

Fast Merchant Steamers.
It appears that there are only 1,109 merchant steamships in the world of over 2,000 tons and capable of making 12 knots or over an hour. Of these 597 are British, 119 French, 106 German, 94 American, 41 Japanese, 34 Italian, 29 Dutch and 21 Russian. Great Britain leads all at speed, even in the fast ships of 30 knots or over, the number in this class being: British, 7; German, 5; American, 4; French, 2; Russian, 1.

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It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Itching, Hot, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. Cures while you walk. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Sample sent on request. Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N.Y.
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The carnation likes a sunny situation.

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"My hair was falling out and turning gray very fast. But your Hair Vigor stopped the falling and restored the natural color."—Mrs. E. Z. Benomme, Cohoes, N. Y.
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The set, consisting of Cuticura Soap, to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales, and soften the thickened cuticle, Cuticura Ointment, to instantly allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, to cool and cleanse the blood, and expel humor germs.
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EXPERT TO TEACH CADETS.
Danish Naval Officer to Instruct in Marine Architecture.
The services of one of the most competent naval architects abroad have been secured for the instruction of naval cadets selected for an advanced course in marine architecture, preparatory to their being assigned to the naval construction corps. This officer is a commander in the Danish navy, and a graduate of the Royal School at Greenwich. He visited Washington and was in conference with Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, and returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will become head of the special course for cadets. His resignation from the Danish navy is expected to follow shortly, when he will become permanently a member of the institute's staff.

PEAS FOR POWDER.
Results of Experiments With the Smokeless Explosive.
The manufacturers of smokeless powder have been conducting rather elaborate experiments for the purpose of finding the best material from which to make charcoal, which is one of the ingredients of the powder. After trying all kinds of wood, it was found that peas answered the purpose better than anything else which had been hit upon. Fine cedar, boxwood, maple and ash were tried among the others, but the burned peas made the best powder, the product being fine and light and of smooth, even quality.

TO PREPARE GREAT BOOK.
Prof. Jansen Will Compile Technical Dictionary.
Prof. Hubert Jansen, of Germany, announces that he has engaged 400 English-Speaking, 36 French and 730 German so-workers for his projected "Technical Dictionary" to be printed in three languages, English, German and French. The dictionary is to contain about 500,000 technical words and terms. Twenty-three English-speaking technical societies are lending their aid to Jansen, who says the work will be epoch-making.

Natural Gas in England.
Natural gas, in which England was generally supposed to be deficient, has been discovered by Americans and put to practical purposes in the little village of Heathfield, Sussex. The operations are in charge of an American engineer, who is said to be representing American capitalists. An extensive plant is now being erected, the railroad station and hotel are already lighted by the local product, and the whole village will shortly be similarly illuminated. It is said that the Sussex gas is much richer in hydro-carbon than the American gas.

His Price Was High.
Andrew Carnegie is found of telling how the editor of a popular magazine once asked him for an article on "Organization in Business." Mr. Carnegie feared the price would be too high. "Oh, never," said the editor; "I am sure we could arrange that satisfactory." Name your figure. "Well," said Mr. Carnegie, "I could hardly afford to do it for less than \$5,000,000. No, I must withdraw that. What I should put into it has cost me much more than that, and, of course, you would not expect me to sell it to you at less than cost."

Motors in Puerto Rico.
Puerto Rico has a strong disposition to devote itself to practical matters. An automobile line for the benefit of tourists is making regular trips across the island from San Juan to Ponce. A plan is under consideration to place powerful automobiles, drawing trailers, on the same road for freight purposes. Many fine roads are under construction in the island and the slow bull carts hitherto used to carry freight will soon disappear.

To Discipline Roumania.
The Rothschilds have entered into a combination with the Bleichroeders, Oppenheims and other Jewish financiers to benevolently withhold credit from Roumania to punish her for driving out the Jews. The kingdom, it is said, will soon be forced to issue a loan, but the preliminary action of these financiers has given it a black eye beforehand.

A Prolific Tree.
A Tennessee paper announces that out of a single tree in Dyer county a citizen had got four cords of fire wood, three gallons of honey and five raccoons.

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We send the product in her-opening cans. Turn a handle and the luncheon is ready as it left us. We put them up in this way:
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"How to Make Good Tunes to Eat" will be sent free if you ask us.

CHILDREN'S LEISURE HOUR
THE TUNEFUL CAT.
The cat upon the fence doth sit
And sing a doleful lay,
Scan music is for us in it—
We wish 't we'd go away!

Yet when you hear the viol played
Remember how its strings were made!
Celestial music thus doth spring
From her internal furnishings.
—Chicago Record-Examiner.

Indian Smoke Signals.
The Indian had a way of sending up the smoke in rings or puffs, knowing that such a smoke column would at once be noticed and understood as

A PUZZLE PICTURE.



"IS YOUR MOTHER AT HOME?" "TO WHOM IS HE SPEAKING?" —New York World.

Fig. 1 Paste-board House top
Fig. 2 Russian Double-Header Outdoor top
Fig. 3 Paste-board Flying top
Fig. 4 SOME NOVEL TOPS.
Entertaining in its turnings and twistings. —New York Mail and Express.
The dealer in umbrellas believes in the weather profits.

as liked could play, an even number being on each side.
A Queen's Unique Collection.
Queen Alexandra has a collection of tiny animals, birds and insects cut out of precious and rare stones. They are necessarily very small and some are extremely beautiful. The collection is quite unique, and the items have come from all parts of the world. Many of these most valuable and dainty treasures are cut from turquoise and jade.

Something About Tops.
Any one can buy a top if he can get a few pennies from his father or mother, and any one can make far better and finer tops with a little trouble and industry. Here are some interesting tops that you cannot buy anywhere, but which you can make with very simple tools and cheap material. The very simplest of house tops to be spun on top of a table, or some other smooth surface, is made by putting a sharpened stick through the centre of a piece of pasteboard cut into a perfect circle. Care must be taken that the wood is longer above the disk than below, so it will keep its balance. If the disk is decorated in water colors it will be prettier as it spins. Quite a game of tops may be played by making these tops for a number of children, and letting them try who can make his spin longest.

A fine outdoor top is the Russian double-header. It can be whittled out of hard wood by any boy with a sharp jackknife, who will take care to get it just like Fig. 2. It is spun with a string around the middle, and if properly made will beat any of the single tops you can buy. And then if you would like to make a top which will spin in air, take a bit of thin pasteboard, cut five equidistant oval holes in it, one in the centre and four around it, as seen in Fig. 4. Paste a small paper cone over the central oval (Fig. 3) and let it dry, when you have a top which can spin in various ways. You can put a stick with rounded end in the cone (Fig. 3) and, twirling the stick rapidly between the palms of your hands, the top will fly up in the air and perform there. Or you may insert a stick into one of the outer ovals (Fig. 4) and swing the top around until it is going rapidly, withdraw

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS
Tea Ice Cream.
The very best and most fragrant tea must be used for this. Make a strong infusion; sweeten to taste with sugar and let get cold. Then mix it with a cup of orange or lemon custard and freeze. Stir in a cup of whipped cream and pack and let stand for two or three hours.

Asparagus Salad.
Wash the asparagus and tie up in bunches and boil in plenty of salted water; as soon as it is tender immediately transfer it to cold water, so as to preserve its natural fulness and color. When perfectly cold drain it on a cloth and arrange it on an oblong dish on a bed of crisp lettuce leaves and serve with French dressing, which should be sent to the table by a separate dish or mixed at the table by the host or one who serves the salad.

Potato Puffs.
Ingredients: Two cupsful of mashed potatoes, two teaspoonfuls of butter, two eggs, one cupful of cream, and salt and pepper to season.
Beat the eggs until light, and after melting the butter stir it into the eggs. Beat this mixture into the mashed potatoes; then add the cream and seasoning, and beat the whole until light. Grease popover pans or gem pans, and have each half full of the mixture.
Bake the puffs in a quick oven until brown, and remove them from the pans with a flexible knife to prevent their breaking. They should be served immediately upon being removed from the oven.

Dainty Mushroom Dishes.
Fresh mushroom sauce is one of the best adjuncts to a chop or steak if prepared as follows: Slice an onion from the top to the bottom and fry in one ounce of dripping till it is a golden color. Peel and wash eight nice mushrooms, chop them small and place in a saucepan with half a pin of water and simmer till cooked. Work one ounce of flour into the sauce and boil all together for five minutes. Color with a few drops of brownings, season highly, and if the sauce be too thick add a little more water.
For a savory, one of the best ways of using mushrooms is a la reine. Take some good, fresh mushrooms, wash them, remove the stalks and peel carefully. Spread the inner side with butter and dash with pepper and salt. Place on a grill over a clear fire and cook until they are soft. A few drops of anchovy sauce on each mushroom is an improvement. Have ready as many croutons of fried bread as mushrooms, squeeze a little lemon juice on to each, and then place the mushrooms on the top. Set a tiny sprig of parsley in the centre of each and serve.
Another good dish is mushroom toast. Peel mushrooms of equal size and fry in butter till cooked. Have ready strips of buttered toast, arrange a few mushrooms on each piece and season with salt and cayenne. Sprinkle with a little grated cheese, pass a salamander over and serve very hot.

It is rarely that one has this vegetable in soup, but try the following recipe: Boil a quart of thin white stock or milk with an onion, a stick of celery and a carrot for two hours. Season the soup nicely, strain and thicken it. Have one pound of mushrooms washed, peeled and chopped small. Add the mushrooms to the soup and simmer gently till cooked. If the soup boils at all fast, the mushrooms will break up, and the appearance of the soup will be spoiled. Serve grated Parmesan cheese with this soup.

Miss Lizzie Sneathing.
All women who are in doubt as to what their trouble is should write Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio. Give him a full description of your trouble, previous treatment, symptoms and age. He will promptly reply with full directions for treatment free of charge. This is an opportunity which no ailing woman should miss. Dr. Hartman has become renowned through his success in treating women's diseases. His experience in these matters is vast. Correspondence is strictly confidential. No testimonials published without written consent. Dr. Hartman relies principally upon

Mink's For the Housekeeper
Stains play an important part in home decoration these days.
A little vaseline, rubbed in once a day, will keep the hands from chapping.
Fish may be scaled much easier by dipping into boiling water about a minute.
Pain splashes on glass may easily be rubbed off with the edge of a penny dipped in cold water.
Mud stains on black material may be removed by rubbing them with a raw potato cut in half.
Damascus lanterns, decorated with chains and jewels, represent one of the latest novelties in hanging ornaments.
When anything boils over on the stove sprinkle salt quickly over the place. This will prevent the fumes from rising and making the house smell disagreeable.
A substitute for cream may be made by heating the white of an egg with a teaspoonful of sugar and a very little water. Put it into the cups before the coffee is poured into them.
For tying back sleeping-room curtains of soft, white material a silken cord and tassel is preferable to ribbon, unless one possesses the knack of being able to arrange ribbon effectively.
When earthen pudding and pie dishes get brown and unsightly from the juices and grease of many bakings, scour them with ashes from the grate mixed with a little good soap. They will come out as fresh as new.
An unusually pleasant flavor is obtained by cooking dried fruits in a covered earthen dish in the oven. Soak any and all of them except prunes overnight to give them back their lost moisture, and then simmer slowly in the oven until done.

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Dr. Hartman Gives Free Advice to Suffering Women.



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I suffered from a difficulty about breathing, a sort of breathlessness which was very distressing. It was always worse on just rising. I thought these spells proceeded from something wrong with the heart, but I believe now it is connected with the stomach, for I find Ripans Tablets do me good, and my breathing is better already. I do not have that miserable, depressed feeling and can eat and sleep well.
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