

# THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

New York City.-Little girls are light brown or mode, and in tea green bever more attractive than when sim- They are cut off across the fingers and ply gowned. The charming little May are therefore cool It is the close in

GIRL'S COSTUME.

in every detail and will be found ad-

is simple enough to launder with ease.

able

and white.

Manton costume illustrated is correct ger tips of kid gloves which cender them so unendurably hot in summer time

Brache Swiss

The broche or brocaded Swiss mus lins are in the ascendant. We are treated to corded Swiss also. The 1901 patterns are distinguishable by being invariably printed in white upon colored grounds. White flowered patterns on a black ground are not quite so showy as the black design upon white; with "colors" the effect is all the other way. Swiss muslins colored violet, gray, pink, manye and blue are charged with designs in solid white,

#### An Elegant Night Gown.

Something very elegant in the way of a nightgown is made of finest lawn with a bolero bodice of medium heavy ace. The body of the gown falls into this bolero by means of fine tucks set in about three inches deep all around, The bolern varies in shape, but is on style it reaches to the waist and is run through on the lower edge with

mirable for light-weight wools, such ribbon which forms a belt and ties in as eashmere, albatross and wool crepe front with a bow and long ends. de chine, as well as for ginghams, tinen, nique, Madras, Swiss muslin, Eng-

New Lyons Weaves.

lish percale and all the range of wash-Heavy, lustrous, moired broendes in fabrics, but in the original is lovely monochromes, like opal gray, made from mercerized Madras in blue palest tea-rose, sen-green and Persian manyo are once more in vogne, to the The foundation for the waist is a great delight of dowagers as well as fitted lining faced with the yoking ma- younger women. These new Lyons terial and upon which the tucked front weaves, however regal and costly and back are arranged. Round the apponrance, are nevertheless as soft

edge of the yoke is a fitted collar that and flexible as peau de soie. New Handkerchiefs,

yet is unversally becoming and adds greatly to the effect. The sleeves are Handkerehiefs made of cross-barred in bishon style finished with straight white linen, with narrow borders in





THRIVING INDUSTRIES.

Women Who Make a Good Living by Sup plying Needs of Government Clerks. Numbers of industrious women in Washington make a good living by cntering to the needs of the Government time to sew, and less time to buy the things with which to sew, and the woman who brings for sale a satchel full of nent little parcels, each containing skirt braid, a spool of silk. books and eves, a readymade pocket to insert in a skirt and loops ready made to tack on for hanging skirts, is halled with pleasure, her parcels

snapped up eagerly and a fair price paid for them. Certain of these women pedlers get the cream of the trade. There is one

old woman who has never offered any. thing but aprons and sleeves, such as school children wear, and with which the clerks protect their clean gowns. their cloth suits in winter. She herself dresses in black, and wears a most distressed expression, as though it real-

ly hurts her to part with the black and white aprons and sleeves she has co neatly made. It is currently reported that she earns as much in a year as do

many of the clerks. As a rule, every woman in office likes to have her desk look well, and her needs for this purpose are met by a cheerful lame girl, who brings for sale cheesecloth dusters, with loops to hang them at the back of the desk when not in use. This young girl has also learned that old kid glove wrists are the best of all things on which to wipe

pens, and she gathers quantities of these and sells little packages of them at five cents each. The shoulder brace woman is always

a desk develops round choulders, and Government clerks are as vain as other women, so when they discover a tendency to stoop they begin to think of braces. It would be troublesome to buy them in a store, but it is no bother to have "Shoulder Brace Mary," as they call her, come at noon and fit them on while they are eating lunchcon. Many a half-dollar is exchanged for a pair of braces which Mary guarantees will cure the worst case of round shoulders and which she makes herself according to her own ideas of anatomy.

The inner woman is not forgotten by the office venders. At noontime certain favored merchants come hurrying in with their baskets of good things An old colored woman who makes the best doughnuts ever tasted by department clerks has her basket emptied and her pocket filled with nickels in the twinkling of an eye, A pleasant littie widow brings delicious angel cake to those whose orders she has taken the day before, and her order book is always full. The favorite fruit purveyors are two little girls of ten and eight, who can scarcely stagger along under the baskets of apples, oranges tud bananas, which are rubbed until

they shine alluringly. Many of the women clerks make tea for luncheon. They are no longer allowed to heat water on alcohol stoves. as of old, several explosions having occurred, but they get plenty of boiling water from the engine rooms. A poor woman who knows that clerks like tea,

#### wreath with ruby berries.-Dry Goods | HATCHING BUTTERFLIES the acorn dangle at the end of a full JOUR BUDGET OF HUMOR Economist

FIT OF A NEW JERSEY MAN.

Mr. Markalon is peculiar both in

an entomologist with notions and a

duty and pleasure. His only love, he

says, is the butterfly-insect and hu-

delicacy are to Mr. Markalon of great-

er interest than ancient or modern his-

man's past and present mode of life

would fill a volume, but his strange

passion for and interesting method of

to inaugurate a new social fad, is the

Mr. Markalon was christened Ellery

"Billy" the better, he has long been

and arms of the future debutante of

New Jersey's aristocracy, beside glit-

banks of the Great Runjeet in the Sik-

kin Himalaya. In fact, E. Billy Marka-

lon, owner and manager of the Marka-

inanimate jeweled necklace and pure

white lily shall never more be regard-

ed as the correct decoration for the de-

butante, but, he says, decorations shall

be of life. And so, commingled with

the jet of golden tresses of the be

Having decreed what fashlon re-

quires Mr. Markalon proceeded to pre-

casions.

feature of his present doings.

address him thus familiarly.

The

butterfly is Markalon's religion.

Butterfly Hatchery.

the "creeps.

Ventilate the Hair. A woman who will make a habit of brushing and combing the hair at night and vigorously rubbing the scalp, rubbing till the blood tingles, may be sure, if she inaugurates this habit before her hair has begun to fail, that her hair will keep its color and youthful quality. Even failing hair will often he brought back to vigor by such treatment.

A good deal is said in favor of brushing the hair. Brushing cleans the hair itself, but it does not invigorate the scalp, as does combing, and neither is half so good as vigorous rubbing. clerks. Women clerks have not much When one begins she will find it takes a lot of rubbing to made the head tin gle, but in a few weeks the first rub will start the blood. That tells its own story, for where the circulation is sing gish, there deterioration of vitality has begun. Where the blood runs freely, there life renews itself.

It is good to let the hair hang loosely at night, especially if one sleeps in a room in which outside air circulates freely. The roots need air. Twice a week braid the hair into little braids all over the head. Hair thus treated will keep a glossy look, yet not hang together, and it will turn back prettily in a pomp-dour with better effect than as if the curling irons are used. Beand shirt waist sleeves in summer and sides curling irons are ruinous to the health of the hair.-Philadelphia Times.

> a woman who spent much time or money on her clothes was frivolous while a man was supposed to be quite beyond the necessity of doing more than cover his nakedness. We are learning better, and, despite the fact that you can point to a hundred and one poets and philosophers who have done good work in old clothes, it is true that the average person will do better work if he is well, and to a degree fashionably, dressed. And to return to my first proposition. The ill woman will help herself mightily if she remembers how big a part dress plays in determining her physical and mental condition. If you have a headache and are suffering from nerves. even if you have a more real pain, such as neuralgia or the toothache, and are able to be about at all, don't go around the house in your oldest wrapper, with your hair down. Rather put on a bright frock and brosh your hatr, as if you were expecting company; and this bright outside, combined with the effort to look cheerful, will go far toward helping you out of your pit of darkness; and, though it won't cure pain, you will be surprised to find how many pains and little illnesses it will lighten and lessen,-Frederika Miller,

# One who is looking about for a sheet

white dress, and who does not care to go to the expense necessary where lace is employed extensively, cannot do better than take the tucked dress of organdie or kindred fabric into consider-

rate of a cent a tuck a yard-that is, each yard of each tuck costs a cent. And there's no daintier method of

he has succeeded in overcoming na-If one does not care to go to the exture, as the naturalist and entomolopense of having a whole dress tucked gist knew it, and he stands ready to this mode of trimming may be emsupply on an instant's notice lively, ployed only for a blouse or a bolero. full - grown butterflies artificially It takes little more, however, to make hatched and capable of capering about a short, one-piece skirt, which is eked in the midst of the frostiest reception out by a flounce. And it takes some room or coldest winters. Two rooms of Mr. Markalon's house acter, and this is less expensively done are assigned to butterflies in various at home, for the tucks are only a few

inch cable of silk. Others are, to all appearances, chained fast to the stalk of the vine, while still others are fast-THE WONDERFULLY CONCEIVED OUT.

ned in a crotchy notch. These sacs are, for the most part, transparent. Through some of them fie Lives on the Lawrence Road Near can plainly be seen the greenish cater-Trenton and is Trying to Inaugurate pillar lying dormant. From others the Social Fad-Secrets of His Unique varnish-colored head of the hideous cat E. Billy Markalon, of the Lawrence road, Trenton, N. J., has gone into the ernillar has broken through, and he can be seen slowly and gradually dragging himself from the sac. From vines business of artificially hatching butare seen dangling upon a thread so fine terflies. His butterfly hatchery is a the unassisted human eye cannot dewonderfully conceived outfit, yet simtect it scores upon scores of the greenple enough in its arrangement, while a ish, changing-tinted caterpillar. These visit to his "caterpillar palace" is calare the butterfly of the future. culated to give any everyday citizen

Upon reaching a certain size these caterpillars are taken by Mr. Marka lon into the adjoining room, or "catermind and body and possessed of weird pillar palace," as he terms it. And ideas of life beyond the grave. He is, here in this "palace" is where the visnevertheless, a progressive naturalist, itor to Mr. Markalon's butterfly hatchery feels the "gooseflesh" rise the in mechanical genius. He has money to stant he enters. This, too, is heated spare, is of good family, has social recwith a lead pipe coil and is covered ognition and original ideas of beauty, with a profusion of vines, grass and weeds. And from every nook, branch, vine, over the sidewalls, the hanging man. Its brief life, transformation, its vines, the windows, floor; on a long beauty, its habits and constructural bench and two chairs, are hundreds upon hundreds of greenish, greasy looking, humping, falling, tumbling, tory or athletics. In fact, the insect big-eyed, flat-headed, hideous cater

pillars And so E. Billy Markalon lives today among his butterflies and caterpillars, overcoming nature by merely proartificially hatching butterflies in all viding climatic conditions to suit her seasons of the year, and his endeavor whims. And when the caterpillar becomes the butterfly he places it in the other wing of the butterfly hatchery. there to remain until needed. With Billy Markalon, but he liking plain an invisible silken cord noosed about

the head and body of the full-grown known by that name, and at his pretty butterfly, Mr. Markalon can deftly fasbachelor's residence on the hillside on ten the live creature in the hair of the the Lawrence road, just a few miles oclety belle and leave the large, beaufrom the city line, even his servants itful wings of the butterfly such per fect freedom in their use that with each While deriving much pleasure out of step of the pretty miss the imprisoned

his butterfly hatchery, Mr. Markalon insect will flop and flutter its wings has determined to utilize his social poand the new attention bestowed upon sition to turn his pleasure into profit. her will make the wearer's gentle If his scheme becomes a fad with his heart leap and flutter joyously .- New social set, his profits promise to be York Sun. enormous, and the hair, breast, neck

# CURIOUS FACTS.

tering with the bloom of rosy youth The rarest known fish in the ocean and bubbling with natural enthuslasm s that called the ribbon fish. Only and mirth, will glisten with the flutsixteen specimens have been recorded tering, beautiful iridescence of the in the last century. It is only found in wings of that species of the butterfly the deepest parts of the sea. whose ancestors hovered about the

According to The Broad Arrow, Lonion: "The circumstance that the first warrant that the Secretary of State for lon Butterfly Hatchery, social leader and faddist, has decreed that a mere War submitted to the King for his approval and signature dealt with a ra tion of one-third of an ounce of tea and jam or marmalade speaks for itself.'

> The most recent triumph of the French postal administration is an in-

witching, blushing, blossoming maiden genious little machine which not only of the future, Mr. Markalon says, will automatically weighs letters and saminstead be seen the many hued wings ples, but records on an indicator at the of the flopping, flitting, fretting, fetside the amount required for stamps. tered butterfly, with its twitching, When the article deposited on the baltwisting, wriggling, elongated body ance exceeds the regulation weight the imprisoned midst the hair where for indicator promptly holsts the sign, ages the lily has had sway on such oc-Too heavy.

A novel and curious test for deafness or approaching deafness has just pare to supply fashion's demands, and been described by a Paris specialist, If the handle of a vibrating tuning fork be applied to the knee or other bony portion of the human frame, the sound cannot be heard, he says, by the person who possesses an unimpaired ear, but, if the car be attacked by disease, then the note can be heard distinctly.

> One of the streets in Washington is Four-and-a-half- street, is being about midway between Third and Sixth, and there being no Fourth or Fifth at that point. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, who lives on Four-and-a-half, has been trying for years to get the name changed. At last it has been agreed to call part of the street Marshall place. in honor of Chief-Justice Marshall, and the rest will be known as plat Fourth street, without fractions.

AUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN.

foo Much For Him\_A Subject For Spec. ulation - Art For Art's Sake - Only a Few Indications - A Second Sherlost Holmes-Like All the Rest, Etc., Etc.

Holmes-Like An the test He fought grim foemen over seas, He chased the wild beast to its lair; He stopped the maddened steed and saved The trightened maid, so frail, so fair, But oh he quailed when asked to hold His siter s babe, so weet, so sweet, While she put on her things and went To make a call across the street. —Chicago Times-Herald.

A Subject For Speculation

"Why, they've been engaged three months and haven't had a quarrel!" "Dear me! I wonder whose fault it is!"-Puck.

Art For Art's Sake.

"Dear, what is meant by 'Art for art's sake?' "It means, usually, a picture that

won't sell."-Indianapolis Press.

Only a Few Indications.

"Did he strike her favorably?" "I don't know, but he began by throwing kisses, and now he's got to heaving sighs."-Philadelphia Times.

Acted Out the Character to the End. "It was understood that the cashier had been a lamb in Wall street." "Therefore," said I, with a happy skipped."-Indlanapolis smile. "he Pross.

A Second Sherlock Holmes,

First Detective-"How dld you manage to discover the scandal in their family closet?

Second Detective-"Well, you see, 1 had a skeleton key."-The Smart Set.

### Like All the Rest.

Old Friend (playfully)-"And so you married a Boston girl! Can you al ways understand her when she talks?" Mr. Gotham-"U'm! Not when she talks to baby."-New York Weekly.

#### For Her Sake.

She-"They say Rockefeller's income is \$40 a minute, day and night." He-"I'm glad I'm not in his place." She\_"Why ?"

He-"Think, dear, how busy it would cep you spending every cent I got."

## Ample Consideration.

"Yes; she rejected him after accept ing attentions from him for a year." "I think he was entitled to more consideration."

"Oh! I don't know I think she was considering him all the time."-Puck.

#### A Rebuke.

"Jenkins says there are two errors in his bill. You know the multiplication table, Mr. Redink?" "Certainly, sir!"

"Well, it is a great mistake to forget it when you're making out bills!"-Puck.

#### When It Comes Easy.

"Some philosopher has said that it is easy to learn something about everything, but difficult learn everything about anything."

"H'm! He ought to have heard some young couple talk about their hat - for a few minutes."

#### A Correction.

Gilson-"I don't see why they say bread and cheese and kisses;' ought to be 'kisses with brend and cheese.' ' Willets-"Why?

Gilson-"So as to get the kisses as far away from the cherse as por " le. -New York Press.

well patronized. Constant leaning over

tucking to make this flounce in char-

in the Woman's Home Companion.

An Inexpensive White Dress.

This tucking may be had done at the rnamenting a summer dress.

Gowns as Medicine. There used to be a silly notion that

give the flounce effect.

To make this costume for a girl of six years of age four and three-eighth yards of material thirty-two inches wide or four yards forty-four inches wide will be required with five-eighth gards eighteen inches wide for yoke.

#### Woman's Eton Jacket.

The Eton jacket is a pronounced favorite of the season. The admirable May Manton model illustrated in the

large cut is sulted alike to the entire costume and to the separate wrap, and to all suffing and jacket cloths and che-tots as well as to taffeta, but as illustrated is made of black Kersey in medium weight with trimming of narrow, binck silk braid over bands of white peau de soie.

The back is smooth and seamless. just short enough to reveal the bolt. The fronts fit smoothly and are oxtended below the darts to form rounded stoles, which add greatly to the style, and roll back to meet the collar and form revers. The two seamed sleeves have fashionable fulness at the wrists laid in tucks and stitched and are finished with roll-over cuffs that match the revers. Round the entive edge of the jacket, and running up into the back, is a blas band of white peau de sole overlaid with the

braid and stitched onto the cloth. To cut this incket for a woman of medium size four yards of material and the two are joined by the undertwenty-one inches wide, one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide or one and a half yards tifty inches wide will be required.

#### Spring Hat For a School Girl.

The school girl of the period manages to look trim and pretty, even of a rainy day. She wears a long uister, straight up and down as her own slender figure. This uister is made of Oxford mixture, water-proof, lightweight cloth. It is cut single-breasted and opens at the throat with a jurn collar and small revers of the same cloth. Perched on her pretty head is a delectable straw hat, the threecornered shape. The point of the tritorne comes over the brow. The cocked hat is of rough black straw, with bunches of nodding yellow buttercups and a black hat band for trimming.

#### Instead of Gloves.

Silk mitts, not mittens, are being brought forward for use with loose summer gowns. Some of thes as long as mousquetaire gloves and will reach well up toward the plbow. Pale pink, "flesh color," that name for a pretty tint, buff and gray are the usual tints of silk mitts, but you can get them in black, white. required.

wristbands of embroidery. The skirt solid colors-bine, pink, yellow and is double, the under portion extending havender-are finding ready sale. Anto the waist, the upper falling over it. other variety has the cross-barred both being straight and gathered to centre decorated with a coral design in colors, while the narrow hem stitched border is white.

A Flat-Crowned Hat.

One of the new flat-crowned hats has a foundation of white tuffe, with complete covering of little green leaves, whose edges overlap each other. In front the white tulle brim is

lifted from the face by two pink roses.

Woman's Shirt Waist.

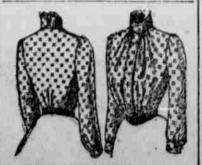
The plain shirt waist with slight fulness at the front is preferred before all other styles for such materials us Madras, cheviot, linen, pique and wash silk, and for general utility The May Manton model illus WORP. trated is suited to all, but is specially designed for stout figures, as it in cludes the under-arm gores that ren der the adjustment smooth and help

to reduce apparent size. It is made with the latest style sleeves. .48 shown, the material is mercerized Ma deus in tan color with figures in silk in the same shade, but stripes -ave favorites of the season and are almirable whenever it is desirable to the the perpendicular lines that always tend to give a slender effect.

The fronts are simply gathered at the neck and waist line and closed by mentia of studs and buttonholes worked through the box pleat. The back is smooth across the shoulders. drawn down in gathers at the waist, arm gores. The sleeves are in bishop shape, but open at the back, where

they are finished with regulation over laps and terminate in straight cuffs buttoned over. At the neck is a shaped stock, but the neck hand alone may be used and Hnen collars or cuff's can be substituted when preferred.

To make this waist for a woman of medium size three and three-quarter yards of material twenty-one inches



SHIRT WAIST FOR THE STOUT.

wide, three and a half yards twenty seven inches wide, two and a half yards thirty-two inches wide, or two yards forty-four inches wide will be

ilso that they are always hurried and often forget to bring it from home, omes round daily with neat little lrawings of tea done up in Japanese paper. The tea is of excellent quality, and the clerks are willing to pay a fair

## Fashionable Hair Ornaments.

price for it .- New York Tribune

A few seasons back side combs came only in coarse-toothed patterns. This year, however, one house has got out novelty in a fine-tooth side-comb that is expected to make a hit. Its advantage is that It will stay in place with any amount of shaking, while the old kind fell out and was lost on the least provocation. Jeweled sidecombs are studded with rows of rhine tones, turquoises emeralds and pearls.

. . . In pompadour combs the plain, urved shapes in French shell or torise are the best sollers, rhinestones these having proved poor lines. The urved-tooth patterns of these seem to ake better, because they do not press

so hard upon the scalp . . .

In back-combs the low Empire will the hit for spring. Last season the high Empire held sway, but it is now giving place to the lower forms. Rhine stone ornamented patterns are better property in these than in any of the other lines, though the plain goods are splendid sellers. The tops of these back-combs are made in almost every imaginable form, jeweled lizards. snakes bugs, birds and scrolls making them curious and eye-attracting novel ties that will show up well and considerably brighten your stock. . . .

In neck combs the low forms will take best. One house has gotten out a novelty in this line in the shape of a double neck comb. It is made in plain French shell, and its form is as i' two side-combs were made joined together. When worn in the hair it has the appearance of being two separate side combs with the distinct advantage of

appearing more symmetrical than two separate combs would really be. These neck combs show more variety of form than do any of the others, being made with round tops, double oval tops, cor-"ugated tops and even saw-tooth tops. . . .

The barrette, or stray lock holder, worn in the back of the hair just over the nape of the neck, is a wonderful little seller; in fact, there is scarcely one woman met in a day who does not wear one of some sort. These affairs come in French shell, plain, inlaid or ornamented with rhinestones, in gold silver, cut shell and in solid rings of Some of the prettiest are of jewels.

shell with an iniald ring of cut steel. Another pretty pattern is in French gray, set with emeralds, while still another taking design is an enameled | cap the climax.

inches in length, and necessarily would cost proportionately more in a factory where time is counted up to make the bill.-Philadelphia Record.

#### "Wheat King" of Kansas.

The "wheat king" of Kansas is a woman. Miss Rose Packard, of Rush County, has raised over 4000 bushels during the last year, and its quality has given her an extra price for a large portion of it. Miss Packard is still a young woman, and has given her personal attention and supervision to the work of cultivating each of her great wheat fields.

#### Queen Wilhelmina's Income Most of the fortune of the Queen of

the Netherlands came from the large and valuable estate of the Orange family in Holland and in Java. The late King had also an immen-



Many lace stocks make a downward

Silk or satin appliques mix in effect ively with those of lace.

The more flaring the flounce the more picturesque the dress, Sleeve ornamentation bids fair to

carry us into the wildest excesses. It's astonishing how well fine, yel lowish lace goes with almost anything. One should be careful not to use too heavy a lace in trimming a crepe de chine.

A hat thatched entirely with green leaves is beautifully becoming in some instances.

Some quaint boleros are a puzzle. They might be called yokes with equal propriety.

Some curved strappings that end with big buttons look like demoralized

many skirts, the lower one heading the fulled circular flounce.

The bolero may be fairly lost to sight

Cuffs may perch anywhere from few inshes below the shoulder to the wrist. Puffs have even greater license Clusters of big tucks crossing each other look well in only a very few ma terials and are apt to be clumsy in any. Netting, either of chenille or silk, is a clever touch, and is sometimes used in what amounts to hemstitching ef-

Ecru lace trims very effectively dress of white taffets striped with black. A touch of colored velvet will stages of life. Another room, having a glass roof, is set aside wholly for caterpillars, and a small glass-roofed room, probably ten by ten feet and adjoining the caterpillar's palace, as Mr. Markalon calls it, is the butterdy hatchery proper. And in this room a curious sight is presented. This room is on the north side of the cottage, and is so situated that the interior has the benefit of the sunshine for at least five hours daily. The floor of the hatchery is covered with a growing stubble of thistle and grass. At least two feet of soll has been dumped upon the cement floor of the room in order that the thistle and grass might grow. Around the base of the room on the three sides are tiny auger holes covered with swing-

ing trap or drop doors, such as are frequently seen before a furnace. From these tiny holes the air supply for the hatchery is obtained. The south side of the room is cov ered by a growth of sassafras vines, while from the celling swing many wooden and wire hanging baskets containing various vincs, whose long

branches make a maze through which it is necessary to dodge if the visitor desires to reach any part of the hatch

Following the sashes of the many windows and coiled snakelike through out the room is a one-half luch lead pipe. There is probably 400 feet of this pipe colled in and about the small room or hatchery. This pipe also circles about the ceiling and across the thistle vines on the earthen floor of this second-story room. The steam heater in the cellar of Markalon's cottage supplies this coll of pipe with steam, which heats the batchery to any degree.

Hanging from the numerous vines and thistle stems, dangling and growing in a confused maze in the hatchery one can see varied colored sacs, and

sometimes beneath the leaf of some plant, apparently growing from the side wall, are several tiny white and chocolate-colored particles. These are the eggs of the butterfly. In the sacs are the butterflies in the moth stage of

development. Flitting everywhere about the room, which is heated carefully to a certain temperature, are hundreds of butterflies, and they certainly represent all the colors of the rainbow. From vine to thistle, from grass blade to leaf, from stubble to stick, these hundreds of pretty butterflies glide, gracefully alighting. And they filt and futter busily, now extracting nectar from a vine or flower, now apparently weav ng or spinning a substance about the little whitish speck beneath the thistle leaf, now possibly fondling the sac dangling from the vine. And these

sacs of the web-like substance are hung to the vines and flower in all conceivable shapes. Some are seemingly attached to the branch by a silken coll about the centre, some of the shape of

The census shows some queer things bout Texas. For instance, Bailey County has but four residents, Cockcan has twenty-five: Andrews, thirty seven; Lynn, seventeen; Dawson, thir ty-six. Twenty-five others have less han 500. Some counties have no run-

ning stream within their borders, some are hundreds of miles from a railroad. and others are almost wholly inhabited by prairie dogs, jack rabbits and rattlesnakes. Tom Green County, the largest in the State, has 45,000 square miles, which is larger than the whole State of Ohio, and has but 6804 inb

itants. One of the most amusing mishaps that ever occurred to a locomotive happened at Cincinnatus, N. Y., the other The water tank at that place is supplied with water from a pump in a reamery adjoining, the same pump being used for both water and milk. An employe made a wrong connection in the creamery and the water tank was pumped full of sour milk from a vat. A locomotive took on a lot of this milk, and the mistake was not discovered till the fireman found he could not keep steam, and hunted up the diffi-

culty. By this time some of the con necting pipes had become clogged with the curd, and there was barely nough steam to get the engine to Cortland.

The Immensity of Space. Light travels from Jupiter's satel lites at the same rate as it does from our gas lamps. A few years ago a star suddenly came into sight, burst into first order brightness and then, in five or six weeks, died out of sight. Difference of opinion existed between spectoscopists like Huggins and Lockyer as to what it meant, but there was general agreement that what we saw was something that happened in the time of Queen Elizabeth, only that the

light had taken 300 years to reach us. It was the "latest news," in fact, from that part of the heavens. The rate of transmission no one questioned.

An International Postoffice. The town of Beebe Plain is on the border line between Vermont and the Canadian province of Quebec, the line running through the middle of the principal street. The postoffice for both countries is in the same building. years ago.

.Employer-"You are discharged, sir, for gross neglect of duty."

Sam-"Will you please give me a recommendation testifying to my aptitude for work?"

Employer-"Why, ~ certainly."-Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

#### A Story of the Sen.

"The pirates and the buccaucers scoured these seas for years," re marked the captain of a ship in the

Gulf of Mexico. "And still," murmured a seasick passenger with his head over the lee rail. 'they don't seem to be very smooth.'

#### Another Complication.

"There's one thing, though, that people who want to signal to Mars seem to forget."

#### "What's that?"

"Why, maybe they don't call it Mars up there, so how can they tell that we mean them when we ring up?"

#### Accordingly.

"She's well-educated, isn't she?" "Well, she's one of those women who can pass as being that way. When she meets any one who can speak French and not German she can speak German, and when she meets any one who can speak German and not French, she can speak French."-Indianapolis Sun.

No Prejudice Against Poets. Needer Harekut-"Ab, this world is cold and unsympathetic. It is almost impossible for us poets to make any money nowadays.

Job Scumfiter-"I think, you're wrong there. There's no prejudice against poets, I know a man who engaged a poet and gave him \$3 a week to keep the office clean and run errands, Philadelphia Press.

#### He Feels a Bit Dublous.

"Oh, yes, we are engaged to be married next spring; but I fear she has not that utter confidence in me that comes with perfect love."

"Why so?" "Well, when a fellow looks back-as a fellow in love naturally will, you know-and sees her testing the diamond in her engagement ring on the window pane, don't you think he has

good cause to feel a bit dubious?"-

### Reaching an Understanding

Sit-Bits.

The young man was visibly annoyed at the questions which the heiress's father insisted on putting. At last he could endure it no longer. His ancestral pride flamed up into his cheeks and he exclaimed:

"I would have you understand that

I am no ordinary fortune hunter." "That's all right," was the storn retoinder. "I am just as particular as both countries is in the same building. you are. I'd have you understand that which was built some seventy-five I am no plain, everyday duke-chaser, years ago.

sea serpents. Two lace insertions are set into under a big lace collar, or it may be simply stitched 'round the edge.

point in front.