PAREWELL BACHELOR DINNER

It was the Van Waggemans who introduced Judith Tankerville to sociwiv, and she was so much of a success that in six weeks she counted her men friends by the score and not a dowager nor a debutante could find fault ith her. Refinement, beauty, tact and experience-Mrs. Tankerville had them all. Money? Nobody knew, but the women made shrewd guesses when they recounted the number and rare splendor of the lewels which she At every ball or reception a different and more singuar brooch or necklace was at her matchless out, some odd, barbaric gem was in her billowy black hair.

As for her antecedents, everyboly knew what the Van Waggemans knew that the Tankervilles were an old rish English family of high blood and big achievements. The Van Waggemans had met Miss Judith at Flornce and later in New York in the company of the "best people." Her distingue bearing and foreign air did the rest. She had the style Parisian, the English polse, the Dublin brogue gave its inimitable (wang to the must) of her voice. The debutante envied and imitated her amiable stateliness and saw with eminent gratification hat she cluded, though she could not becourage, the pursuit of the "eligble" young men. Mammas with mareable sons and daughters comded the brilliant foreigner's mineled discretion and brilliancy and k her up," safe in the certainty that she was neither an adventuress nor a fortune-teller. She became the rage" among the men and the proege of the women-evidence in itself

d a musterly diplomacy. was late in Dember at one of Mrs. Boileau's afternoons that Carrie ter Grant, widow of the millionaire coffee roaster, twitted her hosttos about a "possible case" between are Botlesu's elder brother and the

"To me he looks 'hit,' " whispered widow, affectionately. "Whenever Ith appears he becomes distract. actually blushes. Just fancy hitehaired veteran like the major bing at sight of a girl."

Carrie, Carrie, you inveterate ster," signed the hostess, "brother se will never marry again unless (arching her eyebrows knowingly. mew that Mrs. Grant had her t set on the rich widower.)

ides," she rejumed, "bits thter is of age now, and I'm sure a has no thought of himself till she's y the way," said Mrs. Grant, anging the topic, did you ever no-that marvellous watch Miss Tank-

which one? I've noticed that she re a different watch every week or

mean that flat, antique thing en-ted with filipree. There never anything like it on earth. I'm g to know where she got it. If er get a chance sak her, will

at dark when Mrs. Grant tor her carriage. In the ves-she met Major Glendennin, brother, who paused he lamp to greet her. Mrs. was at her shoulder, chatting th women stood to chaff the au. Finally said the widow;

at Mrs. Henry's if I have time." e major fumbled under his overand pulled out his one encrusted

queer watch!" snapped the arm, 'why, it's something like

flushing and bolting into the "Aha, my foxey major," gigthed nervously, said "I can't be-it" and went in.

was a week later that Major adinnin gave a dinner at his club on of his old cronies. They were old soldiers of war or finance; rich, a old foxes of the fatherly sort; veil groomed men of fashion new the world." Widowers and nd of each other. They had come to be course when Glendennin proposed

To Judith Tankerville, who is to be my wife."

The applicate which followed was of instantaneous, but it came at last ame atrong and hearty when they are the major was not joking. Till one knew the purpose of this ast. Indeed, it was but one of the same kind, but Glendenrin or merriment that were exchanged.

"You lucky old rascal," Colonel Gregory was saying when the waiter grace is to beauty. entered, salver in hand, and gave the

major a sealed envelope. The old fellow growled as he tore cursed in his white mustache and then | temptations. hawled:

"Where is he?" "Right here, sir," said a stranger, who slipped suddenly in behind the servant; "I made bold to come right up, sir, because all of these gentlemen know Miss Tank-"

"Shut up" reared Glendennin, puple with rage. "Just a moment, major," cooled the interloper. Then, to the waiter,

Please go out." The waiter left at a signal from ecolly sat down on the arm of a wall

chair. "Gentlemen," he said to the staring, wondering guests, "I'm Hogan, a jetective from central, and I butted in here because I knew all you gentlemen were-well, I might say, personal friends of Mas Tankerville, Judith Tankerville" (taking a bunch of papers out of his pocket), "Miss Judith Tankerville, alias Mignonne Dupre, alias 'The Princess,' and so forth." There was dense silence in the

room. Glendennin looked like a man in the threes of apoplexy. 'The Tankerville woman is wanted

in Paris for fraud-selling for a speculator in watches, jewels, diamonds and stealing the money. They've been following her all over Europe, you know. She's awful slick. Started out right a year ago and for two months sold more antique jewelry than any ore and cashed in on the square. She months ago and has swindled everybody since."

The detective coughed, reached for a glass of wine, drank it off and concluded: Now, major, that watch you've got

on, the one with the filigree and the funny carving, how much did you give | her on that." "Why, it's a family heirloom, you

out she was pressed for funds and

let her have three hun-" Well, it ain't a family nothing. sir," said Hogan. "It's just a fake 'antique,' they call 'em, made to sell for 75, probably worth 50. Now, gentlemen" (turning to the company), "I same way. The best way to fix things up to to give up the gim-cracks. I won't say a word about the matter. Nobody knows SHE'S arrested, and

we'll just see that she DISAPPEARS." When Major Glendennin and Mrs. Carrie Hunter Grant had been married about six months she asked him:

ous watch you used to woar?" "Oh, that?" he grunted, looking a bit sheepish, "I gave that to Colonel Oregory as a keepsake when he left for California. He took a fancy to it, and as it was more of a lady's watch, I never liked it."

"Where did YOU get it, Jear?" "Oh, I ah-er, hem, it was an beiroom in my first wife's family, dear." And his wife looked on in wondering awe and was silent.—John H. Raftery, in the Chicago Record-Her-

FORCUPINE QUILLS.

They Are Locally Fastened is and May He Shakes Out. The myth that the porcupi discharge its quills to a distance is one of very great antiquity, and, like many myths, it has at its foundstion a grain of truth. The porcu pine's defensive armature lies in the pulls scattered over its body, and, above all, thickly implanted in its (ail. When threatened by enemies, it uses the tall as a weapon, thrashing and jerking it about from side to side to the great danger of any living creature that may be within reach of it. Now the quills of a po are so loosely inserted in the skin that they become detached very easily. They are sharp-pointed and burbed, and so stick into enything that they may be roughly brought in contac a porcuping with a stick will remem-ber that in a very short time many quills were found with their points ouried in the stick. The violent thrashings and blows given by the tail of the porcupine which is defending itself loosen many of those quills, which often are thrown short disances, but never more than a few nches, since the quills are far too light in weight to carry any distance The fact is that quills may be-and often are—shaken from the tail of a upine and fall near it. Stansead in the last sentence or two of his let-ter explains precisely the way in which these quills are loosened and then fall to the ground, it is interesting to notice that the thrushing of the poreupine's tall against wood or the ground or leaves is accompanied by considerable noise, and that the quills rattle against each other. It has been suggested that this sounds like a challenge and that it is also a warning.--Forest and Stream.

"How can you stand the slow life

"Oh, it's a matter of taste, like driv ing; some men like to ride so fast they can't see anything—others like to dawdle along and enjoy the view." — Detroit Free Press.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Delicacy is to the affections what They are never sione that are ac

companied with noble thoughts. We cannot judge for each other. We off the end, turned pale an instant, have each our peculiar weakness, and

> you need help you will find that is a different question. Instruction is a teacher, but Example is an artist, and our emotions are the colors he mixes on the heart's pal-

> ments and have faith in our possibilities.

slip out of our hands as we are going to tie the knot.

The inward influences and illuminations which come to us through those who have loved us are deeper than any that we can realize; they penetrate all our life, and assure us that there must be a fountain of life and love from which they and we are continually receiving strength to bear and hope.

It is seldom that a man loses his temper, even under the greatest provocation, without having cause, sooner or later, to regret his want of selfcommand. There are few of our fellow creatures so important that it is not worth while to conciliate them, none that may not some time have it in their power to inflict on us an in-

AMERICANS COFFEE DRINKERS.

began the bunko in Florence eight They Consume Much More Than Any Other Nation,

The Americans drink more coffe than any other people in the world, Not only does this country consume more coffee than any other country. but the American individually drinks more of the beverage than any one else in the world.

The German, who comes next to him, drinks six pounds per capita. The dog," roared Glendennin. "I found Frenchman, third in the race, drinks it is suggested that this fact may tend but as both lean upon the clock frame, trail West, especially in Kanzas and nearly five pounds per year. Uncle Sam leads with eleven pounds per fumes to their free use by those who it, though not fastened to the clock. found one plantation near Hutchinson,

The year just ended was by far the greatest coffee importing year in our ported upward of 1,000,000,000 pounds know you've all been 'stuck' in the of coffee in a single year. Eight years ago we imported a little more than a half a billion pounds a year. Not only has the importation of

> average for the years from 1890 to Some of the interesting facts brought out by the tables of the treasury bureau of statisfics are the relatively small amounts of coffee contumed by the Russians and the English. The Russians drink so little as to make the calculation a matter of fractions, while the Englishman drinks only seventy-two one-hundredths of a pound a year. The Italian approaches the pound average, and the Austrian

> almost exactly doubles this average, By far the greatest part of the coffee drank in the United States comes from Brazil, and most of the rest comes from American countries to the

> > The King and the Ren

It is really too had that his majesty A England should be offended at the attention paid him by the press, and by the fact that all his movements are watched. A man of his experience and resource should be able to abate the nuisance, and at the same time do a lot of amused chuckling. If he would only observe the methods of some of the sovereign American voters who visit his dominions, he would learn a trick worth more than all the laws against less majeste enforced by his lt."
Liritable cousin the kaiser. Let him learn from them how to use a press agent, and it will not be long until the bare mention of his name will be enough to throw a whole press as ciation into an ague of terror. Let him not only furnish the papers with juil advance notices of all his movements but also insist that they be published, and at the same time keep shedding type-written interviews with himself, uli of spontaneous opinions on all kinds of subjects of which he is ignorant, and I will guarantee that in a very few weeks even the most hardened newspaper men in his kingdor will wear a hunted look, and if he appens to come on a group of them unawares, they will go through doors ad windows without the formality of pening them. It is the fact that he nakes his doings and thinkings hard to get at that makes every paragraph ut them so valuable.—Harper's

Valley Perge as It Is. Many people have the imprethat Valley Forge is a wild gien high mong the mountains where winte frosts and snows hold unrelaxing sway for many long, dark month every year. But really its situation seither lofty nor remote, and the rig ors of the cold are not nearly what they would be in our more northerly states. Comparatively little sno falls, and often there is not a week's deighing the winter through.

The valley is only 23 miles from Philadelphia, with which it has direct ommunication by a railroad that kirts along the Schuylkill river. oman's Home Companion.

tern Australia is making her

The exploitation of the Ganz system of alternating current trolley propulsion, while not resulting in the official adoption of the system anywhere, has Sympathy is easy to get, but when been successful in bringing it to the attention of the scientific world. It is universally looked upon as containing the germ of the future systems of electric traction.

A report from Constantinople is to The people who help us most are the effect that the Sultan has engaged those who make light of our achieve- the services of Mr. Spurr, an English engineer, for the purpose of having a geological survey made in Turkey. For things never come quite right The work will be started in Macethe angry major, and the stranger in this world. The threads seem to donia and Albany. Mr. Spurr has traveled extensively in European and Asiatic Turkey, and is a well-known geologist

During the past year the practical application of the light of electric arcs to the treatment of lupus and other skin diseases was a noteworthy feature of electro-therapeutics. The alleged discovery of the efficacy of the X-rays in the treatment of cancerous growths is one of the most promising contributions of electrical science to medicine that has yet been made

The extension of long-distance electrical transmission in California to an general employment of voltages as high as 60,000 in that State are epoch. House below. making eyents. The experimental transmission of power at 80,000 volts is worth recording. This year will probably witness work pushed in this direction to the limit of possibilities of electrical engineering.

According to the Lancet, the essendo like them.

A London physician tens the Times. history. For the first time we im in a letter, that he has noticed among Not only has the importation in hour. The switt motion through the olls podrids of government reports, coffee been vastly greater than in any air is credited by him with causing, Poor indexing make it almost imposily risen, until in 1901 it reached \$70. hilaration, increased appetite, im sible to get at anything short of a however, has been reduced below the after a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the after a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the after a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the after a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the after a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment, to be the reduced below the latter a few days' treatment.

One of the English astronomers, J J. Atkinson, who visited Sumatra to observe the total solar eclipse last May, made the acquaintance of an old

A trooper in service in South Africa says that at one time on the march the biscuits gave out and the soldiers were

served with flour. What a job we had baking it! Four of us generally put our flour together and took turns in cooking.

say. "Far too wet!" "It would taste just as well," said some of the dirt you are mixing with

There came arguments about the heat of the fire. "It's too hot!"

"It's not hot enough." "You must put ashes on top, first." After the paste was baked it looked like a piece of hardened mud. If any of us had eaten the same thing at home it would have stopped every working organ in our bodies. Perhaps the outdoor life gave us an ability to digest

anything. find any fat to anoint the ball of dough used the dubbin we had for cleaning our saddles. If we baked a big cake, to last for three or four days, we had nothing large enough to carry it in but our horses' nose-bags; and after it had been two or three days in a nose-bag it was as appetizing as a brickbut, and might have been utilized as

The chaperon is becoming extinct in the United States, but she is an important person in Samon. She is the constant companion of the taupou, or rillage guide, who is appointed to entertain strangers, and show them the various sights. Each village in Samon elects a girl for this office, and it is necessary that she should be the ughter of a chief. Her house is provided for by the village, and she is surrounded by a court of native girls. No man who lives in the village is allowed to enter the sacred precincts, and the taupon goes nowhere without an elderly woman. If the taupou resigns er office, the chief can appoint another damsel of high degree

A HANDSOME CLOCK. Facts About the One in the House

The death of Architect Clark, under whom the Capitol has assumed its present magnificent proportions, calls

of the Capitol. Unfortunately much ties are required every year for renewof the decorative material was als. "lumped" in the bills, and it never The telephone and light companies anyhow.

and scrubbed till nearly an inch of letin to show that such work is profitvarnish had been removed, when it able. in bronze. Beautiful bronze, too, have gone up nearly fifty per cent. in About the face is a wealth of fruit, the last ten years. J. Hope Sutor, of oak leaves and acortis. The chief the Ohio and Little Kanawha Reliroad, beauty of the clock, however, is the an expert on the tie question, told the eagle standing with spread wings on Central Association of Railroad Offithe top of the case, and the bronze cers in Louisville a year ago that in hunter, which support it on each side. be fifty per cent, greater than at pres-These are real works of art, standing ent. He also said: his bow, and the hunter is in buck- no satisfactory economical method of sctual span of over 200 miles, and the skin suit, with his gun in his hand, preserving the life of the wood or pro-

purchase of the clock, but it was in piling, the use of the tie plate, suitable its place when the hall was first or hallast and perfect drainage and incicupled as the House of Representationally climatic conditions, no serious tives, so the "oldest inhabitant" says, consideration of the future tle supply The bronze eagle and the figures were has yet been had." not part of the clock originally, for It is for this reason the experts say: there is a record in 1802 which states "From every reasonable point of tial oil which forms the basis of all that the "eagle" was purchased of view it appears that great profits are perfumes is a powerful antiseptic, and Archer, Warner, Miskey & Co. at a to be made in the growing of forest possesses disinfecting properties equal cost of \$150. Architect Clark thought trees in the next twenty five years." to those of carbolic acid. For this that this sum included the two bronze It is declared that operations should reason a scented handkerchief may figures also, although no mention is begin in the middle West. There has not only please the sense of smell, but made of them here or clsewhere, as already been a great deal of tree plantprove a guard against infection, and they were evidently an after thought, ing on the treeless prairies of the cento reconcile those who do not like per- were obviously designed purposely for Nebraska. The forestry experts have The eagle is welded to the clock Kan., planted with catalpa trees frame. The clock has been "gold which in ten years has produced a net leafed" instead of varnished, and the value of \$197.55 to the acre. bronze figures are all restored to their In Iown, near Menlo, a twenty-fivepatients taking the open-air treatment original state, and the whole now year-old plantation of red cedar showed

for consumption beneficial effects presents a pleasing appearance. | a net value of \$200.54 to the acre. procured by riding in motor cars at a speed of from thirty to fifty miles per Capitol of the nation is scattered in pa are the best trees to grow for these hour. The swift motion through the paragraphs and reports collected in commercial purposes. New York Sun. the olla podrida of government reports. come permanent, and a diminution of very far back. Architect Clark began To babble your affairs is folly, but years ago, and it is supposed that his dishoner. very perfect collection is the only one in existence.-Washington Star.

About the beginning of the last cen-Malay, living on a little island near tury people began to hunt seal. They the Sumatran coast, who owned a found it a very profitable occupation huge monkey which he had trained to and large numbers were captured; it work for him in gathering cocoanuts. has been so profitable that on many of a form of liberality; we are close that The monkey's business was to climb theislands where seals were bunted they the gigantic coccanut palms and throw have been exterminated, and now they down the nuts; "which he did." says are mostly seen in museums. There Mr. Atkinson, "in the most artistic are several species of seal and some fortune seems an age of pain. manner, by screwing the nuts off with will get extremely tame, fond of their his legs seventy to 100 feet from the learn tricks very much after the man-friend borrow only from a stranger. ner of a puppy. The seal's body is covered with a double fur, which, when it is immersed in water, is pressed very she will bring you a blessing in its closely to the body and excludes water. This fur is very valuable, and as you see a lady wrapped in a cloak or coat of fur from a seal's body you know it has cost her several hundreds of dollars to get the warm covering. But "You've got it too wet," one would it is an animal good for even more than its beautiful jacket, as the Esquimaux and the Alaskan Indians live very another, "If you would dispense with largely upon its fiesh and fat. Seals as the is but held in the hand and are said to be fond of music, and will taken upon trust from other minds. follow a boat in which a flute or violin not wooed and won and wedded by is played. They often come out on the our own. land and lie about on the rocks and play and tumble about like happy chil- and Fret is his wife, of whom is born

In the Dutch town of Alkmar, on the great Northern canal, about twenty miles from Amsterdam, which is noted for being one of the biggest cheese markets in the world, not less than one by one into the hold, through a they are known and recognized the world over.

The Shetland pony originated in the Shetland Isles off the north coast of Scotland. The ponies are largely used in the northern countries for working in the mines and in places where it is port in the bedroom of his hotel. The impossible for the larger horses to work. Their hardihood and heavy coat enable them to withstand the to you, said be, "the only thing for extreme cold and dampness of these me to lo is to throw myself in the elimates. These characteristics fol. Neva." "No!" said the sentry, "sullow them when imported into this country. This hardinood, together with their extreme docility, renders them well adapted for the use of chilen, as well as great favorites with

PROFITS IN RAISING TREES. Ferestry Experts Point to the Telegraph and Cross-Tie Markets.

It has been estimated that the telegraph lines of the country require nearly 500,000 new poles every year. to mind the splendid historical work The cost of these is more than \$1,000,he did in gathering into a number of 1000.

bound volumes every scrap of written It is also estimated that there are or printed records he could secure more than 620,000,000 cross-ties in use regarding the building and decorating by the railroads and that 90,000,000

will be known just what it cost. A use nearly as many poles as the telecurious fact concerning the clock in graph companies, and the street car the hall of the House of Representa- systems of the cities use nearly as tives came to light during the sum- many cross-ties as the steam relironds. mer. The cleaners tackled this clock, To awaken the farmers of the West supposing it to be of some ordinary to the need of raising plantations of hard wood and cast iron, bedded under wood to supply these needs of televarnish. It looked ordinary enough graph, telephone and railroad compa-The cleaners scratched and jabbed cultural Department has issued a bulnies, the forestry division of the Agel-

was found that the clock is encased The prices of pole and tie timber figure of an American Indian and a ten years more the prices of ties would

about three feet high, the Indian in "No material has ret been found as war bonnet and scalp shirt, leans upon a substitute for the wooden tie, and while both seem looking down on the longing its durability has yet been discovered, and, excepting the minor There is no record whatever of the questions of properly seasoning and

The "architectural" history of the Osage orange, locust and hardy catal-

WORDS OF WISDOM

There is nothing so bad but what

be seized during the lifetime of the

Many a heart is ruined and worn out long ere the form be bent or the head grown gray. What is often miscalled stinginess is

we may pay our just debts. A year of pleasure passes like a flowing breeze, but a moment of mis-

his powerful arms while he hung by owner, love to be caressed and will drives, but unless you would lose a If thou hast a grief too heavy to

bear call patience to help you, and

He who sits down in a dungeon which another has made has not suche cause to bewall himself as he who sits down in the dungeon which he has

made for himself. Tauth inself, according to Locke's fine saying, will not profit us so long

Rish never does anything but rush, Wory, a triplicate of disaster; once adnit them to the circle of Peace and ther are more sure dispersers than

dymmite.

The Delicate Cocas Tree A traveler in Venezuela, where the cocsa tree is now largely cultivated. 5000 tons of cheese are disposed of in speaks of the great care with which the course of twelve months. The the young plants have to be protected Dutch cheeses are made in spheres of fron the sun, which if very strong is three sizes, respectively of four pounds, fatal to them. To secure this proteceight pounds and twelve pounds in tion the planters shield them by banweight, and the best quality fetches anatrees and plantain trees, the broad about twenty guilders, or about thirty- leaves of which give them the needed five shillings, per 100 pounds. Imme- shads. And even when they are fully diately after being weighed and grown they need protection, which is marked off the barrows are taken to give by trees known as "immortels," the canal boats nearby, and then the or, is the planters call them, "the cheeses which they contain are rolled mother of the cocoa." Thus the whole cocos plantation has a sort of canopy. wooden chute, to be transported to The ruit of the cocon is a pod, retheir various destinations. Before ex- sembing a cucumber, which grows on portation they are given a coating of the tunk or large branches, and looks vegetable red, and it is in this guise as if it were stuck there by artificial mean. The seeds, which are the "beam" of commerce, look like big

lima leans, embedded in pulp. A triveler getting outside St. Petersburg dscovered, when he tried to reenter tie city, that he had left his passguardsrefused to let him pass; refused to send for the passport. "According cide in Russia is strictly against the law."-london Globe,

The hissians, who are supposed to be grea tea-drinkers, do not use us ch to per hend of the po ta do the people of the United States.