

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

How a Woman of Moderate Means Secured Some Fine Pictures. "There's one idea at least in home decoration that the magazines devoted to that subject have not yet heard of," remarked an observant young man with a keen sense of the artistic. Continuing, he said: "I visited my sister recently, and, knowing the rather limited means of her husband, I was much surprised at the many beautiful pictures that decorated the walls throughout the house—water colors they seemed to be, and the touch of the master hand was apparently evident. "I asked my sister how she happened to have such a wealth of art. She smiled and told me the secret. Every time she saw a really artistic half-tone print—plain black and white, you know—in any of the popular magazines she cut it out and mounted the picture on a heavy piece of cardboard. Then with a box of water colors she herself painted over the print, the varying tints and shades being exquisitely brought out merely through the transparency of the colors. She informed me, too, that but little technique was required to produce beautiful results, but that an artistic instinct was necessary in selecting proper frames so as to relieve the idea of monotony where a large number was desired for the decoration of the house beautiful."—Philadelphia Record.

Artificial Fruit Blossoms. There is an artistic use of artificial flowers and foliage in interior decorations which those who love the genuine growth are apt to disdain the bare mention of. Much of this feeling springs from a want of knowledge where to put artificial bloom or plants. Skillful as are the French flower makers, none can compare to the Japanese in giving the very duplicate of nature in fruit tree bough and blossom. This we have stood in rapture over when first the twigs of cherry and plum covered with buds and flowers sold at \$1 the branch. Now we may have the best part of the whole tree, its wondrous floral wreath attached to the natural wood of the tree, for \$30 and \$50. Smaller selections for some handsome vase will cost us \$12 or \$8, as we may elect.

Arms and Armor. In the opinion of many, arms and armor are necessary to give the finishing touch to the furnishing of a cozy corner or oriental room, but the cost of these decorative adjuncts is not within the reach of all who would have dens or cozy corners. Manufacturers have come to the rescue of the possessors of slim purses by providing papier mache arms and armor which are said to answer admirably as substitutes for the genuine articles. They may be had in dull or bright finish and if intended for wall decoration may be easily adjusted. All that is required to keep them clean is to dust them with a damp cloth. Some famous suits of armor are reproduced in papier mache.

For the Bedroom. A long, wide settle in the bedroom or sitting room, if supplied with a mattress cushion, may be used as a couch and when the days are cold, if pushed close to the fire, will prove much cozier than an open couch for an invalid. Settles are expensive or not according to the quality of the material used in making them and the amount of skill applied to their decoration. More than any other piece of furniture, however, they are within the range of possibilities for the home furniture maker.

The Housewife's Fat Pot. Every housewife should keep a fat pot the same as she does a stock pot for her soup materials. Scraps of fat, the grease that accumulates on the top of the soup pot, bits of suet from the steaks, roasts and other meats purchased, the drippings when sausage, bacon and similar meat are cooked, even mutton drippings, which housewives despise, can be saved and turned to good account.

An Effective Table Decoration. One of the very latest ideas in centerpieces is seen in a set of porcelain cut ladies, charmingly tinted and posed bisque figurines that dance a quadrille on the tablecloth and that are connected by a wreath of natural roses. They make these bewitching little ladies in Dresden and at Sevres, and they can be differently posed for each dinner.

Table Linen. For breakfast or lunch cloths there are handsome designs to be found in the shops with wide colored borders of flowers in a single shade, such as dark red, blue or brown, or with foliage pattern showing leaves and stems in delicate green. The napkins completing the set have narrow borders matching the cloths.

Coffee Cigarettes. The latest novelty in Paris is the coffee cigarette, made not from the ground bean, but from the leaf of the tree. It affords a fragrant and, it is claimed, harmless smoke, completely weaning the palate from tobacco and thereby conferring a benefit on the race. The cigarettes are made in different degrees of strength. **Foley's Kidney Cure** makes kidneys and bladder right.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

How Little Bel Got the Spoil of Silk and the Banana.

One morning little Bel was sent by her mamma to the "button store" to match a spool of silk. She had often been trusted on such errands, though only four years old, and very proud she used to feel as she trudged along, "helping mamma."

"Be sure and get just that shade of blue and come right back, little daughter," said mamma as she kissed her goodby. "Yes, ma'am," was the sturdy answer.

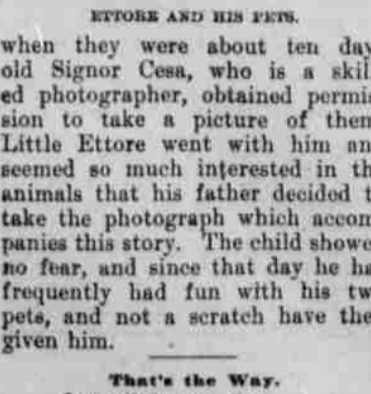
Now, on the way to the button store there was a fruit stand, and Bel often used to look at it with longing eyes. This morning she saw something she had not seen for a long time—great, beautiful red bananas. If Bel liked anything in the world, it was a banana. She wondered how much they would cost. Then she thought she would ask. "Five cents." Why, she had just 5 cents in her fat fingers that very minute! Before you could think she hadn't 5 cents at all, but had the bananas instead.

Do you think she went right home? Not she. She marched straight to the button store and, standing on tiptoe, reached her sample above the counter, saying: "My mother wants a spool of silk like this." The lady smiled down at the mite, matched the silk carefully and handed it to her. "Thank you," said Bel. She never forgets her manners. "But, little girl," called the lady, "didn't your mamma send any money for the silk?" "Yes'm, but I bought a banana." And before the lady could stop laughing she was on the street, hurrying home.—Doll's Dressmaker.

Story of the Letter "i." The small letter "i" was formerly written without the dot over it. The dot was introduced in the fourteenth century to distinguish "i" from "e" in hasty and indistinct writing. The letter "i" was also originally used where the "j" is now employed, the distinction between the two having been introduced by the Dutch writers in comparative modern times. The "i" was originally dotted because the "j," from which it is derived, was written with a dot over it.—New York World.

A Set of Pigs. Little Howard, being asked if he did not want to accompany his father to a neighboring farm, seemed to be doubtful about it. "You'd better come along," said his father. "They have a lot of little pigs." "Oh, that's nothing," said Howard. "Cogswell's folks has a set of 'em."

Lions For Playmates. One would hardly think that a little child would venture to play with young lions, yet there is a child in Turin, Italy, who plays with them as fearlessly as another child does with a favorite dog. This child is Ettore Cesa, and he is the youngest son of a prominent business man. It happened that two lions were born last December in Turin, and



ETTORE AND HIS PETS.

when they were about ten days old Signor Cesa, who is a skilled photographer, obtained permission to take a picture of them. Little Ettore went with him and seemed so much interested in the animals that his father decided to take the photograph which accompanies this story. The child showed no fear, and since that day he has frequently had fun with his two pets, and not a scratch have they given him.

That's the Way. Just a little every day. That's the way! Seeds in darkness swell and grow; Tiny blades push through the snow. Never any flower of May Leaps to blossom in a burst. Slowly—slowly at the first; That's the way! Just a little every day. That's the way! Children learn to read and write. Bit by bit and note by note. Never any one, I say, Leaps to knowledge and its power. Slowly—slowly hour by hour; That's the way! Just a little every day.

CONDENSED STORIES.

"Bulls" That Don't Appear in the Congressional Record.

The "bulls" of congressmen never appear in the Congressional Record. The widest freaks are toned down into correct and glowing rhetoric before they get into print, and so the country loses some of the most interesting things said by its representatives. Yet some of Colonel Hepburn's remarks about the Nicaragua canal bill deserve a better fate. Thus he declared that there was "a trend in the air" in favor of the Nicaragua route. Wouldn't a trend that got into the air be apt to collide with Sir Boyle Roche's rat?

In the same debate Colonel Hepburn spoke of "the wafting of the sailing vessels that desire to cross the continent." An unappreciative listener suggested that Colonel Hepburn had "prairie schooners" in mind.

Didn't Interrupt His Nap. Senator Culberson of Texas is credited with telling a good court story. It happened down in Mr. Culberson's state and at a time when his father was engaged in a case. In the midst of Judge Culberson's argument the sheriff approached the



"THERE'S A MAN ASLEEP BACK HERE."

bench and indicated a desire to address the court. "If your honor please," said the sheriff, "there is a man asleep back here on a bench, and he is snoring very loudly." "After he wakes up you can exclude him from the courtroom," solemnly responded the judge.

The Only News. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch published this clever little story about the late Lord Dufferin: "One time the late Lord Dufferin was returning to Ireland from a diplomatic mission to be married, his engagement to the beautiful Miss Hamilton having just been announced. He landed one evening on the platform of a small country station near Clondeboye, his home, and hired a man to drive him the four or five miles, but he was so muffled up that the driver failed to recognize him. Presently Lord Dufferin asked, 'Any news about here?' 'No news,' grumpily replied the man, 'except that the beautiful Miss Hamilton is going to marry that ugly fellow Dufferin.'"

A Bit Too Genteel. When asked what he thought of a certain golf captain, a Scotch caddy said, "Weel, sir, he's a verra nice gentleman an' a good gauffer, but he's awfu' nerra—awfu' nerra." "Narrow! What do you mean, Donald?" "Weel, sir, it wis this way: Efter the game was over and I had carried his clubs up tae the house he says, 'Donald, will ye have a draw?' And I said, 'I do verra please.' So he gets the bottle, an' he pourin' aw' intae a glass, an' 'I wantin' tae be genteel,' says 'Stop! Stop! An' he sto'ped.'"

A Poetical Hangman. The British hangman died recently. His predecessor in office invented the "long drop" and strongly affirmed that it was a specially humane method of dealing with small and light malefactors. In urging the merits of his invention he referred to the precedent of a certain murderer with romantic eloquence. "There was the late Mr. Peace, sir. Well, Mr. Peace was a very small gentleman, and I gave 'im the long drop, and he went off as gentle as a summer's eve."

In Doubt. An old clergyman who formerly lived in Maine was remarkable for his eccentric ideas and sayings. Among other curious ways he was in the habit of asking a blessing on each particular thing on the table. At breakfast one morning there was some bear meat, and his pettier was as follows: "Lord, bless the coffee, bless the bread and butter, but as to the bear meat, Lord, I don't know what to say."

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