manners of the Age," published in 1735, there is a chapter devoted to "Maid Servants" which would cause even a fin de siecle matron to gasp, The writer says: "Women servants are now so scarce that, from 20 to 40 shillings a year, their wages are increased to 16, 17 and 18 per innum, insomuch that an ordinary tradesman cannot well keep one; but his wife, who might be useful in his shop or business, must do the drudgery of the household affairs, and all this because our servant girls are so puffed up with pride nowadays that they never think they go fine enough. It is a hard matter to know the mistress from the maid by their dress-nay very often the maid is the finer of the two. Our woollen manufacturers suffer much by this, for nothing but silks and satins will go down with our tolerable pride they have insensibly raised their wages to such a height as was never known in any age or nation but this."

Moreover, there was in those days something very like a trades union among maid servants for keeping up an exorbitant scale of wages. "Before a country girl has been a week in service In town," says the author of "The Trip," "a committee of servant wenches are appointed to examine her, who advise her to raise her wages, or give warning to encourage her to which the herb wo man, or chandler woman, or some other old intelligencer, provides her a place of four of five pounds a year. This sults Madame Cock-a-hoop, and she thinks of nothing but vails (tips) and high wages, and so gives warning from place to place, till she gets her wages up to the top." The maid servant in those days not only robbed her mistress as we should call them. nor must their master give a supper

FOODS FOR THE SICK:

Milk Gruel.-Scald one-half pint of milk; add six raisins, and allow to stand five minutes. Take a tablespoonful of corn-starch and thoroughly mix with two tablespoonfuls of cold milk. Having placed the scalded milk in a farina you begin to 'go her one better' on the question of beauty, you can keep him, provided he is worth the keeping—sometimes I don't it."

One way of reverting the could be borne, night and morning. and let it cook one minute. Strain, and lace in moulds in a cool place-

Milk Gruel with Oatmeal.-Fine oatmeal, two tablespoonfuls; milk, pint. Stir it quickly into a pint of boilng water and 1 a few minutes until Ade pinch of salt and aweeten with suga-Milk Jelly.-As a variation in milk

diet the following is recommended: Heat one quart of milk with one pound of sugar and when the sugar is dissolved, continue the heat at the boling emperature for about ten minutes. Then cool well and add, slowly stirring, solution of one ounce of gelatin in a unful of water. Next add the juice three or four lemons. Pour into glasses and set in a cool place. It is recessary to have the milk quite cold efore adding the other ingredients, else it will curdle

Mills Punch.-Good brandy, one or we tablespoonfuls; cold milk, one tumslerful. Mix, with sugar and nutmen This is a useful medicinal rink when a stimulant is required in niunction with a nutrient.

Reef Tea.-This is best made by disolving a proper amount of a reliable brand of "beef extract" in a cupful of olling water, seasoning with salt, selery salt and a little pepper, and serv-

Beef Juice.-Boil quickly a thick piece of fresh beef devold of fat and bone; put in a meat press and squeeze out Season and serve full strength or diluted with hot water.

Chicken Broth.-Skin and chop up a small chicken, or half a large fowl, and boil it, bones and all, with a blade of mace or sprig of parsley and a crust of -skimming it from time to time. Strain

through a coarse colander. Mutton Broth.-Lean loin of mutton exclusive of bone, one bound; water, three pints. Boll gently till very tender, adding a little salt and onlon accordsensation if published, hands off! Only ing to taste. Pour off the broth in a the fat. It can be warmed up as wanted. If barley or rice is added, as is desirable during recovery from sickness, it should be boiled separately until quite soft, and put in when the broth

is heated for un Cutlet for Invalids.-One nice cutlet from the loin or neck of mutton; water, two teacupfuls; celery sait a sufficient quantity, or one very small stick of green celery. Remove all fat from the cutlet and put in a stewpan with the other ingredients. When fresh celery is used it should be cut in thin slice care must be taken not to add too much. Stew very gently for nearly two hours, adding salt and pepper to taste, and from time to time skim off every particle of fat that may rise to the

surface. It the water is allowed to boil fast the cutlet will be hard. Cup Custard.-One egg; one cup of milk; sugar, nutmeg and salt to taste Rent egg thoroughly in a teacup, add the milk and flavoring, mix and bake about 20 minutes in an oven moderately heated. May be served cold or warm

with or without Jelly. Egg and Brandy.-Brandy and cinna mon-water, gath four ounces; and yolks of two eggs, and half an ounce of loat sugar. Rub the yolks of the eggs and sugar together, and add the cinnamon water and brandy. This is given in two to four teaspoonful doses as a stimulant

Imperial Drink.-Dissolve from two to three drachms of cream of tartar in a quart of boiling water, add the juice of one lemon and a little lemon peel, and sweeten with sugar. When cold it may be taken freely as a cooling drink and diuretic. A valuable drink in threatened unstroke and passive congestion of the

Lemonade.--Pare thinly the rind of a lemon and cut the lemon into slices. Put the peel and sliced lemon into a jug with an ounce of white sugar and pour over them one pint of boiling water Cover the jug closely and digest until cold. Strain or pour off the liquid. Citron may be used instead of lemon. and likewise furnishes a grateful and refreshing refrigerant beverage.

Milk Lemonade-Sugar, one and a half pounds, dissolved in a quart of boiling water together with half a pint of lemon juice and one and a half pints of milk. This makes a cooling, agreeable nourishing beverage.

White Wine Whey or Posset-To half a pint of milk, whilst boiling in a saucepan, add one wineglassful of sherry and afterwards strain. Sweeten with pulverized sugar according to taste. useful drink in colds and mild febrile disorders."-(Pavy.)

Linseed Tea-Place in a jug one ounce of bruised linseed, two drachms bruised licorice root, half ounce white sugar and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, and pour over them one pint of boiling water. Cover lightly, and digest for three four hours near a fire, through linen before using. This makes a mucilaginous liquid possessing mulcent properties and of special value in broughful and urninary affections.

Barley Water with White of Egg-Take a tablespoonful of coarse barley and wash well with cold water, rejecting the washings. Then boil for an ur or more with a pint and a half of clean water in a covered vessel or saucepan. Add a pinch of salt, enough sugar to render palatable, and strain To four or six ounces of barley water thus repared add the white of one egg. The value of this preparation in gastrointestinal inflammation and irritation not easily overestimated.-From the Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette,

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS:

A gargle of hot boiled milk is recommended for a cough or sore throat Carrots and turnips should boll forty five minutes when young; one hour in win-

Grained woods should be washed in cold tea and then, after being wiped dry, rubbed with linseed oil.

Silver can be kept bright for months by being placed in an air-tight case with a good-sized piece of camphor. If a tablespoonful of kerosene is put into quarts of tepld water, and this is

used in washing windows and mirrors, in-stead of pure water, there will remain upon the cleaned surface a polish no amount of mere friction can give In mounting photographs, always put Just a dab of mucilage on each corner, and one or two about the middle, instead of spreading it over the whole surface. It answers just as well and does not cause

the board on which it is mounted to curl For hives in children, rub the irritated skin or the pustules with caster oll, ap-plied with the tip of the finger. Baby will pilled with the tip of the linger. Hany will pass from fretting to slumber while the process is going on, the relief will be so great and quick. For inflamed eyes, bumped heads and sprained ankles, use abundantly water as hot as can be borne.

Hot water applied to a bruise will allay pain and prevent discoloration. It has superseded medical "eye waters" in the treatment of inflamed and aching eyes. An American author, whose excellent eye sight was wonderful, when one considered her age and the immense amount of literary labor she performed, attributed

ented flowers from flagging is to cut them with several leaves on the stem, and when the flower head is placed in water, to allow only this head to remain above the water, while the leaves are en-strely submerged; by this means the leaves seem to help support the flower, which will then last for three days in a fairly cool room.

ABOUT NOTED WOMEN:

In civilized countries the average age at which women marry is 23% years.

Muzzles are used on refractory wom in the provincial penitentlary at Cologne, Mrs. Rachel Cantor, who at \$4 is staying at the Forest Home, in Philadelphia, is said to be the oldest living actress.

One of the first women to register in Wichita, Kan., was Mrs. Harriet Mc-Murray, a glddy girl of 115, who knew Thomas Jefferson.

Down to the present century part of the marriage ceremony in Hungary consisted m giving the bride a kick to remind her of her subjection.

The widow of General Anderson, who lives in Washington, treasures as a sacre! relic the famous flag which was on Fort Sumter when the rebels attacked it. In Slam the first wife may be divorced,

but cannot be sold. The other wives may not only be divorced, but sold in open mar-ket. The men who buy them are also sold. If Hetfordshire, England, girls are lucky nough to find a pod containing nine peas they by it under a gute and believe they will have for a husband the first man that passes through it.

According to Mrs. Burton Harrison, Clirton girl remarked not long ago that the woman question would easily be solved if we could only have three generations of single women

Ladies who kiss their pet dors are Magnin, of the Paris Academy of Science that the little beasts are one of the great agencies in spreading disease, especially Dhaubai Fardoujee Banajee, an Indian

woman, carried off the first prize in the Bombay Association of Artists. She went to Paris to complete her studies, and one ing to taste. Pour off the broth in a of her pictures was accepted by the com-basin, and when it is cool, skim off all mittee of the salon. At a church fair in Glasgow, Scotland

forty females engaged in a towel-washing contest for prizes. The quickest hands had their towels washed and hung in about three minutes, and the priges re all won by single women In 1879 the census reported only sever women stenographers in the United States. Now the number of persons care-

ing their living by typewriting and steadigraphy is estimated at more than 175,000 of whom two-thirds are women. Rejane commands a higher price for her talents than even a favorite prima donna According to excellent Paris authority, she receives \$1,600 every performance, and in addition her manager pays her expenses

The literary women in New York ar taking to public reading of their own works as a means of Increasing their in-comes and their fame. Kate Douglas Wiggan, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Mrs. Burton Harrison and Edith Thomas have re cently read their stories and poems in pub

Agnes Lorma, who is considered in Germany to be the best exponent of the part of Nora in Ibsen's "Doll's House," has made a most successful debut in St. Petersburg. So enthusiastic were the au-diences that the piece was performed three times instead of once, and every seat was booked beforehand.

In one district of Bohemia the girls go into a field of peas and make there a gar-land of five or seven kinds of flowers, all of different hues. The garland they must sleep upon, lying with their right ear Matthews Bros., Scranton.

underground which tells them what man-ner of men they will have for husbands. Ibsen and the bicycle hardly appear compatible. Yet Elizabeth Robbins, who is the best known interpreter of Ibsen on any stage, and who has played the hero-ine in most of Ibsen's works that have the in London, is the same Elizaboth Robbins Pennell who with her hus-band made a bicycling tour through Enz-tand when the improved tandem came around a few years ago, after which the

## WELSH JOTTINGS.

Welsh Liberalism just now is paying my is active in every field.

men, including Henry Salesbury, the Welsh grammarian; William Salesbury, the translator of the New Testament glyn, a well known Welsh poet.

An interesting marriage took place at Llanelly recently, Harry Jones, of the tributing alms is yearly observed. The ceremony was performed at Park Congregational church, the Rev. H. Elvet Lewis officiating.

Hume's views on Druidism had beter not be communicated to Hwfa Mon, the Archdruid of today. That historian has written: "No species of superstition was ever more terrible than that of the Druids;" and a little further on "No idolatrous worship ever attained such an ascendant over mankind as

that of the ancient Gauls and Britons. Warrinton, in his "History of Wales, has eloquently commented on the con quest of the Cambro Britons in the following words: "The fall of nations distinguished only by misfortune or merely illustrious for conquest, may rise for a moment a sigh of pity or the transient effusions of applause; but a people like the Welsh, satisfied with their mountains, who had been forced into a long and unequal contest in defense of their native rights, with few other recourses other than their valor and a fond attachment of their liberties, though falling in the ruins of their country, will have a claim upon the esteem and admiration of the world as long as manly

sentiment and freedom shall remain. T. Bircham, local government board inspector, held an inquiry at the Carmarthen workhouse last week relative to the complaint against Dr. John Ellis Edwards, medical officer for the Conwil district, for his alleged neglect in attending Maria Evans, a deceased pauper patient, of Bankbach. The Carmarthen board of guardians had called upon Dr. Edwards for an explanation of the allegations-that he had neglectdeath without seeing the patient-and lish seem to set great store by eating, the members expressed their disapprov- and commemorate almost every holial of his conduct, and the investigation | day by something special to eat on it. was the outcome of the correspondence on the subject being placed in the hands of the government department. Dr. ter will be duly reported to the local government board, and the result sent by that body to the Carmarthen board of guardians.

Speaking at Louth, a stronghold of Nonconformity, R. W. Perks, M. P. for the division, said it could not fail to gratify English Dissenters that the of the severance of church and state in Wales, and it was a great satisfaction to them to find that in the hour of trial Mr. Chamberlain stood firm to the sacred principle of religious equality with which in by-gone times his name was so closely identified. It was an astounding thing that out of the whole band of Liberal Unionists, most of whom were nurtured in the lap of Dissent, almost all of whom had over and over again pledged themselves to Disestablishment, two alone were found faithful. Every Methodist in the house voted for the bill. It would have been a most amazing thing had it been otherwise, and it presented a more striking refutation of the theory that the prosperity of churches had anything to do with the patronage and endowments of the state. He quoted the following figures to disprove the theory that, numerically, the Anglican church was today stronger in England than Nonconformity. The Established church provided last year sittings in her churches, chapels and mission rooms for 6.481,276 persons; the Methodists for nearly four millions. There were 2,270,418 young people in the church of England Sunday schools and 1.750,000 in Methodist Sunday schools, excluding the Calvinistic Methodist Sunday schools Wales. The number of churches in England and Wales belonging to the church of England In 1882, excluding I mission halls, was 14,573; the number of

Methodist chapels was then 13,270. The first meeting of the creditors of T. Cory, J. P., of Swansea and Tunbridge Wells, was held at the official accepted for the purpose of voting for the appointment of a trustee, the cred-Itors present were asked if they had any questions to put to the debter. Mr. Dovey said he should like to express his regret at the position in which Mr. Cory found himself. Mr. Burgess; We all do that. The official receiver: I can join in that. I am very sorry, I am sure, to have seen Mr. Cory come before me at all in this adversity. Mr. Cory: Thank you, gentlemen. It was resolved that the meeting be adjourned to May 14, in order to enable the debtor to submit a scheme of composition or arrange ment, and that he be not adjudged a

bankrupt in the meantime.

-A tonic for ladies. If you are suffering from weakness. and feel exhausted and neryous; are getting thin and all lasting strength. Sold by some of them are extremely rare, and have been brought, together with the

## Random Notes of Life in London.

Miss Kaiser Graphically Describes a Visit pleasure boats, just as they do on the To the Celebrated Crystal Palace.

funny old customs over here about the quite dumbfounded by all the tropical observance of Good Friday and Easter, luxuries here, it was all so beautiful, the penalty of complete success at the last election. In country places Liber- Thursday, which was Holy Thursday, seen ever in the norticultural and agrials are "resting on their/honors" and is also called Maundy or Maunday quietly neglecting the important work Thursday in England, from the old cusof organization, whilst the political ene- tom of the king or queen distributing alms at windsor from a maundy dish The next volume of the Dictionary of or alms basket. The queen was not in that the birds fly in through the ven-National Biography will contain the England to perform this ceremony, so names of a number of eminent Welsh- it was done by her chief almoner, whoever that is.

I remember, when at the tower, seeing two great gold plates as large as into Weish; and David Samuel, of Nant- the ordinary dishpans of the kitchen among the regalla, from which gigantle soup plates the ancient custom of dis Sun, formerly of the South Wales Daily | poor to whom this distribution takes News, being married to Miss Emily place, however, are not the poor of all Mainwaring, youngest daughter of the London, but only some indigent and inplace, however, are not the poor of all late Thomas Mainwaring, Llanelly, firm old beings in the parish of Windsor, where the palace is located, and consists of a gift of some thirty or thirty-five shillings.

Falling Into Disuse.

There used to be maunday money coined in the mint for just this special purpose, and also more poor to whom to give it, but it is one of the old customs which they say will gradually fall into disuse, as there is less and less maunday money given each year, and instead of being distributed by the reigning sovereign in person, who at a few of his loyal beggars as a sign of his humility, it is usually given by some official of the Queen's household, on account of the ever present danger of being shot, or blown up, that seems to exist wherever there is a king or a queen to be shot at or blown up. I shouldn't care to be a reigning monarch; they seem to be considered nothing more nor less than an interesting kind of target some of their people

Well, to move on to Good Friday, we find here another old custom, and that is that everybody eats hot cross buns on that day. The venders go about the streets all day crying that old rhyme:

Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns!

Hot cross buns!

One a penny, two a penny! Hot cross buns! Buy 'em for your daughters, Buy 'em for your sons, Hot cross huns!

We had them for breakfast. They are just like other buns, except that they have a cross upon the upper sured to attend the old woman, who was face. They are full of currants, and 80 years of age, and that he instructed are not at all wonderful, as pastry, and a girl servant to give a certificate of I managed to eat only one. The Eng-

A Nation of Epicures.

On Christmas it is roast beef and plum pudding, and as many pleces of Edwards brought forward evidence to different plum puddings as you eat, prove that he was attending a more why just so many happy months will important case at Carmarthen for six | there be for you in the coming new year. hours on this particular day. The matter will be duly reported to the local of plum pudding during the holidays.

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We did several ather parts of the

government this session was in favor day six weeks after Easter, comes the roast goose.

Visiting Crystal Palace.

On Good Friday my landladies took me down to Crystal Palace to spend the day, and a delightful day it was, too. 'England's giant cucumber frame." as John Ruskin calls it, is just outside of London in the most beautiful and healthful spot that can be imagined. Perched upon very high ground, as high indeed, as the top of the dome of St. Paul's, and surrounded by the most wonderfully beautiful grounds, it is a breathing spot and recreation place for the whole population of London.

The palace is, as its name implies built entirely of glass, at least the outside of it is, the different pieces of glass and crystal being held together by a slight fron framework, which, wherever effect of the whole building is very light indeed, and it forms a splendid place for the exhibition of the different art collections which are here.

Almost Buffles Description I do not know how to set about de-

cribing the place, as there is so much to say, and as it is all in the superlative. am afraid it will be rather tiresome The whole thing brought back the World's fair to my mind most vividly, for it was very like it, indeed. Miss Radical informed me that it had been, in fact, an exhibition building, receiver's office, Swansca, a few days and was erveted for that purpose in ago. A number of roofs baving been Hyde Park for the international affair of 1851, I think, and that after the fair was over, they had it taken apart, packed up and brought down here. where it was again set up and has been used for a most delightful place of recreation, entertainment and instruction millions of visitors ever since

The entrance fee is very small, and the train on which we went down was crowded with thousands of visitors come of them very poor people, indeed, and most of them of the "common" classes, so that one can see what an immense amount of good such a place does for all kinds of people, both rich and poor, but especially for the poor. Even the railway entrance to it is lone ly, being a sort of Moorish arrange ment of pillars of colored stones, and after passing through this vaulted pass-Gilmore's Aromatic Wine age, we entered the palace proper, where everything was light and music and beauty on every hand.

Amid Luxurious Tropical Plants. The building is very large, and, as I sald before, the glass walls are a most ingenious idea. The strong light this furnished, together with the warmth of run down; Gilmore's Aro- the place as well, make it quite a con servatory, and one wing of it is dematic Wine will bring roses voted to the growing of tropical plants, to your cheeks and restore ferns, great palms, and so on. A pretty you to flesh and plumpness, great ferntrees grow up from it, and its Mothers, use it for your the barks. The great rope vine of India daughters. It is the best grows in a corner here, too, and its regulator and corrector for forms a perfect little, or, rather, large ailments peculiar to woman- grove here, through which we passed hood. It promotes digestion, ing shrubs and trees are planted and growing here, and blooming away most happily, too. Miss Radical says that earth in which they are growing, from

London, April 17.—They have some Africa, India and Japan. I really was cultural buildings at the World's fair, which is saying a great deal, I think. The place is so large, and the trees and plants so like a piece of outdoors,

tilating windows and build in the trees. They were singing away like little angels the day I was there and flying about as busily as though they were perfectly at home, as I dare say they

Curious Ethnological Specimens

A nice idea connected with this tropical plant collection was the exhibition with them of the peoples of the country from which they came. With the plants from Africa there was a group of Abyssinian Indians, all going about their little village routine, and among the trees and foliage from Australia were grouped the life-like images of a family from the Bush, and so on. Even North America was represented, and forefathers," as Miss Radical called them, in the shape of a family of the Red Indian, sat sunning themselves among the environment of the trees and plants of our glorious country. I disclaimed the American Indian, however,

as one of my forefathers. We left here and wandered through a Pompellan village, where we could not make out where the Pompellans of old slept. We searched their hours all over, from the front door to the primitive kitchen, and saw very curious rooms and places, but we could not decide just where these Italians stowed couches, which I, for one, just took for time. some restored Egyptian temples, which of even one of which I could have lot of London or the Kingdom. tered as the Egyptians used to of old. Another thing which was very interesting to me was an exact model which there is here of the Alhambra. Of course, we went through it, and, oh!

is, as you know, the finest example of Moorish architecture in the world, and, going from this, we passed of them a reproduction of the finest specimen of the architecture of which it was an example. I enjoyed this tour immensely, and saw, by among these samples of the best in architecture the samples of what was

best in sculpture as well. Object Lessons in Architecture.

These reproductions of the old sculptures were in plaster, of course, as the originals are priceless, and in muse-ums, but these copies are of just as empt from foreign service. We had much value, from the point of view of good seats for their performance, and the instruction of the people, as the sat through it all. They certainly did originals themselves. Of modern stat- play very well; as well as a band san.

On Shrove Tuesday everybody eats palace, and then went outside to look which were sent off outside the palace, and then grounds, which are beautiful, and which are one of the features all most striking victory gained by the the hot cross buns. Then on Whitsun-indeed. Taking in, as they do, a great deal of the surrounding country, and gooseberry tarts, which are the national beautified, as they are, by statuary, ardessert for that day, they tell me, while tificial waters and magnificent shrub-on Michaelmas Day, in September, it bery, they are a veritable triumph of is the religion of the English, or the landscape gardening. Indeed, I do not majority of them at least, to consume think that I ever really understood, before, what actual landscape gardening is. There are miles of grass, over which you may run and play to your heart's content. It was here that the little loke which is now going the rounds of the papers in both countries, originated. A little girl, on a first visit, exclaimed to her father: "Oh! Papa. how many policemen they must need

"No," said the father, "why should they

"Why, there is so much grass to keep off of," replied the child. Dainty Little Daisies. We walked over the lawns and I

picked little daisies that were growing there. They were not like our daisies, but are small and pink tipped, and very dainty, and growing away here in the it appears, is painted white, so that the middle of April. I had my first glimpse of some cedar trees, too, for I must acknowledge that I never had seen a real cedar before. There were quite a number of these growing, some of them very fine ones indeed, and they looked they east is lovely.

We went through the "Maze," a sort of labyrinth in a little round piece of A flickering star whose meager beam is help of the guide, who comes and Suspended from a vast unknown where fetches you out in the end as you are fetches you out in the end as you are sleep unnumbered dead; puzzling your way along and getting With mystery for beginning and oblivion very much provoked with yourself for being so stupid. We had to be extricated just like everyone else on a first visit, and went on to a little lake near by, where they sail little ships; then to the cricket fields, the cycling tracks, the foot-ball grounds, the switch back

railway, the toboggan slide, and those other "Atlantic City arrangements"as I promptly dubbed them.

We then went through an old fash-loned fair, which is a very quaint and pretty little part of the outdoor sights, and from there to the large lake, on which the people were rowing about in dear old Susquehanna at home. We then somehow got into the prettiest little-piece of wooded land that I ever saw. Little brooks ran through it with every once in a while a small still lake, on the bosom of which a family of very stately swans were floating about. These fascinated me quite, and I could hardly be torn away from the contemplation of their graceful way of moving over the water. Little bridges spanned the stream, and cute little paths led all over, while at every pretty point there were rocky little seats to drop down in and enjoy the view.

In the Bower of Roses. We made our way through this woods, where I should like to have abided all day, to the Rosary, a large round summer house, made of intersecting arches of rose vines, which, in the summer, they say, bloom until the end of October, thus making the whole place a veritable bower of roses. I suppose that is why they call it the Rosary. We were rather near the Palace again by this time, and could hear the great Handel organ in the concert hall pealing out some magnifient prelude to the sacred concert which was to follow, and to which we wished to go, so we made our way in

In the center of the Palace is a very large space which is formed into a concert hall, and which makes one of the largest and finest in the world. The places for the orchestra and choruses are magnificent; and it is here that the great Handel festivals are always held, on account of the splendid space accommodation. But this is not all. There are other smaller concert halls within the precincts of this great glass house, besides a most beautiful and roomy theater, and a performance or a concert is always going on, so that peothemselves away for a nap. I suppose, ple can come into them, sit down and now, that it must have been on the rest and hear the music at the same The management always have a sort of sofa. We then went through the best of amusements provided, and the people have the same talent here were indeed very grand, with their as is brought before the most critical groves of gigantic pillars, in the shade and fastidious audiences in any part

Music and Monkeys.

We could not get seats, as it was already too crowded, so we ordered our tea and sat down to it within ear-shot of the concert, and enjoyed it in that how beautiful a thing this palace must | way. The contraito, Marion Mackenbe. It simply took my breath away. zie, sang, and then the sopranos, Anna Williams and Ella Russel, the American concert singer who is doing so very well in London. Santley and Edward through several more models, each one | Lloyd were the men, and sang simply divinely, while the chorus and orchestial works was a treat to hear.

We went to the moskey house after that and saw the funny monkeys, and by that time the band of the Royal Household troops began to arrive to give their concert. We hurried to get eats for this, as they are supposed to be the crack band of the kingdom, belonging as they do to her majesty's the picture galleries upstairs, and spent a couple of delightful hours among some perfectly wonderful pictures. We that we could not make up our minds to stay any later and see the fireworks summer long, of this fascinating place. So we came home, in as crowded train as the one in which we went and I like it so much that I am going again just as soon as I have a half a day and ighteen pence to spare.

I wish I could do it justice in doseribing it to you but I could not were I to use up all the nicest adjectives in the dictionary. It was simply entrancing. I can only say that the environments are nothing short of charming. being all that art and nature co bined can do to make the place delightful. The palace itself is a monument to the ingenuity of the man, Sir Joseph Paxton, who devised it, and is all of actual glass, hold together with a fragile looking iron frame work. The light and heat thus furnished the place are delightful. The whole place minis-ters to the good of every one who goes there, Entertainment, pleasure, recreation and through and above all these, instruction, is in every corner and turn

And This Is Man. A tiny speck upon the scene where lights and shadows meet, A merest atom on a field where joys and

A simple nothing in the whirl of strugjust like the Bible pictures of the With its greatest, best endeavor a mere cedars of Lebanon. The shade which zero in the strife. ling, seething life A brief and tired existence, feeble at its greatest height

woods, out of which they say that you can never find your way without the hair-like thread.

A thing whose life and being hangs on a hair-like thread.

As myriad worlds of atoms ever on and

upward trend. Yet—this small, presumptuous morsel, with a vision lame and dim.

Sometimes really thinks the universe was solely made for him.



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