

FEMINE FANCIES.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR OUR WOMEN READERS.

Short Bits of Gossip and Latest Notes of Fashion.

Arropos of doctor the London medical journals make mention of the fact that several of the so-called weaker sex have passed successful examinations in Great Britain and the English Apothecaries Hall, and are qualified dispensers. Of these graduates, Miss Emeline Cook has been appointed dispenser of the Children's Hospital at Brighton; Miss Marjorie Mowbray designed to take charge of Dr. Barnardo's East End Medical Mission, and Miss Bowen is permanently established at the Ear and Throat Hospital in Great Charles street. Surely this is woman's age, and the good-natured world is making room for her at the head.

Every guest chamber is provided with a night lamp, or as fashion has decreed, should be. Some of the designs are exceedingly pretty and quite inexpensive. The metal lamps, better known as nursery lanterns, are trifling and show an owl, a cat's face and the head of a bulldog, with various mock jewels in the eyes through which the light streams. There are classic shapes with dragon faces, griffin heads and high chimneys of colored glass. Illustrations of the German romance, while the lanterns are of blackened iron, with prism crystals, that swing from slender rods are copied after the sixteenth century lamps that burnt in the lofty cathedrals before the entrance of some sacred tabernacle.

Women who are accustomed to travelling now carry robes and blankets on the precise as they do on the steamships. They strap them and use them during the daytime to throw over their skirts whenever they feel like putting their feet on the seats in front of them in the pines. Another interesting case. Thus equipped it matters not how far their skirts may work up above their shoes—the blankets cover them from the knees down. Of course they explain that they carry the robes to save themselves from cold when on the other hand, the colored porters of the same car keep the temperature at 80 degrees, and would consider themselves incompetent if a whiff of fresh air should steal into a car in their charge.

Mrs. Marey Henderson of New York, who is of the opinion that colored table decorations have been overdone, gave what she pleased to term a white dinner Wednesday evening. The china was of the purest white Royal Derby. White silver and cut crystal candleholders, vases and violet bowls held respectively white wax and silver bouquets tied with moire ribbon, which also fastened the napkins. White violets floated in the fluted bowls and the bouquets for the ladies and gentlemen were composed of white flowers. The menu was of the same preserved the unity of color; the vegetables and dark viands were smothered in cream gravies and celery sauce; the white gravies and pale fruits were tied with white ribbons, the cardinals and chocolate puddings were sprinkled with preserved orange blossoms, and the sweet biscuits had snow-white frostings.

Miss Margaret Emma Ditto, whose "One Little Injun Boy" made her famous, and whose short stories have made her wealthy, lives in a charming house at Wellesley, Mass. The house, which she planned, built and furnished herself, is a gray stone cottage, one and a half stories high, with a gable roof and a turret gallery. All the floors are of hard wood, the rooms are ventilated by large, open fireplaces, and by means of sliding doors the parlors, library and dining room can be thrown into a great hall. One charm of the pretty home is its abundance of cushioned seats built in the corridors, angle nooks and window-sills. Miss Ditto is a woman of cordial and unassuming nature, her voice is extremely pleasant, and she has reached that degree of success where she can write or dream according to the mood in which she is in.

Mrs. Robert W. Chapin, of New York, who has contributed \$40,000 as an endowment fund for a training school for children's nurses, will in all probability bring about a revolution in the nursery. The new enterprise is to be run in connection with the Babies' Hospital, and her friends have pledged to supply whatever sum may be needed to carry on the work. It is the intention of the founder to limit the number of pupils in order to secure a superior grade of excellence and before graduation it will be necessary for the student to possess some attainments of efficiency other than that called for in the course of study.

The young woman must show in various ways her fitness and ability to take the child's part. She must be gentle in manner and pleasing in appearance; she must understand the ways and means of reaching the child's mind, and she must be at once a dog-book, story-book and compendium of familiar science. When the course of study has been completed and the various boards of managers passed, the young women will be provided with all things in private homes where, all being agreeable, their services will be retained through a fit of colic, or being or the whole range of infantile disorders.

An Irish Gentleman.

The seats were full, but one was occupied by a rough-looking Irishman. At one of the stations a couple of well-dressed and intelligent-looking young ladies came in to procure seats, not seeing vacant ones were about to go into a back car, when Patrick went and offered them his seat with a respectful bow. "Oh, you'll have to seat for yourself," said one of the ladies, with a smile and with trustfulness hesitating to accept it. "Never you would that," said the Irishman, "ever welcome to it. I'd like to know the one together any time from here till New York for a small sum from such gentlemanly ladies," and ventured into the next car amid the applause of those who witnessed the incident.

All things came to him that waited; it didn't pay to hold one's breath for any cause.

Daily Postage Stamps.

Letters which have recently arrived from Spain have borne a new postage stamp, marked with the effigy of the King of Spain, Don Alfonso XIII. The fact in itself is not remarkable, since the postage stamps of the monarchial country bear the portrait of its monarch. But the fact that the King is less than four years old, having been born May 17, 1886, and the fact that the stamps of the kingdom have been marked with his effigy but a short time, makes the circumstance an interesting one, says the Youth's Companion. Never before we believe, has a postage stamp borne the portrait of a baby monarch. There have been many child potentates, but Don Alfonso XIII. is the first baby who has reigned over a European country since the introduction of the postage stamps.

To this generation, which considers the postage stamp almost as much a necessity of life as food or raiment, it seems hard to believe that 40 years have not yet gone by since postage stamps came into general use in Europe and the United States.

No doubt this new baby stamp of Spain will be sought for, at least for a time, by thousands of stamp collectors for its novelty. It is quite common, however, to locate stamps. But within a few years Don Alfonso, growing so old that he may fairly claim to be quite a big boy, will need a new postage stamp; and then, perhaps, another and still another before he has become a man. So that people who preserve their stamps will possess a record in postage stamps of a young king's growth from babyhood to manhood.

The postage stamp is quite a pretty object. It is printed in several colors, according to the denomination.

The American Beauty.

which, so says a florist, is the most popular of all roses. It is in all the gardens, has a pleasing light pink color of its own. In the first place, it is the only new variety of rose that America has given to the world. France and England have produced nearly all the roses of the past. America has this incomparable one. Curiously enough, too, the flower was not the result of cultivation. Without waiting to have its advent into the world encouraged by the coaxing process of hybridizing, this new variety sprang into existence from the seed of an American enterprise was found one morning, perfect in form and color, and its fragrance, on a scrubby little bush in the garden of a Washington gentleman. Its unusual beauty attracted the immediate attention of flower lovers, but when classification was attempted no variety was found to include the new specimen. How it was produced has never been ascertained. Some happy cross between two specially adapted varieties, and that cross the result of chance, probably originated this marvelous and perfect variety of the rose. Loyal to our American genius, it is emphatically self-made.

The Bite of Death.

Victor Poissant, a young electrician of Omaha, has a very ingenious way of killing rats. As he has been practicing this method of electric extermination for the past three years he has fairly credited with having anticipated the New York scientists who are now puzzling themselves and the rest of the world as to the propriety of sending Mr. Remmer of the west by the overhead wire system. The prying rodent is caught in an ordinary oval trap, the bottom of which is covered with tin. Mr. Poissant has a small dynamo of his own manufacture. One wire, connected with the dynamo, is fastened to the tin lining of the trap, and another is thrust into the prisoner's cell. The well-known propensity of a caged rat to do battle with the electric wires, causes the wire between his teeth. In doing so he makes the mistake of his life. The circuit is completed, his jaws close on the wire with a death grip, and without a squeak and almost without a quiver he passes into a state of eternal torpor.

How Young Abe Lincoln Danced.

Gen. Singleton of Quincy, Ill., who writes to a woman in the Record of Springfield, who asks how young Abe was a green youth then, tells this story, which we believe has never been printed before. The boy of bright young ladies to which Miss Lincoln's name is cordial in manner and her voice is extremely pleasant, and she has reached that degree of success where she can write or dream according to the mood in which she is in.

The Sultan's Brother a Prisoner.

The man who will succeed Abdul Hamid as Sultan of Turkey is a wretched, lean, pale-faced creature of five and forty named Mohammed Rezhad. He is the sultan's own nephew, and he kept a close prisoner in the great grounds in the city of Constantinople for his majesty's downfall. He has certainly no such intention, but usage requires that a sultan's heir apparent should be treated as a suzerain's prisoner, and Abdul Hamid is such too nervous a creature to inaugurate in this particular.

Briggs—"Ah, I see you are out with your overcoat?"

Griggs—"Yes, I just took it out."

FARM NOTES.

Several trials in recent years have shown that the pine leaves, or needles, as they are called, from our common pine forests are valuable, or can be made so, as a fertilizer for potatoes on sandy soil. If the prejudice against sawdust from resinous woods in general can be removed, and vegetable matters gathered and applied to the soil with regard to its origin and more for its effects, it is quite likely that many farmers would find in the pine forests and groves a valuable addition to their scant supply of bedding, and at the same time furnish the much needed vegetable matter. One man raked up the pine leaves with what decaying vegetable matter there was under them and mixed the mass with lime and let it be in a pile five weeks and then used it for potatoes with good results.

We wish some of the men who are strongly object to letting cattle run in mowing fields in the fall would just take a walk over their pasture now before the snow comes and see if some of their cattle are not some places for good advantage elsewhere. They will find the grass gnawed close to the ground; nothing left for a mulch to enrich the soil, or protect the roots, or hold the soil from blowing off. Yet these men expect to support the stock about seven months of the year without any return for the elements which are taken away, and many of them cannot be plowed and reseeded as the fields can. There is an extreme care in mowing and pasturing that results are not as disastrous and hard to overcome as the results of abusing the pasture as many pastures are abused.

Some men think they are good farmers if they can get two tons of hay per acre on a few acres in sight from the house, even if the pasture fall so the cattle have to be fed at the barn in September.

There has been a wonderful awakening during the past twelve months in the matter of sheep breeding; and while it has not yet reached the highest stage of the trade, the heavier carcassed breeds have, naturally enough under the existing circumstances, been the chief beneficiaries. Some of the best grades of fat muttons in this market have been secured uniformly satisfactory—as compared with the values of beef on the hoof—that farmers and feeders generally have begun to turn their attention to the rearing of the much-neglected branch of stock raising. Word comes from Mattoon, Ill., that Coles county feeders have within the past week received 5000 heads of young sheep from southwestern Kansas and Montana ranges, to winter on the cheap corn so abundant in that section and from various other quarters the information is conveyed that sheep feeding is to constitute a very important industry during the winter months. Owing to the comparative scarcity of cool grades and crosses of the various mutton breeds, feeders are, of course, compelled to purchase "stores" from the far west, but how much greater profits can be realized from the grain fed to consume if adequate supplies of better-bred animals were available. The Gazette believes that in the judicious breeding of pedigree sheep of the distinctly mutton sorts there is room for, and crooked trees which are of interest with profit to all parties concerned.—Breeder's Gazette.

While the question is being considered whether our abandoned farms shall be allowed to grow up to forests or be peopled with lotteries, as a well-known orator has put it, it is well to be prepared for either case. There are many things which are being done to secure the success of the greater care is to keep the bush on over-running their farms, and farmers in such localities will not appreciate lectures on forestry. But where farms are well cleared up and a certain portion of the land is being put into orchards, and it is desired to get as much as possible from the given area, there is much that may be done to advantage. All trees which have fallen should be burned up and used before they are worthless, and the stumps should be staved or broken into sections for fuel. Stumps should be kept out to save the seedlings and sprouts and much may be saved by a little care while working along the young trees.

But in some cases, especially in young pine plantings that are to be saved for timber, there is much work done that is worse than useless. Such trees should never be thinned out unless they are too thick for a man to walk among them. The thinnings depend on their length, straightness and freedom from knots. Where a green limb is cut off a knot remains. Where the limb dies and drops off naturally, the knot disappears, and we find clear lumber; if small knots are cut away so as to give each one that is left the space it should occupy, when mature they will produce too many side branches which will necessitate cutting and pruning of green limbs. A pine grown in a field in an open place will spread out as much as an apple tree and while by pruning a decent looking log may be made of its trunk, it will not produce clear lumber unless the young branches are clipped off each side of the trunk as they grow. An observer should convince owners of lots that there is such a thing as doing too much, and that some of nature's plans are well enough as they are.

Farm Notes.

Is now apt to catch in the branches of evergreen and other closely-branched trees. It should be shaken out before the birds are gone.

Have had snow plows for narrow paths, and the paths and roads soon after a fall, and before the snow gets hard-on and tramped.

Cows soon to calve should have a cool, laxative diet, and not be overfed. If they are good milkers, and are highly bred up to the time of calving, there is danger of milk fever.

Many farmers in western New York give the wool on their land a valuable long ago, but still keep sheep, and say that keeping the mutton breeds is one of the best paying branches of farming.

Sheep should not be compelled to feed at the same rack with cattle. They are liable to be looked and a vicious ram may sometimes do injury to cattle. Separate yards and separate racks are safest and best.

Mr. Flynn, of Richmond, Va., will shortly give a \$1000.00 to the town of Richmond, Va., for the removal of her husband's remains to Richmond, Va. in a suit case. The money is a desperately wicked nature. It never res a suit is given "behind the bars."

NEWSPAPER "SCOOPS."

HOW REPORTERS EXERT THEMSELVES TO GET NEWS.

Some Notable Instances of Enterprise.

A history of scoops would form a good history of journalism. From the time newspaper first began to be issued. One of the great scoops of history was a prediction. The particular of this scoop are so historical that they can be found in Kinglake's History of the Crimean War. The "Standard Times" predicted the battle of Alma. It called the battle that had not yet been fought by the name it has been known in history. It pointed out where it would be fought and pointed out what would be the result. This remarkable prediction was verified in every particular, and, although the "Times" afterwards kept on the predicting business as to the fall of Sebastopol, none of its other predictions came true. This shows the beauty of stop predicting when you have made one big success.

When the Prince of Wales visited America, the "New York Herald" managed to get a scoop on all his esteemed contemporaries by holding a wire against all other newspapers. The Herald was here was but one wire at that time New York. The "Herald" reporter started sending in his messages, and until he had finished none of the other men could send in theirs. His telegraph messages were sent in the suit of the Prince of Wales were and what the Duke of Newcastle said and did, and what every member of the suite thought and were likely to think and do. It was finally he had to fall back on the only book available, a copy of the New Testament, most of which was telegraphed to the "Herald" in New York by the time he had finished with the Prince. It was the only book for any of the other newspapers to send in a special. If the men in the "Herald" office read all the dispatches that came in from the New Testament, the big sum of money paid for the telegraph wire would not have been altogether wasted.

In a recent issue of an American magazine, Mr. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the "London Times," gives a very interesting account of how he scooped all his esteemed contemporaries by telegraphing to London a copy of the Berlin treaty. The last difficulty which he had to overcome was the getting of a permit to send telegrams. He had to go to the post office to get the permit, and he had to go to the post office to get the permit, and he had to go to the post office to get the permit. He had to go to the post office to get the permit, and he had to go to the post office to get the permit.

In America the only trouble that some correspondents have is to get the news. Once they get it and there is no doubt about its being telegraphed. In Europe the correspondents have another difficulty to contend with, and that is, ever after they have their special information ready to be telegraphed, it is sometimes not sent. During the troublesome time in Spain a while ago, a newspaper correspondent found that no matter what information he managed to get, it was never forwarded from the Spanish telegraph office. The government of the day took care that no news that it did not wish to go abroad should be sent. This correspondent then wrote to his friend in London that when he received the next dispatch he was to count every fifth word and cable only every fifth word to New York. He wrote his dispatches after that on his printed paper. Whenever he got a good piece of news he telegraphed it to London, and so his friend in London would read as it was sent appeared to be a long talk of financial and domestic troubles which were bothering him at that time, but when every fifth word was counted he found a good piece of news.

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Switzerland every man is his own assessor. After a woman's death the Government carefully investigates his life, and if he has been defrauding the Treasury it collects the bank taxes with interest.

A Yantion (North Dakota) church has ejectives lights.

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