

It must have been in the 40s that my great uncle, Charles N—, was graduated from college and begun to

with more difficulty. The country was not overrun with teachers' manu-

place to place, holding what they called "institutes," to which all who taught in the neighboring country

would flock to receive or disseminate new ideas, and to discuss methods of

My uncle and a friend of his had started on a tour of this kind, and on Saturday arrived at a town where they

were to hold an "institute" the fol-

lowing Monday. Sunday afternoon they took a stroll

in the outskirts of the town, on the banks of a stream, and were engaged in deep conversation when my uncle's

friend espied a flock of geese ap-proaching in a solemn procession. Moved by a sudden impulse, he took

off his hat, made a low bow and, addressing the geese, said: "Allow me to introduce to you my friend, Mr. N —, who will hold an institute in

this town tomorrow. I cordially in-vite you to be present." The geese appeared to listen attentively to the

young man's words, and when he had finished they waddled gravely away. The incident passed quickly from their minds, the next afternoon ar-

their minds, the next afternoon ar-rived, and the friends repaired to the church where they were to expound their educational views to those who were assembled for instruction and profit. The day was beautiful and

There stood the old gander, leader of the flock they had seen the day before,

and behind him were all the geesel Having completed his survey, to my uncle's horror and chagrin, he wad-died slowly up the middle aisle, fol-

friend and the whispered exclamation,

They've come!" My uncle grew redder and hotter

of the congregation, the unwelcome intruders were expelled amid quack-

Communication was

each school.

study.

The Cradle Ship. When baby goes asaling, and the breeze is fresh and free. His ship is just the queerest craft that ever sailed the sea!

sailed the sea! Ten fingers true make up the crew that watch on deck must keep, While all a-row ten toes below are passen-gers asleep. And mather is the pilot dear-ah, none so

When baby goes a-sailing, and the wind is fresh and free.

Tresh and free.
When mother rocks the cradle ship, the walls—for shores—slip past;
The breezes from the garden blow when baby boy sails fast!
So fast he flies that Dolly cries she fears we'll run her down,
So hard a-port! we're not the sort to see a dolly drown;
And then, you know, we've got the whole wide carpet for asea
When baby goes a-sailing and the wind is

wide carpet for a sea When baby goes a-sailing and the wind is fresh and free.

When baby lies becalmed in sleep, and all the crew is still. When that wee shilp's in port at last, all safe from storm and ill— Two eyes of love shall shine above, two lips shall kiss his face. Until in deep and tranquil sleep he'll smile at that embrace. For mother watches, too, at night; while through his slumbers creep Dream memories of sailing ore the breezes fell asleep.

Dream memories of same fell asleep. -G. C. Rogers, in Great Thoughts.

# Willie and Dan.

Willie was asleep and Dan was nely. Willie is the minister's son, lonely. Willie Dan is his dog. Dan is his dog. It was Sunday morn-ing and every one was at church but these two friends. It was warm and sunny, and they could hear the good preaching, for their house was next door to the church.

In some way while Willie was listen-ing he fell asleep. Dan kissed him on the nose, but when Willie went to did not mind triffes. So Dan sat down with the funniest look of care down with the funnest look of care on his wise, black face, and with one ear ready for outside noises. Now, the minister had for his sub-ject "Daniel." This was the name he

Now, the infiniter had for his sub-ject "Daniel." This was the name he always gave Dan when he was teach-ing him to sit up and beg, and other tricks. While the dog sat thinking the name "Daniel" fell on his ready ear. Dan at once ran into the church the used the vector door. He stood through the vestry door. He stood on his hind legs, with his forepaws drooping close beside the minister, who did not see him, but the congre-gation, did. When the minister shouted "Daniel" again the sharp bark said "Yes, sir," as plainly as Dan could answer. The minister started back, looked

around, and saw the funny little pic-ture; then he wondered what he should do next, but just then through the vestry came Willie. His face was rosy with sleep, and he looked a little frightened. He walked straight to-ward his father and fack Dan in his

frightened. He walked straight to-ward his father, and took Dan in his arms, and said: "Please 'scuse Dan, papa. I went asleep and he runned away." Then he walked out with Dan look-ing back on the smiling congregation. The preacher ended his sermon on Daniel as best he could, but theu he made a resolve if he ever preached again on the prophet Daniel he would remember to tie up the dog.—New remember to the up the dog.-New York Mail and Express.

# Butterflies as Roommates.

young woman who lives in a New England town has had a unique experience with butterflies. She hap-pened to be in the garden on a warm day in the fall, and noticed a brown

# HELPS FOR HOUSEWIVES. To Carve Han

First have a good, sharp carving knife, so, that thin slices are easily cut. The most usual way is to begin at a little distance from the knuckle, and to proceed towards the thick end or blade. If a ham is baked instead of boiled, it is easier to cut it thin.

# To Wash Blankets

When washing these at home the landress must proceed in the followtannetress must proceed in the follow-ing manner: Into two quarts of water shred half a bar of best yellow soap, and pour the liquid into a tub of warm water, together with a tablespoonful of liquid ammonia to every gallon. Dip the blankets into this lather and rub them thoroughly in this. When clean, rinse the blankets in tepid wa-ter, wring out, and hang to dry in the open air.

# Cologne in the Cookery.

open air.

It is no secret that the French culinary expert employs can de cologna to produce with other essences that subtle mysterious but delicious flavor often tasted in fruit salads and other als and guides, and there are few educational works. It was only by gathering together and exchanging ideas that teachers were able to pro-gress. To facilitate this several would in the summer time travel from place to place below what they cookery confections. In the genuine cologne there is compressed extract of rosemary and lemon thyme. Here is a real French dessert: Put in a salad bowl a layer of chopped ice, well pow-dered with sugar, and upon this a layer of bananas; again a handful of chopped ice and sugar, and after this bananas, repeating till the bowl is full as required. Pour upon the fruit a wine glass of water in which you have pped a lump of sugar that has ab-ed three drops of almond essence, droppe sorb and another that has absorbed three

# drops of genuine eau de cologne.

Rats and Mice. Rats and Mice. The best way to destroy mice and rats is to eatch them, writes "White Ribbon." For mice, I set a pan or wide mouthed washbowl, in a closet or cellar, filling it with milk or water on which bran has been sprinkled. Five drowned mice have been found in one earthen washbowl in the morning. For rats, a larger vessel must be set, such as a barrel or tub. Part-ly fill with water, sprinkle bran on the surface, tie a bit of meat or fish as bait, to a chip, and let it float on the water. Make a walk of board for the rats to climb up on, and the trap is

ready. I have caught many mice with bowls and tin kettles. Use a strip of paste-board an inch wide by four long. Bend in the middle forming a rectangular triangle. To one end pin a bait of meat, fish or cheese, and stand the strip on one end on the shelf, balanc ing one edge of the kettle on the forpront. The day was beautiful and sunshiny and everything beamed pro-pitiously on my uncleas he arose from his seat behind the pulpit to address the dignified gathering. Hardly had he opened his mouth to speak when something in the wide-open door attracted his attention. ner where it is bent. The other edge of the kettle's mouth rests on the shelf, and the baited end of pasteboard bends forward inside of the mouth. The mouse must go inside, directly under the mouth, to nibble the bait, and as the slightest jar disturbs the kettle from its precarious position, Mr. Mouse is imprisoned. A lowed by the rest. Was ever a young man in a more painfully embarrassing situation? At this moment he received a tug on his coat tail and plainly heard the par-tially suppressed amusement of his larger heavier device may be used for rats. A trap must be washed or smoked out every time it has entertained a rodent. Never let children destroy or see them destroyed. Have a reliable adult dispatch them painlessly .- New England Homestead.

# Fruits for the Table in Winter.

My uncle grew redder and hotter as the geese approached in front and the tugs on his coat tail continued be-hind. He could only statter and stammer, each moment becoming more painfully aware of the awkwardness of his position. At last, with the timely assistance of the comparation the unwelcome Apples, as a rule, are more easily digested cooked than raw, although raw apples are more palatable. Fruits are more appetizing, and, per

haps, more easily digested, if taken in the early part of the day—whether or not before the breakfast must be de

bot before the breaktast finist be de-termined by the eater. Grapes, oranges and shaddocks may be served before the cereal. Baked apples, peaches, baked bananas, figs, dates, prunes or stewed fruits should be served at the close of the break-test It is almost unnecessary to add that the fount of my uncle's eloquence was checked for the time being, and con-sequently his disquisition on the edu-cation of the young was not as edify-ing as it might have been under ordinary circumstances. This did not end the matter, how-ever My nucle's friend for many fast.

The sub-acid fruits, such as apples figs, dates, peaches, persimmons, pears, prunes and apricots, are, perhaps, the best of the winter fruits, and may be used to good advantage with animal foods

ever. My uncle's friend for many years after, at every dinner when he was called upon for a speech, managed to recount this incident. If my uncle was there it only added to the general minurent Raisins, sultanas, dried figs and prunes should be soaked thoroughly, towers. She caught it without much trouble and carried it to her room, where the windows were screened, and let it situation, and conducted hereaft the situation and situation and thereaft th

intestinal digestion.

# THE REALM OF FASHION.

# to form the fan back. It is lined throughout and interfaced with hair-cloth for a depth of five inches, and at the extreme edges is a bias band of the velvet stitched after the latest mode. At the waist is worn a simple straight belt of velvet made over a foundation of tailor's canvas

New Picture Bonnets. Bigger and bigger and undoubtedly. more beautiful still, grow the Victori-an bonnets every week. They seem,





worn with this headgear, and whose hair falls into natural bob curls about which are all that remain of the re-

the brow, There was a motion put and almost sarried recently with a view of doing taway with hat wearing bridesmaids, but this winter's brides have not been able to resist the blandishments of the Victorian shapes and its pictur-esque possibilities. One from a wed-bins of velvet is simply full and straight, and is unlined. At the lower edge is a deep hem, above which are the two bands of velvet ribbon. The yoke is the victorian shapes and its pictur-esque possibilities. One from a wed-bins of the bins of the bins of the bins of the bins a deep hem, above which are the two bands of velvet ribbon. The yoke is the victorian shapes and its pictur-esque possibilities. One from a wed-bins of the bins of the bi 

# THE MESSAGE OF THE SEA

I stood heside the troubled sea, In musing mood, one day, The billows came and scoffed at mo And, roaring, rushed away; My heart was far across the blue, I wondered if my love were true, And, wondering, turned away.

But, as I turned, a fairy boat Came bobbing o'er the sea-A dainty little wave-tossed note Came floating unto me -Then flashed the glad thought through my mind:-'In yonder waif perchance I'll find A word from her to me.''

"Ah, welcome, little messenger?" In eager tones I cried, "And do you bring me joy, from her Across the foamy tide." The roaring billows seemed to say:-"We bring you word from far away Across the trackless tide."

three-fourths yards of forty-four-inch material, with one yard of velvet twenty inches wide. To make the skirt will require two and three fourths yards of the same width material. A Little Girl's Costume of Xale-Elue Costumere

HUMOROUS.

It is a long head that knows no turning when a pretty girl passes. Money talks. Perhaps that's why they put a woman's head on the silver dollar.

Father-I am going to tan your nide. Son-I don't like those "skin" hide. games.

Age may not be garrulous, but it is sure to tell on a woman in the course of time.

I time. The city sidewalks are used by pe-but the grab has a side-walk destrians, but the crab has a side of his own.

A stupid man compliments a woman's pretty teeth, but a clever man makes her laugh.

The belle in the choir often brings more young men to church than bell in the steeple.

A man always tries to follow the straight and narrow path when it comes to shovelling snow.

The man with plenty of push is usually successful, but he isn't in it with the man who has a pull.

Surprises are in store for young married couples who think that they understand one another thoroughly.

Laura-I've learned one thing since I got a wheel. Bessie-What's that? I got a wheel. Bessie---What's that? Laura--That beauty is only skin deep. Martha -- Speaking of Miss Mint-drop, hasn't she a red head? Martin --She did have before she came into her uncle's property.

Timmins—Every once in a while **I** find myself repeating one of my jokes. Simmons—That's queer. I never hear any one else repeating them.

"I'm sorry the critics were so severe on your play. Mr. Thespis." "Oh, that doesn't hurt me. There wasn't an idea of my own in it."

Bill – I think your friend is overworked. Jill – What makes you think so? Bill – Why, I understand every man in town has borrowed money of him.

Penelope Oh, there are lots of good fish in the sea. Kathryn (who came home from the season unen-gaged)—Yes, but why don't they come out on the beach?

"Next time I'm coming out to Beverly's I'm going to take a camp stool with me." "What for?" "Last time I went I sat down on a little thing that turned out to be a tea-table."

"Mamma," said little Georgie, "I on't think it was a dove that Noah don't think it was a dove that Noah sent out of the ark." "But the Bible says it was, dear." "I know, but I think it means a carrier pigeon."

Crimsonbeak—You never hear any one speak of the white horse and the red-headed girl now. Yeast—No; f guess the white horses have all died. "Perhaps it's the girls who have dyed

"You passed me yesterday without a word," he said reproachfully. "For-give me," she murmured. "And have you no word of explanation?" "Two," she answered, "a borrowed wheel and a mouthful of gum.'

She-Do you believe there is any. thing in charms? He-Well, they say there is a good deal of paint mixed up in some of them; but I can see at a May

# Yale-blue cashmere, banded with a darker shade of velvet ribbon and combined with a heavy cream lace yoke over silk, made this attractive and stylish gown, which is well suited to aftermore more, "The bell suited

loose. The little insect accepted the situation, and conducted herself as if quite at home. The substantial New England name of Maria Silsbee was England name of bestowed upon it—though not emi-nently appropriate. Maria's food and drink were placed on the window sill, and consisted of a lump of sugar moistened by a drop of water, and she partook of this by unfurling her long spiral trunk, which resembled the hairspring of a watch, and inserting the end in the sugar.

Maria was not fated to live in solitude. One day there appeared in the room, another butterfly of similar appearance, but more sprightly in be-havior. No one could account for its being there, unless the maid had left the screen up for a tew moments while making up the room. The stranger was named Jonathan Matthews. He was far more venturesome than Maria, and of not so docile a temperament But he was never seen to eat. Pos-sibly a false feeling of pride or diffidence restrained him from doing so in one's presence. he fame of this young woman's

two companions spread abroad, and visitors to her room were frequent. This did not seem to ruffle the equa-nimity of either. At last Maria, indifferent to the joys of a wordly exist-ence, settled down in a comfortable corner, and remained there, to all appearances a corpse. She had decided to hibernate—and hibernate she did for several months. Jonathan, on the contrary, was very active. Thus they remained for most of the winter.

One day Maria awoke, but in the

most sparingly, especially by persons inclined to rheumatic troubles. The continued use of an orange or shad dock before breakfast will diminish namely, why did the geese understand so perfectly all that my friend said?" Atlanta Journal. the power of stomach digestion for cereals, or such foods as require only

### The Wild Horses of Arizon

"There must be 20,000 head of wild

horses in northern Arizona, "said Will S. Barnes, one of the largest cattle The papaw and pineapple belong to a class alone. They contain a vegeta-ble pepsin which assists in the digesowners in Navajo county, recently. "They are the worst nuisance that can be imagined. It has reached the

Got Off Easy.

Democrat.

tion of the nitrogenous principles. These fruits, then, may be served with meats, and will aid in their digestion: noint when we cannot safely turn out point when we cannot safely turn out a riding horse to graze. We have to keep our saddle animals and round-up horses stabled all winter or bring them down to Phoenix for pasturage. The wild stock not only eat the food that ought to go the cattle, but they run cattle off the range. They have chased off all the cattle from the west end of the Hash Knife range, one of the best grass districts in northeastern when served with bread and butter they do not form so good a diet. The are more digestible raw than cooked as the heat destroys the activity of the ferments. The fashion of adding suga

fruits should be avoided, as they have already been endowed with a sufficient amount of sugar, and as all the starch the best grass districts in northeastern and cereals are converted into sugar any further amount would be stored in the system, to its detriment. If our bilious friends would throw aside Arizona. It is useless to put out salt for the stock, for the wild horses chase away the cattle that come near it. At

this season of the year they are fat and have shining hides. They sweep over the country in great bands, gathering fort.-Mrs. S. T. Rorer, in Ladies' up any stray animals they may come across. A horse is as good as lost that joins them."—St. Louis Globe-Home Journal.

The Old Lady's Inquiry

"Oh, my friends, there are spectacles that one never forgets!" said a lecturer, after giving a graphic description of a terrible accident he had witnessed.

First Reprobate—Well, old man, did you get home all right last night? Second Reprobate—Yes; but my "I'm like to know where they sells 'em," remarked an old lady in the au-dience who is always wislaying her wife wouldn't speak to me. First Reprobate—Lucky beggar! Mine did!—Punch. olasses .- Tit Bits.

and the size to which these bonnets and the size to which these bonnets do grow. Against a shape of violet colored beaver, long, pale-blue plumes are laid, and with cream lace, pink silk poppies and ivory white satiu ribbon this crown of millinery glory is made complete.

## Stylish Gown For a Miss

No two materials, according to May Manton, harmonize more perfectly than do cashmere and velvet. The stylish gown in the double-column il-Iustration is made of the soft wool

Instration is made of the soft wool material in gray, trimmed with the richer stuff in an exquisite shade of tulip-red. The bodice, which is emi-nently girlish, is made over a fitted lining which includes the usual num-ber of pieces and seams, and closes at the centre-front. The full portion of the waist proper is arranged in gathers at the edge of the yoke and again at the waist line. The yoke and strips of velvet are applied to the lining, and are finished at all their edges of trim-ming which includes both gray and red. The right edge of the front piece is stitched to the lining, but the left is stitched to the lining, but the left hooks invisibly into place. The sleeves which are in coat shape fit snugly, but are finished with slight puffs at the shoulders which give the effect of ad-ditional breadth. Both neck and wrists are finished with bands of vel-

wrists are inished with bands of ver-ver edged with the trimming which serves as a frill. The skirt is seven-gored and fits smoothly across the front and over the hips, the fulness being laid in plaits

Tourist—What's the name of that noble mountain? Native—Dunno as it's got any. We call it "the moun-tain." Tourist—No name for that grand eminence? Native—Wot's the use of its havin' a name? It's the only mountain here.

"Oh, papa," exclained the dear girl, her sapphire eyes brimming with unshed tears, "how can you say that society is hollow?" "Why shouldn't " retorted pa, with a coarse laugh, why shouldn't I, when I have to pay the bills for feeding the gang that you have here at your blowouts?"

# The Moose and the Boat

In the state of Maine there are a number of beautiful lakes, some of them so large that small steambonts carry passengers from one end of the lake to the other. Recently, while crossing a lake, a moose was seen swimming in the same direction the steamboat was going. The captain got a rope ready, and when alongside the moose threw it over its head. The moose naturally was frightened, and swam faster, towing the boat. He suddenly turned about and almost up-set it. The moose headed for the woods on a low point of land, and the captain saw that if he did not cut the rope the moose would wreck the boat. The rope was cut, and the moose freed from his burden, soon struck the shore and disappeared in the woo

An Oklahoma lawyer named Crank has petitioned the court to change his name.

A GIRL'S HOME COSTUME.

waist is worn a sash of piece velvet