

Interests of Women and the Home.

YANKEE SEWING MACHINES.

They Are Admittedly the Best in the World—Over a Million Made Annually.

New York, May 7.—America, says the Sun, is the sewing machine center of the world, and New York is the center of the sewing machine industry of America.

increase during the last ten years in the factory production of clothing has been coincident with and largely the result of the invention of special appliances and attachments adapting the sewing machine to factory operations in this performance of all attaching processes, including button and eyelet making, attaching buttons, staying seams, etc.

IMPORTANT ECONOMICS. The concentration of the manufacture of clothing into factory operation, alone made possible by the sewing machine, has effected some important economies in the marketing of men's clothing, especially the cheaper fabrics, such as jeans, denim, shirtings, etc.

It is now twenty years since the expiration of the last important patent in a fundamental article of the sewing machine; but the inventive genius of the age has not been idle all this time, and patents covering devices of greater or less utility have been granted in large numbers.

The American sewing machine, like the American watch and the American reaper and mower, is the standard of excellence for the civilized world, and the export trade in sewing machines penetrates to the remotest ends of the earth. Everywhere throughout Christendom the American sewing machine holds the market against all competitors.

It is also an interesting fact that the large manufacturing industries dependent upon the sewing machine more than doubled their output from 1880 to 1890, the population of the country only increased one-quarter. It therefore follows that the use of the sewing machine could be expressed only by figures running far into the hundreds of millions.

BEFORE MARRIAGE IN FRANCE. Formalities That Must Be Gone Through Before the Mayor Ties the Knot. From the Pall Mall Gazette.

In the eyes of the French law marriage is entirely a civil contract. It does not recognize a marriage celebrated in a church or other place of worship, nor will any priest or clergyman officiate until a certificate of the civil union has been presented to him.

ASTONISHED. I began to feel astonished, and told the old gentleman that, with the exception of her maternal grandmother, all her grandmothers were dead.

posed, to prove that we had been duly born, but also to satisfy him that we were both married in our proper names—though I fail to see what there would be to prevent any one from using other people's birth certificates.

As soon as I had been able to procure the necessary documents, which took a week or ten days, I paid a visit to the British consulate, and there ascertained that the officials designed to transact business only between the leisurely hours of 11 and 2, and, as it was then five minutes past 3, I was obliged to return on the following day.

INDIVIDUAL TASK. I began to feel that I had undertaken a task almost beyond my strength, but I resolved to go through with the business even if it took me years to accomplish it.

On my return I once more hastened to the asthmatical old gentleman at the "Bureau des Mariages," armed with these documents:

MARRIED AT LAST. At last the eventful morning came, and, contrary to the forebodings of the asthmatical old gentleman, there was no hitch. The room where the marriage took place was beautifully painted in white and gold, with a bust emblematic of the republic in a prominent position.

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simple affair. When we had taken our seats a man in livery opened a pair of large folding doors at the back of the title and announced, "Monsieur le Maire," whereupon all present stood up. The mayor, a dapper gentleman with waxed mustaches and in evening dress, with his badge of office, consisting of a red silk scarf across his chest, then entered and bowed to the people present.

TALMAGE'S IDEAS ABOUT WOMAN.

The Noted Preacher Advances Several Interesting Opinions Concerning the Fair Sex.

In the course of an interview with a woman representative of the Times-Herald Rev. Dr. T. Dewitt Talmage recently gave interesting opinions of woman's position in the world.

"Whether women will ever become prominent as regularly ordained ministers I cannot say, but successful they must be, for they have more control over the human heart, if the gospel is to be preached successfully, it is by appealing to the heart, not the head.

HOW TO ROAST BEEF.

Temperature of the Oven—A Prime Pot Roast. When beef is to be roasted, it should be placed in a very hot oven at first, so that the surface will be quickly browned, thus making a coating by which the roast is sufficiently cooked.

When the roast is sufficiently cooked remove it to a heated platter and make the gravy. First turn off the top grease from the liquid in the pan, and if there is not sufficient liquid left add a little stock. Lightly dredge the pan with flour, and pour over a hot fire. Strain with a spoonful of some sauce and more salt and pepper, if needed. Strain into a heated gravy boat and serve.

A New Idea Just from Paris. The bottoms of sleeves still continue to be trimmed, and there are multitudinous ways to do it. One new idea just from Paris shows the bottom of the sleeve flared out suddenly at the wrist to form a bell-shaped piece that fits over the hand to the lowest point of the thumb.

At a time when many manufacturers and dealers are making the most astounding statements regarding the merits and durability of inferior Pianos, intending purchasers should not fail to make critical examination of the above instruments.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

From the Sun. An old housekeeper says that there may be many new liquids for freshening and brightening carpets, but she has yet to find anything that will do better work than ox gall.

A SYSTEMATIC REST-HOUR.

How to Enjoy Complete Relaxation During the Day. There are very few housekeepers, says the New York Tribune, who appreciate the necessity for a systematic rest-hour in the midst of the daily duties.

After the habit of the daytime nap is once established the moment the bath is over and the tired woman dons her night attire she will easily fall asleep, and such is the control of the strong habit of the daytime nap that at a watch or clock and firmly determines to awake at a certain hour she is quite sure to find herself wide awake at that time.

On ordinary occasions an hour is sufficient from the time one enters the privacy of one's rooms to prepare for the second coat. Then give it several coats of the enamel paint. This paint will dry more quickly than the other, and the bath will no longer be an unsightly object.

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COOKING EXPERTS SAY: "Not a pound of lard per year is consumed in our kitchens, and we conscientiously advise the public to use almost any other fat."—Marion Harland and Christian Terhune Herrick, page 147, National Cook Book.

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