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Explorer Stanley thinks that Africa will in the future become what America is to-day.

A minister of Boston says no farmer can be successful who doesn't work sixteen hours a day.

The adoption of steel ties in place of wooden ones seems to be one of the coming reforms in railroad building.

The Argentine Republic imports yearly over \$100,000,000, and of this vast sum, the United States sell them less than seven per cent.

There is an extraordinary increase of suicide and dueling in high military circles in Russia. The fashionable duel is fought at five paces with cavalry revolvers.

It is estimated that \$312,000,000 is invested annually in the co-operative building associations in this country, and that these associations annually furnish 156,000 houses or homes to their members.

The newspapers of Louisiana, without regard to locality, almost solidly unite in demanding that the United States Government take charge of and maintain the levee system of the Mississippi River.

The remarkable statement was recently made from the pulpit by an optimistic Boston clergyman that "there were never more beautiful women that now, and that Helens and Cleopatras are produced by the thousands."

The burning of a Florida steamer is attributed to the laziness of a watchman who attempted to fill a lighted coal oil lamp. The result was the loss of three lives and the destruction of the boat with all the passengers' luggage.

Domenico Cappelletto, a journalist of Padua, Italy, sent his newspaper an account of his own suicide and then shut himself in a room, lighted a charcoal fire and underwent asphyxiation. In a footnote he advised the editor to print 100 extra copies, as he thought there would be an unusual demand for the paper on account of his death.

A Philadelphia barber testifies that the use of leeches for black eyes is becoming a thing of the past. This is not due so much, he says, to the growing unpopularity of the leech, as it is to the fact that black eyes are much less frequently seen than they used to be.

In discussing the best way to keep boys in high school the consensus of opinion at the meeting of the Northern Illinois Teachers' Association at Rock Island was that athletic sports should receive more encouragement.

It is worth remarking that the Germans have never called Bismarck "The Iron Chancellor." The title is one of French or British invention.

In a case just disposed of the Supreme Court of Indiana has decided that a will made on Sunday is valid. It holds that the drafting and execution of a will are akin to the execution of a marriage contract and solemnizing the marriage.

There is just now a remarkable revival of the ship-building industry in the State of Maine, announces the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Yards, which long since fell into decay, have been brushed up and the symmetrical shape of a large schooner or ship has appeared, and the hum of building has taken the place of silence.

MAKE CHILDHOOD SWEET.

Wait not till the little hands are at rest Ere you fill them full of flowers; Wait not for the crowning tuberose To make sweet the last sad hours. But while in the busy household band Your darlings still need your guiding hand, Oh fill their lives with sweetness!

DOROTHY'S PET.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

"Oh, Noddy, you dear fellow, you love me, if no one else does! Kiss me, darling! Right on the mouth!" An old red barn, settled in a one-sided manner, down among the tall white daisies and clustering red clover-tops, at one end of the barn, a small, round, old-fashioned wooden table, with a white cloth, and a few chairs, were arranged. The barn was a simple, old-fashioned structure, with a gabled roof and a small porch. The daisies were in full bloom, and the red clover was just beginning to show its head. The scene was peaceful and idyllic.

QUEER WORK FOR WOMEN.

ODD INDUSTRIES FOLLOWED BY SOME OF THEM.

A Woman Who Finishes and Parnishes Homes—One Runs a Livery Stable—Some Shoe Horses.

New York is full of independent women; "7288" is the numeral that distinguishes a young lady who consigns all sorts of hammered silver goods to the Exchange for Women's Work. She made her reputation by a tea-caddy, hundreds of which have since been sold.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

CLEANSING SILVERWARE.

To clean silverware mix together half an ounce of fine salt, half an ounce of cream of powdered alum and half an ounce of cream of tartar. Put them into a large white pitcher and pour on two quarts of water; stir frequently until the mixture is entirely dissolved.

TO BEAT AN EGG.

Any child knows how to beat an egg, which is true so far as that any one by dint of patience and a fork can beat an egg to a froth, but one person will take fifteen minutes and have it less light than another in five.

RECIPE.

Asparagus Salad—Cut off a pint of boiled asparagus tops, throw in cold water, and let stand until ready for use. Then dry carefully, put them in a salad dish, pour over French dressing, let stand ten minutes and serve.

Getting the Peach's Best Flavor.

The Delaware peach is a noble fruit. "You people who live in the cities don't know the real taste of a peach," said an old-timer of Delaware as he drove through the orchards of Kent County behind his favorite white horse, intent on showing the visitor what the country looked like.

United States Navy Yards.

There are nine navy yards in the United States, located at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charlestown, Mass.; Gosport Navy Yard, near Norfolk, Va.; Kittery Navy Yard, opposite Portsmouth, N. H.; League Island, Philadelphia, Penn.; Mare Island, San Francisco, Cal.; New London, Conn.; Pensacola, Fla., and Washington, D. C.

Canon Made of Leather.

"Let me give you a bit of history," said a downtown leather merchant the other day. "That many a student has overlooked. The objects of peace are not all that leather figures in, for it is leather that we owe the introduction of light artillery."

THE "BLACK DRUM" FISH.

The black drum is one of our largest game fishes, most abundant in the Southern States, but occurring along the Jersey coast, and often found in the waters of Staten Island, where one was caught last week in Prince's Bay.

Grandmother's Gingerbread.

This is the real old-fashioned gingerbread of our childhood's days. One cup of New Orleans molasses, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in five tablespoonfuls of hot water, ginger, salt, and half a teaspoonful of powdered alum.

Soup Stock.

To three pounds of lean beef without bone put two and one-half quarts of water. Simmer gently for one hour, skimming thoroughly when it comes to the boiling point. Then add one carrot, one turnip, one onion, one stalk of celery or a teaspoonful of celery seed, one bay leaf, and simmer for four hours longer, never permitting it to boil or to grow cool, and adding a little hot water, enough to keep the original quantity.

Stuffed Potatoes.

Boil good-sized potatoes. When done, cut the tops off; with a spoon, scrape out the potato into a hot pan, mash, add a tablespoonful of butter, a quarter of a cup of sweet milk (to half a dozen potatoes), a teaspoonful of salt and a little pepper.

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KISMET!

The dear old story: we were bound to meet Upon the pathway that we folks call life; Your eyes sought mine, your heart sought mine, my sweet.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Buried alive—Electric wires.—Puck. A safe investment—Buying one.—Lawrence American. Stamp act—The act that wins applause.—Texas Siftings.

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