

**An Old Painter's Ideas.**

The Autumn season is coming more and more to be recognized as a most suitable time for house-painting.

There is no frost deep in the wood to make trouble for even the best job of painting, and the general seasoning of the Summer has put the wood into good condition in every way. The weather, moreover, is more likely to be settled for the necessary length of time to allow all the coats to thoroughly dry—a very important precaution.

An old and successful painter said to the writer the other day:

"House owners would get more for their money if they would allow their painters to take more time, especially between coats. Instead of allowing barely time for the surface to get dry enough not to be 'tacky,' several days (weeks would not be too much) should be allowed so that the coat might set through and through. It is inconvenient, of course, but, if one would suffer this slight inconvenience, it would add two or three years to the life of the paint.

"All this is assuming, of course, that the paint used is the very best to be had—the purest of white lead and the purest of linseed oil, un-mixed with any cheapener. If the cheap mixtures, often known as 'White Lead' and oil which has been doctored with fish oil, benzine, corn-oil, or other of the adulterants known to the trade, are used, all the precautions of the skilled painter are useless to prevent the cracking and peeling which make houses unsightly in a year or so and, therefore, make painting bills too frequent and costly.

"The house owner should have his painter bring the ingredients to the premises separately—white lead of some well-known, reliable brand and linseed oil of equal quality—and mix the paint just before applying it."

Painting need not be expensive and unsatisfactory if the old painter's suggestions are followed.

**Joan of Arc or Jeanne Darc?**

On seeing the above caption in the London Pall Mall Gazette, R. St. J. Corbett was moved to write to that paper the following remonstrance: "It is strange that English folk and Americans should carry on the above misspelling into the twentieth century, for on the authority of Michelet, the historian, of Dean Kitchen, and of other students, the young woman's name was unquestionably Jeanne Darc, out of which no one can manufacture Joan of Arc, not only were her parents peasants, but there was no Arc anywhere near of which she could be 'de.' One can see how the mistake originally arose, but the twentieth century, in the interests of accuracy, should not countenance it."

**The Open Door in Egypt.**

While there can be no doubting the intention of the British government to henceforth dominate openly the political control of Egypt as a part of the British empire, the proposals of Lord Cromer clearly indicate that there is to be equal opportunity for all nationalities and full respect for acquired and vested rights. In other words, modern Egypt is to be governed on the open-door principle so strongly advocated by the United States in China and the Far East generally. While England will rule, she does not propose to insist upon any monopoly of trade or franchises, but on the contrary, extends equal opportunity to all comers.—New Orleans Picayune.

**Fortified Russian Monastery.**

At Solovetsk, in Russia, is a remarkable fortified monastery. It is enclosed on every side by a wall of granite boulders nearly a mile in circumference. The monastery itself is very strongly fortified, being supported by round and square towers about 20 feet in height, with walls 20 feet in thickness. The monastery consists in reality of six churches, which are completely filled with statues of all kinds and precious stones. Upon the walls and the towers surrounding these churches are mounted huge guns, which in the time of the Crimean War were directed against the British White Sea squadron.—New York Tribune.

**A WINNING START.**

**A Perfectly Digested Breakfast Makes Nerve Force for the Day.**

Everything goes wrong if the breakfast lies in your stomach like a mud pie. What you eat does harm if you can't digest it—it turns to poison.

A bright lady teacher found this to be true, even of an ordinary light breakfast of eggs and toast. She says:

"Two years ago I contracted a very annoying form of indigestion. My stomach was in such condition that a simple breakfast of fruit, toast and egg gave me great distress.

"I was slow to believe that trouble could come from such a simple diet, but finally had to give it up, and found a great change upon a cup of hot Postum and Grape-Nuts with cream, for my morning meal. For more than a year I have held to this course, and have not suffered except when indulgently varying my diet.

"I have been a teacher for several years and find that my easily digested breakfast means a saving of nervous force for the entire day. My gain of ten pounds in weight also causes me to want to testify to the value of Grape-Nuts.

"Grape-Nuts holds first rank at our table."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in page.



New York City.—Every fresh variation of the lingerie blouse is certain to be met with enthusiasm, for no woman ever yet had a sufficient supply. This one is as simple as it is dainty, and is exceedingly attractive, while at the same time it involves comparatively little labor in the making.



**Sailor Hats For Girls.**

Sailor hats of the good old-fashioned kind, with a mediumly high crown and a wide brim, says Vogue, are being used entirely for nautical wear by young girls with the best developed ideas of the eternal fitness of things, and as most of the yachts-women are of the smart set, the example will readily be followed by others for either or both reasons.

**Blue and White Suit.**

A shirt waist suit of blue and white striped material is so put together that the color of the half-inch stripes forms the trimming, and the result is very pleasing. The ruffle around the bottom of the skirt is laid in pleats with the blue stripes on top, stitched down a little way, so that the effect is of a blue band heading a buff blue and white ruffle. The same idea is carried out on short sleeve and at the neck, while the belt is formed by laying the fulness of the waist in pleats. A very simple costume, but an effective one.

**Fancy Matinee.**

The fancy matinee is always in demand, but especially so during the warm months, when every form of negligee is much to be desired. This one is graceful, attractive and becoming, and can be made either from plain material or from ribbon held by bands of insertion. As shown white lawn is simply trimmed with Valenciennes lace, but both the Pompadour and striped ribbons make exceedingly charming effects and the model is so designed that they can be used with perfect success. In addition to serving for the always needed breakfast jacket, the matinee becomes a most desirable garment for



of all lengths, terminating just below the elbows.

The waist is made with front and backs, the backs being tucked from the shoulders to the belt, while the front is tucked to the yoke depth only. There is a regulation collar at the neck and the closing is made invisibly at the back. The sleeves are simply full, gathered into bands.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and one-fourth yards twenty-one, three yards twenty-seven or one and seven-eighths yards forty-four inches wide, with two and one-half yards of insertion two inches wide.

**Inexpensive Trimming.**

An inexpensive mode of trimming a summer gown for her whose time is not a marketable product is the use of tiny gathered ruchings arranged in festoons or otherwise on skirt and bodice. The material is cut about two inches wide, hemmed on both sides, gathered through the middle, and sewed on in any preferred design with very decorative effect. The narrowest of lace sewed to each edge adds to the daintiness of the trimming.

**Sachets of Linen.**

Sachets for dresses are much used. The shops are showing them made of fine linen, embroidered, some three-cornered and some square. The covers can be taken off and washed, as the sachet is in little colored silk bags.

wear in one's own room and for the slipping on between the changes of toilette that so often occur.

The jacket is made with the fronts back and the sleeves, and is simple in itself, the fitting being accomplished by means of shoulder and under-arm seams only.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is two and three-fourth yards twenty-one, two and one-half yards twenty-seven or one and one-fourth yards forty-four



inches wide; or nine yards of ribbon four inches wide with fifteen yards of insertion and nine yards of edging.

**HERITAGE OF CIVIL WAR.**

**Thousands of Soldiers Contracted Chronic Kidney Trouble.**

The experience of Capt. John L. Ely, of Co. E, 17th Ohio, now living at 500 East Second street, Newton, Kansas, will interest the thousands of veterans who came back from the Civil War suffering tortures with kidney complaint. Capt. Ely says: "I contracted kidney trouble during the Civil War, and occasional attacks finally developed into a chronic case. At one time I had to use a crutch and cane to get about. My back was lame and weak, and besides the aching, there was a distressing retention of the kidney secretions. I was in a bad way when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills in 1901, but the remedy cured me, and I have been well ever since."

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**How He Collected.**

The editor of a Kansas country paper has found a way of persuading the delinquent subscriber. It was quite accidental. He had borrowed a rifle recently, and he started up the main street of the town to return the weapon to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the warpath, and every one he met insisted on paying what he owed him. One man wiped out a debt of 10 years standing. On his return to his office he found a bushel of hay, 15 bushels of corn, 10 bushels of potatoes, a load of wood and a barrel of turnips that had been brought in. All the country editors are now trying to borrow Winchester.

**These Are the Days.**

These are the days when the word "Adirondack" sounds good to everybody. Up there the sun is just as bright, but the days are never hot and enervating—the nights are always cool and the pine-needle air has that invigorating something in it that brings sleep, appetite, rest, and new life to the jaded urbanite. These are the days! The season is at its height. All the hotels are open, and there is room enough for every one. The Adirondack country is too vast ever to become crowded. From east, west, north, or south you can reach the North Woods via the New York Central Lines, "America's Greatest Railroad."

**Fluid Lenses.**

"Fluid lenses" are the invention of a Hungarian chemist. Each lens consists of a fluid substance inclosed between two unusually hard glass surfaces, similar to watch crystals. The lenses are achromatic. The fluid does not evaporate. The new lenses are said to be as good as those all of glass and can be made much more quickly and for a fraction of the price of the all-glass lenses. It is expected that the new lenses will be especially useful for great telescopes.

**Buried Treasure Found.**

Beneath the soil of the South American Republic of Colombia there have just been brought to light some remarkable buried treasures in the line of curious animal-shaped pottery, each incised and made of black clay. These specimens are perhaps the only vestiges left of the vanished empire of the Chibchas, which flourished in this region in pre-Spanish times.

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**Moss as a Popular Food.**

Prof. Hansteen, chief lecturer of the agricultural school at Aas, Norway, has been conducting experiments which show that a common greenish-white moss, after being subjected to a chemical process, pressed and cooked, becomes a food of the most delicious and nutritive character. Because of its cheapness, he thinks it is destined to become a popular food for the masses. He finds that nine ounces of moss, costing two cents, will make a good dinner for six persons. The substance can also be ground and used as a meal for bread-making.

**French Wealth Well Divided.**

The fact that France is able to hold substantially all of her own public debt, to finance her own industrial enterprises, and still have so much left for outside investment is a remarkable evidence of the thrift of the French people. One reason for the great property of the French people seems to be the general distribution of wealth among the population, large fortunes and great industrial combinations being comparatively few in number.—Bankers' Magazine.

**ECZEMA AFFLICTS FAMILY.**

**Father and Five Children Suffered For Two Years With Terrible Eczema—Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.**

"My husband and five children were all afflicted with eczema. They had it two years. We used all the home remedies we could hear of, without any relief, and then went to a physician and got medicine two different times, and it got worse. It affected us all over except head and hands. We saw Cuticura Remedies advertised and concluded to try them. So I sent for \$1.00 worth, consisting of one cake of Cuticura Soap, one box of Ointment and one vial of Pills, and we commenced to use them. I do not know how to express my joy in finding a cure, for two of my children were so bad that they have the brown scars on their bodies where they were sore. Mrs. Maggie B. Hill, Stevens, Mason Co., W. Va., June 12, 1905."

**For Cleaning Old Brass.**

A good formula for cleaning old brass is as follows: Take one ounce of oxalic acid, six ounces rottenstone, a half ounce of gum arabic, all in powder; one ounce sweet oil, and sufficient water to make a paste. Apply a small portion, and rub dry with a piece of flannel or soft leather.

**The Disappearing Alligator.**

It is reported that at the present annual rate of slaughter alligator leather will soon be a thing of the past. It is estimated that the number of alligators in Louisiana is now at least 30 per cent less than it was 20 years ago. Thousands of the reptiles are slaughtered merely for sport, and if the present rate of depletion continues, says the Shoe and Leather Reporter, it seems only a question of a few years when it will be impossible to obtain the hides at a price that will warrant their employment in the manufacture of leather. The American tanneries now handle about 250,000 hides a year, worth \$450,000. Mexico and Central America furnish 50 per cent of these, Florida 22 per cent and other gulf states the remainder.

**Women as Poisoners.**

In cases of criminal poisoning a woman is nine times out of ten found to be the guilty party. Poisoning is a feminine crime par excellence. The Hindu practice of condemning young widows to be burned alive on the biers of their husbands was a sort of preventive measure against conjugal poisoning.—Le Matin.

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**Balloon Motor.**

A German has invented a balloon motor for mountainous countries where the grades are too stiff for an ordinary railroad. The balloon is fastened to a slide running along a single steel rail, and floats about 35 feet above the ground. The conductor can make the balloon slide up or down the side of a mountain at will, with hydrogen gas for the ascent and water for the descent. From the balloon is supported a circular car with room for 10 passengers.

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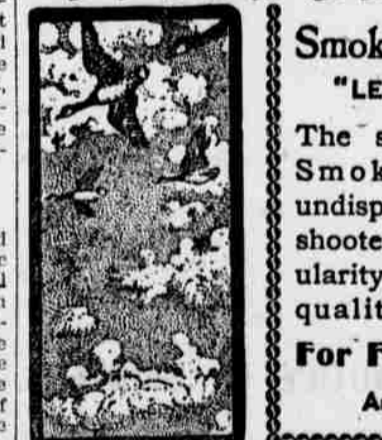
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