

Largest Kitchen in the World.
The largest kitchen in the world is in that great Parisian store, the Bon Marche, which has 4000 employees. The smallest kitchen contains 1000 quarts of the largest 5000. Each of fifty roasting pans is enough for 300 entrees. Every dish for baking potatoes holds 225 pounds. When omelets are on the bill of fare 7800 eggs are used at once. For cooking alone sixty cooks and 100 assistants are always at the ranges.

Virginia possesses the greatest magnesium mines in the world.

X-Rays

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Of test and trial prove Hood's Sarsaparilla to be unequalled for purifying the blood because

Nothing is more remarkable than the growth of the flower industries in London. Not many years ago flowers were expensive luxuries, only to be obtained in early spring by those who could afford to pay fancy prices; now anyone may purchase in the streets for a penny the most lovely flowers from the Scilly Islands, Holland and the south of France. Every flower has its allotted week or fortnight while the rush is on, the jonquils, the hyacinths and the violets. Just now violets are in full swing, and every day three trains leave the south of France for Paris laden with them. The train which reaches Paris at 5 o'clock in the morning is the one which supplies the French capital; the burden of the other two trains is dispersed all over Europe, but more especially to England. The violets are collected all along the Mediterranean shores, are packed in little wickerwork baskets and sent off by express train.

The cost of transport is at the rate of a penny a pound, and each truck contains between four and five tons of violets. Here in London the flower-girls sell them in the streets from their baskets, but in Paris they are sold from little carts at a penny a bouquet, and everybody buys them, heedless of the fact that they are the Napoleonic emblem. A few years ago anyone who wore a buttonhole of violets would have been put down as an enemy of the Republic, but it shows how head the idea of a Napoleonic revival is in France, where every man in the streets wears its badge without any thought of the pretender across the frontier. Otherwise, the utter dislocation into which parliamentary government has fallen in France might, coupled with the wearing of the violet, have given rise to hopes for the restoration of the Empire.—London Globe.

One of the great amusements of Boston in warm weather is riding on the electric cars for fun and air. The practice is so extensive that the lines advertise their attractions for the purpose.

Robert Dixon, of New York, is the second person in that city who has become insane through worrying over the cathode rays.

MELANCHOLY WOMEN.

AFRAID SOMETHING DREADFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

How a Little Baby Girl Battered the Clouds Away.

Of course a woman will naturally see the dark side of everything when tortured by some form of female disease, which her doctor cannot or does not relieve. No wonder she is melancholy when head and neck ache, pains run through the whole body and loins, nerves are weak, stomach out of order, digestion poor, sense of fitness and bearing down, poor sleep and appetite, always weak and tired, irregular menstruation, whites, etc.

The probably is not so fortunate as to know that all female ailments are indicated by these never-failing symptoms, and are controlled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; all female weaknesses quickly disappear by its use. It has been the thinking woman's safeguard for twenty years, and all druggists sell large quantities of it because it can be relied upon.

Still another woman speaks: "I wish you would publish my name with your testimonials. I want every one to know that your Vegetable Compound has made me well and strong. I sing its praises all the time. When I was first married I was very weak and had female troubles badly. Oh, I was so weary, sick and melancholy, but the Vegetable Compound built me up, and now I have a dear baby girl, and I am so happy. No home is complete without a dear little baby and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to roll the clouds away."—Mrs. Geo. Clark, 35 Danforth St., Buffalo, N. Y.

If you accept a substitute, you must not fuss because its not as good as genuine PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.

NEW PATENT FOR WOMEN

HARMONIZE WITH YOUR WHEEL.
Vagaries of bicycle fashions are numerous. To dress in harmony with one's machine is one of the latest, now that colored wheels are in use. A woman flashing by the other morning in a white cloth suit, with white sailor hat, veil and gloves, and mounted on a white wheel was a somewhat startling spectacle. Mournful wheels, or, more properly, wheels for use in mourning, are a Parisian caprice which the Frenchwoman finds necessary to her a la mode grief.—New York World.

MARRIAGE IS NOT FINEST AIM.
Mrs. Luella Wilcox St. Clair, President of Christian College, Columbia, Mo., recently requested all the members of the class which will graduate this year to state briefly in writing their principal purpose in life. A number of interesting answers resulted. Ten of the girls replied that it was their principal desire to obtain further education, especially in art and music. Three prefer quiet life at home, that they may be a comfort to their parents in their declining years. One desires to be a missionary. One the highest and noblest of another young lady is to be a hospital nurse. The girls stated that it was their wish to travel as much as possible. Only one admitted that marriage was her principal purpose in life. Several of the replies were written in poetry.—Chicago Times-Herald.

IMPORTED CANES FOR WOMEN.
A wholesale firm in New York has imported a number of ladies' canes. These canes came from London and are the fad among the fashionable women of England. They furnish another example of the homage which is still paid to royalty in that extreme limited monarchy on the other side. The Queen has become so old and infirm that she cannot walk without the support of a cane, and in order that their beloved sovereign may not be conspicuous in her infirmity, the English ladies have made the cane a fad. It is not the elderly lady who carries it, however, for that would reflect still more upon her Majesty's advancing years. Nor is it the new woman who "sports" this attribute of masculinity. The young and frivolous society girl is the one who twirls her stick on the boulevard and promenades at fashionable watering places. The custom began late last summer and has increased in favor until it has boiled over, as it were, into this country.

It will be interesting to see what the American girl would do with the new plaything. She may treat it as the rightful property of the new woman along with the Derby hat and the dog whistles. In this case it will surely appeal to her in the near future of girls' canes-rushes at that advanced institution of learning.—New Orleans Picayune.

ADIEU TO FLUFFY HAIR.
Fluffy bangs, and even the coquetical waves that so graciously conceal the imperfections of an ugly forehead, are, as well as the girl that wears them, out of date. The mannish girl is at the height of the fashion, and she is astounding thousands of her primmer sisters by parting her hair on the side.

Absolute severity and simplicity is the motto of the new hair dressing. Twist or coil or braid or do whatever you will with your back hair, so long as the result is modest and inconspicuous, but under no circumstances must you venture to impart a feminine curl to the front locks.

Lady Helen Stewart has set the fashion over in England, and her titled friends who are trying to look as well as Lady Helen does are renouncing all connection with the stereotyped frizzes that serve as the badge of English royalty. American women are beginning to take up the fad, and the tailor-made girl of the coming summer promises to be a model of congruity, with the addition of her mannish little hats and her hair neatly parted at the side.

The new fashion may not be positively becoming to those who are afflicted with straight locks, but when the hair has a natural wave the effect is rather graceful. The girl who knows the secret of looking well rises superior to the most exacting fashion and even transforms a purely mannish coiffure so as to call forth admiration.—New York Advertiser.

FASHION NOTES.
White lilacs with maiden-hair fern make lovely bridal bouquets.

Lineen gowns are being worn by shoppers who appreciate comfort.

A novel ribbon has a black velvet pompadour design blown on a sky blue surface.

The very newest thing is to have a married woman for maid of honor at fashionable weddings.

The small sleeves do not look so dreadful after all when the bodice is made fluffy by fanciful trimmings.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

TO MEND BROKEN CHINA.

Fine china or colored glass may be neatly mended by painting the edges with the white of an egg slightly beaten, dipping the edge in finely powdered unslaked lime and quickly pressing the two edges together and holding firmly for a few moments. The lime will slacken and harden very quickly.

TESTING THE OVEN.
Miss Parloa gives the following directions for testing the oven in cake-baking: "For sponge-cake put a piece of paper into the oven, close the door, and open it in five minutes. If the paper is a rich yellow, the oven is too hot; if it is a light yellow, the oven is too cool; if a dark brown, it is too hot. For pound-cake, the oven should be just hot enough to color light brown. Cup-cake requires an oven about the same temperature. All thin-rolled cakes require a hotter oven, so that the paper should turn a dark brown in five minutes. The length of time required for baking certain cakes will vary with their thickness or the size of the pan in which they are baked."—New York Post.

VEGETABLE SOUPS.
A large proportion of the soups in daily use in the French household are made without stock, but of vegetables simply boiled to a purée in water and properly seasoned. At the head of this list of maize soups, as the French call all soup made without meat, is Julienne.

Take two small carrots, one turnip, one leek, one onion, a quarter of a head of fine young cabbage, and a quarter of a head of celery. Clean all these vegetables, wash and dry them. Cut them into little shreds, about the size and shape of matches, but not over two inches long. On account of contraction of the onion it is not possible to cut it on the exact straight strips which are considered the proper shape for this soup, but it should be cut as near the shape as possible. Keep all the vegetables as dry as possible. Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter in a hot saucepan and fry all the vegetables in it until they are slightly brown. A quart of the water in which peas or beans have been boiled should then be seasoned with salt and pepper, if it is not so seasoned already.

Fried vegetables should be added to it and the soup should be allowed to slowly simmer for three hours, when a handful of chopped sorrel or a teaspoonful of minced chives or a handful of minced lettuce leaves should be put in and the soup served at once. You may add little squares of bread properly fried in butter or browned in the oven. This soup will be a great deal better if it is made with a rich stock or consommé in place of water.

In this case it is made in exactly the same way, except that the vegetables are cooked for thirty minutes after adding them to the stock.

An onion soup is one of the best vegetable soups we have. Fry four onions, cut in thin slices, in two heaping tablespoonfuls of butter, or even in nice fat. Stir the onions continually while they are frying, and when they are quite brown add a scant half cup of flour. Continue stirring the rather pasty mixture that you have till the flour has cooked a little and is well browned. Then add very carefully, a little at a time, three cups of boiling water. Add now a tablespoonful of salt and the soup standing at the back of the stove, where it will slowly simmer for half an hour. Now mash smooth two fresh-boiled potatoes, add about half a cup of milk to them, and stir them into the soup. Add another cup of boiled milk, or enough to reduce it to a cream consistency. Some rounds of butter require a little more milk than others. Strain the soup through a fine puree sieve. An ordinary flour sieve will do. Return it to the kettle, which should be rinsed and wiped out, and let it boil ten minutes, stirring it frequently. Put a half cup of little squares of toasted bread and two tablespoonfuls of minced chives in the tureen and pour the hot soup over them.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
For making marmalade buy Messina or Seville oranges.

Before washing colored stockings set the color with alum or salt.

Two tablespoonfuls washing soda dissolved in a gallon of boiling water makes a good disinfectant for the kitchen sink.

Before going away in the season grease all iron kettles, frying pans, etc., that they may not rust during your absence.

If a dish of cold water is kept in a cake box it will keep the cake fresh and moist. The water should be renewed every twenty-four hours.

In icees use twice as much ice as salt. In cream use three times as much ice as salt. In freezing have ice on top; in packing leave salt on top. Let cream stand two or three hours to "ripen" before serving.

In making a mustard plaster take a piece of lard and stir the dry mustard into the lard until it is a thick paste and will just spread. Spread on a piece of lawn and apply to the affected part. This will not blister.

The pretty little two-tined forks intended to be used for strawberries are now seen decorated with the berry in the natural colors. The vines twist around an up the handle, and has both the blossom and the fruit upon it.

TEMPERANCE.

ONLY A BABY'S PRAYER.

"Now I lay me down to sleep"—Twas just at evening tide,
A little freckled, chubby boy knelt by his mother's side.
The father in his old arm-chair was moved to teach the words,
And holding firmly for a few moments, The lines will slacken and harden very quickly.

He thought of how he knelt beside his little bed,
And how his mother knelt there, too—alas! she now is dead,
He looked back over the vanished years when he was but a toy,
So full of hope and innocence, his own dear mother's joy.

Since then the dreary days of life has thrown its shadow o'er his life,
It wrecked his years and crushed the hope of his departed wife,
The wedded love was blighted and their home was filled with tears,
And the future seemed to promise only dark and dreary days.

"Dad bless my papa dear to-night, an' mato him good and true,
Thus on the words, from tender lips, His heart was stirred anew,
The mother hugs her little boy and checks a sighing tear,
The father's heart glows warm again with love for those so dear.

"'Tis night again, and side by side they both kneel down and pray
Just as they used to do at home in times so far away
The father's heart is true once more; his words are kind and mild,
He kneels a ransomed man at last, led by a little child.

"Sweet night, and side by side they both kneel down and pray
Just as they used to do at home in times so far away
The father's heart is true once more; his words are kind and mild,
He kneels a ransomed man at last, led by a little child.

THE MODERATE DRINKER.
The moderate drinker looks upon himself with great complacency, thinking that there is a wide difference between himself and the poor, miserable drunkard. And yet the drunkard was at one time a moderate drinker. No man becomes a drunkard all at once. He begins to drink a little, and then a little more, and then a little more, until he is a drunkard of to-day.

THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.
The drunkard's wife knows by bitter experience the pain of a drunkard. A Kentucky judge has granted a man a new trial because the jury which convicted him drank six quarts of whiskey and two bottles of beer.

His Curiosity Satisfied.

The following is told of an old lady who had her hair cut off in a severe illness and wore a wig in its place. She was staying in a Continental hotel, and one day noticed a gentleman looking curiously at her hair. Soon after, on some excuse, he crossed the room to behind where she sat. She calmly got up, turned around, and, lifting her hair from her head, said: "Yes, sir; it is a wig."

Out-Door Sports.
The hardy, strong, athletic man, after months of out-door life and sports, feels all the better, although he may have suffered, as many do, from serious sprains and bruises. If sports were stopped on that account, we would have no more of the great baseball games, sports of field and turf, of our and gun, of rod and racket, but all sportsmen would take up arms and bring down their accompaniment with composure, because they know how easy and certain it is to use St. Jacobs Oil and get rid of permanently the worst forms of any such accidents. There may be some, indeed, many, not quite up to date in being prepared for the season's enjoyment, and such should undoubtedly have a supply of this great remedy for pain.

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If you own a dog and think anything of him, you should be able to treat him intelligently when ill and understand him sufficiently to detect symptoms of illness and its cause. It is a book written by H. Clay Glover, D. V. S., specialist in canine diseases to the principal kennel clubs, will furnish this information. It is a cloth bound, handsomely illustrated book, and is sent postpaid for \$1.00. Write to the Home House, 134 Leonard St., N. Y. City, on receipt of 40c. in postage stamps.

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Narrow, Rheumatism, Sciatica and day's use. Marvellous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 trial bottle free. Dr. Klein, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and especially effects a cure. It is a powerful remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces. If your druggist hasn't it in stock, ask him to procure it for you. It will save your life.

Dr. Agnew's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. One bottle cures.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that no many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.



It is the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

Mr. A. W. Burch, an attaché of the Boston, N. Y., Standard, writes September 26, 1895: "In conversation with one of our merchants a few days ago, I learned that his wife, who had been in very poor health, was regaining her health and strength, and that she attributed her recovery to Ripans Tablets. I requested an interview, which was granted, and the lady cheerfully gave me the enclosed testimonial."

For a long time I have been interested in the advertisements of Ripans Tablets, which I have seen in the Home Standard and the leading magazines. The advertisements seemed to be honest and I grew to believe them. I tried to obtain some of the Tablets, but found that none of the druggists in this city kept them. I was determined to give them a trial, and at last procured a box by sending to Utica. I had suffered from indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and distress in my stomach after eating. I began by taking a Tablet after my breakfast and supper and experienced immediate relief, and in a few days the distressing symptoms had entirely disappeared. Now when I eat anything that usually disagrees with me I take one Tablet and avoid unpleasant consequences. I have also found in them a very agreeable relief for constipation. (Signed) Mrs. C. H. Burt, 429 Liberty St., Rome, N. Y.

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