"If you are interested in shooting irons," said a gun dealer to a New York Sua reporter, "let me show you some pistols. They will indicate how fashions have changed among shooting men during

the last forty years. In a neat mahogany case which the dealer placed on the counter lay two single-barrelled pistols. The barrels were a foot long. The bore was a halfinch in diameter. Barrels, locks and stocks were elaborately and tastefully engraved by hand. The stocks were peculiar in shape in that a horn projected so as to fit between the thumb and the rest of the hand and keep the weapon from jumping up when fired. There was a circle of steel in the case that was for cutting patches for the round ball moulds were also in place, and a pow- osity. der flask and cap box as well. It was a and died in a few hours.

first-class duelling outfit. "They are for sale," said the dealer, "because duelling is out of fashion They cost a lot of money when new, and it will take \$25 now to buy the outfit. Forty years ago no other sort of a weapon was used in the shooting galleries. The gallery man loaded the weapons and gave the word as if a duel was in progress, and the would-be expert fired at the outline of a man placed twelve paces 1683. away. Although revolvers were invented before the date I speak of, the duelling pistol held its own in the shooting galeries until after the war.

"While shooting men cling to the duelling pistol for gallery practice, in anticipation of needing a knowledge of it some time, they could not carry such a weapon around with them. The derringer was accordingly brought out as a pocket pistol. It was a short weapon, the barrel being but 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches long, but in the hands of the old-time gamblers on the Mississippi steamboats it was a deadly weapon. They often fought duels conflicts derringers were invariably used

"Of course the fact that the derringer duced, one barrel beside the other, as in graved, but it was about as unhandy a weapon to get out of a man's pocket in a hurry as could well be imagined. Many of the double-barreled weapons had bronze barrels, and just before the war it was a common thing for funny writers to refer to double-barreled brass pistols as the type of untrustworthiness. These weapons were generally of Belgian make and never had an extended sale.

"All this time the makers of revolvers had been pushing the sale of their weapons, but when one of these old revolvers as looked at now one does not wonder that the derringer held its own. The revolvers were larger and heavier than duelling pistols, and were of use only on

"On the frontier they were, of course rapidly adopted, and, because of the fact that loading the cylinders with powder and ball was a slow process, the shooting men carried extra cylinders ready loaded, which were substituted for emp.y ones in time of need.

was a great thing for pistol makers. Many curious weapons were brought out during the war. One of the most novel with the barrels one on top of the other, us down to the neighbors. was evolved from this idea.

the production of light and efficient revol- he would say. vers became possible, and no end of styles were brought out. The good revolver than a cageful of monkeys. One day it proved so efficient that the use of derrin- got into the old gentleman's early vegegers dropped almost entirely. There is table garden and dug up some cucumber only one firm now engaged in making vines. He caught it by the chain and derringers, and the demand scarcely jus- broke its back with his cane. We had tifies them in continuing the style. Where to have revenge. It was a plain case of every gentleman once carried a brace, very few shooting men would now take of a human being and a good deal more one as a gift, save as a curiosity. And of a Christian than he was. Gran'ther yet for a man in close quarters no wea- had a habit of going down to the pon is quite so efficient as the big-bored meadow and sitting on the top rail of

duel, save only in isolated districts, was in shooting galleries was abandoned. Revolvers became the popular weapons even My aunt put in a half day picking in galleries. But all this time a couple splinters out of him. We were hustled of firms were manufacturing a singlebarreled pistol that was much like the over the town his version of our attempt old duelling pistol in shape and weight, and yet used the convenient metal cartridge. Because these single-barreled sit in the chimney nook, and sip a pint weapons were extremely accurate and the of hot rum and water. At 9 o'clock my cartridges were cheap, say \$2.50 a thou-sand, the single-barreled target pistol has at least held on to the esteem of enough sporting men to warrant the con- would stop snoring for a half hour. Our tinuance of its manufacture. There are room was on the same floor. One night indications of a growth of popularity in I couldn't stand his terrible roofthe future. There are several features of raising racket. So I got up, found a the target pistol that especially commend | ball of twine, unrolled a hundred feet, it to the better class of sportsmen, the made a slipnoose in one end and fastened better class, as I understand the term, including all who pride themselves more on the free end to my own room. Then one head of game killed clean by skillful jumping into bed, when gran'ther snored shooting than on a score slaughtered by I a portable cannon. As rifles among these stop. It was very funny.

men increase in popularity they will turn 'I felt quite pleased at my invention. men increase in popularity they will turn to the target pistol to replace, or at least go with, the rifle for small game."

Brainy But Bashful.

Hanover, Mich., has a most peculiar and eccentric young man. He is so bashful that he does not speak to his nearest neighbors, and he will go miles out of his way to avoid meeting a young lady. A few years ago his parents sent him to school; he attended only three days because twenty young ladies surrounded him at the school house and teased him till he nearly fainted. He took his books home that night and has never been inside of a school-room since. Yet this young man has taken prize after prize for plans for public buildings and is a firstclass mechanic. - Chicago Herald.

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SELECT SIFTINGS.

FASHIONS HAVE CHANGED SINCE is 130,086 miles.

House servants cannot be had in Pueblo, Col., for less than \$30 or \$35 a month, and they are scarce at that figure. France's production and consumption milk amount every year to 1,350,000,-000 gallons, which is three times in ex-

cess of the production of wine. Henry Merritt, of Franklin County, Me., was peering into a stone wall for a woodchuck. The animal saw him first and bit off the end of his nose.

The bug eaters is a term applied to the inhabitants of portions of Nebraska, where the country is so poverty-stricken that travelers wonder how the natives

The greatest depth of the ocean is some miles away from the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, where bottom is reached at a depth of 40,236 feet, or seven and three-quarter miles.

P. M. Mathews, a Minneapolis millionaire, visited Butte, Montana, recently, in loading the pistol. Bullet and went to an opium joint out of curi-

Reports of towns with short names are ncreasing in number. In the Chinese Province of Ho-nan there is a city called U; and in France there is a river and in Sweden a town having the name of A.

The landing of the German pilgrim fathers will be celebrated in Philadelphia, F.anz Daniel Pastorious, the leader and the founder of Germantown, came to this country with his associates as early as

At a colliery at Carmyle, within two miles of Glasgow, Scotland, twenty-one miners were imprisoned by a shaft falling in, but they were all rescued by means of the underground connections with another pit belonging to the same firm.

The skin of the whale is from two inches to two feet in thickness. The thickest skinned quadruped is the rhin-ocerous. Its hide is so tough as to resist the lion's claws. The ball of an old

fashioned musket will not penetrate it. It is stated in the Russian papers that new professorships in the Japanese, with derringers, while in hand to-hand Corean and Hindustani languages have been founded at the University of St. if any weapon besides a bowie knife were Petersburg, and that the course of studies in these subjects will begin next ses-

had but one charge was noted. To make Very few persons are aware that Paris up for this two were carried. Then has a big elm which is 130 feet tall and has double-barreled derringers were introeen feet. It is healthy and vigorous. a shotgun. The flash pans were on top was planted by Sully by order of Henry of the barrels. It was elaborately en- IV., who placed an elm in front of every church in Paris.

The Czar of Russia is making a collection of postage stamps, and is prepared to pay any price for such as he may want He lately bought a defaced stamp of British Guiana, dated 1854 for 925 francs, and an unused specimen of the same stamp for 1250 francs (\$250).

One of the latest social innovations, says an English paper, is the female butler, a parlor maid in livery. A good-looking girl in livery of dark blue, green and gold, or scarlet and white looks very smart, and the waiting is, as a rule, done more quietly and deftly than by a man. This opens out a new field of employment for women.

His Grandpa Got Even. "It is hard to fix the exact date when man forgets that he ever was a boy, but it is usually about the time his oldest son's two boys get big enough to cut up "The invention of metal cartridges and be sassy to their gran'ther. That was the time my grandfather forgot," said a man on the row the other evening to a Washington Post reporter. "My was a three-barreled weapon with the brother Lew and myself used to go to an barrels arranged vertically one above the uncle up in Bucks County where the old other, while a substantial bowie blade could be slid out beyond the muzzles on coasions. The blade was fixed there beavily with a cane and was the crossest them in good repair. Another leak is by a spring, and the empty pistol then man I ever saw. His particular delight the hiring of cheap help, mere eye scr-became a wicked knife. The double- was in whacking us boys with his cane vants, and leaving them to the work, barreled derringer of the present time, when we got within reach, and running

as evolved from this idea. "Them boys o' Lewis's air a leetle
"After metal cartridges were adopted the wust, most wuthless cubs I ever seen,"

"We had a pet coon. It was funnier murder. That coon was in our eyes more the fence to watch the men make hay. "After the war the popularity of the We sawed his pet rail half through and loosened the rider stakes. When he me, and the use of duelling pistols even sat down the whole business gave away and he went over into a big briar patch.

upon his life. "Every evening the old fellow would it to the old gentleman's big toe, carrying gave the string a tug and he would

Gran'ther was an early riser. He woke up next morning about 5 o'clock and found the string tied to his toe. He got his cane and went on the trail. It led to my room, and the other end was knotted to my wrist.

"Whack, whack, whack, whack!" "I got at least a dozen good blows all over my eyes and body before I could wake and escape from the bedclothes and that hardwood cane. I was covered with black and blue welts for a week, and the old gentlemun was happy for at least three days."

A Contented People.

"The most contented people I saw in Europe," says an American traveler, "were the Austrians, and they are the ost intelligent. They have more pub--almost the same as a Republican Government. They have a beautiful country He who waits to do a great good at and a delightful climate, and they look once will seldon do any good at all. happy and contented." THE PARM AND GARDEN.

IMPURE ATR IN THE STABLES. Now that horses will be stabled at night, or should be, the most perfect cleanliness should be observed. The floors, if of wood, should be frequently drenched with water, and then sprinkled with finely ground gypsum (plaster), by which the strong, pungent odor common to stables will be neutralized and absorbed. This strong odor of ammonia, which often pains the eyes and nostrils of a man, is exceedingly injurious to horses. It rots leather and corrodes varnish, and what must be its effect on the eyes and lungs of the horses confined in it during whole nights! Foul air promotes glanders, farcy, blindness, influenza, pneu-monia, heaves, all common diseases of horses; and the acrid manure in which horses are compelled to stand causes not only this injurious vapor but rots the hoofs and irritates the skin .- American Agriculturist.

VARIOUS BREEDS OF SHEEP.

Having bred various breeds of sheep says a writer in Breeders' Gazette, a little experience on paper may be of use to omebody. My experience has been in Central Ohio, with the exception of a few loads sent into Texas, to which I de not care to allude. I commenced with fine wools, and wishing to improve the stock, bought of the Vermont sheep called Spanish merinos. After engaging in that fine class of sheep I was never rid of the foot-rot until I got rid of the sheep. Afterward the Cotswold came into vogue, and a little importation from Canada made themselves very pompous for a year or two. They were big, fat fellows, but in a year or two some of them began to dwindle, and after that they never could recover, and dwindled down to nothing. I tried crossing them with blackfaces and they did better. I have tried Southdowns, which seem to do well, and are an excellent mutton Their wool is short and for keeping fat easy there is nothing that excels them. The Shropshire this season seems to fill the demand better than the Southdowns, at least in this locality. A neighbor has French merinos and coems to be well satisfied with them. A Shropshire ram happened to get into his flock, and the result was a few half-breeds, which the neighbor says are perfect sheep. I have tried crossing Southdowns and Shropshires with a Hampshire ram with very satisfactory results. The Shropshire lamb well treated will weigh one hundred to one hundred and fifty pounds at eight months old. A Shropshire fleece will weigh eight to ten pounds.

LEARS ON THE PARM.

The leaks in the roofs of the farm buildings are not all that many farmers have to contend with. We see many farmers buying high-priced implements, and when through using them for the season leaving them where last used, either in furrow or in the stubblefield, until wanted the next spring, and losing valuable time in going to the shop for repairs, or, what is worse, going to the store for new ones. Have a place or shelter for every machine, and when the hired help or the owner himself is through using, put it in the place assigned for it. Some will say that takes To be sure it does; but is it not better to have tools that are fit to use at any time than it is to stop the team when busy to go to town to get them fixed and thereby cause a leak in the pocketbook? Again, many will keep scrub stock and breed from year after year because the owners of the blooded stock ask too high a price for the service of their stock. Then, you may see, on riding through the country, dispidated buildings, and the owner will say he is while the proprietor is in town talking pol; ities or sitting on the fence discussing neighborhood gossip with some one as shiftless as himself. These are but a few of the leaks that might be mentioned, for pages might be filled in enumerating the things, both small and great, that keep the farmer plodding along, always in debt and eternally growling about hard times .- Western Plotoman.

TREATMENT OF MILCH COWS.

Nearly every dairy has its quotum of kicking cows, and every cow in the land, says George E. Newell in the American Agriculturist, is liable to switch her tail across a milker's face during fly time. The human irritation aroused thereby rebuts on the herd to its positive injury.

There are two classes of kicking cowe -those babitually inclined that way, like a balky horse, and those that only use their rear hoofs in an offensive manner to resent fancied or real provocation. Nothing but the gentlest and kindest treatment should rule in the dairy; so, to cure a cow of this disagreeable habit, a brusque manner should be avoided. To milk an inveterate kicker, treat her as you would a heifer. Give her no chance whatever to use her heels. Put a broad strap around her hind legs over the gambrels, and, drawing them snugly together, buckle it tight. Place her in a stanchion next to the wall, and from a ring in the latter let a long strap depend, which, after passing around her right flank, draw taut to the stanchion braces near her head. The cow is then practically helpless so far as any vicious manifestations are concerned. Sit down quietly to milk her, and speak soothingly and reassuringly. If the cow struggles to free herself, calm her fears with a gentle pat of the hand and a persuasive tone of voice. Milk her in the same place and under the same restraint day after day, and in a few weeks or months she can be cured of kicking. The meekest cows sometimes temporarily contract the habit of kicking in defense of abuse from some senseless milker. Treat them impassionately and be perfectly indifferent to their tendency to be light heeled. In a very short time they will be permanently cured. If cows switch their caudal appendages in your face in an attempt to brush off flies, don't amoutate the offending members, as some do, but affix to the side of the milking stool a short strip of tough wood, divided by a spring slit, after the manner of a strictured clothesin. Have the opening of the slit turned ackward and into it; when sitting down to milk draw the brush of the cow's tail. Cow's tails should never be cut off, as it is a wicked brutal custom, depriving the animal of its means of self-defense against animal of its means of self-defense against insects. Humanity and kindness go as far in making a dairy profitable as nutring dress Oregon Intigratio Board, Portland, Ore.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

"Sunshine yellow" is the latest. Enameled jewelry, which is now made perfection, is as popular as ever.

Irish popling in light evening colors will be worn for dressy occasions. Mrs. J. Redding, editor of the Art Journal, is an expert bicycle rider.

Miss Olive Schreiner, the novelist, proposes to come to America next year. Mme. Marchesi, the famous teacher of

singing in Paris, has written her memoirs There are 62,000 women in the United States interested in the cultivation of

The free public library at Concord, N. H., is to have a statue of the late Louis M. Alcott.

An English lady has left \$50,000 to be devoted to photographing the stars, planets, and nebulæ.

A handkerchief in the possession of the Szarina is said to have cost \$2500. It look seven years to make it.

Queen Louise, of Denmark, the mother of the Princess of Wales, has just passed her seventy-second birthday. Miss Toki Mardira, the daughter of one

of the highest families in Japan, has desided to take the veil in Munich. There is an impression that the social and matrimonial success of the American girl in England has been curtailed.

Cornell University has opened the new year with 1400 students in all, the number of women showing a relative increase. Passementerie and silk cord ornaments. although not new, are of greater impor-tance at the present time than ever be-

For bonnets and bonnet trimmings, for wraps and parts of dresses, shot velvelts, both figured and plain, will be in order.

The fashion of women wearing the single eyeglass has been started in Lon-It is chiefly affected by theatrical don.

Miss Wheeler, of Philadelphia, who is engaged to Count Poppenhein, of Bavaria, is only eighteen years of age and very rich.

Panels for dress skirts are in what are known as Tower Eiffel designs, very broad at the foot and tapering to nearly a point at the top.

Newly imported costumes of very beautiful silky gray India cashmere are elegantly decorated with silk cord Escu rial passementeries. Miss Joanna Baker has been appointed

to the chair of Greek at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. Her father occupies the position seventeen years ago. Shot velvets, figured and plain, and

shot moire ribbons, are likely to be much used for parts of dresses and of wraps, and for bonnets and their trimmings. The velvet brocades introduced this season for dresses are very beautiful. In many instances these will be used for the

front breadth only, in others for the Long cloaks that drape the figure loosely and are finished with nearly round shoulder capes are called Ursuline cloaks, and come in dark-colored camel's hair

It is predicted that black dresses will be worn more this winter than they have of late, and some handsome models are shown, suitable for both young and elderly ladies. Green still remains a favorite color for

dressy street costumes, and there are many combinations of green with other colors, notably apricot, peach, Suede and copper red. Miss Ying, the daughter of the new

Chinese Minister to this country, is a pretty girl of sixteen. She has the plackest of hair and eyes and a creamy

manners are her charms. Lace hats and bonnets once reserved for mid-summer are now just the thing for half-season wear. Flowers or silver

fligree or fine cut steel are the most stylish ornaments for them. The insatiate demand for small presents in silver has met with a wonderous variety of patterns in the form of book marks and envelope openers, which

sell from \$1 to \$5 a piece. The "reefer," in blue, mahogony or Roman red cloth, will be a popular jacket for youthful wearers during the entire autumn, and like models in heavy cloaking goods are also made ready for winter

Animals Recognize Pictures.

Thirty years ago, says a correspondent at Oxford, England, I was staying at Langley, near Chippenham, with a lady who was working a large screen, on which she depicted in "raised" work (as it was then called) a life-sized cat on a cushion, The host, a sportsman now dead, was much struck with the similarity to life of the cut, so he fetched his dog (alas! like

too many of the species), a cat-hater. The animal made a dead set at the (wool) cat, and, but for the master clutching him by the collar, the cushion would have been torn into atoms. I related this tale lately in Oxford, and my hearer told me that a friend in the Bevington road had just painted a bird on a fire-screen and her cat flow at it. My own dog, Scaramouch (a pet of the Duke of Albany's in his under-graduate days), disliked being washed, and when I showed him a targe picture of a child scrubbing a foxterrier in a tub, he turned his head away ruefully and would not look at his brother in adversity.

The Vanderbiits own several farms and each one is conducted on strict busi ness principles and an account kept of all expenses and income. In this turnips are raised at a cost of \$3 per bushel, hay at \$65 per ton and oats at about five times what they can be bought

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A Chinese custom practised at San Francisco is the throwing into the ocean of thousands of pieces of paper when friends are about to sail away. Each paper bears, in Chinese characters, a prayer. At a recent sailing the women sat on the dock and uttered these paper appeals to the sea gcds, the friends on the steamer doing the same thing.

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