THE FLOWER GARDEN.

VASES FOR THE LAWN.

On a terraced lawn, vases are especially handsome, but are always in keeping with trim, well-kept grounds. They should be placed near the house and always upon a pedestal or firm base which gaves an air of permanence and stability.

Vases of real stone, granite or marble, are elegant but too costly for general use. Inventive genius, however, supplies us with graceful and desirable forms in fine pottery, cast-iron or artificial stone at moderate prices.

Yuccas and American aloes are stately plants well suited for vase culture and are finest when grown alone.

Cannas, euphorbiers, salvias and crinums are also good. Palms are very suitable for this purpose, areca lutescens being one of the best.

The most usual way of planting is with a tall plant of ornamental foliage in the centre, with a few of lower growth around and drooping vines at the border. High growing plants fine for centres are vicinus, sansiviera zealanica and a number of the cacti. Cereus giganteus and phillocactus latifrons are good specimens. Another odd and desirable plant is Xerophilium Asphodeloides, a hardy perennial with tropical-looking evergreen foliage bearing large clusters of white flowers from 6 to 10 inches long, growing on high stalks. Concerning this plant the *London Garden* says: At the Royal Botanical Show in London, Lord Walsingham exhibited two splendid masses of these showy plants which were the prettiest things there among hardy flowers.

Lower growing plants to plant around these tall centres will be found in the ornamental leaved geraniums and grasses, cineraria and ferns, and some of the new varieties of asparagus with filmy, lace-like foliage. A tenuissimus is a climbing sort, valuable and pretty for the border with its airy, delicate leaves.

Cypress vine and thunbergia and bryonia are also recommended. Care should be taken to plant together plants requiring the same treatment, as one requiring moisture and shady exposure will not thrive if given the dry and sunny treatment demanded by others.

Vases or baskets of rustic work are pleasing substitutes for pottery and may be made by the amateur handy with saw and hatchet. A tripod of gnarled branches forms the pedestal, while a wooden box (a round cheese box is good) serves as the body of the vase. Covered with split pieces, with the bark left on, they are very picturesque and may be given more or less embellishment, according to the taste and ingenuity of the maker.

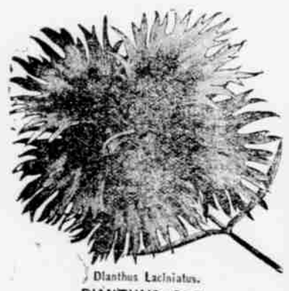
As many of the plants and tints given are somewhat expensive and beyond the reach of limited purses, perhaps the following suggestions from a writer in the *Mayflower* may prove of value to some of our readers:

I think I will tell you about my Vase (?) for the yard, which I made and which has been a delight nearly all Summer.

I wanted a vase and couldn't afford one that cost anything, so I set my Yankee wits at work to devise one.

We had a dead plum tree some six inches through, which I had sawed off three or less feet from the ground; on it I fastened substantially a large wooden chopping bowl painted lead color, which a month before I had prepared by placing in the bottom plenty of sticks and stones for drainage; filling with light, rich soil. In it I set in the middle a red and white Fuchsia and a shabby green and cream color foliage plant of which I do not know the name, and which will live in the cellar through the Winter, surrounding them with the following plants: two wide Solleroi Geraniums on each side of bowl, two plants of Farfuguion Grande, one golden leaf Geranium, Musk plant and Oxalis, filling in around the edge with Othonna and variegated Tradescantia, at the foot of the tree I set a root of Madeira vine, which I trained up the trunk, and verily that plum tree though not bearing fruit is been a wealth of beauty, and I have been well satisfied with my vase. Farfuguion is indeed grand, and all who do not have it ought to, especially those who have shady places (it likes the sun in the house in the Winter), its beautiful spotted leaves droop over the edge and mingle with the green and white of Geranium Solleroi, and over all the Fuchsias droop, and I only wish I lived where it never would freeze, but soon, ah soon, the frost king will be here and all not sheltered will be laid low.

I wonder if beautiful things fade so quickly here to remind us that there is a land of never fading flowers?



Dianthus Laciniatus.
DIANTHUS (*Pinks*).

SOWING THE SEED.

Seed sowing is an art that practice and experience alone can bring to perfection, but timely hints will sometimes prevent the beginner from making serious blunders. The difference in soil and climate and the time of year have, also, to be taken into consideration, as well as the seed itself. Common sense will teach us that the tiny seeds of poppy and portulaca will need but a light cover and that peas and nasturtium must have a deeper planting.

Except in very damp ground the soil should be well pressed down, or "firmed," as the gardeners term it; while in damp, heavy earth a light cover is best, as the moisture is sufficient to sprout them and a heavy soil pressed firmly upon the seeds will chill them and cause them to decay in nine cases out of ten. For the same reason, seeds sown in early Spring should be more lightly covered than those sown in June when the earth has become dry and warm, and seeds will burn in the hot Summer sun. The deeper the soil the firmer should be the covering.

Never has there been such a wealth of floral treasures from which to choose, and never have they been offered so cheaply as now. Europe is sending us the novelties grown by years of patient work. Africa contributes the giant of the flower family; Asia is profuse in her fragrant offerings, and our sister continent is not behind in her lavish gifts, while from the islands of the sea come orchids of rarest form and exquisite colors gathered at peril of life and health in their death-breathing forests.

But in sowing the seed, or the plant, or the bulb, it should always be remembered that a few, well-grown healthy plants showing their owner's love and watchful care is better than the scraggly growth of many whose owner, in the rage for novelties, has planted more than can be well-cared for, and whose needs are neglected.

Dianthus Heddewigii.
DIANTHUS.

Pinks are favorite little flowers and grow well from seeds, some of them flowering the first season. The Japan pinks (Dianthus Heddewiggi), are of large size and glowing colors. D Laciniatus is especially beautiful with its deep fringed edges and magnificent colors. To this same family belong the splendid carnations, the velvety Sweet Williams, and the old grass pink so common in borders. They are all very desirable in the garden and both carnations and dianthus make favorite pot-plants.

The pheasant-eyed pink, Dianthus plumarius, is a winning little flower that one cannot help but admire.

For the illustration in this number thanks are due Parker & Wood, of Boston, Mass. The catalogue of this firm which we have just received is very attractive. The first thirty pages are pink-tinted and devoted to description of various specialties, with illustrations of mammoth cabbages, squashes and melons which make one's mouth water, and fine novelties among the flowers which we are all sure to want.

They also make a prize offer for which there will undoubtedly be much competition.

ELIZABETH ROBINS PENNELL writes in *The Chautauquan* for May of an experiment in co-operative housekeeping soon to be put in operation in Chiswick, England, within half an hour of London by underground railway. The buildings are now being erected on four sides of a quadrangle containing six acres. She thus describes the plan:

Some of the rooms are in flats for those who prefer to have every thing on the same floor; others are arranged as in the usual two, three, or four-story house. And in no way do they differ from the ordinary flat or house except that they are without kitchen, scullery, or servants' rooms.

For these there is no need. A large staff of servants, engaged to do the work of the entire establishment, will be under the direction of a matron. So many, according to the size of your house, will be told off to do your work. They will come at the hour you want in the morning, they will do all that has to be done in the way of making beds, dusting, and cleaning. When their regular day's task is over, a certain number will always be on hand in rooms for the purpose, stationed every here and there in the two rows of houses; if you want anything, you have but to ring. If your work is not properly done you complain to the matron. All responsibility rests with her. She, and not you, will engage and discharge your maids.

As for the kitchens, the large one in the Club House will be all that is required. A good *chef* at a good salary will be secured. In the morning, if you intend to be at home for luncheon and dinner, you will give in your orders. Whenever you are ready for either meal you will go from your own house to the large dining room by way of a covered arcade, or cloister, that is to run round in front of the houses, so that you may walk there without wrap or bonnet, just as if you were stepping down stairs in your own house. The dining-room will be divided into separate little compartments or cubicles; you will have your own reserved for you, where you will always be served by your own waiters and where you can have your table set to suit yourself. Your dinner can be as elaborate or simple as you care to make it.

If you wish to give a dinner party, there are private rooms which you can engage by bespeaking them in time. If you wish at the last moment to bring a friend home with you, you have but to send word to the head waiter.

There will also be rooms that can be rented by any one who wants a friend to stay with him and has no extra space in his own quarters. The open quadrangle will be devoted to tennis courts and cricket grounds. Swimming baths for men and women will be built in the Club House. There will be play rooms for children, a gymnasium, a large hall for entertainments, and studios.

A telephone will connect every house with the porter's lodge. When visitors come the porter can find out, without their troubling to go farther, whether the friends they want to see are at home or not. If you go away for any length of time, you have but to shut up your house and leave the key with the porter. He will forward all letters, take charge of all parcels.

But indeed there is not the smallest detail which has not been carefully thought out and provided for. I know of no scheme for co-operative housekeeping that can approach it.

Life in Ocean Abysses.

Dr. Regnard has raised the question as to whether a corpse which sinks to a very great depth is preserved indefinitely or otherwise from putrefaction. According to his researches, published in the archives of the Biological Society of Paris, putrefaction does not take place in decomposable substances submitted to a pressure of 600 to 700 atmospheres. These figures correspond to a depth of 6000 or 7000 metres at sea. From these experiments it must not be concluded, according to Dr. Regnard, that there is a total absence of putrefaction in the greater depths of the sea. The curious "abysmal" fishes discovered in the Challenger and other expeditions appear to rise after death, so that they are sometimes found on the surface, though, as a rule, they go to pieces as the surrounding pressure diminishes, long before they reach the air. Still, there is no proof that pathybial or abysmal micro-organisms do not exist, and, if so, they could cause decomposition in the corpses of men as well as in the dead bodies of abysmal fishes. The question is of considerable medico-legal, and yet greater biological, interest, and it is far from settled. — British Medical Journal.

The General Committee of the Woman's Branch of the World's Fair at a recent meeting in Chicago selected twenty names of well-known people as honorary members of the auxiliary, among them being Queen Victoria, Empress Eugenie, Dorothy, Tennant-Stanley, Princess of Wales, Marchioness of Lorne.

Everything has a serpentine head—cloak clasps, hair ornaments, shoe and belt buckels, stick-pin, brooches, hat-pins, chatelaines, spoons, button-hooks, hair-brushes and even key-rings coil up tail to tongue.

THE PLAUSIBLE PERSON.

The plausible person is very trying to average humanity.

He is never in the wrong; that's the worst of him—he is never taken at a disadvantage, or "found out;" wherever he is, and whatever he is doing, he can always account for himself; and the most suspicious circumstances somehow invariably redound to his credit as soon as he begins to explain them to us. He does things that would cover another man with shame and ignominy; and he not only does them with impunity, but with positive advantage to his reputation; and thrown at him may stick, but it entirely fails to soil his spotless garment; on the contrary, it is at once transformed, as it were, and becomes a veritable adornment—an added grace, instead of a cause of humiliation. Who can wonder that merely average humanity should resent this, and long—oh, so earnestly—to put the plausible person in the wrong, just for once in his life? If this could be done, he would surely be less aggressively right for the rest of his days, and a far pleasanter and more agreeable companion in consequence.

The plausible person may be selfish—we do not say that he is necessarily selfish, but he may be so—but in him selfishness will appear rather as a virtue than a vice; rather a character assumed for the benefit of his fellowmen than the man's natural disposition. Thus, when he pushes before a weaker brother, and grasps some advantage for which the other was feebly striving, he somehow succeeds in convincing us—so far as logic can convince—that it is for that other's good, and to spare him an access of prosperity that might be his ruin.

Sometimes we find our hero—or our heroine, for plausibility is by no means confined to the sterner sex—is of an indolent turn of mind. He keeps very quiet, while others perform his duties for him; sitting down with a pleased smile, while those about him run to and fro attending to a thousand and one matters which he has neglected, though they were clearly in his province. But if you hope to rouse him to an acknowledgement of his shortcomings by pointing this out to him, you will find yourself bitterly mistaken; he will tell you that he only does it to please them, and at a great sacrifice of inclination on his part; that no one knows what it costs him to leave to others those simple duties which he would far rather discharge himself, but that he has never been in the habit of making his own inclination his guide, or of considering it in his rule of life. Moreover, if he himself did everything always, no one else would ever be capable of doing anything; and, in short, that "whatever is," so far as he is concerned, "is right." Under which circumstances, you will soon find yourself compelled to retire from the unequal contest with such dignity as you may; for who can argue to any profit with such plausible self-sufficiency as this?

When the plausible person is of the gentler sex how infinitely annoying she can be. In youth or in age, in poverty or in wealth, the plausible woman is alike aggravating—with a difference, of course, but a difference not of kind but of degree. Take a plausible washerwoman, for instance; is there anything on earth so irritating or so unassailable? Securely entrenched behind her soapsuds—themselves no whiter than her own spotless conscience—she defies criticism, and has a ready explanation for every mysterious disappearance from "the wash." Do you charge her with the limpness of your collars, the dampness of your linen, she has her answer ready, and, whatever it may be, it is sure to be an unanswerable one, for is she not a plausible person, and therefore justly entitled to the last word? You may know her explanation is really no explanation at all; that her plausible statement is a carefully "got-up" lie—or such a "mangled" version of the truth as to be changed past all recognition—but you cannot prove this; you cannot prove that your tablecloth hadn't a hole in it when you committed it to her tender mercies, or that your stockings have been washed a dozen times before without changing color.

You cannot prove, either, that she uses unprincipled chemical preparations to the lightening of her labors at the wash-tub and the destruction of your wardrobe; but though the plausible washerwoman disproves it conclusively, you do not believe her; though she has the last word, yours is not the silence of conviction, but of exhaustion.

The plausible person revels in domestic service; as a "general" she burns our meat, serves up our potatoes as hard as cannon-balls, and drops onions into our jam; she moves about the dust, but does not remove it. But for all these things she has her reasons, and she can justify each and all of them plausibly enough—to our manifold discomfiture. Trade, too, offers a vast field for the exercise of the plausible person's peculiar gifts, nor are they without their uses—and abuses—in the learned professions and the world of literature and art. In science, again, the plausible person enjoys great opportunities for distinguishing himself, while philanthropy, it seems, if treated judiciously, may be turned to good account; in fact, anywhere and everywhere the plausible person may find a sphere, not exactly of usefulness (we can hardly venture to suggest that), but of general activity and aggressiveness; nor does there appear to be any lack of candidates willing and able to supply the necessary qualifications for occupying it.

He Was a Stranger.

"Here's yer nice hot lunches. Fri' chicken'n biskits, fresh an' hot," cried the well-known darkey lunch vender, as the train stopped at Salt Springs.

"Is the chicken tender?" queried a portly gentleman as he poked his head out of the window.

"Yes-sah. Young 'n' tender, and des es sweet an' fat."

"Where do you get your chickens?"

"See here, boss, wha you fum?" asked the old darkey, staring hard at the stranger.

"I'm from Michigan."

"T'ought you was strange in dese diggi.s."

"Why do you think so?"

"Ca'se, boss, er w'ite gen'leman w'at b'en borned down Souf here nuver axes er cuilud person wey dey git dey chickens."—Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. Figg—Tommy, my son, do you know that it gives me as much pain as it does you when I punish you?

Tommy—Well, there's some satisfaction in that anyhow.

An exchange says:

"The Chinese have no humor; they cannot understand a joke." This explains why the Chinese get mad when hoodlums smash their windows.

"My cigar has gone out," remarked the heedless young man to the official whom he was visiting in his office.

"I am glad your cigar knows its place," was the reply.

A STICKLER FOR FORM.—Gentleman—And why don't you go to work?

Tramp—'Cause I ain't never been invited.

One of the greatest engineering works now in progress is the great reservoir that is to supply Bombay, India, with water. The dam will be two miles long, 118 feet high and 103 feet wide at the base.

GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

WHAT ONE SEES AT THE STRONGHOLDS.

The sunshine means business; The streets are gay with shoppers, and the great stores teem with novelties, in all kinds of wearing apparel and house hold specialties. Strangers are busy at bargain counters which are just now a feature at the best stores.

Conspicious among the stocks at Lord & Taylors is a fabric known as Mela Nova which is the latest loom product of the Gilbert Manufacturing Co., of New York. Dress makers throughout the country, who make it a point to use Gilbert Duplex Twill dress linings will be glad to sample the new material and give it a fair show, made after some of the many exquisite models in the McDowell Paris Fashion Journals for May, which are the very highest authority for what will be worn this season; cut by McDowell system and fitted over an R. & G. corset of domestic contil white, black or colored, the Mela-Nova seems a costume fit for a queen, and every lady should so combine style with patriotism.

Gentlemen also are well looked after in the marvelous melange of stuffs and styles for spring and summer. Hackett, Carhart & Co., N. E. Corner Broadway & Canal streets, known to the clothing trade for half a century, are meeting an exceptional demand of this section upon the usual broad and liberal basis, and forwarding on order, samples and measurement systems and suits to all parts of the country and Canada, and ensuring satisfaction.

Something for mothers too comes in the shape of a pretty little book, entitled "What children are wearing" published by Best & Co., of the Lilliputian Bazar, 60 & 62 West 23rd Street, and sent free on application to buyers all over the country.

The Astor house druggist—A. J Ditman has fortified a lot of people against the grip and other maladies with his far-famed Trigestia which all prominent druggists sell and the sick and the well find an excellent specific for all human ills, because it keeps the system in splendid condition.

Of course one must eat well and sleep well; and leaven their bread and pies and biscuits with Cleveland's Superior baking Powder, office 81 & 83 Fulton Street; concerning which a correspondent writes thus:—

"I have tested dozens of receipts in the book, and have in each instance erated most delectable dishes. The quantities given are for ordinary families, and none of the receipts call for the lavish use of expensive ingredients, and that is why I consider the Cleveland Practical Cook Book invaluable to young and old housekeepers." Sent on receipt of name and address, if stamp be enclosed and mention made of this paper.

Many cage birds are literally starved to death, or poisoned by improper food, and thousands of bird lovers who have seen their darlings droop and die, will rejoice to know of Bird Manna, a substitute for the food which the birds live on in the free state. Bird Manna was discovered by the well-known Canary Breeders of the Harz Mountains of Germany, during their scientific researches, and the preparation keeps the birds in health and song, and cures nearly all their ailments. As an invigorator, Bird Manna is particularly useful during the critical period of shedding feathers, preventing the loss of song; again, it should be given during the breeding season, as the old birds will feed it to their nestlings, and produce a wonderful increase of growth. Bird Manna is put up in metal cases, secured by Letters patent, which are fastened to the cage wires within reach of the birds. It can be obtained from any druggist, or from the Bird Food Co. 400 North 3rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. who will deliver it by mail to any P. O. in the U. S. or Canada on receipt of 15c in stamps Also write for free Book on the "Care of Cage Birds, and All kinds of Pets."

The high-bred dog of the pet loving man or women, must be tenderly cared for and judiciously fed. It has been proven by trial that the most wholesome food for these affectionate and faithful animals is the New Process Dog Biscuit, which is entirely different in composition from all other kinds, and is perfectly healthful, nutritive and inexpensive. The retail price at the factory is 10c a lb. A box of five lbs. costs 50c express charges must be paid by purchaser. A sample cake will be sent by mail for 5 cts, with free book on "Care and Management of dogs in Health and Disease," upon application to Associated Fanciers 400 North Third Street Philadelphia, Pa. Sidney Earle.

The Barnum Institute of Science and History.

Those whose association of ideas with the name of P. T. Barnum are only of the street parade, canvas tent and hippodrome can hardly realize the fact that in Bridgeport, Conn., where his home was for many years, people think of him mainly as a most kind hearted gentleman and public-spirited benefactor. His gifts to the city have been numerous and munificent, and he recently crowned them all by purchasing an ample lot centrally located and began the erection of an elegant and spacious edifice which is his gift to the Scientific and Historical Societies of Bridgeport. More than a year ago he informed those societies that he had remembered them in his will to the amount of $200,000; but his sensible conclusion was to become, as far as possible, his own administrator, and hence the immediate erection of the building now briefly described. In style it will be purely Romanesque, with abundant ornamentation. At the angle of the streets there will be a grand dome, flanked by balconies. An historic frieze, with figures half-size, will extend between the cornice of the dome and the top of the circular windows of the third story. Its five panels will set forth the various stages of the municipal career from colonial times down to the present day, and the medallions in the interspaces will be embellished by likenesses of eminent men. The material for the frieze will be terra cotta, and the intention is to make it a fine work of art. The upper parts of the dome and towers will be covered with copper, while the remainder will be tiled. At the apex of the dome there will be a gilded eagle. Back of the main dome will stand an observatory for astronomical purposes. The ground floor will be given up to stores, the rental from which will go to maintain the expenses of the building. The entrance to the Scientific and Historical rooms will be a gateway through the square tower on the right. The division between these rooms will be merely an open screen of arches and columns, so that free access can be had to any part of the floor, with the exception of a small hall intended for the use of the city medical society, and another room for business meetings. Under the observatory will be a fire-proof vault, in which may be stored specially precious relics and scientific specimens. The staircases and division walls are also to be fire proof. In the third story will be a long hall lighted by sky lights, adapted for a picture gallery. A large room in the east wing will be devoted to exhibits of the two societies, while the auditorium for lectures will occupy the dome, but with sliding doors making the entire floor available when there may be occasion for so much space. The building material will be red sandstone, and the edifice will be a perfect model of its kind.

The head and heart in the game of love
Must play its separate part,
But we'll pardon a girl a cold in the head
So long's she's not cold in the heart.

He—What do you think of this carpet I have selected for you my dear?

She (enthusiastically) It would be hard to beat my love.

"Helped His Lungs and Stomach."

PETERSBURG, ILL., March 13, 1890.

That you may think I am trying to deceive you in regard to your medicine Floraplexion, I will explain. Wishing to patronize my druggist (Mr. Watkins), I had him send for 6 bottles. I am now on my fifth bottle, and it has helped me wonderfully in my lungs, stomach and nerves. M. J. PATLETT.

Floraplexion is the speedy and permanent cure for Sick Headache, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Nervous Debility and Consumption. It is the only sure cure for these complaints. Ask your druggist for it, and get well.

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Mrs. Jones—Now here, John Jones, what are you sitting here moping for?

Jones—I'm feeling as little blue, Mary. You see, I got to thinking what a blow your first husband's death was to me.

If you are told that you resemble a great man say nothing.

It may be that the resemblance will cease the moment you open you mouth.

He I don't think the world is exactly fair to men.

She—Why not?

He—Well, the man who has a head, for instance, gets, ahead, while the man who hasn't one doesn't.

A wealthy man was asked not long ago to subscribe to a worthy charity, "I should like to contribute," said he, "but I have $900 000 in the bank not earning a cent and I really can't afford it."

A stationer's traveler, having had a run of bad luck in prosecuting business, received from the "boss" the following telegram: "If you can't make expenses come home at once." The reply was: "All right. Can make plenty of expenses, but no sales."

A passenger on a steamer offered one of the sailors a glass of whisky, which the honest tar declined, saying: "No, thank'ee, I never drink whisky, be lides its too early yet; and thirdly, I've had three glasses already."

Death on the Stage.

Death on the stage is no rare occurrence. Betterton broke down after performing Melentius in "The Maid's Tragedy," and never rallied after the fall of the curtain; Peg Woffington tottered to the stage door crying, "O God! O God!" after speaking Rosalind's epilogue, and never returned again; Foote was seized with paralysis on the stage, and Miss Maria Linley died at Bath while singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth;" and as to Edmund Kean, who does not know that his strength failed him after the great speech; "Othello's occupation's gone," and, sinking on his son's shoulder, he whispered: "I am dying! Speak to them for me!" Strangely enough, two celebrated French actors have recently been stricken with paralysis while on the stage. One was the delightful comedian, Milher, who can no longer join the "Train of Plaisir" at the Palais Royal, being afflicted with paralysis in the throat; the other, M. Christian, a great Parisian favorite, who while waiting at the prompt entrance to appear in a revue called "Paris Exposition," suddenly fell to the ground paralyzed!—London Daily Telegraph.

In the manner of sleep, Benjamin Franklin said six hours for a woman, seven for a man and eight for a fool.

"August Flower"

Biliousness, Constipation, Stomach Pains.

"I have been afflicted with biliousness and constipation for fifteen years; first one and then another preparation was suggested to me and tried but to no purpose. At last a friend recommended August Flower. I took it according to directions and its effects were wonderful, relieving me of those disagreeable stomach pains which I had been troubled with so long. Words cannot describe the admiration in which I hold your August Flower—it has given me a new lease of life, which before was a burden. Such a medicine is a benefaction to humanity, and its good qualities and wonderful merits should be made known to everyone suffering with dyspepsia or biliousness

Jesse Barker, Printer, Humboldt, Kansas.

A. G. GREEN, Sole Man'fr, Woodbury, N.J.

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Fashion's favorite fad, centers in that famous, fascinating game—lawn tennis.

But there are women who cannot engage in *any* pastime. They are delicate, feeble and easily exhausted. They are sufferers from weaknesses and disorders peculiar to females, which are accompanied by sallow complexions, expressionless eyes and haggard looks.

For overworked, "worn-out," "run-down," debilitated teachers, milliners, dressmakers, seamstresses, "shop-girls," housekeepers, nursing mothers, and feeble women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the greatest earthly boon, being unequaled as an appetizing cordial and restorative tonic. It's the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee* from the makers, of satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. This guarantee has been faithfully carried out for years.

EVERY MOTHER

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Dropped on Sugar, Children Love to take JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT for Croup, Colds, Sore Throat, Tonsilitis, Colic, Cramps and Pains. Relieves Summer Complaints, Cuts, Bruises like magic.

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