

Those Awful Slow Clerks.
 "Yes; he knelt at my feet," said the one in blue.
 "Indeed?" returned the one in gray.
 "For fully fifteen minutes," went on the one in blue.
 "Some of these shoe clerks are awfully slow in fitting one, are they not?" suggested the one in gray.—Chicago Post.

Under rational treatment the average yield of a bee hive in Palestine is 100 pounds.

Valuable Almanac Free.
 We have received a copy of the new almanac for 1901 published by the Royal Baking Powder Co. It is an artistic and useful book, and will be of interest to housekeepers. A noteworthy feature of the almanac is a prediction of the weather for every day of the year by Professor DeVoe, who correctly prophesied the great Galveston cyclone and other important meteorological events. We are authorized to say that any woman reader of this paper can secure a copy without cost by sending a request to the company at 100 William street, New York.

The Russian Government has decided to adopt the metric standard of weights and measures, and the Ministry of Finance is now engaged in considering the time and manner of introducing this reform.

Enthusiasms, like stimulants, are oftenest affected by persons of small mental ballast.

There Is a Class of People
 Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

There are now in the United States about 20,000 miles of street railways, of which 500 miles are still operated by horses.

The professional swindler feels that he has a pull so long as there is a leg left.

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 25 and 50 cents.

It is noted that more society weddings take place in London on Saturday than on any other day in the week.

In German cities fresh oysters cost from sixty to seventy-five cents a dozen.

PURNAM FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all druggists.

The Bank of England has usually about £25,000,000 to £30,000,000 of its notes in circulation.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

In the South the Italians are found to be good cotton pickers. They are quick and have nimble fingers.

Asphalt streets in Hartford, Conn., are sprinkled with sand during icy weather.

Talk About It

That's always the way with our Hair Vigor. When persons use it they are always so highly pleased with it that they tell their friends about it.

If your hair is short, too thin, splits at the ends, is rough, or is falling out, our Hair Vigor will perfectly satisfy you.

If your hair is just a little gray, or perfectly white, Ayer's Hair Vigor will bring back to it all the dark, rich color it had years and years ago.

One dollar a bottle.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us \$1.00 and we will express a bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Send for our handsome book on The Hair.

LIBBY'S MINCE MEAT

In our mammoth kitchen we employ a chef who is an expert in making mince pies. He has charge of making all of Libby's Mince Meat. We don't practice economy here. He uses the choicest materials. He is told to make the best mince meat ever sold—and he does. Get a package at your grocer's—enough for two large pies. You'll never use another kind again. LIBBY, McNEILL & LIBBY Chicago. Write for our booklet, "How to Make Good Things to Eat."

THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

New York City.—The demand for fancy waists increases month by month. The May Manton model illustrated exemplifies the latest features and is suited alike to the entire cos-



WOMAN'S FANCY WAIST.

tylish ulster or automobile coat. The back is seamless, but curved to the figure with ease and grace and is joined to the fronts by means of under-arm gores. The box fronts are loose, and lap one over the other in double-breasted style, a generous patch pocket being placed on each side. Over the shoulders fall two circular capes and the neck is finished with a deep turn-over collar. The sleeves are two-seamed and comfortably snug without being tight.

To cut this coat for a woman of medium size six yards of material forty-four inches wide, or four and three-quarter yards fifty inches wide, will be required.

A Fine, Flimsy Affair.

The single-mesh veil, a fine, filmy affair, is in demand just now in Paris and London. It will be right welcome on this side of the Atlantic if it supplants the ornate fancy tissues and fish-net caprices which make for ladies an effectual disguise.

Woman's Breakfast Jacket.

The breakfast jacket that is stylish and comfortable at the same time has become essential to every complete wardrobe. The May Manton model illustrated complies with all the requirements both of fashion and of the wearer and is smart at the same time that it means ease and comfort.

The back is seamless, but, together with the under-arm gores, curves to fit the figure gracefully. The centre fronts are laid in narrow tucks at the upper portion and fall free below the bust. The fronts proper are also tucked at the shoulders and are joined to the centre portions beneath the trimming, which can be embroidered.



A STORM COAT.

be carefully boned. The back proper fits smoothly across the shoulders and is drawn down in fullness at the waist line. The lace plastron is attached to the right lining front included in the shoulder seam and hooks over into place at the left. Single box pleats are formed on the edges of the fronts, a second being invisibly applied at evenly spaced distance. The trimming of velvet-edged insertion passes around the back at round yoke depth and finishes in pointed ends over the pleats in front. Soft decorative straps of velvet in graduated widths hold the fronts in position as illustrated. The sleeves are in bishop style, finished with pointed cuffs. At the neck is a stock collar that curves upward in stylish points.

To cut this waist for a woman of medium size three and a quarter yards of material twenty-one inches wide, or one and three-eighth yards forty-four inches wide, will be required, with three-quarter yard eighteen inches wide for plastron, and two and three-quarter yards of insertion and one yard of panne velvet to trim as illustrated.

The New Storm Coat.

The value of the coat that covers and protects the gown is too completely self-evident to require urging. The exceedingly smart May Manton model shown in the large cut has the merit of being absolutely simple and practical, as well as in the latest style and can be made to serve for a general utility garment, or a wrap to wear over evening gowns, as well as for stormy weather. As illustrated the material is waterproof cloth and the cloak is adapted to damp days; but made from broadcloth and lined with wadded silk it becomes an entirely satisfactory "sortie du bal," and made from covert cloth or other suitable material is again transformed into a

on to the scalloped edge, or applied, as preferred. The sleeves are well-shaped, but not too snug for ease, and the scalloped lower edge flares over the hands. At the neck is a simple turn-over collar scalloped on its free edge, that can be worn with any style of necktie that may be chosen.

To cut this jacket for a woman of medium size three yards of material twenty-seven inches wide, two and three-quarter yards thirty-two inches wide, or two yards forty-four inches wide, with three-quarter yards of contrasting color for centre fronts will be required, or three and three-quarter yards, twenty-seven inches wide, three



BREAKFAST JACKET.

and a quarter yards thirty-two inches wide, or two and a half yards forty-four inches wide when one material only is used.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Conceit is self-deceit.
 True courtesy is of the heart.
 Purity is not negative, but positive.
 An honor bought dishonestly is a dishonor.

Don't measure a well until you get to the bottom.
 A brave man hazards life, but not his conscience.

A thing is not necessarily true because it is new.
 Readiness in criticism often marks ignorance of the task.

The greatest cowards kick the dead lion most heartily.
 When a man is dead to the sense of right he is lost forever.

No toil, no hardship can restrain ambitious men inured to pain.

Any coward can fight with the mighty, but it takes a strong man to side with the weak.

The saving of one convict's soul is striking one blow toward the stamping out of hereditary vice.

Somehow the things you want always seem to come to you just as you've left off wanting them.

A life of patient industry is sure to be blessed with a competence, if it is not crowned with an abundant remuneration.

ARISTOCRATS OF THE FIELD.

Vegetables and Flowers Which Look Down Upon Old-time Varieties.

It has come to be well understood generally that farther North either animal or vegetable life is developed the better that development is, so that the South and Southern planters are just as anxious to obtain Northern-grown seed as are their brethren of the North.

The improvements that have been made in both vegetables and flowers during recent years seem scarcely less than marvelous to one whose attention is for the first time directed thereto. There is scarcely a vegetable seed on the list, from artichokes to turnips; scarcely a flower seed, from abutilon to zinnia, that does not present today a great advance over those varieties as known 20 years ago. Notably is the evolution of the great glowing, velvety pansy of today from the little "Johnnie-Jump-Up" of a quarter of a century back. And equally striking has been the betterment of vegetables, in the annals of which a curious instance is recorded of accidental hybridization in the discovery of a wrinkled pea in a pod of the common white Marrowfat, some 41 or 50 years ago, by Dr. Charles Fair beard, of England. Struck by the appearance of the pea, so entirely unlike anything he had ever seen before, the doctor saved and planted it; and this single pea, thus preserved, was the progenitor of the magnificent race of sweet, green wrinkled varieties, which are fit for table use. It is to this quality of close and patient observation on the part of specialists that we are indebted for the great improvements referred to.

By means of this cultivation the Dakotas have displaced the dwarfed "squaw corn" that scarcely lifted its tasseled head higher than the prairie grass by some of the finest varieties of corn that can be produced, ears a foot long, and stalks six feet high being the rule and not the exception and in some instances worth \$3 a bushel for planting. Nor is it in corn alone that this section of our great country excels, for Minnesota is today one of the greatest clover producing states of the Union, the seed grown there commanding the highest prices in the markets of the world.—Philadelphia Record.

Dolls' Furs Sold in the Cities.

This is the season when its owner looks out to see that dolly shall be carefully protected against the cold when taken out for an airing. So the dolls' furs are brought into use; or, if the doll has none, some are bought for it. These may be found in considerable variety of style, material and price. Dolls' furs include muffs, and collarettes and boas. All these things are made in various sizes and then are commonly sold in sets. As to material, the costlier are made of a fur in imitation of ermine and of sealskin, such furs being lined with silk or with satin, in one color and another, and muffs and collarettes finished just as those for grown-up people would be.

Dolls' furs, according to the material of which they are made and the style of finish, sell at from 50 cents, or perhaps less, a set, up to \$3. They are, of course, sold only in the colder parts of the country, where furs would ordinarily be worn. And while there are some articles of dolls' equipment that, like the dolls themselves, are sold in city and country alike, dolls' furs are sold chiefly in cities.—New York Sun.

The Highest Dwelling Places.

The highest dwelling places occur in the tropics. In the Cordilleras and in the Himalaya mountains there are inhabited spots in altitudes of 13,500 feet, and in Tibet even as high as 16,000 feet. In Switzerland the highest inhabited spots occur in the Canton of Wallis, the highest one being situated on the Alpe de Lona, 8276 feet, and three hours' walk from Grimsau, in the Elish valley. The highest cereal (wheat) producing fields of Switzerland are those situated near the little village of Fındelen, in an altitude of 7140 feet above the level of the sea. In Italy the highest inhabited spot is on the Alpe de Ponton, in Congo, to the south of Oosta, nearly 8530 feet high.

"I am so Glad you are well, Dear Sister."



This picture tells its own story of sisterly affection. The older girl, just budding into womanhood, has suffered greatly with those irregularities and menstrual difficulties which sap the life of so many young women.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound can always be relied upon to restore health to women who thus suffer. It is a sovereign cure for the worst forms of female complaints,—that bearing-down feeling, weak back, falling and displacement of the womb, inflammation of the ovaries, and all troubles of the uterus or womb. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in the early stage of development and checks any tendency to cancerous humors. It subdues excitability, nervous prostration, and tones up the entire female system.

Could anything prove more clearly the efflorescence of Mrs. Pinkham's Medicine than the following strong statement of Grace Stansbury?

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was a sufferer from female weakness for about a year and a half. I have tried doctors and patent medicines, but nothing helped me. I underwent the horrors of local treatment, but received no benefit. My ailment was pronounced ulceration of the womb.



GRACE B. STANSBURY

I suffered from intense pains in the womb and ovaries, and the backache was dreadful. I had leucorrhoea in its worst form. Finally, I grew so weak I had to keep my bed. The pains were so hard as to almost cause spasms. When I could endure the pains no longer, I was given morphine. My memory grew short and I gave up all hope of getting well. Thus I dragged along. To please my sister I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. Her answer came, but meantime I was taken worse and was under the doctor's care for a while.

"After reading Mrs. Pinkham's letter, I concluded to try her medicine. After taking two bottles I felt much better; but after using six bottles I was cured. All of my friends think my cure almost miraculous. I thank you very much for your timely advice and wish you prosperity in your noble work, for surely it is a blessing to have full and complete faith in the Lydia E. Pinkham Vegetable Compound."—GRACE B. STANSBURY, Herington, Kansas.

\$5000 REWARD Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonial letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank, of Lynn, Mass., \$5,000 which will be paid to any person who will show that the above testimonial is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission.—LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

Two Rectors in Three Centuries.
 A correspondent of the Guardian calls attention to the singular length of tenure of the living of Broadwater, in Sussex, England. Its last rector was instituted in 1797, and its present rector was instituted in 1853. There are probably very few livings in the Church of England of which it can be said that the last rector was appointed in the eighteenth century, while its next rector will not be appointed till the twentieth.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!
 Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee, 15 and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

The South African war has destroyed the flour trade with that country. Where thousands of barrels were shipped prior to the war, not a barrel now is sent.

A girl's maiden aim is usually to change her maiden name.



Cold Agony
 Pain intensified by cold is unbearable.

Neuralgia
 in winter must seek

St. Jacobs Oil
 for the surest relief and promptest cure.

Catarrah Cannot be Cured
 With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed 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 catarrah. Send for testimonials, free. J. H. CHANNY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Colorado's mineral output for 1900 is estimated at \$52,741,746.74.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

The eminent surgeon may be dignified and still be a great cut-up.

Have you ever experienced the joyful sensation of a good appetite? You will if you chew Adams' Pepsin Tattí Fruití.

The anti-foreign movement in Korea is spreading.

I do not believe Pico's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds. JOHN F. HOBBS, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1901.

There are no statutory holidays in Mississippi, Kansas or Nevada.