few days."

chorus.

plea:

ID you turn out the cow, and put the geese in the stable, Isaac?" said the Widow Havens to her son, as they sat down to the breakfast table one fine summer morn-

"Yes, mother," was the reply, "and I guess I can master that old gander this time. I'm getting so blg. You know he knocked me down with his wings the last time we picked 'em."

"Yes, I remember; and Squire Hoffman came right in the middle of it, about that calf, and I, in my old ragged gown, mortified to death, was hindered a whole hour, showing him the poultry and the garden. And now, Hannah," turning to her daughter, a pretty girl of sixteen, "if anybody comes to-day, before we get through tell them I can't see them; for I wouldn't be bothered with company when I am in such a plight. This old gown is all in slits, but I can't afford to spoil a better one. You may wash up the dishes, Hannah," she continued, when breakfast was over, "and set the rooms to rights; and by and by put on the pot, and get the dinner a-going; and by that time I hope we shall be through. Come, Isaac, we will go."

Now, everybody has seen feathers but there are some who do not know where they come from, and softly repose upon their downy beds without one thought about the cruel way in which the best ones are obtained. They want live geese feathers when they buy, without knowing what it means, We wish such a one could have seen Mrs. Havens and Ike marching to the barn, with a big basket, a cloth to tie over it, an old chair, and one of Ike's outgrown stockings to put over a goose's head, to keep her from biting while she is picked.

To see Ike run the whole flock up into a corner of the stable, catch one by the neck and wings, and then with his black eyes sparkling with delight, and his freckled face and suspiciously red head, all aglow, with the triumph of capture, as he marched across the floor to lay it gently, but squawking terribly, in his mother's lap, was rather amus-

Boys are cruel! there's no denying it; when they so love to catch geese and he had been full of it. And now he had pigs, and fish and game, just for the just been and marked out a great fun of it, sometimes letting them go, and putting the fish back in the water, because they do not want them, after the triumph of capture is over. Ike, who was a smart, mischievous boy of twelve, loved to do all these things, though he was not particularly ugly. and had really a very soft place in his big. generous heart.

But while Hannah in the neat white rottage is cooking the dinner, and Mrs. Havens in the stable is tearing the feathers in big handfuls from the poor geese-side, back and front, and Isaac is climbing havmows hunting eggs, and harm anything bigger than a fly, or a cutting up all sorts of pranks between whiles, another actor is on his way to the busy scene.

This was Squire Hoffman, a rich farmer, who lived two or three miles your honor, and you gentlemen of the away, whose road to town took him jury" - and he gave his hand a lofty very often past the Widow Haven's yet graceful wave toward them-"to cottage. Being an observing man, he the evidence just brought into court had noticed the neatness, and look of and can you doubt that it is abundant care and thrift that always surround- ly proved that she feloniously, and by more than this that the widow had handsome black eyes and a trim figure, as she sat up stiffly in her pew of a Sunday, giving Ike an occasional nudge, or pinch, to keep him in feathers, you know-and deliberately order, yet all the time looking at the minister, and no doubt hearing all he

As the squire had been a widower several years, this must be excused. especially when we consider that his only daughter, Grace Hoffman, was about to be married, and go to a home of her own. As he was a good-looking, large-framed, big-hearted, benevolentlooking man, with three large farms oney in the bank, we must conclude that he was considered a pretty good catch among the widows and maidens, if he once made up his mind to marry again.

And it was of this very thing he was some black horse, he rode toward town upon this particular July morning.

"I really don't know what I had better do," he sollloquized. "There is Grace going to leave me, and I can't say a word against it, she has got such a noble fellow in the one she loves, and the very one I would have chosen for her. But there's nobody left but Aunt Dinah in the kitchen, good old and I'm sure you'll be equal to the soul, but just no company at all for best of them one of these days." And here I am, not fifty years old, and I may live twenty or thirty years yet, healthy as I am, and must I cheeks blazing and the freekles live all that time alone, with nobody brighter than ever, while his mother's to care for, and nobody to care for me? face flushed hotly, and straightened in It's all nonsense. I declare I won't do an instant, for about the same reasons;

It, if I can find anyone to marry me. and in her agitation and surprise she "But who shall it be? There's the Jumped up, and came near letting go Widow Spriggins, good-looking, no the half-picked client. She sat down children to bother one, smart, tidy and again, however, with a bow to the with a nice farm of her own; but such | squire, that might be considered a very a temper, sharp as steel, and keen as a stiff and awkward one. razor, I guess a little too keen for me. A man wants a little peace in the degeese here every day, squire," she said, cline of his life, if ever; and he'd have none with the Widow Spriggins. Then there is Miss Molly Hopkins-a nice, likely, pious woman as ever was, but done, Mrs. Havens. I hope, however, very homely, and I don't fancy her one that my presence here will not be con-And theres that young Widow sidered an intrusion. I had no idea Drake, pretty and languishing, and of playing the cavesdropper when I souinting all the time over at my pew, rode into the shed just now, but, really, I do believe. But she isn't the kind for your young lawyer was so amusing me. Dolly Weaver is a nice woman, that I couldn't help it. That boy will but a little too old, and Polly Pepper-

corn is too young. "But there is the Widow Havens.

way twice over. There are those tw young ones, to be sure, but they need not be in the way at all. Hannah is just such a girl as one likes to see around, busy as a bee, rosy as the morning and cheery as a little canary, and, indeed, sings about as sweetly. I

please him." can see that Sam is casting sheep's "And how was that?" said the squire eyes at her already, every time he smiling, as he helped himself without comes home for a vacation, and I asking to a seat on the milking-stool don't blame him a bit. They're not in the most familiar and neighborly as rich as some, but we have enough, and who cares. I always did like that "Well, in the first place, feathers are boy Ike. If his face is freckled, and dollar a pound, and Ike had a notion his head red, he will make a smart that there might be great profit in man yet. He is chock full of fun and

opposite Mrs. Havens's barn, and upon

the spur of the moment he rode right

into the shed beside it, that faced the

highway, intending to hitch Selim,

and to go into the house to ask the

widow for her boy. But just as he had

dismounted, and was hanging his bridle

over the hook, he heard a shout of

laughter and the ring of voices close at

hand. There was a window-hole close

by, cut for ventilation of the stables,

and looking through it he saw a sight

that made him want to join in the

For there sat the widow in her torn

gown, with a goose in her lap, busily

ripping off the feathers in great hand-

fuls, and with a handkerchief over her

head to keep them out of her hair,

looking smart, energetic and rosy, and

ready to explode with laughter, while

upon a hen-coop, near at hand, stood

Ike, in the very act of delivering an

oration. The fact was, the last time

he went to town with his mother he

went into the court-house, and listened

to a lawyer's plea in a case in which he

had been interested, and since then

image on the stable wall to represent

the judge, and a dozen others, close by

of smaller dimensions, for the jury

while his clients, the flock of geese

were the plaintiff, and his mother, their

tormentor, the defendant; and just

then he was putting in the closing

"Now, your honor knows that these

poor clients of mine are all the more

to be pitied, and have all the more

need to have justice done them for

being weak and simple folks, so gentle

and lamb-like that they would never

pollywog, while that wicked woman

the defendant"-and he pointed fiercely

at his mother-"is strong and crue

as the grave. You have just listened

ree of arms, and with full

seized and overpowered them, every

one of them, and ruthlessly tore the

hair and skin from their backs-the

and cruelly shut out the light of heaver

from their eyes with an old blinder

made of wool, and abused them in the

most shocking and shameful way, for

which wicked treatment she has made

herself amenable to that statute en-

animals. I leave the case in your

hands, gentlemen of the jury, knowing

that you will be sure to do justice to

the cause of the oppressed, and see

the laws of your country faithfully

executed;" and, with a sweeping bow

to judge and jury, the young orator

jumped from his rostrum, or, in reality

turned a somersault from it, over to

the stable floor, landing on his feet.

of his audience, and the squawks of

He rebounded like a shot at the sound

of the applause, and looking up sud-

denly, there stood the squire in the

doorway, laughing loudly at the amus-

heartily; "you acted it to perfection,

Ashamed and crestfallen to

caught, Ike slunk away, with his

"I hope you don't think we pick

"though I think you caught us at it

"Yes, but it's work that must be

"Well done, my boy!" he exclaimed.

two at least of his clients.

ing performance.

once before."

stocking the little farm with geese. smartness, with steam enough to burst Then when I raised some objections a common boiler. I want just such he concluded that picking and selling a boy on the farm all the time, to run berries, and catching birds and game of errands, get up the cows, feed the would do a great deal, and that by poultry, go to mill, drive horse to plow, keeping school and raising strawberries hundred other things I don't and a we could do the rest, and school Han think of just now. And that reminds nah into the bargain. So we are going me that I need just such a boy dreadto set the strawberries right away. fully, just now, to rake hay and do plan I was willing to encourage, as chores, while we are mowing. I wonknew it might be very profitable. der if the widow couldn't spare him a

"There, that goose is done, but where is Isaac, I'd like to know?" By this time the squire had got just

And going to the door, she let out the goose and called loudly for the boy to catch another, as she explained to the squire

now very much, and I will give him

"Well, that is just as you and he can agree. Our little hoeing and mowing

is done, thank fortune, and he can go

if he likes. He is a smart boy, if I

do say it; but he has the queerest no

tions in his head. He and Hannah

both take after their father, and love

their books a little too well. They both

read every spare minute, and Ike has

a notion that he wants to go to college

like your Samuel. Now, with our pov

erty, the idea is preposterous; and ye

here I have been like a fool all the

morning trying to encourage and help

him contrive how to do it, just to

good wages."

"Pray, let him go, Mrs. Havens," said the squire, good-humoredly. "You are almost through, and I would just as lief catch you one as not," and sulting the action to the word, he walked over, and caught the smallest one, and laid it in Mrs. Havens' lap. Then he walked back, and, catching the old gander, the father of the flock, in spite of his loud and animated remonstrances, he went back, and sitting down upon the stool, laid him across his knee, and in spite of his naked head, and wrathful demonstrations, proceeded very leisurely and scientifi-

cally, to strip off his cont. "You see, Mrs. Havens," he said, "that I am an old hand at the business, as my wife never did it, and so it always fell to me, or Dinah, or both But the house became full of beds, and I soon tired of it, and sold off my flock.

"As I would mine if we didn't need the profits for clothes, and schooling for the children-especially if Ike has to go to college. I guess it will take a good many pounds of feathers to send him there," said she.

"Supposing I should tell you of better way," said the squire, earnestly, and with a slight blush. "Here you have a snug little place that might bring a thousand dollars or so; and off there, I have more land than I well know what to do with. Now, my daughter Grace is about to leave me; and my home will be without a mistress, and myself without any congenial society. Now, I like you better than any other woman I know of, and if you would become my wife, and the mistress of my establishment, I think we could arrange matters nicely. Then you could sell this little place, and put the money in the bank, against the time Isaac would want to go to college, and Hannah, who is one of the sweetest girls I know, could live with us, go to school to the village academy, and be well provided for by us when she marries. Now, what you say to my plan?

"That I will consider it seriously," said the widow, with flaming cheeks, eyes cast down, and a very nervous pull at the feathers.

And Ike just at this juncture crawled out slyly from behind an old barrel. in the manger, crept cautiously out at the door, without being perceived by the blushing pair of lovers, and ran to the house, to tell the news to the acted for the prevention of cruelty to astonished Hannah, with a good many

eloquent additions and explanations. The squire finally came in to dinner and afterward pursued his journey to town; and the widow did think of it to such purpose that she soon after became his wife.

Her place was sold, as the squire proposed; Ike went to college, rubbed off the freckles, and eventually became one of the smartest lawvers in thinking as, seated on Selim, his hand- amid cheers and braves of one at least the State; while pretty Hannah married Samuel-the only son-and lived with the old folks at the homestead .-New York Weekly.

Not Intended For Use.

There are some things which no man can ever learn, no matter how intelligent and earnest a student he may be. "My dear, you look perfectly discouraged," said little Mrs. Nash's most intimate friend. "What is the matter?" "I am perfectly discouraged," said Mrs. Nash, tearfully. "You know that foot-rest with the handsome embroidered top that I gave George for Christ-Well, I've noticed it had begun to look almost a little shabby, and I couldn't imagine why, for it stands away from the windows, and I've taken great care of it. And when I came down earlier than usual from putting Janey to bed last night, what lo you suppose I saw?"

The friend shook her head hopelessly. "I found," said Mrs. Nash, with bitterness, "that George Nash had taken that footstool out into the centre of the room, near his Morris chair, and had put his feet-with his boots on, tooright on it?"-Youth's Companion.

A Black Bulfinch. Albino freaks in bird life are frequently noticed, but Mr. W. Head, of Pleasant road, Bishops Stortford, has a make a smart and talented man one of curiosity quite in the opposite direction. these days, Mrs. Havens, you see if he doesn't; and that reminds me that I has none of the handsome red and handsome as a picture, and neat and called to see if you could spare him a while markings of that bird, but is of smart, and thrifty enough to pay her few days. We want such a boy just an interest black. London Chronicle.



simple that every woman ought to be as though done by an expert. There is really no excuse for the sloppy, loose bundles one sees being carried, for even if the contents cannot be put into a box they can be made firm before the outer covering is put on. One of the fundamental principles of wrapping is firmness, and without it nothing trim can be done.

Every household should have in it two balls of twine, one fairly stout for heavy parcels and the other fine for light ones. It costs very little to buy a few sheets of white wrapping paper that sometimes may be worth more than one paid in effect gained for a gift, or whatever is to be carried. Heavy brown paper is also essential, and in families where there are descendants of frugal New Englanders every bit of wrapping paper that come in from the shops is carefully folded and put away to do up other parcels. This economy sometimes saves ever buying a piece. String is saved in the same way.

White tissue paper is so seldom required that that which comes from the shops in gowns, etc., is usually sufficlent, and frequently it is not mussed at all. That, too, should be folded lightly, not to crease it, and be put away by itself.

It is impossible to lay down hard and fast rules on parcel wrapping, but there are certain things which when observed will make for a neat outside unless the wrapper is very clumsy. It is desirable always when practi-

cable to put all things to be done up in a box first. This gives a firm, square foundation that makes putting on the paper easy. Even then people sometimes fail. The proper method is to have the edges of the paper neat and square, and put the box in the mid-Then lay first one side and then the other over the box, and if the string is put on them it will aid in the operation. In that case tie a slip knot, put the string over the paper that is folded and draw the cord tight. This will hold the paper in place while the ends are being closed. To do this in the best way press the paper at the top down first. Then put first one side and then the other over, turning it so that the bottom of the end of the paper lies in an envelope point. Lastly, turn up this bottom point and put the string about it. You will have a professional looking parcel if you have made the turns at the end all right.

The same general idea is followed in doing up a bundle, though firmness is the principal thing to be remembered there. It is also then the greatest possible help to put the cord around as soon as the paper is first folded, for it holds all firm as the rest of the wrapper proceeds.

Contrary to the general idea, it is sometimes better to do a very soft thing in quite stiff paper, for the firm outside will prevent the contents from mussing so much. For instance, a wo man a few days ago was obliged to carry a little Liberty satin skirt, and had no box for it. Instead of using white or soft brown paper she got the stiffest she could find, folded the skirt and did it up squarely, and the stiff outside protected it almost as much as a box would have, and was easier to carry than a soft parcel would have

In doing up a heavy parcel the string, when it is put about, should always be knotted into every cross strand it passes; then if the cord should break, there is no danger of the bundle falling to pieces, or unwrapping, for the many knots will hold it, except where in the one place it gave.

No gift, however trifling, should ever be sent out without being most at tractively wrapped. Narrow ribbon is better than cord for this and should end in a flowing bowknot instead of hard knot. The expense of this is very small and the difference in effect is enormous.

Sealing a small parcel is pretty when the sender's crest or monogram and white wax are used. A girl who does up parcels most artistically always uses ribbon, and if the box be a little longer than wide she does not cross it in the middle but nearer to one end. There she ties a thick bowknot and just beside it, over the ribbon, she drops white wax and stamps it with her signet.

THE STORY OF THE CHEST. Writing on "The Evolution of the Chest," in the Delineator, N. Hudson Moore gives a mass of information in regard to this useful article of furniture, which is interesting to others than collectors. "Beginning in Italy." she says, "where elegance and beauty flourished long before they reached the ruder peoples of northern Europe, we find the chest was a necessity in every household. The earliest bank of deposit instituted for the accommodation of private merchants was at Barcelona in 1401; so it can be readily seen what an important article & chest was, Like almost everything else of Italian origin, these carved chests were extremely beautiful, whether of the Gothic period or of the more sumptuous Renalssance and later. But while these chests are interesting in every way, and to be bought in this country, since It is known that we are becoming the collectors of the world, it is with homelier and less ornate articles of out of date.

ART OF WRAPPING BUNDLES. | this class that our interest chiefly cen-Wrapping and tying parcels is so tres. When the Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers packed their scanty belongable to do it properly, having it look ings and stowed them away in the hold of the Mayflower, their goods were mostly contained in chests, stout ones, no doubt, and, I think we can say, entirely guiltless of carving. These chests for use in traveling were called 'ship

> and often with handles." The first step in the evolution of the chest occurred when a drawer was added, and from this point Mrs. Moore traces very interestingly and with the aid of many illustrations the successive stages in the development of the chest, by the addition of drawer upon drawer and of legs, to its highest expression in the chest-on-chest of the eighteenth century, after which it merged into the

chests' or 'standards,' and were simple,

box-like affairs with locks and no legs,

LINGERIE HAT LATEST FASHION.

Among the dozens of lovely hats which the season is offering, the lingerie model is among the most stunning and becoming of all. Its simplicity and daintiness are exactly what appeal to women, for it is nothing but exquisite embroidery or lace, with a bit of ribbon or some dainty flowers tucked snugly away in a place where it just gives the proper effect. They are just suited to the dainty frocks which the modists are turning out, and no other hat could possibly give the effect that these do. They are made up in colors to match the gown and some are heavily laden with dainty flowers Ribbons also constitute much of the decoration which they display.

The Charlotte Corday hat is very like the lingerie model, both having a tendency to flop over the face. There are many women who cannot wear these hats at all and these, of course, cannot be in the height of fashion. They are decidedly childish-looking, but give a most piquant appearance to young and pretty women. The large bow deftly tied is sometimes the sole trimming and they are placed directly in the middle of the front. Black velvet is the prettiest, especially on a hat of white lace or chiffon. A pretty model is shown of black Chantilly lace and about the crown are a spray of dainty rosebuds of a deep red color. Red ribbon is also used with these underneath the brim, and this sort of hat would be extremely becoming to a brunette of pronounced type.-Newark Advertiser.

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

It is difficult for an American to understand that freedom, as we know it, does not exist in Russia. There the legal position of woman is far from satisfactory. She hardly ever belongs to herself, but is always under the tutelage of some one.

As a daughter the Russian woman is under the entire control of her parents. Her coming of age does not alter her position. She simply changes the authority of her parents for the no less rigid authority of her husband. As the Russian statute puts it: "One person cannot reasonably be expected to entiefy two such as that of husband and parent."

The unlimited power of the parent l withdrawn, and that of the husband substituted. She cannot leave her lord, even to visit a neighboring town, with out a "pass" from him. He names the time she is permitted to stay, and at the end of that time she is bound to return to get the pass renewed.

A husband may appear in a court of law as a witness against his wife, but a wife is not allowed to appear against her husband. A woman's evidence in Russia is always regarded as of less weight than that of a man.



for walking.

Several of the new shirt waist suits

are cut on sailor lines. The morning gowns are of serge, linen, lightweight tweed, cotton or the new nongee.

Linens, plain, embroldered and inset with heavy lace, appear to cover every possible want. Fashion is certainly exploiting the

popular shirt waist suit in every posdble direction. Lingerie frocks are always appropri-

ate for little girls, and this year they are extremely smart in every detail. Softer goods are used for the afternoon gowns. Voile, taffeta silk, coli-

enne, handkerchief linen, and all sheer materials are correct. The one color arrangement which is demanding such extensive attention finds favor in the eyes of those women

who are sure of their colors. The most prominent factor in the advancing styles is the decided difference shown in the treatment of morning and of afternoon gowns also.

Searfs of ostrich feathers in salad green, or in blue, shaded from dark in the centre to light at the ends are much worn in Paris and are becoming to

Used alike for automobile wraps and for gowns for morning and afternoon wear, the wardrobe that has no linen garment this year will be hopelessly

PLAN TO GIVE NITRO-GEN TO THE SOIL.

Dry Cultures Which Produce It Now Shipped to Farmers by the Department of Agriculture.

An interesting and very instructive pamphlet has been issued by the De partment of Agriculture on the value to the soils of the country of leguminous vegetables, or those which bear edible beans. It seems, according to the work to which reference has been made, that they play a very important part in the general scheme of fertility, although for a long period their value has been questioned, and by some sci entists repudiated.

Nitrogen being the most important element in crop production, the primary object in investigating the conditions which appertain in plant culture is to determine the most practical manner of supplying nitrogen to the growing plants without detracting from the other elementary qualities of the soil. Plants of the leguminous family. when grown in contact with certain bacteria, form upon their roots small nodules, known as "nitrogen knots." These knots play an important part in supplying the plants with nitrogen which is gathered from the air.

The experiments of the Department have been, therefore, directed so as to ascertain and devise some practical method of bringing about the artificial introduction of the necessary organisms into soils which were naturally devoid of them, and at the same time attempt to reconcile the vast amount of conflicting evidence regarding the exact nature of the organism, where the nitrogen is fixed, and similar prob-

A process was finally discovered by which dry cultures of the nitrogen producing bacteria were made and preserved, and these are now packed and shipped to any part of the world. The Department of Agriculture is pre pared to send instructions in their use to farmers.-Washington Star.

In a London Court Room. The Judge-"What did he engage

you to do?" Witness-"The part of a Gibson

Judge-"But what is a Gibson girl" do not know what it is." (Laughter. Witness-"A type of American girl." Mr. Powell-"I think there is an artst named Gibson who stands as M. Du Maurier used to stand here, and he has drawn some attractive ladies who are called Gibson Girls in America."

The Judge-"Oh, is that it?" (Laugh-

Mr. Powell-"I may be wrong." The Judge said it might make a lit tle difference. He did not know whether people engaged for a piece are all engaged precisely on the same terms. For instance, whether the person who plays Hamlet was engaged on precisely the same terms as the person who was employed to say "My lord, the charlot awaits." - London News.

Brain Work and Longevity.

It begins to be understood by stu dents of vital statistics that mental activity, instead of being an exhausting process tending to shorten life, is in the highest degree conducive to longevity if not complicated by excesses or intensified by the uncompensated friction of worry. In a case lately on responsible, this subject was very fully ventilated, and some of the most ac complished experts in England gave testimony. A consensus of opinion seemed to show that all alienists are agreed that the best way to keep the brain in good condition is to use It to the safe limit of its capacity.-New York Times.

Conneilman's Struggle With a Carp. A Councilman and carp had a battle royal at a mine hole known as Buzzard's Bay, in the outskirts of the borough of Freeland, Luzerne County, recently.

The Councilman was Adam Sachs. and the carp weighed 14 7-8 pounds. When hooked the carp made a desperate fight for its life and the Coun cilman had several narrow escapes from being pulled into the water and

The big fish got tired out before the Councilman did, however, and the lat ter is now able to tell the biggest fish story of any man in Freeland, and exhibit the carp to silence the skeptical, into the bargain.-Freeland Trib-

Blois' Beautiful Staircase. New and old, Blois is an amazin

achievement of the human brain and the human hand. The great staircas in the courtyard, an outside one, form ing an essential part of the elevation is, of course, the masterpiece of wonde and delight. There is nothing like i in the world, and probably there neve will be. The staircase of the Pari Opera-an interior one, by the way would have everything to fear in the comparison. The other is a mass o the richest and of the purest orns ment, with a beautiful proportion be tween its shadows and its lights. is characteristic of the spirit in which such work was done that it is not all ways easy to give due gratitude t architect or to stone carver .- Century

A Shipment of Turtles.

Passengers alighting at the No. platform at Waterloo Station yester day afternoon found the platform occ. pled by a long line of live West India: turtles waiting for consignment to London caterer.

The turtles lay on their backs of straw, and were afterward dragged porters who held the front flippers .-London Chronicle,



L. W. Dallas, an English statistician. has proved that the birth rate in India depends directly on the rainfall. A drouth makes bad crops, fewer marringes and fewer children; the sequence is logical.

Two English inventors have devised a relay for talking machines whereby the sounds produced are strongly reinforced by compressed air. With this instrument ordinary conversation will carry a quarter of a mile, and some sounds can be heard as far as two or three miles.

The only metals commonly known as magnetic are iron, cobalt and nickel. Dr. Heusler, a German, now proves that the faculty of being magnetic does not apply to these particular metals as such, but can be developed in special alloys containing no traces of the natural magnetic metals.

Reports from Spain say that Senor Balsora, an employe in the Government telegraph department, has been making some highly successful experiments with torpedoes whose course is directed by means of the wireless telegraph. The pulsations are made to act on delicate controlling apparatus within the tornedo, no physical connection being needed.

In a recent communication to the Paris Academy of Sciences Professor Chareau announced that he found radium rays will counteract the poison of serpent venom. Viper or cobra polson, he said, loses its virulence after fifty or sixty hours of exposure. Victims of cobra bites, however, usually dle in a few minutes; hence radium can hardly be considered an antidote.

The price of radium has increased owing to the difficulty of obtaining further supplies. The consequence is that research work has almost ceased. Sir. William Ramsay states that \$100 a milligramme or at the rate of \$3,000,-000 an ounce, is now demanded. An expert is of the opinion that not more than a half ounce of radium has been manufactured since Professor and Mme. Curie discovered it.

The Plea of "Nolo."

The straight and simple lines marked out for her family by Mrs. Lane were a source of great satisfaction to her and of considerable amusement to her neighbors.

"There is nothing more tiresome and ill-bred than fruitless argument," announced that determined woman to one of her friends, whom she counted an agreeable person, but lacking in spirit, and we have made a rule never to have it in our family."

"I don't see how one can always avoid it," said the meek-spirited neighbor, "when all the members of a family

have different opinions." "It's no harm to have opinions if you keep them to yourself," said Mrs. Lane, indulgently, "but I'll tell you how we manage. For instance, at the table; of course if one of the children makes a statement which I cannot indorse, I simply say, 'That is pure foolishness, Let us hear no more of it.' But if one of the other children attempts to start an argument, why, then I have to be trial in London involving damages for more firm, and send him or her from softening of the brain, attributed to an | the table. Of course my older son and accident for which a corporation was daughter have come to years of discretion, and never think of transgressing

the rule." "But do you and Mr. Lane always

think alike?" ventured her friend. "Not always," said Mrs. Lane frankly, "but we pursue the same system with each other. If I express an opinion from which Mr. Lane differs, I say pleasantly, 'You remember our little rule, my dear,' and naturally he stops at once. And if he expresses one from which I differ, I just smile across the table at him and say, 'As I cannot subscribe to that, and we must bear in mind our rule, will you kindly say no more, my dear.' You see, it's a simple matter, if each one will do his or her part, and it does so greatly add to the peace of a household!"-Youth's Companion.

No Loophole.

A New Hampshire lawyer, for some years judge of the police court in Concord, was a natural peacemaker, and always endeavored, says the Green Bag, to smooth over any slight differences between persons brought before

On one occasion, when the charge was for technical assault, it came out In the course of evidence that the parties were neighbors, and had formerly, been on the best of terms.

"It is a pity," the judge said, persuas-Ively, "that old friends, as you seem to have been, should appear before me in such a way. Surely this is a case which might be settled out of court."

"It can't be done, judge," answered the plaintiff, seriously, "I thought of that myself, but the coward won't fight."

New Zealand Exhibition. Definite steps have been taken to

hold a New Zeniand International Ex-hibition in 1906-07. The honor of the location falls on Christchurch, the "City of the Phine," where the widespread and beautifully situated Hag-Park affords a splendid site for the purpose. The New Zealand Goverament has appointed a special commissioner for the exhibition in the person of Mr. T. E. Donne, Secretary of the Industries and Commerce Department, who has now arrived in this country to interest British manufacturers and others in the show. He is at present quartered at Vieroria street. along the platform on their backs by Westminster, under the same roof as the New Zealand Government Agency.