

Kid Belts. Kid belts, in exactly the right shade, with rough cloth gowns, are charm-

A Present Style of Grandmother. Where are the pretty old ladies gone? We see no one now with soft white hair matching the snowy wool with which dainty hands, surrounded by ruffles of lovely Mechlin, etc., made comforts for the poor. One looks in vain for such a figure in the fireside chair, surrounded by loving relatives. Instead we have developed a padded, painted, "toupeed" grandmother. We read with amazement that ancient dames (of whose age the "Pecrage" makes no secret; wear white satin and silver or much be-ruffled white muslin. May it not be that this extraordinary dislike to age may have much to do with the independence of young people nowadays? What child would take Its childish griefs to our present style of grandmother !- London Truth.

A Blind Telephone Girl.

The remarkable adaptability of the human machine is well exemplified in the case of a blind telephone operator at Matteon, Ill. According to the Electrical World, Miss Abbie Downing, a blind girl of twenty-three years, who began as an operator of a telephone exchange, recently within three weeks became the most expert operator the ed 10,000 bushels of apples. company ever had. She handles a board for sixty telephones and also has charge of a toll station of which she personally keeps the books. She locates a call on the board by the sound of the "drop" or by running her nimble fingers over the exchange oard. She graduated from the Indianapolis School for the Blind in 1893, and can cook, sew by hand or machine, do fancy work, and is an ac- that famous institution. complished musician. She is the only blind telephone operator in the coun-

An English Woman Farmer.

One of England's foremost farmers is a woman, the Hon. Mrs. Murray ith. On her estate, Gurnley Hall Leicestershire, she raises some of the finest Jersey cattle that are bred enywhere. She is an early riser, and is up and about among her men as soon her estate. All of the improvements of the animals are made at her discretion. She sees that they have the best | Spanish essay competition. of food and the most comfortable gives 900 gallons of milk yearly. Mrs. rise in her profession. aith's rule is not to keep any cow which yields less than 600 gallons of milk a year. She herself attends to all of her correspondence and the record-keeping in connection with the ani-

The Hunting Woman. The modern Englishwoman is among the boldest, best and most confident riders to hounds. She comes to the meet in her sailor hat, perhaps-certainly if she finds it more comfortable the ugliest and most indecent dress ever worn by a woman, but is accepted as a matter of course because of its practical utility. By a curious contra diction, however, the same woman who walks about the stable yard among the grooms in her habit without shome would not be seen in the equally use ful and much more graceful knickerbocker costume worn for the bicycle

by women everywhere in France, The hunting woman would not sacrifice her day's sport for any other pleasure on earth. But it means more than the chase to her; it means glowing downs, radiant with color, the beauty and sweetness of earth, the balsamic perfume of pure air, and realth and strength. After hours in the saddle she will return to the hall. and bathe and dress and dine and dance till midnight; and then be up agn'n, keen as the north wind for more exercise, and fresh as the new day.-Collier's Weekly.

Warned Against Marrying Germans. William E. Curtis declares in the Chicago Record-Herald that while many American girls who have married German officers have spent their lives regretting it, some of the happlest and most popular women in Germany are American wives of native husbands. It all depends upon the man. Germans seem to prefer Amerfcan wives when they can get them. Attractive American girls who go to Germany to spend the winter, to study pear-shaped pearl or round topaz or languages, music or art, or for other young army officers who make up so just now, large and so important a part of soci-

ety in the German cities. "But every American girl who is laid in folds. Some are so high as to subjected to this temptation should be almost a corselet, others are about understand that the servants of a three inches wide. The buckles are household have more legal protection high and narrow, and sometimes are than their mistress, who has no rights both in front and at the middle of the at all," says Mr. Curtis, "When a back,

woman marries a German husband she surrenders every right and privilege that women in other countries possess. The laws of the empire do not give her any protection. For that reason the American Ambassador and the Consuls of the United States in Germeny always were American girls

against marrying Germans until they are fully informed as to the situation."

Soft Colors Blended. The blending of soft colors is mor beautiful than ever in the printed crepes and sliks and handsome brocades. Exacting tastes will be charmed with a new soft slik in old beautifully made and stitched, worn ivory and pale green with a trailing rose design. Wild clematis over a delicate green surface marks another sample. There are silks of high lastre. deepening from faint cream to rich rellow, that bear daintiest pompadour

designs. Rich velvets, in plain, corded and fancy effects, swell the list of fashionable winter fabrics and are used not only for separate, fancy waists, but entire costumes. A black velvet with tiny white specks at close intervals over it is attractive for a dressy street gown, while a hunter's green or royal blue with white dots is equally approprinte and stylish. Black and white striped velvets with the stripe in gradnated widths suggests modish skirts to be worn with fancy waists for semiformal occasions.-The Delineator.



If there is anything prettier than an auburn-haired woman in a black suit with chinchilla, the average observer doesn't know it.

One of South Dakota's largest orch; ards is owned and cared for by a wom an. It covers 130 acres and has yield-

The women of South Park, Chicago, have formed an improvement association to clean the filthy streets which have falled to receive the proper attention.

Miss Julia Morgan, of San Francisco, has just completed her studies at the Beaux Arts in Faris, and is the first woman who has been graduated from

Maryland is one of the old-time States that refuses women lawyers freedom to practice their profession. The Raitimore Sun makes a strong appeal for a change in the law.

Miss Mary Bidwell Breed is now dean of women in Indiana University. a position recently created. She is a Pennsylvanian and a graduate of Bryn Mawr and the Pennsylvania College for Women, at Pittsburg.

as the sun is in sight. She attends to Mrs. Humphrey Ward is a mistress all the details of the management of of Spanish, French, Italian and German. Her knowledge of Spanish lit which can contribute to the well-being erature is such that when only eighteen she was asked to adjudicate in a

Women pilots are by no means unquarters. As the result they have known in America's coast towns. In taken many prizes. One cow, Lorina, San Pedro Harbor, California, Miss which carried off the milking prize at Vincent, formerly of Marblehead, Tring and the butter certificate at the Mass., is a most successful one. She and West of England show, is making a good living and hopes to

Mrs. Lena Behrens, of Ohio, is a wholesale saddlery dealer. She is a graduate of a school of pharmacy, and her knowledge of chemistry was so valuable to her husband in testing metals that she gradually worked into the business. She is now a widow and is sole manager of the large factory.

Two college women of Brookline, Mass., are making a success of a laundry run on strictly scientific and economical principles. The clothes are -a covert coat, long boots, and a habit "sun dried" and bieached, and by a cut short to the ankles a mere apron series of experiments the foreman has of a thing which does not pretend to tested all the latest contrivances and conceal her breeches, and is, on foot, processes for bettering the quality of



some evening gowns.

The season's designs in negligee are noticeable for their elegance and elaboration.

Green is a favorite color for coats for little girls, particularly in velvet. An ecru lace collar, beaver fur or ermine forms the trimming.

Velvet ribbons are now seen with velvet on both sides. The centre is in

solld color with striped edges combining the centre color and white. The most fashlenable hat for small girls is a big flat stilty haired beaver. trimmed with feather pompous and im-

mense bows with long streamers. Hand-knit woolen jackets to wear for extra warmth under outside wraps are more loosely woven than the machine-made garments, cling to the figure, and are not bulky.

Low dressing for the hair has made possible horseshoe shaped combs. The comb proper goes down into the coil of hair, and drooping from it on either side are the ends of the shoe which encircle it.

The modish hat pin is topped with a amethyst framed in gun metal. Crysreasons, are sure to have offers of tal beads with setting of gun metal marriage, particularly if they have are used for some of the long chains. money, usually from the dashing for which there is a decided liking

The high povelty in belts is a waistband formed of thin white leather.



The Secret of Good Tea.

Few housekeepers remember, as they should, that when it is necessary to dilute strong tea it should be done with water at the boiling point. The poor flavor of tea, made strong at first and then reduced, such as is too often hot, not boiling, water to the first infosion. A lesson in this matter may be had from the Russians, who serve the most delicious ten in the world, and who prepare it first very strong, mak ing it almost an essence of tea. This Freshly bolled water is insisted open by all connoisseurs in tenmaking.

To Make Cocon.

Cocon is really a delicious beverage if properly made, but in nine cases: out of ten it is spoiled in the process. The secret in preparing a cup of cocoa used to make it should not be diluted if the cocon is to be nutritions and pal. stable. Not more than half a teaspoon ful of cocon should be used to the cunand it is absolutely unnecessary to drat [mix the cocoa with a little milk or water, as most people are in the hubit of doing.

After you have put the milk in a double boiler on the fire, sprinkle the cocoa on the top of the milk, and as ! soon as the latter is lukewarm stir in the cocoa, which will dissolve immediately. Cocoa does not mix well in a cold liquid, and it will lump in milk that is too hot. Boiling coroa for from five to ten minutes improves its taste and aroma.-American Queen.

The Making of Puddings. Only the best materials should be used for making puddings, and about the same rules observed in their preparation as for cake making. The flow should be sifted, the eggs beaten separately the elks strained and the whites udded last. A pinch of sait improves all puddings.

Steaming is the most wholesome method of cooking a pudding. Put on over a vessel of cold water, and do not uncover while cooking, else the pudding will be heavy. A pudding that is to be baked must be put into the oven as soon as mixed. If it cooks too fast it will become watery. Many cooks prefer using molds or basins for plenty of room to swell. This cloth or bag should be made of very firm cotton drilling, tapering from top to bot tom with rounded corners. The seams should be stitched and felled and the edges bemmed. Sew a piece of stour tape to the seam about a finger's length from the top. It must be kept serupulously clean by washing in clean water, squeeze dry then dredge the inside (the right side) with flour. Turn the pudding mixture into it, the securewater. It should be kept entirely cov | Post. ered with water, and never stop boiling throughout the time allotted for cooking. When done, plunge for a moment into cold water, then untie the string, turn back the cioth, slide the pudding on the serving dish and send to the table at once.-The Ladies'



Dipping fish into lemon juice before cooking is said to keep the fish white. Rub a little bufter on the fingers and on the knife when seeding raisins, to avoid the stickiness.

If curtains are allowed to dry be fore being starched, they will last clean quite a month longer. The old-fashioned knit table mats

are again in great demand, and often i seen on well appointed tables. An oraclet smothered in a cream sauce thick with chopped olives and

mushrooms is delightful for a Sunday night supper. To vary the salad flavorings, sweet marjoram, rosemary, sweet basil, thyme, finely minced tarragon, or

chervil, may be introduced. The English fashion of baking pumpkin as well as mines pies in individual shells is preferred by many to a larger pic, which has to be cut in segments. Spanish sweet peppers and onions added to beef and potito hash give variety to the dish. Serve on slice of Namhar forest, the train came to a stop | are never so perfect as those that

ter portion lying directly under the

Gold decorations, unrelieved by any coloring, on an ivory tinted background, are very smart for table ware. usually in bordered effects, both bandlike and of lace pattern design, with medallion centre.

A selentific author claims that it is a mistake to clean brass with acid. his arm a law book in circuit binding as it soon becomes dull after such treatment. Sweet oil and putty powder followed by soap and water are said to brighten brass or copper, as well as anything else.

THE REMINISCENT MAN

What would we do for things to read How could we learn their boyhood traits How could we learn their boyhood leats eard how they ented then?
How could we know their whites and faits and other little things.
About them, were it not fir what a certain person brisans.
All had the chap who his that gap in wise.

Dome Nature's plan.
The one who's always in our view — the Reminiscent Man.

they did and said. Or what they didn't do or say, as we have often read; served at receptions and "at homes." they burst to fame, is usually caused by the addition of Which plainly show they were designed to early in the spring and the plot well bear an honored name: He knows the pages of the past-no other covered with fine stable manure,

person can Dig up as many facts as dies the Remin-issent Man.

Sometimes he is the man who's styled the is diluted to the strength wished, with And he can tell when Colonel Binff ment water kept bolling in the samovar. This water is not allowed to boil and reboil, but is renewed as needed. With Major Bleed, and now he tells about

it with much pride; Or else he had a jury seat when Lawyer on his tongue.

Perchance he used to fish mong with Mr. Officescok, And when that man's a candidate be tells t by the week lies in adding no more of the powder than is essential. The milk which is than is essential. The milk which is the milk of tales. The news may stop, but, after all, the R. never fails. In ought to write a book about

-Josh Wink, in Baltimore American



doing something I don't want to do." -Motherhood

The self-made man is either known Than any other sneed, ecause he is so quick to own

He's well pleased with the job.
-Philadelphia Record. The Mother-"My daughter has been used to the tenderest care, to the utmost sympathy, and to unflagging guardianship. I trust this will be continned." The Suitor-"I hope so, I'm sure."-Detroit Free Press.

Automobilist - "Say, I want this mask changed. At doesn't cover my face enough." Clerk-"But's it's the find that the people I run over are apt to recognize me."-Life.

boiled puddings, but they will be much a student of human nature," began it. Answer: This is Panicum capillighter if boiled in a cloth and allowed Miss Bewchus, coyly. "Ah, but now," lare, commonly called witch grass. It Better be a poor man than a rich he interrupted, flashing his bold, black eyes upon her, "I am a divinity atudent."-Philadelphia Press.

The youthful politician is A man of promise great, His promises are numerous now; And still accumulate. -- Washington Star.

"I heard a good definition of 'wenther' to-day." he suggested casually "What was it?" she usked unsuspiclously, "Weather," he replied "is the most feminine thing in nature." ly and drop into a kettle of boiling | And yet she didn't laugh -- Chicago

Aunt Hannah - "Oh, I don't think Amanda would do such a mean thing as that. I have always heard people say Amanda was generous to a fault." Uncle George-"When the fault hanpens to be hers, she is; not otherwise, not otherwise,"-Roston Transcript.

Papa - "See that spider, my boy, spinning his web. Is it not wanterful? Do you redect that, try as be may, no spider could spin this top "-Tit-Bits.

"I suppose," said the physician, smiling and trying to appear witty, while feeling the pulse of a lady patient. "I suppose you consider me an old humbug?" "Why, doctor," replied the lady, "I had no idea you could ascertain a woman's thoughts by merely

feeling her pulse."-Chicago Tribune. "I suppose, of course," remarked the society reporter at the Struckoil-Junpson wedding, "the bride's diamonds and the lace on her waist were handed down from her great great grandmother." "Well, hardly," exclaimed old Struckoff, indignantly, "I'd have you know everything on her as she stands was bought brand new for the

occasion."-Breeklyn Eagle. Elephant Catcher Needed, entific American.

Quite a Difference. A British Columbia lawver was ness.

ing along the street, carrying under when he was accosted by a self-right eous individual: "Ha! Mr. Blank and where are you going to preach to-day?" "I don't preach; I practice," replied the lawyer,-Argonaut.

Using the Old Strawberry Bed. An excellent location for a garden sext year is an old strawberry patch He tells us of our Presidents, and what plewed under. Strawberry beds are usually well manured, and the leaves shade the soft in summer; hence there He cites remarks of heroes bold, long ere is more or less increase in humos. which should be worked into the soil.

Chemical Combinations in the Soil,

Chemical combinations are ever occurring in the soil. This fact is supported by experiment and observation. There is a loss of citrogen by chemical reaction, and also a gain from other combinations. Every manure heap suffers loss of volatile ammonia that might be saved by the use of be changed to other forms. As water absorbs ammondia it serves to prevent loss under many conditions,

Obtaining a Permanent Sod. On a field which it is desired to get into a permanent sod, we would not sow oats at all. As the result of observation we are satisfied that it is a The hypical of people who make up the mistake to seed a grain crop with grass seeds; and we are satisfied that this is especially so in the South, where the object is to get a good stand of grass. There may be some excuse for it when the grass crop is the prime consideration. Grain seeds shaded by a grain crop, especially if the crop is heavy, are so much shaded and so weakened in their growth by the stronger root growth of the grain crop, that at best, they make but a Granddad-"What makes you look poor showing when the grain is cut so unhappy, Wille?" Willie-" Cause off. In the South the harvesting of nobody never calls me good unless I'm the grain crop is done at a time when the power of the sun is greatest, and the result too often is that the grass, deprived of shade and in a weak condition, is burnt up. Seeded alone, the grass seeds make a vigorous growth from the start, and are inured to the power of the sun, and able to with stand its scorehing rays without suffering. We have seen a crop of grass so raised that made an excellent crep of hay the first year, and went into the winter able to withstand the frost without damage .- The Epitomist.

Wild Grass.

What is enclosed grass? It must regular thing." "Can't help that. I have come in with grass seed last year, and this year has come up since having, and is now dry and blowing over "Mr. Gallant, you are something of every thing. There are many acres of



Gentieman.

Save Your Own Seeds.

have our preferences as to species, from the country, An idephant catcher rather than a cross plant that produces the flower our day. cow eateher seems to be needed in or vegetable best suited to your taste. India. On the railroad between Een- | Save the seeds from such for future gal and Assam, according to the Rail | use. Great care is required to make road Gazette, as the superintendent the selection valuable. After a choice of the line was making an inspection of plants is made, the first flowers trip, while passing through the great | should not be allowed to seed, as they toast with a posched egg on the top with a jost that threw the travelers come later. If the second flowers are out of their berths. The train had all that can be desired, if they are im-A thick paring should be taken from I run into a herd of wild elephants which I provements over those of previous cucumbers in order to remove the bit- were trotting down the track, the last | years, carefully remove all the unof which had both hind legs heelten | developed buds on the plant, so as to skin. A very thick sites should, for and was thrown into the ditch, while give the blooms the full strength of the same reason, be removed from the the engineer counted seven athers the plant for the ripening of their which got away. This is not the first I seed. This is the way all new varietime that wild elephants have got I ties are produced, and the way that on the track, and ordinary fences and others may be. If a flower shows the eartile guards are no protection. Sci- slightest change of color or marking, it is a sure indication of a new variety. From this plant save the most marked. even though the flowers in other respects may not be desirable. Save the flower for seed that shows the ant smile. In fact, a thousand little greatest change, and do not trust auother to bloom until that seed is ripened. Follow this up for a few years and a variety may be produced of more money value than the cost of the whole garden during those years.

CHINESE DOCTORS Coment For the Degeneracy of Nation

Physicians. Although medicine is a small science, yet it concerns the lives of men. The l'eo Chuici says: "Unless a doctor bekengs to the third generation of doctors in his own family we should not take his medicine." Pan Wenkung in his youth had an ambition to help the world and often remarked: "If I connot be a good statesman I will be a good physician." Su Hsuankung in his old age studied the healing art and when he saw a good prescription copied it with his own hand, saying: "This is also a way to give life to men." In the Hau dynasty we had Ch'ang Yuk. Chang Chang-ching and Hua To, in the Chin dynasty Ko Hung, in the Tang dynasty Sun Ssumao. All these were famous physicians and left some

writings behind them. Alas! how the present race of doctors has degenerated. How many of them trade on the ignorance of their nationts, quite forgetting that though they may deceive men they cannot

escape the eye of the gods. Tseng Kuofan heard that in the West all physicians must pass a stringent examination in the science and art of medicine before they are allowed to practice. Hence their patients rarely suffered death under the hands of doctors. This is the very antipodes of the entire almence of law and control of physicians in China, where anybody with or without a smattering about pulses, etc., can hang out his shingle and begin practice. Individual governors have tried occasionally to examine physicians. But the Government should take it in hand. At present the number of Chinese who have coaddence in Western medicine is very small but increasing especially among intelligent men. Although bospitals cannot suddenly be called into being, yet a beginning should be made by compelling aspirants in the medical art to pass regular examinations, and only on reselving aiplomas to begin operations.-Shen Pao.

WISE WORDS.

Fearing leads to fretting. Tall trees need deep roots. Tiny hands make mighty links. Uniformity is not essential to unity. The heedless life will not be weed-

Fretfulness is the cause of fearful-Dess.

Diversities in truth are not divergen Conduct shows the content of char-

acter. Every act has a cause and is a CAUSE.

Sincerity is the one great secret of WINCOMSS.

machine. It takes a great man to escape undeserved glory. The most needy man is always my

pearest peighbor. No duty is too small to embrace the sublimest principles.

The true furniture of life is made in the factory of drudgery. It is the touch of selfishness in ou

ambitions that turns them to sin. If you cannot have what you prize it is a good thing to prize what you have.-- Eam's Horn.

Saultation in the Middle Ages.

The Greeks and Romans paid special attention to the physical culture of their youth, to public water supplies has also received the name of "jumble | and baths, and Athens and Rome were weed" in some places, in allusion to provided with sewers early in their the method of its dissemination, the | history. During the Middle Ages sunstems breaking from the root and itation received a decided check. Inmay, no man could spin that web?" | panicles tumbling and rolling about in | norance and brutal prejudice prevailed Johnny-"What of it? See me spin the wind, scattering their seeds where and this was the most unsanitary perthis top! Do you reflect, try as he ever they go. It is a late grass, and lod la history. Most European rowns a common one in cultivated fields and | were built compactly and surrounded in gardens. It is also very variable by walls. The streets were narrow in size and in its degree of hairiness and winding, and light and air were and general appearance.-The Country excluded. The accumulation of fifth was frightful. Stables and housest were close neighbors. The dead were buried within the churchyards or with-Why not save your seeds? It is in the churches. Wells were fed with wiser better cheaper and adds ma- polluted water. All conditions were terially to the pleasure of gardening, favorable for the spread of infectious You desire the best. To secure that, diseases, and in the fourteenth century select the best of that which suits you I alone the Oriental or bubonic plaguethe best. There is a great diversity | the Black Death of recent historiansof taste; some prefer one form or carried off a fourth of the population color, another quite a different one, of Europe. The birth rate was much This is an individual matter, and in less than the death rate normally. The no way affects the principle. We all | cities had to be continually repopulated

We all want the best defined of a These sentences from a review in given type. To secure this result, see | Science of new works on senitation lection is necessary, and selection in our own times illustrate, by provokmeans chairs. It means the most vig- ing it comparison, the improvement in

Courtesies of Life.

The Toronto Sun comments on the allegation that people are losing their denoscriate dignity. An instance is cited of certain ladies of the smart set at Vancouver entering the royal ship and carrying off as souvenirs anything they could lay their bands on, and even clipping the trimmings of the royal bed room with seissors.

Such an offense is virtually theft, and too gross a form of misdemeanor to be termed an indignity. The instance, however, causes us to ask, "Are we lesing whatever consideration and regard for others that we ever had?" It should not be forgotten, as it too often is, that life is made pleasant, not by great things, but by the Ettle acts of kindness. A timely word of encouragement or comfort, a pleasconsiderations for the comfort of others, which cost the bestower nothing, all go to make the world brighter. Not only this, but they return to the fountains to enrich the nature by which they are so benignly prompted.-London (One) Advertiser.