HOME ROOMS.

SARAH HENTON.

What makes the house most charming is the individuality of the adornments. Everything about the home has its meaning, whether for the eye, the heart or the hand. The sofas and chairs and tables are so arranged that they seem to be fulfilling a mission of life—the chairs are for the weary or the supple,—perhaps the indolent or the active. There is a sense of fitness and harmony that gives everything a charm. Do you not remember going into rooms that gave you a sense of restfulness and ease? A happy home is the single spot of rest which a man has upon the earth for the cultivation of his nobler sensibilities.

The rooms of which I will especially speak on account of their comfort, are those in houses where the means are too moderate to give an order to an upholsterer whenever fancy dictates—but where economy, good taste, and hospitality prevail. The sitting-room (or drawing-room) should essentially be the "home"-room. There should be a cozy chair for mother, with a comfortable head-rest, a chair for father to read his evening paper in, with a foot-stool to rest his feet upon, while he listens to daughter's music. There must be book-shelves in this room, even if the house contains a library. The shelves must be for the late periodicals, for books to be picked up and laid down at pleasure. No "centre-table" in this home room of cheer and comfort, but a table with a firm hold upon itself and with nothing upon it that cannot be handled and moved readily. In the early evenings an open fire is the most desirable of all luxuries. I am sure "Reveries of a Bachelor" would never have been written, but for an open fire, with its lights and shadows, its live coals and dead embers! Perhaps this room has some old fashioned portraits, (they seem to belong to the room,) an upright piano, a music-rack; everything should declare itself part of the home and family—no over-burdening of color or drapery! Such a room is full of peaceful and happy associations for host and hostess, as well as for their friends. Always a few flowers or running-ivy or growing plants in the room if possible.

I have seen a room, the despair of its young mistress at first, by tact, industry, taste and moderate means, become a home-room such as I describe, full of peaceful and happy associations for all. Instead of the many homes where disorder and strife are common, what changes might be made if woman would exert her influence for harmony and restfulness in her home. A man may travel where he will, home is the place to which his heart fondly turns. I have seen many a grown man look perfectly happy to get back to his mother's room and lay his head upon her bed and pillow. He may have crossed the seas and visited places, but the old remembered room was dearer than all else to him. Girls, instead of being first in the aunts of pleasure, strive to learn the art of beautifying your homes.

There are so many dainty, pretty and inexpensive things, for the purpose of household decoration, that can be made at home now. The decorative linen and art work are exquisite. No one can realize how much the scarfs and ornaments in a room, beautify it, until it is stripped some day of its extras, leaving the plain dresser, tables and chairs, without their adorning. When you go away for a visit, you do this, to save unnecessary work for the servant, but the husband soon expresses his disapproval of the deserted room. If you don't exactly know how to embroider or hem-stitch, learn right away and spend some of the long winter evenings in fashioning some of the beautiful and dainty things that can be made at home with so little cost.

In advocating the beauty of adornment in bed-rooms, I mean that boys' rooms should be equally as pretty as their sisters'. Nothing refines a boy more than to surround him with dainty articles. It teaches him to be careful, and to appreciate delicate things that need careful handling, and when he has a wife and home of his own, he will enjoy with her, his beautiful surroundings and be fitted to appreciate her the more for his bringing up.—*Leisure Hours.*

THE THIRTEEN SUPERSTITION.

Of all minor superstitions, perhaps the most common, because confined to no one nationality or class of people, is the dread of sitting at the table around which are seated thirteen persons. J. R. Abarbawell, in *Belford's Magazine*, gives the supposed origin of the superstition.

An idea of its prevalence among all nations may be obtained by advertising to the well-known fact that the Turks have almost expunged the number (13) from their vocabulary. The Italians never use it in making up the numbers for their lotteries, and the thirteenth card in one of their games bears the figure of death.

No horse in Paris bears the number 13, and in that city the Quartorziemes are recognized persons in society who hold themselves in readiness to be invited to any dinner which otherwise would have the fatal thirteen at the festal board.

The thirteen superstition, briefly stated, that if thirteen persons, either by accident or design, dine together at the same same table one will die within a year.

Its origin has been traced back to the old Norse mythology, in which occurs the story of the gods sitting down to feast with Loke in the Valhalla. Baldur was the thirteenth at the table, and had to die.

It is hardly likely, though, that so obscure a tradition connected with an ancient faith limited to a comparatively small locale would be able to spread its pernicious influence so broadcast over the earth.

The popularly accepted origin may be taken as the right one. The Last Supper which so immediately preceded the crucifixion of the Savior, must always have excited a sentiment of awe in the breasts of the faithful, which, in an unenlightened age, easily degenerated into a feeling of superstitious terror.

Leonardo da Vinci, in his famous painting on the wall in the refractory of the Dominican convent of Santa-Maria-della-Gracie in Milan, unwittingly, perhaps, gave the first impulse to the superstition, in the mind of the ignorant masses who beheld the twelve Apostles and the Master at table.

To see before their eyes the fatal feast itself must have affected them far more profoundly than could the most eloquent sermon on the subject.

In this picture, too, we see Judas in the act of spilling the salt; thus it is fair to presume that both superstitions have practically the same origin.

PRACTICAL SAYINGS.

For fruit stains, dip the spots several times in hot milk.

Keep flowers fresh by putting a pinch of soda in the water.

Keep a small box filled with lime in your pantry and cellar; it will keep the air dry and pure.

Prick potatoes before baking so that the air can escape; this will prevent their bursting in the oven.

Soda is the best thing for cleaning tinware; apply with a damp cloth and rub well, then wipe dry.

For sore throat, beat the white of an egg stiff, with all the sugar it will hold, and the juice of one lemon.

—*Good Housekeeping.*

PERSONAL.

The last picture upon which Meissonier worked is now on exhibition in London. It is a water color study of a soldier on horseback and is done on the top sheet of an ordinary water-color block. It was found near the painter's bedside after his death.

Joseph Medill, of the "Chicago Tribune," has made provisions for the endowment of beds in the Paris hospitals for the use of Americans, in memory of his daughter, who died in Paris, in January.

Anne Hathaway's cottage is publicly advertised for sale to the highest bidder. The trustees of Shakespeare's Birthplace have endeavored to purchase the cottage, so as to preserve it for the public for ever but the negotiations, so far have come to nothing.

Eugene Field might have been a rich man to-day had he saved his literary earnings, but the clever Western versifier is fonder of curios than of a bank account.

Mme. Adam is going to assist the new English paper shortly to be published in Paris, under the title of "The Light of Paris." An American lady, Mrs. Florence Grey, is to be the editress. She says her purpose is "to give people especially Americans, a more correct idea of Parisian life than can be obtained from what is generally published on the subject." Mlle. de Vrolsha, who founded the Woman's Library, is to be the manager.

Mrs. Ellen Call Long, of Tallahassee, Fla., has sent an offer which the Board of Lady Managers has accepted, to exhibit at the World's Fair a large silk flag of the Union made from silk grown by herself in Florida.

Rosa Bonheur has celebrated her seventieth birthday. Mlle. Bonheur has received the Legion of Honor, the Leopold Cross of Belgium, and other distinctions, to say nothing of numerous medals, &c., for her works of art.

The library of Ivan the Terrible, included eight hundred Latin and Greek manuscripts, and it is believed by some that instead of having been destroyed in the burning of Moscow, they remained concealed in the Kremlin. Attempts are being made to obtain permission to search for them.

The only woman who owns and conducts a printing-office in Boston is A. Florence Grant, publisher of *Woman's Voice*, which is edited, managed and printed by women.

Captain James, a quiet rancher in the foothills of Placer County, has been experimenting with the olive, and now makes the sensational announcement that olives can be grown on our native willows by the ordinary process of grafting. He makes good the assertion by exhibiting willow branches with clusters of fruit growing on them.

Consuelo Anatasiades, a young Greek from Smyrna, Greece, has landed in this country with 1,000,000 eggs for his uncle, who has started a silk-culture establishment near Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Jerry McAuley, the widow of Jerry McAuley, has resigned the superintendence of the McAuley Cremorne Mission, No. 104 West Thirty-third street. She is to be succeeded in this work by Mr. and Mrs Charles E. Ballou, who for five years past have been in charge of the Third Avenue Mission of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

VIOLACEÆ.

"The sweetness of the violets' deep blue eyes
Kissed by the breath of heaven, seems colored by the skies." —Byron.

Among our most beautiful wild and garden flowers are those belonging to the order Violaceæ. Poets have sung their praises and interwoven them in their verse in all ages. Perhaps the most popular of all our flowers is viola tricolor, and it has been called many fantastic names from the pretty conceits devised about it. Besides pansy (from the French *pensee*, thought,) we have "hearts-ease" "none-so-pretty" or "Nancy-pretty," "Johnny-jump-up," "pink-of-my-John," "jump-up-and-kiss-me," "call-me-to-you," "three-faces-under-a-hood," and "herb-Trinity." Shakespeare calls it, "Love in idleness," in the Midsummer Night's Dream."

Viola odorata, sweet violets, far exceeds all others of its class in rich perfume and deserves to be more generally cultivated.

We have in this country about twenty different species of violaceæ, some of which are described by Mr. Brotherton in his article this week, and all worthy of a place in any garden.

No flower has been more celebrated in song than this modest violet: Shakespeare, Keats, Tenyson, Byron, all sing its praises and in our own country our best poets have given it place in their verses. It is the one of our native violets to which Bryant refers in those beautiful lines beginning:

"When birds begin to swell,
And woods the blue birds' warble know,
The yellow violet's modest bell
Peeps from the last year's leaves below."

and Holmes, another of our poets, noted for his genial love of Nature, writes:

"The garden's brightest glories
By summer suns are nursed,
But O, the sweet, sweet violets,
The flowers that opened first."

There are but two other genera of plants in North America belonging to this order, Solea, or green violet, an erect leafy plant with inconspicuous greenish flowers found in the Eastern States, and Ionidium, a little-known genus belonging to the far West.

CHOICE PANSIES.

A writer in *The Mayflower* gives the following list of fine varieties of pansies for bedding purposes:

Black Knight is a dark, real beauty; its fine glossy black petals, soft and velvety in appearance, and contrasting finely with the large pure white satiny blossoms of Snow Queen and Snow Fairy. The Yellow Bird is a beautiful new sort of the Giant Trimardeau type, a large pure yellow variety, of vigorous compact growth. Little Red Riding Hood is a charming novelty, of a brilliant bright red color; this should certainly be included in our collection. There are many exquisitely beautiful combinations of color; what artist can reproduce "true to nature," the delicate shadings and tracery of the striped and mottled beauties? In the magnificent strain of Gloriosa Perfecta, we have the blossoms of "reddish steel blue," margined with red and white, a lovely combination. The lower petals of Lord Beaconfield are of a rich deep violet hue shading to white in the upper petals. Thunder Cloud has a large coal black flower bordered with red and white, exceedingly showy. The rich deep blue of Emperor William makes that variety very desirable.

For massing in our flower beds no plant is more desirable than the Pansy; the white and light varieties, enriched by the darker colors, present a lovely combination of shades and markings, exceedingly beautiful.

There are nearly a round million of freight cars in use on American railroads, which have 27,000 passenger cars in service.

Be careful to leave your sons well instructed rather than rich; for the hopes of the instructed are better than the wealth of the ignorant.

The City of Cleveland, Ohio, intends to extend its tunnel for water supply two and a half miles farther into the lake.

Pleasures of Memory.

What a blessed thing is memory! How it brings up the pleasures of the past, and hides its unpleasantness! You recall your childhood days, do you not, and wish they would return? You remember the pleasant associations, while the unpleasant ones are forgotten. Perhaps to your mind comes the face of some friend. It was once a pale, sad face. It showed marks of pain, lines of care. It seemed to be looking into the hereafter, the unknown future. And then you recalled how it brightened, how it recovered its rosy hue, how it became a picture of happiness and joy. Do you remember these things? Many people do, and gladly tell how the health returned, how happiness came back, how the world seemed bright. They tell how they were once weak, nerveless, perhaps in pain, certainly unhappy. They tell of sleepless nights, restless days, untouched food, unstrung nerves. And then they tell how they became happy, healthy and strong once more. You have heard it often in the past, have you not? You have heard people describe how they were cured and kept in health? You certainly can remember what it is that has so helped people in America. If not, listen to what Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, who is known universally as the great dress reformer, says: "Six years ago, when suffering from mental care and overwork, I received the most pronounced benefit from the use of that great medicine, Warner's Safe Cure." Ah, now you remember. Now you recall how many people you have heard say this same thing. Now you recollect how much you have heard of this great Cure. Now you are ready to admit that memory is usually pleasing, that the highest pleasure comes from perfect health, and that this great remedy has done more to produce and prolong health than any other discovery ever known in the entire history of the whole world.

A housemaid says her mistress is inconsistent. She charges her not to break a dish, and if she does break one, she charges her for it just the same.

"I think this thing of overwork being fatal is all rot" remarked the paste-pot. "Why, of course it is," replied the Lent-umbrella joke. "Just look at us!"

Colonel Slye, of St. Louis, has been sent to prison for twenty years for robbing an express car. The Colonel made a mistake by not taking the whole railroad.

Conductor—"Madam, I am obliged to ask fare for that boy; he looks older than four years."

Mother—"He isn't, at all; he has his father's head but his mother's ways."

Mrs. Dix—"These clubs must be very unhealthy places."

Mrs. Hicks—"What makes you think so?"

Mrs. Dix—"My husband says they wouldn't let a man in unless he had the grip."

QUINTESSENCE OF GALLANTRY.

"Am I cross-eyed, Charley?" asked the rich girl.

"Yes, Maude; but who would n't be with your eyes? If my optics were as beautiful as yours I'd be trying to look into them myself, too."

A COMPARISON.

Watts—"I see that a Japanese has invented an apparatus for filling an enemy's eyes with dust at a distance of several feet. I wonder how it works?"

Potts—"Something like a street sweeper, I suppose."

THE COST OF MARRIAGE.

Laura—"I don't know, George, it seems such a solemn thing to marry, have you counted the cost?"

George—"The cost, Laura? The cost? Bless you! I've got a clergyman cousin that'll marry us for nothing!"

AN EXCUSE.

Regular Guest—"This coffee tastes mighty queer Something is the matter with it."

Waiter (at restaurant)—"Yes. It's genuine coffee. We used it by accident. The mistake will not occur again."

A FINANCIER.

Customer—"What do you charge for a hair cut?"

Proprietor—"Ten cents."

Customer—"All right; but I'll only take a five-cent cut now. Cut her off half way and I'll be around in a few weeks and take the other five cents' worth."

ELASTIC SPECIFICATIONS.

Day—"Greene has just completed one of those copyright-designs, thousand-dollar cottages."

Weeks—"How is he coming out on it?"

Day—"All right; he had three thousand dollars; his father-in-law has given him three more, and for the other half he has given a long-term mortgage."

BOGUS "NEWS."

What the Lottery Will Do and Will Not Do.

The news fakirs having tired of setting up imaginary lottery schemes in Nicaragua, changed their field of operation. The following was recently sent over the country, among other papers the Brooklyn *Standard Union* giving it publication:

HONDURAS REJECTS THE LOTTERY.

New Orleans, March 8.—The *Picayune's* City of Mexico special says: Honduras has refused concessions to The Louisiana State Lottery. Gen. Jesus Tolago died here this morning. Forty-seven Mexican generals have died since February 7.

On being shown the above, President Paul Conrad, somewhat indignantly and very emphatically declared: "It is not true that The Louisiana State Lottery Company has made application to Honduras, or to *any other* foreign country, for lottery privileges, nor has any such overture been made on behalf of this company, its shareholders or managers.

"We shall continue to conduct our business here until the present charter of The Louisiana State Lottery Company expires in 1895. Simply that and nothing more.

"Postmaster Eaton's statement in the *Globe Democrat*, that this company accepts the situation, as defined by the courts, in good faith is absolutely correct."—*New Orleans (La.) City Item.*

The electric eel can send a shock fifteen or twenty feet.

HUMOROUS.

Food for reflection—The good dinner that you missed.

Remains to be seen—The girl before the mirror.

The leap-year girl might try him delicately with a little pop-corn.

The spring poet has few writes that publishers are bound to respect.

There was a fire in a lawyer's office here the other day that was caused by a soot in the chimney.

At the Fifth Hour: Zenobia—"I like autumn."

Augusta—"How so?"

Zenobia—"Autumn leaves."

It is a dangerous time for a man's greatness when his wife's imagination begins to wear thin.

A New Jersey minister married fifteen couple within sixty minutes the other day. Fifteen knots an hour isn't bad.

In England they stand for office, in this country they run, and in both countries they lie more or less.

A magazine article asks: "Do titles pay?"

Well, generally, no, until they are sued, and then sometimes they get out of it.

Yes, my son, colleges have their faculties, but it is not the faculties of the students that receive the highest compensation.

Wool—"Who was it advocated 'throwing physic to the dogs?'"

Van Pelt—"Don't remember the name; some fellow whose wife had one, likely."

"Ah,' mused Mr. Hungry Higgins, as the "charitable officer," steered him toward the city wood-yard, "I have once more struck the popular cord."

Bertha—"Grandma, is oor teef good?"

Grandma—"No, darling; I've got none now, unfortunately."

Bertha—"Then I'll give oo my nuts to mind till I come back."

Ebony is plentiful enough in some parts of Mexico to be used for firewood.

"August Flower"

"I have been afflicted with biliousness and constipation for fifteen years and first one and then another preparation was suggested to me and tried, but to no purpose. A friend recommended August Flower and words cannot describe the admiration in which I hold it. It has given me a new lease of life, which before was a burden. Its good qualities and wonderful merits should be made known to everyone suffering with dyspepsia and biliousness." Jesse Barker, Printer, Humboldt, Kas.

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from which the excess of oil has been removed,

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stimulate the torpid liver, strengthen the digestive organs, regulate the bowels, and are unequaled as an antibilious medicine. Dose small. Price, 25c. Office, 39 & 41 Park Place, N. Y.

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has been used by mothers for their children while Teething for over Fifty Years. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five Cents a Bottle.

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or commission, to handle the New Patent Chemical Ink Erasing Pencil. Agents making $60 per week. Monroe Eraser Mfg Co., La Crosse, Wis. Box 553.

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of our thousands of letters of praise from druggists we give the following from Mr. C. O. Bigelow, the enterprising prescription druggist, who has a very large business at 102 Sixth Avenue, New York City:

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as a remedial agent to retain its increasing popularity as a household remedy. The sale of Hood's Sarsaparilla exceeds that of all similar preparations combined, of which I keep in stock some fifteen or twenty. Its

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daily at my counter by those who have been benefited by it, many of whom are personal acquaintances." CLARENCE O. BIGELOW, Apothecary.

HOOD'S PILLS cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache.

It is interesting to learn that in the Ninth Century European Kings wore wooden shoes. In those days, in fact, a monarch did not possess one-half the creature comforts and luxuries that the humblest peasant can now obtain.

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Essential to the production of the most perfect and popular laxative remedy known, have enabled the California Fig Syrup Co. to achieve a great success in the reputation of its remedy, Syrup of Figs, as it is conceded to be the universal laxitive. For sale by all druggists.

It is claimed that if a steel rod be given a number of raps on solid substance while held in a more or less verticle position, the rod will become magnetic.

The Pearl Typewriter.

The advertisement which appears in our columns this week is one of the best machines of its kind. It does the work of a high priced machine, and parties ordering can depend on its reliability

Queen Victoria has a book which is eighteen inches thick and weighs sixty-three pounds. It contains the "Jubilee" speeches and addresses.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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There is a man living in Calhoun Ga., 70 years old, who boasts that he never wore a pair of boots, bought a suit of clothes, white shirt or any store clothes in his life, or wore a collar or necktie.

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For a dinner pill and general family cathartic we confidently recommend Hood's Pills.

Toronto, Canada, has an organization of men who pledge themselves not to marry.

Mr. A. B. Laforme, Boston, Mass., says: "I ordered and distributed one dozen large bottles Bradycrotine among my friends afflicted with headache, and in every case it has afforded almost instantaneous relief." Fifty cents.

A potato was found at Union Springs, Ala., recently through which a growing blade of grass had forced its way.

Well preserved women, when consulting their mirror see beside their satisfied reflection the calm and earnest face of Lydia E. Pinkham. They can tell you why.

Charles L. Hurlburt of New York has made a clock of 326 kinds of wood, in 341,000 pieces. It took over sixteen years to build.

"I have been afflicted with an affection of the Throat from childhood, caused by diphtheria, and have used various remedies, but never found anything equal to BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES."—*Rev. G. M. P. Hampton, Piketon, Ky.* Sold only in boxes.

It is said that there are more old well-established varieties of corn grown in Connecticut than in any other state in the Union.

The progress of science in medicine has produced nothing better for human ills than the celebrated Beecham's Pills. 25 cents a box.

The horse of Osman Pasha, who was captured in the battle of Plevna, died recently in the stables of the officers school of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Cann's Kidney Cure for Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Bright's, Heart, Urinary or Liver Diseases, Nervousness, &c. Cure guaranteed. 831 Arch Street, Philad'a. $1 a bottle, 6 for $5, or druggist. 1000 certificates of cures. Try it.

To find the area of a circle, square the diameter and multiply by 0.7854.

If afflicted with sore eyes use Dr. Isaac Thompson's Eye-water. Druggists sell at 25c. per bottle.

California has ten peaks over 10,000 feet high, and scores of high waterfalls, glaciers and big trees.

Thomas Sumter was the last surviving general of the American Revolution. He was a native of Virginia, and became one of the ablest partisan leaders of the South. He represented South Carolina in both houses of Congress.

Questions Often Asked.

Q. What is Alabastine?

A. Alabastine is a DURABLE coating for walls and ceilings.

Q. Is it the same as kalsomines?

A. It is entirely different from all other preparations on the market.

Q. Wherein does it differ from these kalsomines on the market?

A. It is made from a cement that goes through a process of setting on the wall, and grows harder with age.

Q. What are kalsomines made from?

A. From whitings, chalks, clays or other inert powders for a base, and are entirely dependent upon glue to hold them on the wall.

Q. Why do kalsomines rub and scale?

A. Because the glue, being animal matter, decays in a short time by exposure to air and moisture, and the binding qualities of the material are then gone.

Q. Does the Alabastine contain any injurious substance?

A. Alabastine has been most carefully tested, and is recommended by leading sanitarians throughout the country, on account of its sanitary nature.

Q. What has the same investigation shown regarding wall paper?

A. Sanitarians condemn, in strong terms, the use of wall paper for walls of living rooms, on account of the poison used in its manufacture.

Q. Can anything but plain work be done with Alabastine?

A. Any kind of work, from plain tinting to the most elaborate decorating can be done.

Q. How can I learn to do this work and decorate my house?

A. By writing the Alabastine Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., for book of instructions and suggestions, and illustration of stencils; also showing six sets of tinted wall designs, sent free.

A blind black eel was found in a pond in Maine recently and sent to the United States fish commission as a curiosity.

A Brilliant Discovery in Dermatology.

It is said that superfluous hair can be permanently removed without pain. An interesting and valuable discovery has recently been made by John H. Woodbury, of 125 West 42d street, New York City. It is a remedy for the permanent removal of superfluous hair, consisting of a fluid which is applied to the hair follicle by means of an electric needle. It is designed to be used by patients at their homes, and is said to be fully as effectual as electricity. Full particulars in reference to this valuable remedy are found in a little book of 128 pages, which is sent to any address for 10 cents on application to the discoverer.

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