Discard the white shades and replace with green ones and baby will enjoy a mid-day nap. The green is much better than the glare of the white for baby's eyes.

### INSIDE INFORMATION.

woman who is trying to "climb" Washington society attended a recent reception at the house of Mrs. Taft. The crowd was so great that guests were hurried along the line of the receiving party, with merely a handshake with the wife of the Secretary of War. The "climber," with determination written on her face, finally pushed her way up to her hostess and paused long enough to say, "How do you do, Mrs. Taft?" adding with a very impressive manner, "I've heard of your husband." - Lippin-

## A WATERMELON PARTY.

A watermelon party is a novelty to most people. For this it is well to choose a moonlight night, and have a straw ride precede the "party" proper, which consists only in having a table loaded with fruit set out under an arbor or a great tree, a huge watermelon arranged for the piece de resistance in the middle, and about it all sorts of fruits, each kind by itself; yellow peaches, white, black and red grapes, red and white raspberries, purple and yellow plums and scarletcheeked pears; paper napkins, wooden plates and fruit knives are passed, and finger bowls are in plenty on the table half hidden by fruit leaves .-Harper's Bazar

### DECORATING WITH FLOWERS.

When decorations are very extensive, the bric-a-brac is sometimes entirely removed. It depends largely upon the character of the bric-a-brac whether this is necessary. Surely enough must be removed to prevent an impression of crowding when the flowers are added. Very frequently, however, some of the bric-a-brac can used with the floral decorations to obtain an artistic effect. Pieces of brass and copper are very effective used against green foliage and in brightening up dark corners. Brass candlesticks with burning candles are a wonderful addition. Candle light is the most artistic light possible, and will enhance all the beauties of the decorations. Masses of holly with its brilliant red berries, red candles in brass candlesticks, and the only light that of the candles, and of an open wood fire, and we have a never-to-beforgotten background for Christmas mysteries and festivities.—Harper's

# WOMAN'S HEROISM.

While dozens of men looked on in apparent helplessness and indecision, A young woman at Bath Beach leaped into the water and saved a drowning child. This is but one of many similar cases that have happened in the past few weeks. Feminine heroism is increasing in a way to make mere man look like a craven. Not only are and assailants, and generally furnishing themselves the protection that n were supposed to provide.

It is time for the masculine half of sreation to look to his laurels. Not only are his sisters and other men's ters doing his work, but they are howing themselves independent of him in a way that to the old-fashfoned spirit of gallantry would be dis-tinctly disquieting. While man netly disquieting. lumes himself, with more egotism than propriety, on woman's alleged mental and physical inferiority, she is proving that this complacent deluon belongs to some other age. Instead of belittling the other sex, it is time for man to bestir himself if he would not be actually outdistanced.

In a recent piece of fiction, some breathless girl is made to say: "It is sy for men to be heroes." Yes, it century life the case is reversed. It easy for women to be heroes and en to look on and patronizingly talk of woman's sphere.-New York American.

SHE TOOK THEIR SHOES OFF. House of Lords (111 to 33) in favor of making women eligible as borough and county councillors, aldermen and mayors may be due in part to the d service that women have renered as members of boards of poorlaw guardians.

Nearly 1000 women are now servas poor-law guardians in England, and they are said to have done much to introduce more humane and sympathetic treatment of the poor. especially of pauper children.

Lady Mary Murray, the wife of Professor Gilbert Murray, of Oxford, during her recent visit to this country an amusing story illustrating

One of the first women elected a sken by the men on the board to aft a workhouse which they regarded as a model. Something excited the lady's suspicions and she made all the children take off their shoes.

Every stocking was footless. The
matron had cut all of them off at the
askle to save the trouble of darning

The vote in the House of Lords,

GREEN SHADES IN NURSERY. | more than three to one in favor of the bill, is encouraging. As the House of Commons several years ago passed a similar measure by an even larger majority, there is every reason to hope it will go through.

Almost at the same time comes the news that Denmark has given women the right to vote for members of boards of public charities and to serve on them, and that Sweden, where women have had the municipal vote for many years, has now made them eligible to municipal office.-Alice Stone Blackwell, in the New York World.

### "DON'T KISS THE BABY."

At the meeting of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City, N. J., recently, many thousand physicians were gathered from all parts of the country, and the newest methods of prevention and cure of diseases were under thorough discussion. It was the consensus of this body that next to the house fly the habit of kissing the baby is the most dangerously vital manner of spreading consumption and many other diseases of more or less dreadful character. One physician made the declaration that in every home there should be put up a sign reading: "Don't Kiss the Baby," declaring that all the authorities can do to protect the infant from various infections, through a safeguarded milk supply and otherwise, was rendered of no avail by the avalanche of kisses rained upon the baby by kinspeople, visitors and callers. Many physicians strongly object to the habit of kissing the baby on the mouth, but think there are other diseases which are more readily conveyed through kissing than tuberculosis, but which are as much to be objected to. Persons having decayed teeth, one physician contends, should not be allowed to kiss the baby, as the gums, even of healthy persons, are teeming with germs, and these germs are transmitted to the baby, causing illness more or less pronounced. It is not a rare thing to find persons with breath so offensive that a grown person dislikes even to talk to them, but the baby is forced to endure even closer contact, and must draw into its little lungs this offensive and contaminated odor. whether it will or not, to say nothing of the contact of the germ laden lips. It is very hard not to kiss a baby. A woman would scarcely be a woman without wanting to "get her hands on the baby," and there really is nothing sweeter or more tempting than the warm, wet mouth of the baby. But for the sake of the baby's health even this may be foregone, and the affection satisfied in some measure by kissing the hands, neck or cheek, or cuddling the little velvet body close in the enfolding arms. Mothers will sacrifice much for the good of the baby.

# GRAY HAIR.

Although usually regarded as a sign of age, gray hair, or canities, as it is called in the language of medresting burglars, beating off footpads pear very early in life, even in the will rectify the tendency. If he "toes teens. In that case it usually affects young women rather than young men.

> A peculiarity about the gray hair of the young is that it is almost always entirely white, and becomes so suddenly. All the hairs are equally affected, and one seldom sees the mixed color, or iron gray, so common in those of middle or advanced

Sometimes in the young, even in children, there is one gray lock like an island in the sea of normally colored hair about it. This is usually a family peculiarity, occurring in one generation after the other.

The cause of the hair turning gray is something that puzzles the doctors. The color of the hair is due to the deposit of pigment in the interior of each hair, and grayness follows the is easy-in fiction. In real twentieth loss of this pigment. That is selfevident, but the puzzle is what causes the pigment to disappear. Some have believed that it is due to the drying of the hair, which causes a shrinkage of its fibers, and so allows the entrance of air-bubbles, the refraction of light from which then gives the white appearance.

The proof which is adduced in support of this belief is, that if a gray hair is put into the receiver of an air-pump and the air is then exhausted, the color of the hair may return

more less completely. Metchnikoff, the famous bacteriologist, says the cause of grayness is the penetration into the hair of wandering cells, resembling the white blood-corpuscles. These cells, assisted by other cells the aggregation of which makes the hair, seize upon the gran-

ules of pigment and destroy them. Nearly every one has read of in-stances of the sudden bleaching of the hair-even in a single nightunder the influence of fear, griet, or some other intense mental emotion. That such cases have occurred is undoubted, but the explanation by either of the theories above mentioned is difficult.

There is no cure for gray hair so far as is known. The use of curling-irons is said to retard its formation; perhaps, if Metchnikoff is right, by stroying the activity of the cells which consume the Youth's Companion.

# # Farm Topics.

DEHORNED CATTLE.

Packers probably pay more for dehorned cattle because they have less trouble in handling them. They always ship better, resulting in less bruising, and while the scratching of horns on the sides rarely does any great damage, it is frequently discriminated against by buyers. The dressed carcass is also blemished if any bruises occur. In the main therefore, dehorned cattle dress much better. Where cattle are kept up we should by all means say that the dehorning system is preferable for packing houses.—The Epitomist.

#### THE BREEDING SOW.

It is not so generally appreciated, as it should be, that the breeding sow while she is bearing her young, needs just the kind of nutrition that the growing pig will require. Sows fed heavily on corn fatten and bring thin, stunted pigs, with very little ability to care for themselves. Such pigs will never do so well as those whose dams were fed milk and wheat bran with some kind of roots while bearing their young. These will have good digestion and will grow rapidly, while the stunted pig will never fully recover from the improper nutrition it received before it was farrowed .-The Epitomist.

HELP OUT THE CORN CROP.

Notwithstanding the increased acreage put into corn this season, the eron is still in a critical condition. and it will be wise to put in any and every crop which will make feed for live stock. One thing is certain, corn prices will rule high during the coming season, and no doubt much chear feed can be put up for most of the farm stock, thus releasing the bulk of the corn crop for market. Sow sorghum, millet and rape, and plenty of it. These will hele out both short hay and high corn. Don't neglect this matter, thinking that a favorable change of weather will set things right. Better be on the safe side.-Indiana Farmer.

## VALUE OF WATER FOR COWS.

A cow having water always accessible, never drinks because thirsty. She never drinks in the morning on an empty stomach; horses do, but the cow drinks to keep the contents of her stomach in the best condition for rumination. She wants to drink a little and often. If she can have water accessible she will drink twenty times in twenty-four hours. When we say a cow is eating she is doing nothing of the kind; she is simply gathering a supply into her storehouse, the first stomach, and then she gets into some quiet corner and with eyes half closed she does her eating -ruminating. Then is when she wants the water. Hence we see how very important that a supply be always within reach.—Weekly Witness

# CARING FOR THE COLT.

A little extra attention paid to the colt's feeding and trimming of his feet during the first year will well repay any breeder. If he has a tendency to turn his toes outwards or inwards you can generally correct that defect by trimming the feet, which at that early period are in a soft, cartilaginous state. If, for instance, he is inclined to turn his toes in," just trim the inside in like manner. If you allow these habits to go on for a few years you cannot after wards change them, and it is highly important that the horse goes straight when you come to sell him. -New York Witness.

PRIZE ANIMALS. While some of the beef breeds are capable of producing individuals that attain great weight, yet at the fat stock shows and fairs the largest animals may not win. After the prizes are awarded the butchers come in and test, and it is often surprising to find that the sweepstakes steer, which secured all the ribbons on foot, is far below some other steer after being chopped up on the block. The blood from the throat is caught in a vessel. and every portion of the animal is weighed-sides, tallow, liver, blood, etc.-a careful examination being made of the "ripeness" of the meat the relative portion of lean and fat, the prospective steaks that can be cut and the value of all parts, not excepting the offal.

BREAKING A SETTING HEN. Because a hen wants to set and you don't want her to is no reason that you should abuse her by grabbing her by the head and throwing her forcibly from the nest or by ducking her in a barrel of cold water. It is just as easy to break her desire to incubate by gentle treatment. One of the best ways is to take a clean, dry coop with a bottom made of slab boards, having a tight roof to protect her from the rain. Feed her oats and raw potato cut into small bits and give her plenty of water, taking away all fattening food. A hen that is fat has more animal heat in her body and will be more inclined to become broody.

Another plan is to confine her in a reasonably small coop in company with a vigorous cockerel for from four to five days. After a few days she can be let out early in the morning about the time the other fowls are coming off the roost. As soon a she forsakes the habit of going on the roost at night she will get ready to lay again. Above all things do not half kill a hen in order to cure her.-Fermer's Call.



THE BLUEBIRDS.

For the Younger Children ...

Twas a tiny place where the bluebirds

A rift in the heart of a sturdy tree;
But one was as snug as she could be,
And one on a neighboring branch a-tilt
Sang that his heart was satisfied
However the land might becken, wide—
Caroled that well content was he!
It was love and hope that had made the neet,
Seeking and bringing with tireless wings
Spoils of grasses and twigs and strings
To weave for the brooding mother-breast.
It was love that hovered secure and warm
And hope that twittered through shine
and storm
The secret of five little hidden things.

They had no fear that a grief would come;
They rocked with the breezes and heard
the rain
Beat on the leaves a low refrain
Around the walls of their sheltered home.
They had done no wrong and they feared
no wrong;
They had given the world their best—a

And they looked for good from the world

ggain.
But there's room and to spare where the bluebirds built—
Quiet and desolation there,
And only a hush in the waiting air
Where the list and laugh of the music split; swhere the stolen treasures are by the hands that were raised to

And two little heart-broken birds som--Nannie Byrd Turner, in Youth's Com-

THE DANGEROUS DOOR. Oh, Cousin Will, do tell us a story. There's just time before the schoolbell rings." And Harry, Kate, Bob and little Peace crowded about their older cousin until he declared himself ready to do anything they wished.

"Very well," said Cousin Will, "I will tell you about some dangerous doors I have seen."

"Oh, that's good!" exclaimed Bob "Were they all iron and heavy bars? and, if one passed in, did they shut and keep him there forever?"

"No, the doors I mean are pink or scarlet, and, when they open, you can see a row of little servants standing all in white, and behind them is a little lady dressed in crimson.

"What, that's splendid!" cried Kate, "I should like to go in myself." "Ah! it is what comes out of those doors that makes them so dangerous. They need a strong guard on each side, or else there is great trouble." "Why, what comes out?" said

little Peace, with wondering eyes.
"When the guards are away," said
Cousin Will, "I have known some things to come out sharper than arrows, and they make terrible wounds. Quite lately I saw two pretty little doors, and one opened and the little lady began to talk like this: 'What a stuck-up thing Lucy Waters is! and did you see that horrid dress made out of her sister's old one?" 'Oh, yes,' said the other little crimson lady from the other door, 'and what a turned-up nose she has! Then poor Lucy, who was around the corner, ran home and cried all the

evening." "I know what you mean," cried Kate, coloring. "Were you listen-

"O, you mean our mouths doors?" exclaimed Harry, "and the crimson lady is Miss Tongue; but who are the guards, and where do they come from?"

"You may ask the Great King. This is what you must say, 'Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.' Then He will send Patience to stand on one side and Love on the other, and no unkind word will dare come out."-Southern Churchman.

# A SUCCESSFUL PREPOSITION.

I was once a preposition, but I found that by taking different heads I could be various things more or less interesting and agreeable. The first head I took made me something to lay on the floor, but after a time I decided that I would be trampled on no more, so I took off my new head. Although I did not want to wear this head, I put it away carefully on a shelf because I thought it might be useful some day. The sec ond head I took made me a grain, and I lived in daily fear of being eaten by a horse or made into a breakfast food. This fear finally induced me to put my second head on the shelf beside the first. My third venture in heads made me very comfortable, but at last I wearled of my condition, as I did nothing but occupy a chair all the time. Thus it came about that a third head went to the shelf. My fourth head made me an Irish boy, but as the state of Ireland was enough to make any one commit suicide or perish in the attempt, the shelf soon held another object that might some time be useful. When I took a fifth head I became a kind of head covering. I soon concluded that one head covering was of very little use to an individual changed the form of his pate so frequently, and another head went to the shelf. My sixth head made me somewhat gluttonous, and I gave that up for one that made me a small animal. I then lived in such fear of cats that I put a seventh head on the shelf, although there was nothing better to be had at the time in the way of a head than another the same as the sixth, that already reposed in the row with the others that had discarded. After using my

eighth head for a time, I found that

excessive indulgence in food was in-

juring my health and resolved to get along as well as I could with no head,

to my shelf and settled myself comfortably beside the first head of the row. At last I had found my true vocation in life, for I and my row of heads made something without which no living thing could exist.— New York Tribune.

#### FAST FRIENDS.

A dog and a pigeon are the wonder of the village of Pennsgrove, N. J. The pigeon was left an egg orphan by the shooting of its real mother, but Mrs. M—— found for it a haven of refuge under a bantam hen, which had the setting fidgets about that time. In due time the pigeon came forth, but it took a lot of care and attention to bring it up, for the bantam positively refused to have anychild when she discovered it could fly.

The little pigeon cast about for a friend, and the family dog—just an ordinary dog-looked kindly upon it. One day the bantam hen savagely attacked the pigeon, but the dog put himself between them and saved the infant from a pecking. The pigeon knew from the moment that it had a friend, and from that day it never has had cause to change its opinion. Bird and beast have been almost inseparable.

When the dog croeps into the kitchen to lie by the stove, the pigeon finds its way to accompany him, and, with one eye comically open, it roosts upon the dog's back like a winged sentinel. They eat out of the same trays, and drink out of the same founts. They take trips together into the woods, and while the pigeon can move much faster, it never leaves its shaggy companion.

## THE MAN IN THE PANSY.

The Little Sister came in from the garden, her hands full of flowers, and begged her mamma for a story—"a brand-new one, mamma." So mamma caught sight of a pansy among the flowers the Little Sister held, and this is what she told the Little Sister:

"In the middle of every pansy there lives a little old man. He must be a very cold little man, too, for he is always wrapped in a little yellow blanket, and even then has to have an extra covering of velvet pansy leaves to keep him warm. And he sits in the flower with only his head uncovered, so that he can see the world.

"But the queerest thing about this little old man is that he always keeps his feet in a foot-tub. Such a funny little tub, too-so long and narrow that you wonder how he manages to get his feet in it. He does, though, for, when you pull the tub off, there you will discover his two tiny feet, just as real as can be."

The next time you pick a pansy, see if you can find the man and his little foot-tub.

# A FLY SEE-SAW.

Here is an amusing little trick that you will find lots of fun:

Stick a long lead pencil in the end of a spool of thread so that it will stand upright. Now get a piece of very stiff blotting paper and from it a strip two inches wide and a foot long. In each end of this put a drop of molasses or syrup.

Now balance the strip of blotting paper, with the syrup side up, on the point of the pencil. You should have two players, although one will do. Each player chooses an end the paper. In a moment a fly will alight on one end, attracted by the syrup, and that end of the paper will go down a trifle. Then another fly will light on the other end, or perhaps several will come there for the sweets, and things will be reversed.

As more files come, alighting on the ends, the paper will lean first this way, then that, till it overbalances and falls to the table. Then the player whose end grew so heavy as to cause the tumble wins .- Good Literature.

# CHICKEN STEALING RATTLER.

Recently I lost seven of a brood of choice Plymouth Rock chicks. I was confident that neither cats nor other four legged thieves could reach the brood, so I kept a clost watch over the coop.

One day last week I reached the place just in time to find a big rattle snake stretched out on top of the screen in which the chickens were kept. The snake had a foot or more of his length pushed down through one of the segments of the screen, and already another chick had fallen prey to his appetite. The snake was despatched and measured more than four feet.

It had evidently taken up a residence in an old stone fence near the chicken yard, and every day or so crawled to the coop and selected a plump specimen of chick and crawled away with it .- Correspondence Nashville Banner.

SOME QUEER BABY CARRIAGES. Gypsies carry their babies in old shawls slung over their shoulders and tied about the waist. North American Indians carry their babies on the backs of squaws-cradle and all. But the Eskimo women of Labrador car-ry their babies in their boots. These boots come up to the knee, and are tied at the top with a flap in front. out the one I had always had as a In these the lit reposition. One day I climbed up and are happy. In these the little brown babies live

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### THE NATIONAL GAME.

In Detroit Jennings is regarded as the Napoleon of baseball. Lou Ritter has been Brooklyn's

mainstay behind the bat. Cleveland has several minor league first basemen in view for try-out.

The Cincinnati team has dropped thirty games this season by one run. Chesbro still has a thing or two p his sleeve. Ask Mack and Jen-

nings. Pitcher Mullin, of Detroit, eats but two meals a day, but weighs 220 pounds.

Alexander Shields, owner of Go Be-tween and trainer of Hermis, died of typhoid. Catcher Tom Madden, the New England recruit, has joined the Bos-

ton team. Games with time limit attachments will be tabooed by the Detroit Club

in the future. Charlie Wagner, of the Boston Americans, seldom says a word while

on the diamond. All the new recruits were taken with the Boston Nationals on their last Western trip.

Dan Brouthers, the Giants' scout, has his eye on pitcher Frank Reed, of the Albany Club.

It is something for the Boston Na-tionals to have landed two doubleheaders th's season.

It may be accepted as a settled fact that Lajoie will again manage in Cleveland next season. Ed Hanlon says that "Duke" Far-

rell was the most valuable catcher in the business in his day. The Philadelphia Athletic Club has

secured pitcher Charles Fritz, the New Club's southpaw Had the Pittsburgs held on to Beaumont it would have meant at least eight more victories for the Pir-

# SPORTING BREVITTES.

Pennsylvania had an easy victory at football over North Carolina.

George Bonhag, the American champion, is taking a short rest. Contests on land and on the sea now pale in interest before those in

"Jack" Johnson outfought "Sailor" Burke in their six round bout at Bridgeport, Conn. Major Del Mar trotted the fastest

mile of the year at Syracuse, turning the State Fair track in 2.04 1/2. The University of Pennsylvania track team has lost the services of

Guy Haskin, champion middle-distance runner. Captain C. E. Ide, of the Yale 'Varsity eight, will not return to col-lege this fall, having decided to enter into a business enterprise in San

Brown football candidates are to do their early practice on a farm be-longing to an alumunus. Twenty men will report there and live under tents for a week.

At the State Fair in Indianapolis, Kentucky Todd, owned by J. W. Johnson, of Boston, established a new world's record of 2.09 for threeyear-old trotting stallions.

The action of the committee of the Anglers' Club, of New York, in limit-ing a salmon rod to fifteen feet, in-stead of eighteen, is regarded as an important step toward breaking away from the style employed by English-

Two Massachusetts automobilists have had not only their licenses to op-erate cars revoked, but also the registrations of their machines. One was charged with reckless driving, and the other with driving while

Walter Christie, hurt in an automobile accident in Pittsburg, an-nounced that he would race no more.

Man is said to be still the favorite food of the Congo savages, avers the Louisville Courier-Journal, but Leopold, of Belgium, does not agree with

It is really a reflection upon Wall street, observes the Atlanta Journal, that presecutions for criminal prac-tices should produce a pante.