

THE SEA MADNESS.

I have come from the sound of the breath, the sight of the living sea. To a place of cribbed and narrow way, where only the wind is free. But the sea of the sea is in my blood, and always, night and day, I hear the lap and wash of the waves, the hiss of the flying spray.

UNCLE EPHUM'S WILL.

BY W. E. WHITMORE.

R. OWENS slowly drew a fat green pool from the basket beside him, split it down the middle with his thumb and sent the peas rattling into a pan between his knees; then he took his pipe from his mouth and yawned broadly. "Slow job, this shellin' peas, ain't it?" "Yes," said I. "I often wonder that no one has invented a way of shelling them by machinery."

Woman's Realm

Doesn't Apply to America. One cannot help regretting the tendency of feminine fashions to once again become masculine. One fears a little lest the leather that is to be a feature of feminine fashions this autumn, and the headgear that has sprung from the masculine bowler and the old "Jaris" heaves, and the walking sticks which, like cigarette cases, are now popular gifts for girls, will not rob us of our pretty fabrics and our daintiness.—Ambrosia, in the World.

RUSSIA'S GRAND OLD MAN



COUNT TOLSTOI AND HIS WIFE.

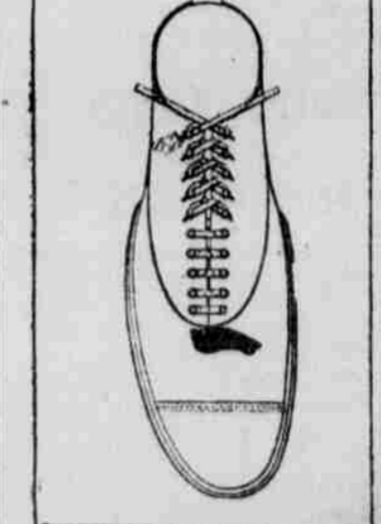
The Republic of Panama and Costa Rica may unite. It is not commonly accorded that the wildcat is so vicious an animal as to attack human beings, and this section has lately furnished the cat that proves the exception to the rule.



MAP OF PANAMA AND COSTA RICA. Which may be united into a single republic.

Rican Government will be promptly accepted by that country. In fact, the desirability of union has long been anticipated at San Jose, although it was deemed good statesmanship to make no suggestion, but to leave it to Panama to realize the advantages to be gained as well as the disadvantages of independence to so small a republic.

A NEW SHOE EYELET. Several new designs in shoe hooks have been patented at different times, but the book now universally used has proved so practical and useful that attempts to supplant it have proven fail-



EYELET CUT OUT OF THE LEATHER.

ures. It would be difficult to improve on its construction, but a Wisconsin inventor thinks he has an improved shoe eyelet which should be popular. In his design the lower eyelets are the same as those generally used, the improvement being in the upper eyelets. These latter are similar to the round eyelets, except that they are open on the upper side to receive the lacing.

With the gas meter. One very simple contrivance for this purpose consists of a pair of projectors in the shape of spanners which are adjusted to the coupling nuts on the inlet and outlet pipes of the meter. These coupling nuts are joined together upon adjustment by a leaded or other seal, which indicates at once whether or not the nuts on the inlet and outlet pipes have been surreptitiously handled.

Household Matters

Washing Machines. Muslins and materials of similar nature should be washed in lukewarm suds and hot soft water. They should not be rubbed, but merely squeezed until they are sufficiently cleansed, when they should be rinsed in warm water and then in cold, remaining in this until the starch is ready for them.

For the Bathroom. Three or four large double clothes hooks, screwed upon the inside of a bathroom door, and left exclusively for the use of persons going in there for a bath, are among the requisites for that room. No one should be allowed to monopolize anything in a bathroom used by several persons. It should be always free and open to all, and invariable left in order by the last bather.

The Little Things. A writer in the Delineator speaks of the "little things of housekeeping" that mean so much one way or the other. The squeaking door, for example, which gets on the nerves, can be quieted by a feather dipped in oil and applied to its hinges.

Starch. It is a mistake to suppose that box starch is the cleanest. On the contrary, bulk starch, that comes in big lumps, is far more free from dust and other foreign substances. Select your starch with care and dissolve a teaspoonful of the big, clean lumps in enough cold water to cover it.

Dill Pickles. These are the easiest of all pickles to do up, and are much liked by those of Dutch or German extraction. Use for these pickles cucumbers from six to eight inches in length. Wash and wipe carefully. Add two pounds coarse salt to three gallons of water, boil and skim, replacing the water that evaporates so as to keep the same quantity.

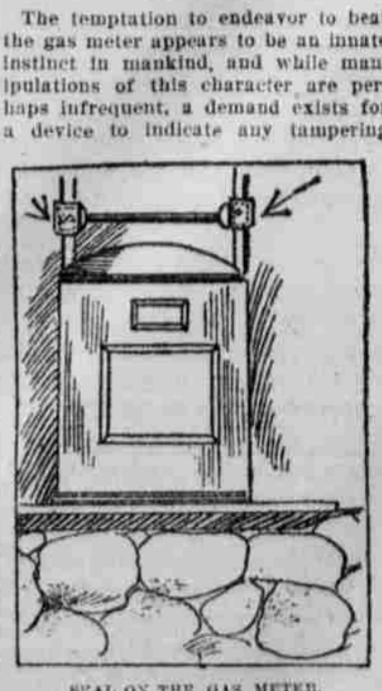
Household Diogenes. When I wish to iron a garment in short time I sprinkle it with hot water, and in fifteen minutes it is ready to iron.

I have discovered that if a silk petticoat be hung upside down in the closet, from hangers sewed inside the bottom, it will retain its freshness very much longer, the ruffle will stand out and the skirt will wear better. Cucumbers which I tried to put up sweet, would frequently soften or shrivel. Now I use a little sugar when pickling, but add more when I open the can, and in a day or two my pickles are both crisp and sweet.

Soiled Farina Pudding—One quart milk, four tablespoonfuls of farina and the same of sugar, a little salt; just before it is done stir in the yolks of two eggs well beaten; boil fifteen minutes; put in a mound to harden; beat the whites of the two eggs and mix with milk for sauce; flavor to suit the taste.

Whipped Cream Pie—Sweeten with white sugar one cup of very thick cream, made as cold as possible without freezing, and flavor with lemon to taste; beat until as light as eggs for frosting, and keep cool until the crust is ready. Make moderately rich crust and prick well with a fork to prevent blistering. Bake. Spread on the cream and to add finish put bits of jelly on top. The above will make two pies.

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FRILLS FASHION

A blouse, in the palest pink, had embroidery applied like a yoke of edging. Some of the newest coats show a good deal of fullness below the waist line. White linen shirt waists and blouses will be worn all winter, with slips of lawn, or of silk, if you're a chilly mortal.