LINEN MAKERS.

Ireland and Holland Have Most Women Engaged In This Work.

Though Ireland today holds the first place, so far as America is concerned, in regard to linens, Holland occupied that position everywhere in the past and holds it today in many parts of Europe. The very word Holland is employed to designate a fine linen cloth or a linen and cotton cloth and has been used for this purpose from time immemorial. It is both glazed and unglazed and used for wearing and household decoration Flax grows well in that part of Europe, and the sunlight is said to be brighter and to have more power in bleaching in the Low Countries than elsewhere. The linen industry is carried on in Holland more by women than by men. In the fields there are almost as many female as male cultivators. In the harvesting there is an excess of women.

In the many processes, such as liming, backling and spinning, the women out numbered the men three to one In the mills the women are in the majority The men preponderate when it comes to the making of damasks and fancy designs For at least four centuries it has been an honored custom in the Netherlauds for young women to begin making their marriage portion in linen when mere girls. Some go so far as to start with the sowing of the seed; others hegin with the spinning, while those bet-ter off buy the finished cloth. All do the cutting and sewing A wedding outfit consists of petticoats, nightgowns and other underwear, several suits for summer wear, sheets, pillow cases, bolster cases, pillow shams, shirts for the husband to be and a number of rolls of the uncut material for future emergency or use Nearly every girl of marriageable age has a stock of these goods ranging from a trunkful to three or four that amount - Philadelphia times Press

MATTER OF PRONUNCIATION

A Father Who Seeks to Enlighten His Son on a Small Point.

There is a certain man who by the sweat of his brow-in summer timeearns his bread as a government official, with an office in the big state, war and navy building He also carus bread for a wife and three likely children and a servant, who manages to carry a slice of pie along home with her bread about three evenings in the week. But that is the cook's privilege always.

This official has a son aged 18, who in very nearly as sharp as the father thinks himself to be, especially in those things that everybody ought to know and not one person in a dozen does know About three times a week the father comes to the office loaded with some new information which he seeks to impart to his fellow clerks by the inductive method-that is, he induces them to show how little they know; then he springs it on them His strong point is words and their pronunciation, and he thinks he is an anthority The other evening while he was en-

tertaining three or four of his office friends at a small supper the eldest boy spoke up from the far end of the table.

"Say, pop." he inquired, "how do you pronounce N-e-w-o-n-e?" spelling it out slowly

"I presume," replied the father, with the courage of his convictions. "that it is an Indian name, and by the rule I would pronounce it Ne-wo-ny." "But that isn't the way," dissented

the boy

The father was never more surprised in his life. "I don't quite see how it would be

exphonious any other way," he said. with a mild air of offended intelligence "What's the matter with pronouncing

it new one?" inquired the boy, with a loud, irreverent ha ha. And the blow almost killed father -- Washington Star.

The Romance of a Cemstery.

Out at Calvary is a monument maker who has grown wise, and this is the way it happened :

He is an economical man and attends to business. He used to receive all callers and show them about the place. H two prospective patrons came together, he saved time by showing them around together, pointing out the sorrow enduring qualities of certain stones, the tear compelling possibilities of certain designs and the grief assuaging merits of the price. One day a man came and looked over the place for a monument sufficiently eloquent as a marker for a wife deceased. He came very near buying a beantiful shaft on an expensive base, with a world of chiseling about it. He said he would come out next day and decide.

Next day he came; also came a widow who had about given a definite order for a towering monument for the most mourned of husbands. The mon-ument man saved time and conducted the two around together. They looked at the things already all but ordered Then they waited and desired to look farther. Then they dawdled and talked a good deal to each other. Then they went away on the same train. In a day or two they came tack together, picked out one monument for the two deceased worthies--- a rather modest double head-er, by the way--- and told the stone man y had concluded to get married and use the money they saved in furnish

ing a flat. Now the stone man has a helper, and

bereaved men are never allowed to inspect the place in company with bereav ed women. - Chicago Post.

Aluminium and Water.

The fact is demonstrated that aluminium is as excellent a purifier of water as there is. The salts of this metal are insoluble in water, and consequently it is plain that when these salts are formed the water can be strained and the impurities removed therefrom. Perhaps the most practicable method of purifying water by this means is the trough method, as it is called, the trough being composed of plates of aluminium and zine or iron, six or eight inches apart. One end of the tank affords an entrance for the volume of water which passes over the top of one plate and thence under the plate next to it, this being accomplished by the fact that the elevation of the several plates is different. In connection with this tank or trough there is an electrical generator of moderate size, and, though aluminium will not form the negative pole of a current, the other plates used will. Now, as it is always the case that when an electric current comes in contact with water in this manner it decomposes a certain portion of the fluid, as were, the result of such decomposition is that ozone is formed and oxygen freed-the meaning of this being the ab-solute extinction of life in any microbes or organic matter which the water might contain, leaving it-after meeting the purification the salts of aluminium occasion-as clear and healthful as the water which flows from the purest spring .- New York Sun.

Wolf Children.

The adoption of human infants by wild and carnivorous quadrupeds has obtained more or less credence among the vulgar from the earliest ages, and while such today are for the most part poohpoohed as idle tales the skeptice bave little idea of the evidence that has been offered in substantiation thereof.

Half a century ago the iconoclass who would have dared question that Romulus and Remus owed their nurtur ing to a she wolf would have been laughed to scorn by most lovers of the classics. Twenty-five years later the animal was substituted, on the part of tutors, by a woman named Lupa-a most inglorious conclusion, derived solely Today the fe to ignore all sentiment causes such ideas to receive scant courtesy, and when sen timent is introduced as evidence is met by the undeniable statement that the same miracle is accredited with preserving the lives of many gods and heroes of antiquity. Consequently if a single case of a child being fostered and reared by animals can be substantiated beyond question the result will be to rehabilitate as history much literature that sole ly on this account has been relegated to the realm of fiction .- Lippincott's.

WHAT SHE MOST RESENTED. Could Readily Forgive and Forges

Most Anything but This. She swept into the office of the manager with cyclonic perturbation. Any-body could see from the haughty superiority of her manner that if she was not yet a star she fully intended to be In her hand was a new-spaper, one. which she laid on the desk befare the

manager. Now, really, Miss Frostleigh," he said somewhat impatiently, "I am not responsible for what appears in the nowspapers about you. I can't do anything more than say I am sorry you should have any troubles. That's all anybody does for me when 1 get into debt

"Have you read that cruel article about my husband applying for a divorce?"

"Yes-that is to say, I glanced over the headlines

"You can at least tell me where I can find the editor.

"Now, take my advice and keep away. It won't do you the least bit of good

"But don't you think I have a right to complain?"

"Of course. It was too bad. I have no doubt it was a base calumny to say you cut his allowance down to \$12 a week." "I could have borne that." she mur-

mured. "And I can understand it was very annoying to have it said that you put him out of a cab one night and made him walk three miles to the depot."

"That was not the cruelest part of it. though.

"And it was naturally embarrassing to have it asserted in cold type that in a fit of jealous pique you knocked him

down and then jumped on him." "Do you think the papers in all of the cities printed that?" she inquired. "In all probability they did. I'm sor-

ry for the worry it must cause you." That wasn't all !" she exclaimed.

"I know. What you refer to is the insinuation that he is your seventh husband.

"That isn't the worst either." she said, with a heartbreaking sob. "They spelled my name wrong!"-Detroit Free Press.

WARTIME RECOLLECTIONS.

The Old Soldier Tells of His Going Away and of His Home Coming

"My last recollection of the camp in which we were mustered in." said the old soldier, "was of my mother. We had been in camp for days, for weeks, in fact, filling up the regiment and drilling and getting equipped, and getting ready generally. Finally we were mustered in, and the next day after that we started.

"It was nightfall when we fell in for the last time in the company streets of our first camp and marched out and formed on the color line. There was a great crowd there, relatives and friends and sightseers come to see the regiment off. In front of my own company I could see i. father and mother, come to see the last of their boy before he went to war. I was the apple of my mother's eya. I knew that, and I had expected to see her break down com pletcly when the regiment marcheo away, but she stood as firm as a rock.

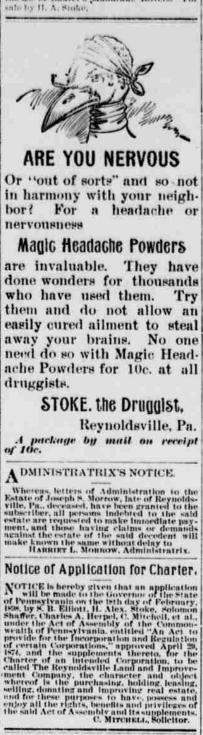
"When the regiment came home, w marched up through the same street that we had marched down years before -uight again, it was, too-with a band of music, with fireworks flying everywhere, and with crowds on the sidewalk cheering, to the town hall, where there was a banquet, with a speech from the mayor, and, so on. When this was nearly over, my father and my brother. who had come to meet me, went home to tell my mother I was coming.

"Home was half a mile or more away. A bunch of us, men of the regir: 1 from t in hall They fell one after another, until finally I w t on alone along the familiar stree It was bright moonlight. Far ahead, at the corner of the stree down which I must turn for home, saw her. She was waiting. "When I had come to her, she lifted up her hands and pronounced my name, that was all, and then her arms were about my neck, and my old blue over-coat was wet with her falling tears. Her son had come home."-New York

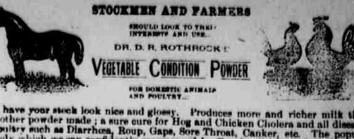
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A Collector of Book Plates

An interesting collection of book plates is owned by Mr. Howard Sill, head draftsman at the office of a firm of architects in this city The collection consists of some 2,500 specimens— American, English. French and Spanish, modern and antique-belonging to the various periods known as Jacobean. Chippendale. Wreath and Ribbon, etc. Mr. Sill has collected many examples of the work of Dorkins, Johnson, the Mavericks, father and son, famous colonial book plate engravers; also some specimens of the rare and valuable work of Nathaniel Hurd, a New England en-graver, born in 1720, a duplicate of one of whose book plates owned by Mr. Sill brought \$60 in New York a short time ago. Mr Sill has also one of the six book plates engraved by Paul Revere, which is of great value and interest. Among the colonial plates are those of William Byrd of Westover, Bushrod Washington, John Bandolph, William Smith, president of William and Mary college; Charles Carroll, Thomas Heyward and Samuel Chase, signers of the Declaration of Independence. There are also many examples of modern book plate making, the work of French, Hop-son, Spenceley and other well known modern engravers.-Baltimore Ameri-

Thoughts.

Thoughts are certainly able to spread

hemselves without the aid of looks or language. Invisible seed that floats from

the parent plant can root itself wher-over it settles, and thoughts must have some medium through which they sail till they reach minds that can take them in, and there they strike root, and whole or one of the same sort come an int.

grops of the same sort come up just as if they were indigenous and naturally

mging to their entertainers. This is

en more true in great matters than in mall.-Jean Ingelow.

Had Every Way.

"Thirteen is an unlucky number in all cases." said Jarley. "I don't know." said Butler. "I'd rather have \$13 than \$12." "I wouldn't." said Jarley. "If I had \$.2, I'd spend only \$12, but if I had \$18 I'd spend \$18."-Harlam Life.

His Grace

Little Milly is a good Sunday school scholar, and on that account was invit-ed with two or three others to spend the day at the minister's residence by way of reward. When the dinner came on, the good man said such a long grace before meat that Milly yawned and

looked hungrily at the covers. "Why are you yawning, Milly?" ask-ed the minister. "Does not your father

say grace?" "Oh, yes," answered Milly prompt-ly, "but it isn't so long as that." "And what does he say?" pursued the

clergyman, hoping to obtain a text for a little homily.

"He says different things, but last time when he sat down he took off the cover and said: 'Great snakes! Do you call this a dinner?'"

The homily was postponed .- Strand Magazine.

Hollow Society.

"Oh, pa," exclaimed the dear girl, her sapphire eyes brimming with unshed tears, "how can you say that so-ciety is hollow?"

ciety is hollow?" "Why shouldn't I?" retorted pa, with a coarse laugh that betrayed the fact that he had paid more attention to making money than to acquiring polish. "Why shouldn't I, when I have to pay the bills for feeding the gang that you have here at your blow outs?"—Indian-tendis. spolis Journal.

Pennsylvania produces hardware man-ufactures to the value of \$388,000,000 yearly, which is equivalent to \$74 per inhabitant, the average in Great Britain being \$19 and in Germany \$10.

The Buildog a Good Dog.

No member of the canine family has been more persistently maligned that the bulldog. Writers who have no intimate knowledge of the dog and his attributes have described him as stupidly ferocious, and illustrators have pictur him as a sort of semiwild beast, till t . general public has come to look upon him as dangerous.

"Give a dog a bad name," is an old saw, and perhaps a true one, but when it is applied to the bulldog it is mani festly unjust. Writers, too, have falleinto grave error in claiming that the bulldog is deficient not only in affection. but in intelligence.

Stonehenge, who is considered one of the greatest of canine scientists, claims that the bulldog's brain is relatively larger than that of the spaniel, which dog is generally considered to be the most intelligent of the canine race, while the bulldog's affection is never to be doubted.-Outing.

Belated Convict.

Prison Missionary-What are you in for, friend?

Convict (bitterly)-Just for missing a train.

"Nonsense."

"No nonsense, sir. I missed a train for Montreal."-Harlem Life.

The Court theater in Munich has a revolving stage. The part in view of the audience represents one-quarter of a circle. A change of scene can be effect-ed in 11 seconds by bringing to the front the next quarter of a circle.

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