

England Loss a Big Beast.

Jimona, the most famous elephant in all England, is dead. Queen Victoria, when a child, used to ride on Jimona's back. The elephant was taken to Windsor Castle two or three times a year for several years in order to give Her Majesty an outing.

Jimona was one hundred and thirty years old, and, old as she was, her death was not due to old age. She was eight feet seven inches in height and weighed three and one-half tons. She was valued at \$10,000.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-herb, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

The soil of Porto Rico is said to be well adapted for the growing of cotton.

Cataract Cannot be Cured

With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and its successful use is well known. It is a combination of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cataract. Send for testimonials, free of charge. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price, 75c. The Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The only soap which the Hindus employ is made entirely of vegetable products.

Lane's Family Medicine.

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

The population of Ireland decreased by 710 during the year of 1897.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Texas has 108,000 more bachelors than old maids.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The Japanese never swear. Their language contains no blasphemous words.

Eczema

Painful Itching, Burning, Smarting and Swelling—Hood's Cures.

"My little boy was severely affected with eczema, and we gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured him. We always keep Hood's Sarsaparilla on hand, and I have found it very beneficial for palpitation of the heart. My mother has taken it for rheumatism, and it has helped her." Mrs. Viana Franklin, E. Otto, N. Y.

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is America's Greatest Medicine. 25c per bottle. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25c cents.

Maxim's Bullet-Proof Coat.

When Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the famous deadly gun, was in Worcester the other week, he told a story of an experience in England with an alleged bullet-proof cuirass, the secret of which was offered to the British Government for about \$200,000 in American money. During the test of the "garment" Mr. Maxim asked permission to try an experiment himself, and, placing a piece of paper in front of the cuirass, fired through it. The projectiles "splashed" out against the paper, proving to the inventor that the bullet-proof quality was given by a strip of steel. He then published a paper denouncing the cuirass, and incidentally stating that he had discovered the secret and improved upon it, and he would sell the secret for \$1.75. Asked what he meant, he explained that his cuirass weighed but ten pounds, the other twelve, but contained a strip of steel thinner than that of the regular invention.—Worcester (Mass.) Gazette.

OPEN LETTERS FROM

Jennie E. Green and Mrs. Harry Hardy.

JENNIE E. GREEN, Denmark, Iowa,

writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I had been sick at my monthly periods for seven years, and I tried almost everything I ever heard of, but without any benefit. I was troubled with headache, backache, pains in the shoulders and dizziness. Through my mother I was induced to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has done me so much good. I am now sound and well."

Mrs. HARRY HARDY, Riverside, Iowa,

writes to Mrs. Pinkham the story of her struggle with serious ovarian trouble, and the benefit she received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This is her letter: "How thankful I am that I took your medicine. I was troubled for two years with inflammation of the womb and ovaries, womb was also very low. I was in constant misery. I had heart trouble, was short of breath and could not walk five blocks to save my life. Suffered very much with my back, had headache all the time, was nervous, menstruations were irregular and painful, had a bad discharge and was a perfect wreck. Had doctored and taken local treatments, but still was no better. I was advised by one of my neighbors to write to you. I have now finished the second bottle of Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and am better in every way. I am able to do all my own work and can walk nearly a mile without a fatigue; something I had not been able to do for over two years. Your medicine has done me more good than all the doctors."

Smart Umbrellas.

The woman who gives a birthday gift will want to give an umbrella. The woman who receives the gift will want to receive an umbrella—the season's showing is so thoroughly delightful. If you are choosing one and want a fashionable umbrella at reasonable price look among the tinted wood sticks. With the exception of the enchanting handles which jewelers have put forth these tinted wood affairs are the smartest of the season. There is simply no describing them. You must look at them for yourself. Be sure, by the way, to select one in which the silk matches the predominant tone in the wood or combines effectively with it. The Dresden knob and other china knobs are out this year. Silver knobs, bars, etc., are still used, but rather less than last season. Serpents, lizards and animal heads appear less frequently also. Rough wood handles studded at random with little globules of silver half the size of a pea make another line of odd sticks. Amethyst cabochons set in silver knobs are very new and clever. Turquoise cabochons embedded in a small gold ball are wonderfully lovely, but out of the reach of most purchasers. Then there are bone and ivory, cut tinged and tinted in various ways, which make delightful handles. Ouzr combines delightfully with

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NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Embroidery Without Stint.

Embroideries will reign again this winter more royally than ever, with embroidered flowers done in white linen threads, in colored silks, or in black lace and black cords, making most exquisite garments. White crepe embroidered in large colored flowers about the hem, more delicately on the bodice, made a sensation at several watering places during its owner's travels, and another frock of white net was enriched with a raised embroidery of delicate natural colors, which was evidently applied. Colored silk embroideries will be applied in this way to cashmere frocks, and to silk madras ones for this winter's wear, leaving the materials actually embroidered upon themselves, such as crepes and silks and velvets, for most elaborate evening toilets.

Is It Coming to This?

It has not been the fashion for girls to wear ear-rings for a great many years past, and most of them have never had their ears pierced. The grandmothers and aunts, mothers and older sisters have even formed promises from them not to have holes made in their ears for the sake of vanity, pleading and arguing that they might as well wear rings in their noses as well as their ears. But Dame Fashion holds a very powerful sway over young women of all ages, and she says: "Girls, you must have your ears pierced, and you must wear long, drooping ear-rings as your grandmothers did, who now cry me down and say nay." So the girls are obeying, and it does look funny to see them with their ears tied up with bits of string, like little girls of long ago. The latest fad in ear-rings is a succession of precious stones, five or six generally, hung from tiny loops of gold, and graduated from a very small stone which fits close against the ear to larger ones.—Harper's Bazar.

Tea Gowns.

Evidently tea gowns are to be the correct house-gown this coming winter, and are most graceful in design, and made of the most expensive materials. There does not seem to be any unalterable law as to the fabrics used for tea gowns, but anything that is becoming, will hang well, and make up effectively, is considered fashionable. One exceedingly smart gown is made of crinkled crepe—white, tight-fitting, and with folds crossed over the bust and fastened at the left side, so that the fronts leave a V-shaped opening at the throat. The fronts are trimmed with pleatings of pink satin ribbon, and the entire gown is lined with pink silk; at the back, starting from the shoulders, are two long Watteau pleats of the crepe that are put into the seams at the sides. Another gown of flowered silk, made from an old ball gown, is cut open in front, showing a petticoat of tuck white lawn and entro-deux of Valenciennes lace. The tight-fitting sleeves are of the lace, with high collar faced with the lace. A girdele of silk, with tasseled ends, fastened at either side, is tied in front, and the ends fall to the foot of the skirt.—Harper's Bazar.

The Diet of Business Women.

An eminent physician in one of our large cities has been making inquiries as to the diet of business women, and comparing it with that of men in similar positions. He makes some valuable suggestions as to the result of his investigations, and gives utterance to some criticisms on the habits and management of the women themselves. "The fact is," he says, "three-quarters of the women who board themselves are about half starving themselves. Not that they deliberately and with malice aforethought neglect mealtime or refuse to eat a fair amount of food, but they will not take the trouble to cook dishes suitable for them. I found at least a dozen women out of the thirty employed in one large house who frankly admitted that they never cooked a hearty meal for their own eating. They claimed that they felt quite well on a diet of bread and butter and coffee or tea, with an occasional piece of cake or a pie. Fruit in the season is quite frequently used, but at other times it is too costly for women of moderate means or those who earn but small salaries." It seems an impossible problem to handle, but in some way there must be an arrangement by which women can club together and, by uniting forces, live admirably and under much more healthful conditions than those which at present exist.—New York Ledger.

A Discovery in a Menagerie.

An amusing incident was witnessed in a certain menagerie the other day. Here and there between the cages a number of the well-known trick mirrors were placed. An Irishman, after a critical survey of the monkeys, had wandered away from his better half, and suddenly found himself in front of one of these mirrors. After one glance at his distorted reflection he rushed back to his wife, who was still watching the antics of the monkeys. "Come away, wild yer, Bridget," he exclaimed. "O've found a bigger trate than that—the ugliest baste in the show. He's in a little cage in the corner."

Back to the Corner.

Bridget offered no objections. Two or three of the bystanders who had heard Patsy's remark were equally anxious to obtain a peep at the "ugliest baste," and there was quite a procession to the "little cage in the corner." Patsy, as the original discoverer, secured first place and dragged his wife in front of the mirror. To his astonishment there was more in the "cage" than he expected. "Begorra, Bridget!" he suddenly exclaimed, "there's a pair av 'em!"

Patsy had a lively time of it when some one explained the situation to Bridget.—Weekly Telegraph.

The Wrong Place.

"I'll tell you one thing," said Madpop to his long-suffering wife, "if Willie does not behave himself I'll give him the worst spanking he ever had. He'll get it in the neck!"

"Do be serious, my dear," replied Mrs. Madpop. "The neck is no place on which to spank a child."—Harper's Bazar.

Camels' milk is said to be very helpful to consumptives. It is palatable and nourishing.

What Women Are Doing.

Mrs. Mary Letur Curzon is now Baroness Curzon of Kedleston.

Martha V. Houston has been made Postmistress at Bradford, Me.

Fifteen women are running for County Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kansas.

Miss Yvette Guilbert, of Paris, will go barnstorming in Russia and the Balkan principalities.

Mrs. A. R. Varney, of New Jersey, was elected director of the Camden Woman's Park Association.

Married women will not be permitted, hereafter, to act as teachers in the public schools of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Florence Frost, a Chicago chambermaid, has fallen heir to a life interest in a half-million-dollar estate in Delaware.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Sea Isle (N. J.) M. E. Church has started an endless chain collection to pay the church debt.

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Dear Uncle Sammy—Now that Spain has marched over our country, and you have proved that you can shoot and hit what you are shooting.

Please look around the corners here—See those men in the street, and by you, the willing victims slain and suffering ones neglected.

'Tis senseless, sad, inhuman war, 'Tis blood and death, 'Tis a fatal, foul delirium, Unheard, unbelieved, unnumbered, The Cubans cried to God and fought; The men that have to slay; Are far below the fighting rank; Are left no wish for praying.

These foes you haven't dared to whip—See those men in the street, There's where the U. S. A. is weak, And all your gunners dummies. A great usurping boy, these, God's name and habit; Why should you run over their guns As timid as a rabbit?

O Yankee grit and Yankee dash, A hero-like and noble, Can knock the Liquor Demon out, And drown him in the ocean!

Dear Uncle Sam, your brawny arm—God's great demand to sway it, Can sweep this horror from the land, The Traffic cease and slay it.

Then, why not order, Uncle Sam, Your battleships and cruisers, With tested guns and bravest men? To crush these proud abusers, You hold the sword of God; to Him—The enemy surrenders, He claims the nation, heel and keel, As Temperance Defenders.—Justice MacGregor Shaw, in Temperance Banner.

Beer as a Beverage.

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