

THE SEA MADNESS.

I have come from the sound of the thrush, the sight of the flying sea. To a place of cribbed and narrow way, where only the wind is free; But the leap 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.

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R. OWENS slowly drew a fat green pod 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. "Show 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."

Women'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 less the leather that is to be a feature of feminine fashions this autumn, and the leadgear that has sprung from the masculine bowler and the old "Javelin" heavers, and the walking sticks which, like cigarette cases, are now popular gifts for girls, will not rob us of our pretty fallals and our daintiness.—Ambrosia, in the World.

RUSSIA'S GRAND OLD MAN



COUNT TOLSTOI AND HIS WIFE.

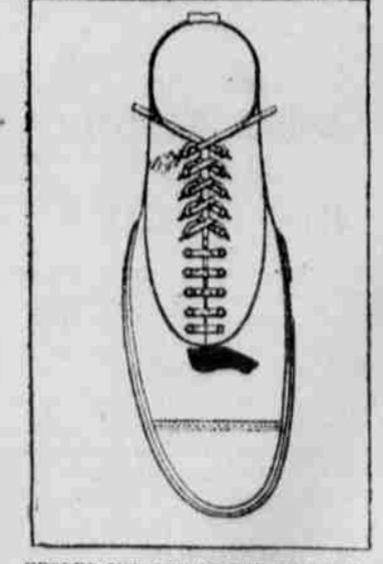
The Republic of Panama and Costa Rica may unite. It is not commonly accepted that the wildcat is so vicious as to attack human beings, and this section has lately furnished the cat that provokes the exception to the rule, Albert Dennis, a guard at the Yarn Turpetine Company's convict camp, was attacked by a monster cat in Gillette Creek, not more than a mile from the camp, and had he not used unusual presence of mind would most likely have been torn to pieces.

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 appreciated 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 hook 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.

White linen shirt waists and blouses will be worn all winter, with slips of lawn, or of silk, if you're a chicky aortal. Exquisite scarfs are about—some of them heavy with embroidery, others the lightest, most diaphanous bits of gossamer silk in the world. One delectable petticoat of straw-colored taffeta is embroidered with flower baskets spilling their pink and blue blossoms among the lace frills at the foot.

Household Matters

Washing Stools. Minsins 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. The starch for these should be very thin.

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 person.

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. Woodwork, peculiarly marked by little fingers, can be made immaculate by rubbing with a split lemon and afterwards with a little whiting on a cloth.

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. Add one heaping teaspoonful of salt, one of granulated sugar, a piece of butter the size of a finger or hazelnut, and a little blue water. Pour this mixture into four quarts of boiling water, stir while still boiling, until it is free from lumps, and then let it cool.

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 strain, replacing the water that evaporates so as to keep the same quantity. Lay the cucumbers in a big stone jar or keg within a head, placing one small African red pepper, a big bunch of dill seed on the stalk and a layer of grape leaves between each layer. Proceed in this way until all the cucumbers are used, then spread over the top more dill and a layer of cabbage leaves. Cover with a plate and heavy stone, and leave for two or three weeks, while a quiet fermentation takes place. At the end of that time the pickles are done and should be transparent, with a fine amber color and a grateful subacid flavor.

Household Diagonies. 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 ruffle 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.

The little metal tongs which come in candy boxes are utilized in our house for photograph holders, simply by bending over the round ends to clasp the photographs at the lower corners; the top of the tongs forming the stand. I can peers without sugar. When opening a can I take the peers in my bean pot several hours until they are a rich brown, adding enough sugar to sweeten and plenty of water to cover. I cook apple and rhubarb sauce the same way.—Good Housekeeping.

Solled 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 nut 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 a moderately rich crust and prick well with a fork to prevent blistering. Bake. Spread on the cream and to add finish pat bits of jelly on top. The above will make two pies.

Shepherd's Pie—Two cups minced veal, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour, one cup water or stock, salt and pepper, one teaspoon minced onion. Make sauce with butter, flour and water, add seasoning and minced onion; add one egg beaten slightly; boil gently three minutes; add minced meat, stir until hot, but not boiling; turn into buttered baking dish, put over it a layer of potatoes mashed and creamed with quarter cup milk and one tablespoon butter for two cups potatoes. Brood hot over.

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 fulness 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 chicky aortal. Exquisite scarfs are about—some of them heavy with embroidery, others the lightest, most diaphanous bits of gossamer silk in the world.