

New York—Landreth's says: "A week of comparative quiet in wholesale trade, but of improved retail distribution, favored by warmer weather, closes a half-year period the like of which for activity and volume of business done had probably never before been equaled. Bank clearings, foreign trade returns, railway earnings, statistics of iron production, railway building and all available measures of trade and industrial volume go to confirm this view despite numerous disturbing elements, such as Congressional debates on rate bills, disturbed money market conditions, insurance legislation, the San Francisco fire and the coal strikes, which tended, perhaps, to modify what might otherwise have been superabundant activity.

RU-NA STRENGTHENS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

Dr. Chas. L. Sauer, Grand Scribe, Grand Management I. O. O. F. of Texas, and Grand City Auditor, writes from the Hall, San Antonio, Tex.: "Nearly two years ago I accepted a position as secretary and treasurer with one of the leading dry goods establishments of this city. The sudden change from a high and altitude to sea level proved too much for me and I became afflicted with catarrh of the head, and general debility such an extent as to almost incapacitate me for attending to my duties.

HE GOT A REPLY.

Several years ago a farmer drove to Buffalo to buy from a wholesale firm a lot of goods for his country store. After coming down stairs and while waiting for his goods to be packed he noticed after a while his curiosity got the better of him and he asked the proprietor what that was. "A speaking book," said the proprietor. "Speak to someone upstairs and see how it works."

EMORY AND HEARING TEST.

Try this some evening when you want a new way of entertaining your friends. Use the Emory and Hearing Test. Let some one play matches or pieces on the piano. There must be no pauses between the different selections, and a couple of the most familiar lines from each piece will be enough. Have some hymns in the group, some patriotic songs, a little well-known rag time, and then something of a higher order, like Lohengrin's "Wedding March," which every one will be sure to recognize. Of course, the string must be done very promptly and no time can be allowed for thinking.

SPIRITUAL NEED.

George O'Donnell, the actor, tells the following story of his four-year-old niece, whose mother is the wife of a clergyman. One night Edith wasn't feeling very well, and so was put to bed rather early. As her mother was about to leave her, she called her back.

DOCTOR'S SHIFT

A physician says: "Until last fall I used to eat meat for my breakfast and suffered with indigestion until the meat had passed from the stomach. Last fall I began the use of Grape-Nuts for breakfast and very soon found I could do without meat, for my body got all the nourishment necessary from the Grape-Nuts, and since then I have not had any indigestion and am feeling better and stronger than ever before."

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

Fully men employed in the street cleaning and street watering departments of Boston, Mass., have organized as a union and applied for a charter from the A. F. of L. Every man signed the charter request.

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wait, and wait, till they either become confirmed bachelors, or reach middle age and marry a young woman for other charms than beauty! That does not mean that beauty never gets a chance of marriage. Not at all! Yet it results in a decreased number of marriages. In addition to the fact that some men become bachelors, there is the parallel fact that the young women who have had to wait often decide to remain single and retire, for all practical purposes, from the field. They would have been prepared to marry in the earlier years, but they are standing off in their mature days, just as the young men did in their twenties, says Home Notes. This is a curious theory, but we do not venture to say that it is entirely without foundation.

Shopping Etiquette for Women.

Etiquette among women seems to be forgotten when they enter the shopping district. How many women engaged in the life and death struggle of gaining a \$2 shirtwaist for \$1.98 remember their ladyhood when their best friend holds a waist which they covet? Were it not better a thousand times that a third woman should bear off the uncertain prize, than that friends should come to grief in a primitive fight for possession? However, primitive as it may be to struggle over bargain counters, it is also a waste of energy, and the woman who has evolved furthest obtains what she wants in a subtler fashion. She sees that there is just one waist which she wants in that sale, and that it is in the hand of her neighbor. Does she snatch it from her? No, she selects an inferior one next to it, studies it absorbingly, inquires the price, and seems about to purchase. Such is the psychology of woman that the neighbor drops the one waist to observe the other, and she nor any one else is the wiser when the former is borne away in triumph. Is it trickery, then, that is coming in vogue? Well, even so, it is better than pitched battles, and the modern woman who thinks finds that courtesy pays. Shopping is woman's fetish, but let her elevate the worship with consideration, and remember that saleswomen are not automatons, wound up in the morning warranted to run all day. They are the shopper's best friends or dearest foes. The less she takes of their time and endurance the pleasanter will be her shopping excursion.

Value of a Correct Walk.

A woman who leads a very active life has a theory that the preservation of a good figure depends to some extent on the manner of walking. Many people, she says, as they advance in years allow themselves to walk heavily and without elasticity, so that the whole weight rests on the lower part of the limbs at every step, the only effect of exercise being weariness of the legs and feet. Instead of this the body should be held erect and poised so as to have a perfect balance; in this way the muscles are braced and strengthened throughout, the lungs must of necessity be well expanded.

About New Braids.

Quantities of braid are used on all the dresses this season, and costumes of deep purple cloth, fashioned with cape boleros and adorned with black and silver or black and gold Russian braid, will represent another very important feature of spring wear. Smart black and white checked cloth costumes, which are equally popular, are trimmed with guards' red cloth and broad black silk fancy braid. A noticeable point about the new trimmings is that the wide plain braids are usually overlaid with narrow braid with a thread of gold or silver running through it, this being maneuvered into circular motifs or into a variety of different designs.

Floating Summer Veil.

About three yards of material are required and the colors are a pale cream, a soft gray, a light pink, a pastel blue of some of the lighter shades of green. The color should, in all cases, be light and should harmonize with the gown if it does not closely match it. The material had best be chiffon, which is, after all, the most desirable of materials. The veil now covers the ears closely and shuts out one's sight and it, consequently, requires some planning. With two small pins it must be gathered back a little at the sides and secured so that it does not obscure one's vision. It holds on the hat quite as tightly, nor does it obstruct one's vision as it did before. This is one of the neatest and prettiest of ways of wearing the new automobile or wind veil. It holds the hat on forever, in the teeth of any gale, and it gives a woman, consequently, that dash she needs.

Too Many Good Looking Girls.

In their efforts to discover the reasons for the declining marriage rate some of the seekers after truth find certain explanations which sound very strange. The latest idea on the subject is that there are too many good looking girls. Young men did not always have the same selection as they have in our day. There were, of course, pretty and beautiful girls in all ages, but they were fewer than at present. Athletic exercises and intelligent care of the body, assisted by higher education, have evolved a race of girls which is, as a race, far superior to the generation to which our grandmothers belonged. "What splendid girls one sees everywhere!" is a common cry nowadays. Well, having such a feast of prettiness, so to speak, the young men have grown exacting and want still more. They are constantly on the watch for something better still, and so they

Womans Realm

New Outaway Cont. It is man tailored. It isn't rouding. It simply slants off. It should be flat braided. It is made of fine worsted. It gives really very good lines. It is worn over a 18-core skirt. It makes any woman look tall and slender. The pocket is a combination, flap or welt.

Sashes and Hair Ribbons.

Sashes and hair ribbons are bought from the same bolt of ribbon, since all fashionable ribbons are of soft chiffon texture, and the hair bow must be of ample proportions to be smart. Plain or "warp print" ribbons that can be had with any flower or in any color desired, are equally fashionable. Some of the prettiest frocks seen recently had sashes or beltings of velvet ribbon, black or brown, run through embroidered heading about four and a half inches in width; the velvet ribbon finishing in double cravat bows without ends at the center back.

Boots to Match.

Undoubtedly the smartest boot for fine wear matches the costume. For a plain-colored or navy-blue costume in broadcloth the ideal boot is made of fine leather, (patent, shiny or mat, as one prefers), with the tops to match. Whatever the color worn, this holds good, and it is good style with gray or white. Cheaper, yet smart, are gaiters to match the dress. White ones are affected with black velvet dresses, while mode and gray are generally worn. It is smartest to have them match the dress, except the light ones are worn in harmonious contrast.

A New Lace.

Cotton braid combined with a coarse type of soutache goes to the fashioning of the newest lace, which is known as Irish cord knit. Elaborate hand stitched cords fill in the intervening spaces, and in the form of complete robes, trimmings and bouffants it is certain to be largely in demand. It harmonizes beautifully with linen frocks. Motifs of white cotton braid, chiefly in the form of marguerites with solid crochet centers, adorn many of the lace boleros and blouses which are being prepared for wearing with corselet skirts.

Even the bathing suits are hand-embroidered this season, usually in large, striking designs with coarse cottons.

The latest in veils is the "flirtation," three yards long, made of washable chiffon and wondrously hand-painted on the ends.

One of the advantages of the corselet skirt is that when the jacket is removed it is far more complete than the usual skirt and blouse.

Small dainty clusters of lilies and moss roses are selling well. Many other combinations are shown, but these two are about the best.

If designs not too large are chosen one can make very pretty collar-and-cuff sets with the shadow embroidery on the lawn. Use plenty of lace to soften.

Long scarfs of wide gauze printed with large floral designs are shown for the neck, but it is doubtful if they will be used in any quantity for that purpose.

Wide gauze metal ribbons in both silver and gold are shown, both in plain effects and with printed floral designs and a few are exhibited with small broche spots.

This rage for the monochrome in dress has brought out innumerable new tints and shades for every color, and made permissible the use of almost as many different materials in combination.

Pansies are in favor and are shown in all the natural colors from pale mauve to deep purple. Pastille colors in violets, cowslips, hyacinths, forget-me-nots, anemones, acacias and lilies are all good.

Foliage of all descriptions is in good demand, but the most favored has a slight frosting in pastille tones to blend with the colors of the flowers with which it is used.

Some of the most fetching creations are those in which silk, velvet, cloth, ribbon and perhaps even chiffon, lace and mousseline in different shades are blended carefully. But there is the point. They must be cleverly blended, else a crazy-quilt effect is produced, and for that reason the home dressmaker should wisely select some other style upon which to try her prowess.

tion and man of sarcastic wit was once trying a case in the Supreme Court in Belfast, Me., his home city. The judge presiding, before being called to the bench, had tried many cases against Jewett, who did not entertain a very high opinion of his ability. In his closing argument Jewett, in defiance of the rules of the court, started in to read some law to the jury. The court pounded on the bench and said: "Mr. Jewett, you must not read law to the jury in your closing argument." Jewett kept on reading without so much as a glance at the court. The court in Jewett's tones ordered him to stop. Jewett, who had by this time read all he intended to read, turned calmly to the judge and said: "Did your Honor address me?" "I said," roared the judge, "you must not read law to the jury in your closing argument. I will give the law to the jury. What do you suppose the court is for?" "What is the court here for?" responded Jewett, in high falsetto, "I suppose you know, sir, to keep order, with the aid of the sheriff, sir, with all due respect to the sheriff, sir."—Boston Herald.

HE BLAMED THE FROG.

James Wilson, the Secretary of Agriculture was discussing a rather antiquated kind of farming. "It is about as profitable and logical," he said, "as the weather reading of a Connecticut farm hand I used to know. This farm hand claimed that he could read the weather infallibly. On a walk with me one afternoon a frog croaked and he said: "We will have clear weather for twenty-four hours. When a frog croaks in the afternoon you may be sure of twenty-four hours of sunshine. We walked on, and in twenty minutes or so a heavy shower came up, and we were both drenched to the skin. "You are a fine weather prophet," said I, as we hurried homeward through the downpour. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself." "Oh, well," said the farm hand, "the frog lied. It's to blame, not me. Am I responsible for the morals of that particular frog?"—Philadelphia Record.

QUALIFIED.

"I'm going to quit dentistry and try for Congress." "Why, you're not fitted for legislative work." "Not, eh? Doesn't Senator Bailey say the laws of the future are to have teeth?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

AGGRAVATING ECZEMA.

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GETTING A TRUTHFUL STATEMENT.

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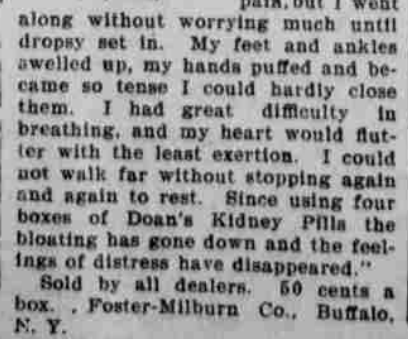
DEATH IN BARBER'S CHAIR.

Only forty city barbers in London have certificates of cleanliness. It is optional with them to take out license. This proves that the average Londoner doesn't care much about the barber shop he visits. Testimony in a coroner's court in East London last week brought out that in 1905 only twenty-one city barbers had certificates, and that the number was increased to forty last May. The inquest was on a man who died of blood poisoning after a barber had cut his chin. A Bellevue Hospital physician tells me that at least ten men a year die in New York from "razor poisoning."—New York Press.

BLOATED WITH DROPSY.

The Heart Was Badly Affected When the Patient Began Using Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, of 415 West Fourth St., Olympia, Wash., says: "For over three years I suffered with a dropsical condition without being aware that it was due to kidney trouble. The early stages were principal backache and bearing down pain, but I went along without worrying much until dropsy set in. My feet and ankles swelled up, my hands puffed and became so tense I could hardly close them. I had great difficulty in breathing, and my heart would flutter with the least exertion. I could not walk far without stopping again and again to rest. Since using four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills the feeling of distress has gone down and the swelling of all parts has disappeared." Sold by all dealers. 60 cents a box. J. Posters-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



EXPERIENCE OF MISS MERKLEY

When a physician tells a woman suffering with serious feminine trouble that an operation is necessary, she very thoughtfully of the knife and the operating table strikes terror to her heart, and our hospitals are full of women coming for just such operations.

The dedication of the new administration and jobbing house building erected at Brockton, Mass., by the W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. as a part of its mammoth manufacturing plant at Montello was marked by the thoroughness and attention to detail characteristic of the firm in all its undertakings. As the new building is said to be the most complete and convenient of any ever built for a commercial house in the United States, so were the expressions of appreciation by the many persons who visited it for inspection sincere and of a highly congratulatory nature.

The new building is 200 feet long and 60 feet wide and two stories in height. The jobbing department will occupy the entire lower floor, while the offices will occupy the second floor. Leaving the new jobbing house on the first floor, the main staircase ascends to the second floor level in two divisions separating on the first landing and meeting again upon the fourth, where the large Palladian window is situated, which appears over the entrance.

At the head of the staircase in the mosaic floor appears the word "Atrium," the name of the inner hall, planned and decorated after the manner of the central apartment of the Pompeian house. This room is directly in the center of the main building, being 26x28 and 16 feet in height, and is lighted by three large ceiling skylights of classic design.

Around the atrium are placed the private offices, where the heads of the departments are located, with their assistants. Beginning at the right of the main entrance, in order, are those of the C. F. Richmond, buyer; H. T. Drake, general superintendent; Hon. W. L. Douglas, president; and H. L. Pinkham, treasurer. They are finished and furnished in mahogany and are ensuited. Mr. Douglas's own room occupies the southwest corner of the building, and is a very handsome apartment. To the left of these comes the room of C. D. Nevins, assistant treasurer, Mrs. Marion Shields, correspondence clerk, and the store department.

On the east of the atrium and opening into this hall are two alcoves separated by mahogany counters, the fronts of which are plate glass and grilles of bronze. These are the offices of Warren Weeks, paymaster, and Harry L. Thompson, the bookkeeper. The next in order to the left are two rooms devoted to the credit department, one the private office of A. T. Sweetser and the other occupied by his clerks. The next two offices are those of F. L. Erskine, advertising manager, and his assistants.

The three other rooms completing the outer wall line of the atrium are the reception room to the left of the staircase hall, directors' room and lavatory and the sample room. Here are located the telegraph instruments, telephone switchboard and booths for use of guests. The directors' room is a fine chamber occupying the space in the northwest corner of the building. This room is finished and furnished in mahogany and all appointments are in keeping. Here hangs a portrait in oil of Mr. Douglas, the president. The last room in this series is the sample room, also in mahogany.

On center with the entrance and between the bookkeeper's alcove and the credit department is a hall leading to the general bookkeeping room, where is located the host of clerks which this huge business employs.

WHY MEN GROW BALD.

When you see a bald man, you see one nine times in ten who has no imagination. There are twenty bald Germans to one bald Irishman. The study of Shelley or of Keats never made a man lose hair, but an insane desire to master the profound Greek authors makes many a student prematurely bald. The business man without imagination who is above thirty usually is a specialist in something. He digs into that, makes money, grows bald and wastes his vitality. Three physicians in five have little hair when they have thick hair when they are sixty. They are forty. Nine newspaper men in ten have thick hair when they are sixty. They are forty. Perhaps, does not lack imagination, but may have studied too hard in school days.—New York Press.

HER MIRROR.

"I'll take that," said the man, indicating a silver-mounted handglass, "and I want you to engrave on it, 'From J. I. B. to Myself.'" "Very well," replied the salesman, "we'll put it on the back here—"



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REALISTIC.

The book agent was showing the old farmer one of the "six best sellers." "A wonderful book," said the agent, as he turned to the first chapter. "Just listen to this plot: 'There's an omnibus cloud on the sire's brow when he sees the lightning flash in the determined eyes of his beautiful daughter.' " "Great shots!" ejaculated the old farmer, his jaw dropping. "Then comes the shower of tears. 'But hark! The hero is thundering.' " "The old farmer jumped down from the fence and held up his hand. "One minute, mister," he drawled. "One minute till I put the chickens up and get my umbrella. I swear, that 'hark' book is so stormy I feel like I am getting wet now."—Columbus Dispatch.

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