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Half Pares for Women. The Russians have scored on the point of gallantry. St. Petersburg bas just recently been provided with new taxameter cabs. They work on a dual system, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen; the authorities having been thoughtful enough to introduce a new tariff, according to which ladies are only required to pay half the fare demanded of mere men

Who Should Wear Black. Color is of enormous importance to the woman past 50, and why so many matrons perpetually dress themselves in black or in dark colors is a mystery. The woman who wishes to look her best should never wear it unless she relieves her face with plenty of color of some shade she is certain is becoming. Black shows up wrinkles and it emphasizes sallowness, and for these reasons if for no other should never be worn except by the youngest ansi freshest complexions. — American

Touches of Black Velvet Ribbon. Those black velvet cravats with the little alguillettes on the ends are still to be seen; but, of course, they now lack the charm of novelty. However, they are very pretty. A blouse of white silk is made with the small tucked vest edged with velvet, black passementerie outlining the shoulders, a motif of which holds the velvet ribbon at the neck over a small neckband of white lace, white lace putting in its appearance from the yoke to the waist. There are black velvet ribbons again on an evening coat which is of black glace with choux of chiffon and a collar or guipure. Those trellis velvet ribbons, by the way, are now constantly used in evening dresses as an apology for sleeves over bare arms; but, indeed, they are not particularly pretty, having the suggestiveness of the decoration formerly dedicated to the open jam tart.

Dearth of Sewing Girls.

There is just now a deartn of sewing girls in New York City so marked as to lead to the suggestion to import from Europe, and, in all probability from Paris, enough help of this kind to supply the demand. The difficulty of finding capable assistants is felt most seriously by persons who have lately gone into business and have not acquired a staff of trained employes.

For several years past the number of young girls who have become sewing women in the large dressmaking shops has markedly decreased, and there are just now so few of them that the situation has become really perplexing to all those dressmakers who have not a trained and experienced staff. The difficulty of hiring even at increased wages capable women to do the sewing required has prevented the opening of several contemplated establishmets.

Not long ago a Boston firm bought the good will of a well known New York dressmaker who died suddenly. The representative of the firm said that he had bought the business because he was able to get with it the former proprietor's workwomen, and that his firm had for years been trying to establish a branca in New York City, but had never before been able to find the necessary assistants.-New York Sun.

Mistaken Vanity in Women. It is in every woman's power to make herself attractive and more than that, it is her duty to make herself as beautiful as possible. She owes it to society, society demands it and has a right to.

A woman who pays no attention to herself and her personal appearance will never make an impression. An attractive woman will in every case precede her. Don't get the idea that it is wrong or that it is vanity. No woman can afford to be without this, which is her greatest power. It gives her influence, something that all persons like to possess, says an observer of human nature, but she should not allow pride to enter her heart because of it. Nature is kind and will abundantly reward those who make free use of her gifts. She has bestowed some mark of beauty upon every one. Each of us is a single individual endowed with something that no other has, for while mother nature is kind, yet she is partial and she is fond of variety, consequently, she has not given two persons exactly the same mark.

Every woman should exercise both body and soul; strength of the one means strength of the other. Let her grow strong physically and spiritually grow in intelligence, grow in virtue, grow in charity, grow in sympathy, grow in affection, in fact grow in ev erything that will add to her personal appearance.-Detroit Free Press.

Wood carving is a favorite occupation of the woman who dabbled at lace making last year, and undeniably beautiful is some of the work of ama teurs, the designs being clear and bold, full of réfinement and knowledge. The host of a Long Island house shows with pride an oaken hall door, splendidly carved, and it is the work of one of the daughters of the house. But oak is very hard wood and such a heavy piece of work is a great tax on any woman's strength. Paper cutters,

lotter covers, spinning chairs, shelves for china or books are all useful and easily made. Boxes for photographs

are delightful presents, and should be large enough to hold panel photographs. They are sometimes lined with silk or velvet. Oak, mahogany. walnut, pine and holly are mostly the woods used by the carver, and a very pretty umbrella stick may be of orange wood, the whole stick being carved, as well as the hilt, says the Montreal There are variously shaped tools, and

of these the V, or parting tool for cutting outlines; the veiner, the "flat," or "quick" tools, which are in some cases hollow and bent, or in others quite flat, are all needful; also the right and left corner tools for cutting away into corners, and it is well to remember that only the best tools are worth buy-One of the most charming devices for the back of an upright plano is a large square of wood to fit it exactly; this opens by means of springs and is held by chains, or it may be lifted out altogether. The design is of ancient musical instruments, and a beautiful scroil-work of the lotus, or surrounds the so-called This carved plano back is preferable in many ways to ordinary drapery and proves less of a dust trap. It is not at all unusual to have a case entirely carved for the piano, all the clamping being of lovely nickel silver, richly wrought.

Quaint Jewelry-Heads as a Hobby.

Who knows what a peridot is? Owing to the present vogue of quaint and uncommon precious and semi-precious stones, it is coming into fashion. In a book on gems and jewels is this paragraph: "The peridot is a limpid stone of a delicate green color, somewhat resembling green chartreuse. It was a most popular precious stone when our great-grandmothers wore huge poke bonnets, with mountainous decorations of plumes, enormous leg of mutton sleeves, and their waists just under their arms; and in 'folk lore' the peridot was considered an emblem of chastity, purity and modesty." An illustration of some beautiful jewelry accompanies this description, the lovely peridots set in dia-monds printed in their natural delicate green hue showing the lights in the stones. The spinel, the jacinth, the amethyst and the moonstone were also worn when the peridot was in fashion in smart society.

The woman who prides herself on her odd jewels has taken to bead collecting of late. She studies her subject at the museum of art and tells you she is fascinated by the wealth of color shown in the material, the artistic taste displayed in form, design and decoration and above all the poetical and religious imagination as expressed in the symbolism of the bead, combining to make the subject fascinating in the extreme to the collector.

The colors of the amethyst, carne-Han, jade and amber are bewildering in their beauty; even more so the rich blue of the lapis lazuli, and the superb green of the emerald, often thrown into greater relief by juxtaposition with curious gold and silver specimens. She appeals to you, this ardent bead colctor, for words to do justice to the exquisite blue of the pottery bend pe-culiar to Egypt in the finest period of its production, the 18th dynasty.

Some people have an idea that a bead is always round, but many are flat or oval, while others are ringshaped, to say nothing of symbolical heads in the form of sphinxes, wasps, eyes, hands, etc. The lotus crux ansata and tat of Osiris are embodiments of religious faith in ancient Egypt, while even in the present day we have the hand of Mary as amulet and the "eye" bead from Syria. The mask beads of early Greece are more bizarre than beautiful, but are rarely found outside collections .- New York Commercial Advertiser.



White pique gowns are strapped with bands of white suede cloth. Hairpins with jeweled heads are one

of the novelties of the moment.

Wall flowers make quiet but stylish trimming for some hats. The wall flowers themselves are good for people who are fond of old-fashioned flowers.

Modistes in Paris are struggling to

make colored gloves popular, but the

majority of women are slow to adopt them, and white gloves are almost naiversally worn with all light frocks. Wings are used on hats now where

nly flowers have been seen heretofore. A pretty delicate pink hat trimmed with pink wings, has several of them tining the entire under side of the rim. The favorite hat to be worn with tailor made suits is the marquise. it

rolls up on the sides, forming a point

in front, and is simply trimmed with a

twist of ribbon and a stiff bow immediately in the front. Loosely twisted knitting silk is betfor darning woolen underwear tien wool, which is apt to shrink. If y'ter washing it will have about the

ame appearance as the original tex-Smoked pearl cuff buttons are to vear with the waists which have smoked pearl buttons. There are shirtwaists this year which have the regular shirtwaist sleeve, and the style of the men's shirt sleeves more pro-nounced than ever before. So many of the waists have the narrow band cuffs that people are apt to forget that stiff culle are still good style.

REMARKABLE SALT DEPOSIT.

the Most Wonderful Sights o California. Few readers of the Scientific Ameri-

can had heard of the sea of Salton up At this time the Colorado river broke its barriers and flowed into the desert of California, flooding it to an extent of hundreds of square miles. In the vicinity of Salton was one of the largest sait deposits in America: the water encroached upon it, and for a time threatened the industry, but after creating an excitement which spread over the entire west, it receded. The rumor was to the effect that the new sea was so vast that it would change the climate of southern California. The deposit of salt at Salton is one of the sights of California. It lies

the sea level, and was at some time

in the past the bed of a sea, or extension of the Gulf of California. From the train, which passes near by, the tract looks like a vast snow field, and in the early morning is frequently the scene of beautiful mirage effects. The salt deposit, which is essentially rock salt, covers about 1000 acres, and is at present the centre of interest on account of the dispute of rival companies over the possession of the property. The company in possession has shipped from this place annually about 2000 tons of salt, valued at from \$6 to \$34 per ton, according to quality The outfit of the salt mine consists mainly of a crusher, a drying building and a dummy line from the salt beds to the Southern Pacific railroad, not far distant. The work is carried on mainly by Indians, who can withstand the intense heat of the desert-150 degrees in June-and the glare better than white men. The work is interest-ing and novel. The drying house is a building 600 feet in length, about which hundreds of thousands of tons of salt are heaped, having all the appearance of snow. Here the salt is dried and milled. The salt is collected at first with a plow-a singular machine with four wheels, in the centre of which sits an Indian guiding it; the motive power is a dummy engine some distance away, which hauls the plow along by cables. As it passes, the steel breaker is seen to cut a broad but shallow furrow, eight feet wide and three feet long, throwing up the ridges on either side. Indians now follow along, and with hoes pile up the salt in pyrimidal forms, which later is transported to the mill. Each plow harvests 700 tons of salt per day. singular feature of this bed is that the salt is being deposited daily by springs which run into the basin, and as the water evaporates it leaves a crust of almost pure chloride of sodium, which ranges from 10 to 20 inches in thickness, over the lake. It will seen that there is no danger of exhausting the supply, which is forming all the time; and, in point of fact, the plows have in the past years worked almost continually over the

same area, only about 10 acres having been plowed. The salt, when delivered at the plant hoisted to the upper floor, placed in a bulkhead breaker, where it is reduced to particles of the same size. It then passes through a burr mill and is well ground. After this it is sifted and is finally passed through an aspirator, which cleanses it of al foreign material, when it is ready fo packing in bags. The salt is used for a variety of purposes, and is of several different grades, the lowest being unrefined-a product called hide salt used in manufactories. Large quantities are sold for sea bathing purposes, a certain amount producing a very similar chemical equivalent to sea water. Other grades are prepared for tale, dairy and for the use -Scientific American.

First Born Children Strongest. It would seem that first-born children excel later-born children in height and weight, says Arthur Mac Donald, in Everybody's Magazine, This may be due to the greater vigor of the mother at the birth of the first child. We are reminded of a fact nentioned later, that out of 50 great men of this century, 30 percent were

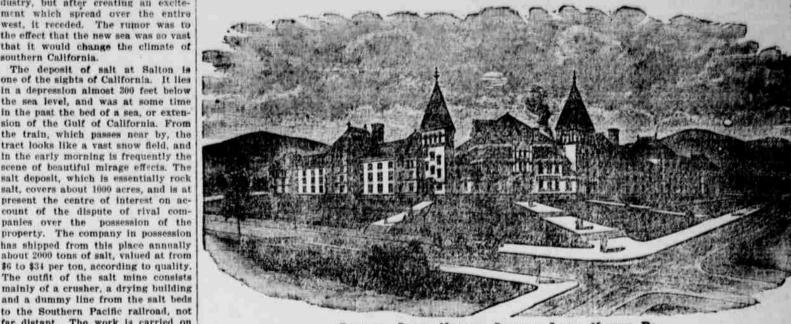
the youngest sons. In England it was found that growth degenerates as we go lower in the social scale, there being a difference of even five inches in height between the best and worst fed classes in the

community. An investigation of 10,000 children in Switzerland showed that children born in summer are taller for their age than those born in winter; as a majority of children in the public tle required sixty rods before crossing schools are poor, in winter their par- a public highway, and was intended ents are forced to economize more on for the protection of dumb animals as last legislature from Greenbrier account of expense of heating; their well as human beings, and this has county, died Thursday, aged 55 years. rooms are also liable to be small and been approved by the supreme court. poorly ventilated, while in summer The railway company contends that they are out in the fresh air; food is the requirement of the whistle at cheaper and more varied. The in- crossings could only be intended for fluence of unhealthy conditions on a rational beings, not animals. It is convery young child would be much great- ceded that short blasts of the whistle er than when it is older and better | may frighten animals off the track, but able to resist them.

The Appreciative Boston Lady.

Miss A-, who is a teacher of English in a school of high rank in her native state, Mississippi, and who, in spite of her vivacity in conversation. is perhaps, if anything, too fastidious the threads of the darn are left loose, in her choice of words, was spending the summer at the New York Chautauqua. Her flow of spirits made her the delight of the dining table at which she was first seated; but at the end of a fortnight she was moved by her landlady to another place. lady from Boston, who had been sit-ting opposite the southerner exexpressed her regret at the change. "I'm so sorry you are going to leave us," she said, with warmth, "we have all enjoyed your dialect so much."—Harper's Magazine.

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Animals Have Reasoning Power,

That animals have reasoning power, and can recognize the approach of danger, is the verdict of the burned Thursday night, crossing a loss supreme court of Iowa. The case in of \$12,000. which a decision was given was against a railway company for killing stock. In the lower court the rule of evidence was that the statutory whiswhen not in danger, to frighten them may cause them to run on the track. The railroad company's attorneys say that the court confounds fright on the part of animals with reason; nevertheless, if this request for a rehearing be refused, and the present opinion stands, then the toots on the whistle are for the benefit of stork as well as human beings.

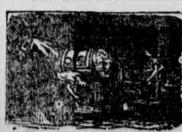
Whole Village to Emigrate. The whole of the population of the village of Sologna, in Italy, including the public officials, is about to emigrate to the Argentine and to continue the community in exactly the same manner in that country under the name of New Sologna. Not one single individual will remain behind.

Only fools answer questions before

The fertilizer plant of the Wheeling Butchers' association, at Fulton, two miles west of Wheeling, W. Va., was

While on his way home from Brazil, Dr. Clyde Sanders, a son of John San-ders, of Morgantown, fell from a street car in New York City and was killed. Col. B. F. Harlow, a prominent citizen of Lewisburg, and member of the Lafayette Westfall has been appointed postmaster at Ivy. Upshore county.

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