YOU KNOCK NO MORE.

I. It is not that the later years are cold And void of blooms that made life's springtime aweet; "Tis that along the way no more I hold Your hand, and hear your heart's re-membered bent, "Tis that in desolate mannions at the door Dear Heart, you knock no more!

Tis that your dwelling now so lonely

second And in the starless midnights I can hear The rustle of the curtains in my dreams, Knowing that but the ghost of Love is there! Tis that I stand—a shadow at the door, Dear, where you knock no more!

III. Tis, when the depths of my soul are stirred With passionate grief for a remembered day; There comes this thought: "Did I not miss some word Which might have made the light shine on your way?

answer be?"

CTY.

now."

feelings.

wonder if-"

and laid them on his lips.

-Waverley Magazine.

The Battles of Nature.

We read the tablets of long ago

which the geologist has deciphered for

us, and we find them an endless story

of battles. The successful species

which occupy the great geological hor-

izons have come out of great tribula-

tion. The trilobites and some lilles of

the silurian period, the gigantic club-

moss and fluted sigillarians of the coal

age, the enormous ammonites of the

jurassic and chalk epochs, the mighty

elephants and majestic deer forms of

the tertiary era, are magnates of the times and masterpieces of the strug-

gle. They had been redeemed at a

great price, even of a thousand spe-

cles and tens of thousands of individ-

kissed it very tenderly.

I am the king," he said.

stand, he would not believe.

I wish I were a milkmaid!"

would say about being a princess,

She thought he would not under-

on your way? Some flower I might have lifted from the dew. Dear to the lips of you?"

O lonely dwelling, 'neath the withering vince, Once bright with bloom-now lost to all delight!

delight! No wreath of Love the ruined garden twines; Out of the darkness comes "Good night! Good night!" Never "good morning" at the lonely door Dear-for you knock no more! —Atlanta Constitution.

**** IFS" AND "ANDS." By Maude Shapcott. ****** ET us argue the case out." She spoke with unexpected ernestness. He laughed

lazily and pulled one or two long strokes on his onrs before replying.

'Very well."

"You mean to say," continued she, "that this princess should marry a man she cares nothing for-whom she has never seen-because it is for the welfare of her people and his." "Exactly," replied he in a jesting

tone.

She sighed faintly. "You men think nothing of a wom an's happiness-a woman's life."

He stopped rowing and let the boat drift gently down the stream.

"Let us argue the case out," said he, repeating her words of a few minutes ago. "As I understand this matter from the papers, a certain king, who shall be nameless, desires for his royal ascort a certain grand duchess-who shall also be nameless. It is for the hest interests of both their countries that these two should wed. This the king understands, as also do the advisers of the grand duchess. But she, womanlike, refuses to entertain the Idea, declaring she will marry only the man she loves-and who loves her. At least so the court gossips say. Am i stating the case correctly?"

"Yes?"

"Love is a beautiful dream, but like most dreams has often a rude awakening. Perhaps this grand duchess will fall in love with a man she cannot marry. What then?"

She leaned over the side of the bont without replying, and plucked a great yellow lily which lay rocking idly to and fro in the centre of the stream. "Besides, duty comes before pleasure."

There was no mirth in his face now. It was grave and a little sad.

"True. But this is for life," she said slowly. "Granted. And there are many

"Never!" She spoke hurriedly. "I shall never come here again. I hate FARM TOPICS the place. The woods are full of shadows, the river sounds at dusk like a walling spirit. I believe the very fields and lanes are haunted."

Winter Feeding of Poultry.

During the winter season all kinds She laughed nervously. He leaned poultry require other foods than toward her and made her turn her of grain. Cut clover and animal meal are hend in his direction. As she met his eyes she sav: in their depths a look used mostly as aids to corn. If eggs are desired the food alone will not which made her heart beat rapidly. She drew a long breath, half sob, half prove satisfactory. The most important assistant to egg production is a warm and comfortable poultry house sigh, and looked at him imploringly. "If you were the Grand Duchess Vera of Thorntheim," he said, and his that is also large and roomy. volce was full of passion, "and I the

To Prevent Smut in Wheat,

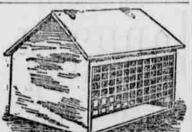
King of Sardonica, what would your In the preparation of seed wheat different methods are adopted to provide She turned white; her breath came against smut. One which prevails in in slow gasps, and she uttered a low some parts of the country is simple "Hush!" She put out her hand as and may be tried by any person. Take a common washtub about two-thirds though to ward off some coming blow. full of water, and pour into it half a "You don't know what you are saying. bushel of wheat, and after stirring I am the Grand Duchess Vera. I was with a stick, skim or pour off what tired of state and ceremony," she conrises on the water, taking care not tinued, seeing a look as though of surprise on his face; "so tired! Add when they told me about the king, I to let the good grain run out; then empty into a basket or some vessel that will retain the wheat, and drain said that unless they gave me one off the water; put it on a clean floor more summer of liberty I would run and slft or sprinkle onto it about a away. After a long while they conpeek of dry ashes, stirring it over thorsented, and-I came here and met oughly so as to cover all the grains you-and never told you who I was. with the ashes, and serving the whole It was wrong-and I am so sorry quantity to be sown in the same way. After it has lain a few hours it will be She held out her hand to him, as though imploring pardon. He took it ready for sowing. It has proved a sure preventive in every case of trial in his strong grasp, and bending, with me, but when it has been omitted there has been plenty of smutty grain. "If you are the grand duchess, then -Farm, Field and Fireside,

Weed Out Unprofitable Stock,

If is one thing to keep an old animal "It is true," she said brokenty, "too that has been the pride and pet of the true! I am the grand duchess, andfamily for years, after it has ceased to profitable, and another to keep one Her little burst of human nature that is not and never was able to earn made him smile involuntarily. Poor its keeping. Yet while not many girl! He wondered what a milkmaid farmers feel able to do the former for sentiment's sake, there are hundreds There was dead silence for a minute, who are doing the latter from no other and then he began to laugh softly. reason than an unpardonable ignor-She drew her hand away from him in ance as to the cost of keeping, and the indignation. He was triffing with her actual results received from the anlmal. The Babcock test is doing much "When a certain king," he said, and to weed out some of the unprofitable this time took both her hands firmly cows, when used in connection with in his, "heard that a certain princess the regular weighing of the mlik, but would not marry him because she did other animals need to be looked after. not love him, he said that rather Sheep need to be culled carefully would he have for his bride a princess every year, and those that do not prowho was still a woman than the most duce and bring up good lambs and a beautiful grand duchess on the face of good shearing of wool should be titted the earth. So he left his kingdom and for mutton. There is many a man who traveled into another country there to keeps a horse, when he could hire one seek his Lallah Rookh. He found her to do the work he has for him at less and fell in love with her. And now I than the cost of feeding, and others who keep two, though one could do the But she snatched her hands away work excepting during a few days in the year. Weed out the unprofitable "If I were the Grand Duchess of animals even if obliged to kill and Thronthelm and you were the King bury them. They may do the world some good in that way - American of Sardonica," and she laughed happily, "oh, my dear, I should say yes!" Cultivator.

Coop For Young Chickens.

The usual slat front has several serious objections. It gives too easy chance for the hens to pick the chicks of other broods that happen to wander near the coop, and bampers the going in and out of the chicks as



FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. TWENTIETH DAY.

The entire day was spent in consid-tration of the army reorganization bill without making much progress. None of the contested amendments being voted upon.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Upon resuming the discussion of the ermy reorganization bill, Mr. Vest, of Missouri, offered an amendment requir-ing West Point officers to prevent hax-ing and cadets breaking such rules to be expelled and not reappointed. In support of the army bill Senator

Lodge drew a brilliant word picture of the growing power of America, and said he believed that in four or five years the army could be cut down to 20,000

then. The provision for a veterinary corps in the army was struck out of the bill by a vote of 43 to 5. DAY.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY. During the legislative session the Sen-ate had under consideration the muchmooted canteen question in connection with the army reorganization bill. For nearly five hours the Senate discussed the committee amendment, but a vote on the proposition is not yet in sight. TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

The committee on agriculture did not succeed in closing its hearing on the oleomargarine bill and continued it. Senator Spooner, from the committe

on judiciary, reported favorably the bill to divide the State of West Virginia into advantages and includes the latest features while, withal, it is simple in the two indicial districts. extreme. As shown it is worn open TWENTY-FOURTH DAY with the fronts rolled back to form

Considerable progress was made by the Senate with the army reorganization pointed revers, and the Kalser collar opens at the throat, but when desired bill, but the final vote upon the meas-ure seems to be as far off as ever. it can be buttoned up close, as shown in the sketch, and made to mean genu-TWENTY-THIRD DAY. ine warmth The model is made from black cheviot with self-faced revers.

DOUBLE BREASTED ETON.

The committee on foreign relations heard arguments on both sides of the controversy over the Jamaica reciprocity and collar finished on the inside with velvet and rows of narrow gold braid. Senator Morgan offered an amendand is closed by means of handsome ment to the pending army gill giving the President power to call out State and National troops. smoked pearl buttons.

The fronts are cut with single darts. but fit snugly to the figure. The back is seamless and finished in a rounded

HOUSE,

TWENTIETH DAY. Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, and Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, used up most of the day in an acrimonious debate on the Hopkins reapportionment bill, Mr. Shattue, Ohio, insisted that ru

making the reapportionment the repre-sentation should be reduced in all States where the right to vote is abridg-

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Mr. Delzell continued to occupy the air. Detech continued to occupy the chair in the House in the absence of Speaker Henderson. It was agreed that general debate on the reapportionment bill should cease at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and that the vote should be taken before adjournment.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

By the emphatic majority of 63 votes out of at total vote of 267, the House killed the Hopkins apportionment bil and adopted the Burleigh bill, which fixes the membership of the House at 386, an increase of 20. This gives Penn-sylvania two additional members, and West Virginia one

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

The riser and harbor bill was side-tracked in the House, as, under the rules, the day was to be devoted to the private pension bills on the calendar; but Chairman Burton will call it up again and keep it to the front until a vote is reached.

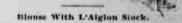
TWENTY-FOURTH DAY. The general debate on the river and harbor bill continued in the House. The committee on naval affairs completed the naval appropriation bill. The committee gave the full increase of enlisted men, 5.000, instead of 3.000. The bill also carries a provision to commission two classes from the naval academy now on their cruises. TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

THE REALM OF FASHION.

New York City .- The Eton Jacket in | inches wide, or two yards fifty inches Its many forms is the undoubted faywide, with three-eighth yard eighteen orite of the hour. The stylish May Manton model illustrated has many inches wide for shield and collar, will be required.

Orchid With Dew Drops.

Some of the newer ornaments for dinner dress are expensive as jewelry. although they belong to the province of millinery. A pretty aigrette is an orchid petaled with sliken gauze, and plentifully besprinkled with tiny dewdrops of "Rhine" crystal or strass diamonds. A few aerial "algrette" tips also sprinkled with dewdrops complete this beautiful and novel decoration for the colffure. It is mounted upon a shell hairpin.



The blouse made from the ready tucked silk, mousseline, cashmere or other fancy material is much in vogue, and has the great merit of requiring the minimum of labor. The smart May Manton model illustrated is designed to meet just such a need and includes the fashionable Algion stock and the deep girdle, both of which features are found in the best imported models, As shown the foundation is taffeta is biscuit color, the flaring portion of the stock velvet in the same shade, the collar white Liberty, and the tie of black velvet. The girdle is of the same material as the waist, and is held by handsome gold buttons, while tiny ones are used in the flaring portion of the stock. All-over lace, net and all the list of similar materials are suitable, or any soft woolen stuff can be tucked before cutting, if preferred,

The foundation for the blouse is a fitted lining that should be well boned. but the waist proper includes shoulder bat-like extension below the waist, and and under-arm seams only. Both lin-



things in life not pleasant to contemplate but which nevertheless have to be borne. Now if I were the king. think you I should look forward with pleasure to the thought of a bride who hated me-even before she had seen me?"

"He has only himself to thank. Why did he not choose some other Pros erpine? This grand duchess is not the only princess in the world."

He-opened his eyes in astonishment at the bitterness in her voice.

"One would think you were the grand duchess," he said.

"If I were," replied she with spirit, "I would show the world that a princess can still be a woman."

"I believe you would," replied he thoughtfully; then, picking up his oars, he rowed with unnecessary vigor up the river.

The sun had sunk behind a bank of dark night clouds rising in the west. A gentle, moaning wind stole from the land and waved tenderly the sleeping grasses and drowsy flowers that lined the banks. Far in the distance could be heard the harsh voices of frogs chanting their evening hymn, while from the thickets close at hand came the soft iwittering of birds settling themselves for a long night's rest.

She turned her head away from him. and as she did so he saw her eyes were full of tears. Sweetly from the woods on the eastern bank rang out the clear. divine note of a nightingale. Silence long and deep fell between them.

"It has been a happy summer," he said. The t lence was growing op pressive. "Yes." She smilled absently, as

though her thoughts were far away from the past and its pleasures.

"But, like all pleasant things, it ends too soon.'

more mornings to wander in the woods ere sunsets to watch-more evenings to sit and fream of ---- "

'Of what?'

She did not reply. He cast a swift, attoning glauce at her. We may meet next year?" he said

uals, who fell short of the typical fitness and were killed out. These magnates, each in its turn, were ploneers of progress, like the scouts of a great army, and were caught in a physiological ambush.

The pedigree of the horse, in the most recent past, has been made out, traced shall we say, for 100,000 years before man came on the scene (for Lord Kelvin has asked the geologist to hurry up and not be too lavish with time, or we should have said 250,000 years before man). The fleetness, grace, strength of the horse are owing to his ability to walk on one toe, to which have been correlated the wonderful instincts by which he has become the partner of man in his industries and struggles. He has been derived in almost a strict gradation from

the two-toed, three-toed, four-toed and dve-toed ancestors, which flourished in the ages which preceded man. Myriads of individuals, and all the specles and varieties, died out to make room for the one-toed selection, to enable this favorite to occupy the ground, unthwarted by crossing or by recurrence to average forms. He was redeemed at a great price, and has come through a great tribulation .- The Contemporary Review.

Sir Evelyn Wood's Discovery. It will not be Sir Evelyn fault if there is any red tape at the War Office while he is in charge. When Sir Evelyn was a captain in the Seventeenth Lancers he devised an improved cavalry saddle, and sent it to the War Office. The letter and parcel were politely acknowledged at the time, and the matter rested-for nearly twenty years. 'Then, when Sir Evelyn was Quartermaster-General of the forces he came by chance across a parcel addressed in his own handwriting to the War Office. It was unopened, "For you perhaps. But I have still and on cutting the string he found his saddle!--St. James's Gazette.

Bloodhounds For Train Robbers. A number of bloodhounds has been ourchased for a Western railroad in order to pursue train robbers. They were bought from the Idaho peniter-



A VERY SERVICEABLE COOP.

soon as they get to a certain size. If the spaces are not then made wider the chicks are likely to be deformed from overcrowding through narrow spaces. The cut shows the best kind of front, the fine square meshed wire netting being used, with space left at the bottom for the chicks to run in and out. This also permits the coop to be cleaned out with great ease. This latter point is a very great advantage. -New York Tribune.

Selling Butter to Private Trade.

There is frequent mention of the desirability of selling our butter to a private trade. This advice is generally impracticable. Certainly all butter makers cannot sell their butter to consumers of their own getting, very few can; and I do not believe, as a rule, that it is profitable for a dairyman to attempt to create a private trade. In the first place, creating it involves a great deal of labor, and tisually consumes a great deal of time. In the next place delivery cuts into the profits largely. The average farmer does not count his time valuable, nor regret the wear and tear of horseflesh, wagons and harness. He has all these on hand, and it seems to be the theory that it costs nothing to use them. I believe that a farmer can find profitable use for all his time, if he makes the effort. I never saw an hour in my life, since I began the management of a farm, twenty-five years ago. that I could not find profitable work to do around the premises, more profitable than running around the community hunting up private trade for my butter. It is a better and more profitable plan, to make butter of such quality that it will sell itself, and then send it to a commission house, or, perhaps, supply the home Stores, if they will pay cash, which they do not often do. The best thing a dhirymau, especially a winter dairyman, can do, is to place his business on a regular ercial basis, and if he does he will sell his butter as the large butter makers usually A.-George Williams, in Agricultural Epitomist.

After routine business the river and harbor appropriation bill was taken up for consideration, but little progress was made.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

Gov. Atkinson's Message Presented on the Opening Day.

Both branches of the West Virginia Legislature organized Wednesday by the election of the Republican caucus nomi nces to the various offices. Anthony Smith, of Ritchie, was elected president of the Senate; John T. Harris, of Wood, was made clerk; E. H. Fritch, of Ca-bell, sergeant-at-arms, and D. S. Pettigrew, of Nicholas, doorkeeper. In the House W. G. Wilson, of Ran-

dolph, was made speaker; Harry Shaw, of Marion, clerk; W. H. Ramsey, of of Marion, clerk; W. H. Ramsey, of Fayette, sergeant-at-arms; J. E. Ripley, of Jackson, doorkeeper. The House met in joint session and canvassed the returns of the late election for State of ficers, but no changes were found from the figures already published.

Gov. Atkinson's message was present-ed in both Houses. It states that at the close of the fiscal year, October 31, the total balance in the treasury was \$1. 657,249.22. The gov

governor declares all the State institutions to be carefully administer-ed and in most satisfactorily condition. His reference to the State university are general in character, with no refer ence to any but the pleasing features of its management. The attendance of res-ident students has increased from 644 to 885 in two years, and the women students from 112 to 240. The regents ask for \$75,900 per year for running ex-penses, and \$104,013,20 for permanent improvements, which he indorses. The governor complains that the State normal schools are merely academies an-not schools for pedagogic training.

He advocates important changes in the corporation laws which will remove the limitation as to the amount of lan of a corporation and the limitation of its capital stock. The governor also its capital stock. The governor also urges the enactment of laws to more adequately protect the ballot and make vote-selling a more punishable crime. He recommends taxing pipe lines and such licenses on corporations as will in time abolish the State tax on the properties of citizens.

In the Boston high schools the girls outnumber the boys by 1,000 or so, but in the primary grades the boys outnum-ber the girls by 2,500. eight years of age five yards of ma-terial twenty-seven inches wide, two and three-eighth yards forty-four

is joined to the fronts by wide undering and outside material close at the arm gores that extend well back to centre front, but separately, and the form side backs and give a slender, opening in the waist is rendered in-The visible by tucks. The girdle is fitted tapering effect to the figure. sleeves are two-scamed, snug, without to the figure and held in place by being tight, and are cut in modified short bones, and the blouse drops slightly over the top. The sleeves are bell shape, so allowing the jacket to be slipped on and off with ease. At cut with broad upper and narrow under portions, and are finished with cirthe neck is the military collar, known as the Kalser, with pointed ends that cular cuff's that flare becomingly over the hands. The Alglon stock includes can be hooked over close or left free. the plain portion that fits the throat, as preferred. To cut this jacket for a woman of

twenty-one inches wide, two yards for-

ty-four inches wide, or one and five-

Giri's Blouse Costume.

fronts are plain across the shoulders.

but slightly full at the waist, where

the blouse pouches over the belt. The

right side laps over the left in double

breasted style, the rounded points be-

To cut this costurae for a girl of

required.

girls.

broidered red panne.

flare cuffs.

the flaring sides and the tie, and is finished separately from the waist. If medium size four yards of material



BLOUSE WITH L'AIGLON

desired, the plain portion on used, or the stock can be m contrasting color and worn v ous waists.

medium size four and one-e two and a half yards this

wide, with a quarter o velvet and a quarter for flaring portion of will be require

ing decorated with gold buttons, and the neck is finished with a deep col-To cut this blouse for a lar that is round at the back and square at the front. The sleeves are two-seamed and finished with turn-