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What a setback the low hairdressing has suffered! The coronet plait has carried all before it; and it is amusing to see how the hairdressers are simply filling their windows with the most tempting switches plaited into coronets poised on the heads of beautiful beings in wax. One may have a small tiara pleat or a fender pleat. Most people can manage the small tiara pleat, and some the fender pleat, out all may manage it with the friendly artifice of the hairdresser. One is reminded in this connection of the old lady who, when some one asked her wonderingly if the brilliant set of teeth her smile revealed were her own, said: "I should think they were; paid for, every one of them." Who can dispute that the pleat for which we must pay so many yuin-eas is our own?-Washington Times.

RIBBON AS TRIMMING.

One of the most suggestive features of the hour is the employment of ribbon as a trimming. It ranges all the way from the tiny comet ribbon to the wide, soft sash ribbon. Ribbons are much used on summer gowns, and there are any number of striped and shaded ribbons used for decoration. Sashes and girdles reign supreme, belts having gone out of date since the appearance of pointed bodices. Very narrow comet or baby ribbon is used either as embroidery or in shirred designs. For example, a ruffle of broad ribbon may be trimmed with several they require machinery and equip-rows of very narrow ribbon put on in ments which prevent their being dethe form of a tiny ruching. Another trimming is made by shirring the ribbon on both edges and applying it like a scant puff. Not a few of the with shirred ribbon.

SUN THE BABY.

Sunning the baby is the latest thing in baby culture, says an exchange. No household is too poor to possess one of these patent adjustable sun parlors. They are made of some kind of hard wood and are built by the carpenter to extend beyond the window. The top and sides of the little platform are covered with glass, and strips of carpet are laid on the floor, to stop up any cracks there may be. No matter how fiercely the winds may blow or how low the thermometer may sink the sun parlor is always ready for the baby. A pillow is placed on the carpeted floor then the baby is warmly dressed and well covered for its morning or afterboasting of the gain in weight and health, and have the proud satisfac-tion of knowing they are strictly. tion of knowing they are strictly up to date.-Brooklyn Eagle.

NOT POETIC, BUT PROFITABLE. Here is a tip to the woman who is a gardener for business reasons. She should raise onions. For them the farmer can get a dollar a bushel, with a prospect of higher prices before long. The onion crop in Europe was a failure last year, and a great many are being sent over the water at the present time. Twenty thousand bushels were sent in one consignment from Sunderland, Mass., a few days ago. It is estimated that there are now about 90,000 bush els in the Connecticut valley which can be bought by people who have "got the price." They are said to be mostly

DOMESTIC SERVICE.

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tic service appears to be shared by the

women of European nations. Observ-

ers in England some time ago noted

with alarm that young girls who were

thing else sooner than become house

people to look for domestic help

weeks in vain, the fact being that there

as in the United States "intelligent and

ambitious young women seek employ

ment as teachers, as clerks in post-

offices and stores, as secretaries, sten-

in fact, they seem to prefer any kind

of employment to domestic work. It

seems that they even prefer to drive

teams, to pull or push carts on the

streets or to become porters to being

ographers, typewriters, in factories-

part of the country."

"I also noticed that the 'royal mail" was thus carried. This carrying is given to the lowest bidders, and as women are willing to work cheaper than men they have a monopoly of the carrying business, and men have been driven to find employment in other lines."-Massachusetts Ploughman.

THE WOMEN OF INDIA.

How to improve the condition of its women is one of the greatest problems which faces India. That their lot has been a hard one: that they have not been given a fair chance in life; that the natives of India can never rise to a high position among the nations until their women have been elevated, is being more and more commonly admitted

With the progress of education and the growth of the more civilized com-

munity, Indian women are slowly coming to understand that many spheres of activity and usefulness which hitherto have been closed to them are as appropriate for them as for their husbands and brothers. For the present this community must lead in all these movements. The Marathi Mission of the American board, working in the Bombay presidency, has now fairly developed several industries for girls. The most important are weaving with hand looms, rug-making, lace embroidery and art needle work. The objec-tions to the first and second of these are that the profits are small, and that veloped except in factories. In India, much more than in the United States, factories are unsafe places for girls. The third and fourth industries are cashmere cloth gowns are trimmed most appropriate for Indian young women. They can be developed in private homes or anywhere else; they require only a small and inexpensive

outfit; they offer large scope for skill, intelligence and taste, and also bring fair profits .- Southern Workman.

WEDDING BOUQUETS.

Wedding bouquets have practically resolved themselves into two stylesshower and "Bernhardt" bouquets, although an occasional sheaf of longstemmed roses is seen, or even more ccasional round bouquets.

For the bride herself, almost any white flower is good, the stereotyped bouquet (like the stereotyped gown of white satin) being made of white roses, relieved by little sprays of lilies of the valley.

Lilies of the valley, in fact, play a

Loops of misty tulle, twisted in through the flowers, are an echo of the wedding veil that softens the whole effect of the bouquet, and transforms it into something at once unusual and exquisite.

"Bernhardt" bouquets are built on the lines of a sickle with the flowers arranged to curve away from the face and to droop over the arm, instead of preserving the curious stiffness so often seen in loose clusters.

But the prettiest idea of all is a new arrangement for the tiny maid who serves as flower girl. A great, rough ribbon, and is piled high with blossoms

DESCRIBING THEIR SENSATIONS.

Emotions Excited by the Coliseum and the Old Cider Mill, With Digressions Anent Dried Apples

"Yes," said the red-headed man, "I spent three months in Rome, and I ever got tired of looking at the ruins of the Coliseum. I could have gone out there every day." "Ruins, eh?" queried one of the farmers on the seat ahead.

"Ruins, sir, with a history. When that Coliseum was erected Rome was in her glory. She was the greatest power on earth. She dominated all Europe. When Rome spoke kings trembled. When Rome sent forth her armies nations crumbled. All these things came to me as I stood there and looked, and I felt, sir-I felt-"

"Yes, I can imagine how you felt." "I stood there and my mind went back hundreds of years, and I felt----" "I've felt the same thing," chipped in the farmer, "and you needn't try to describe it. Only last summer I went back to the home of my boyhood. and I stood there before the ruin of an old cider mill where I used to swig down the sweet stuff as it came from the press, and the fust I knowed my eves was full of tears and I was wishin' I had been born a calf and had no feelin's to be hurt. Yes, I understand jest how you felt, but when you got over it did you go around askin' if there was any market there for dried apples? We've got about a hundred pounds on hand, and if there's any demand over in Rome I'll ship 'em over there."

The red-headed man gave him a long look of mingled sorrow and disgust, and instead of putting the farmer onto the dried apple market he pulled a newspaper from his pocket and began reading about the riots in Russia.-St. Joseph News Press.

Plus X. and New Cardinals.

The nearer we draw to the time fixed for the Consistory, which should take place next June, the more difficult becomes the position of the Pope for the choice of the new Cardinals, so many are the recommendations which he re ceives. The candidates are so numer ous that even to please one-tenth th Sacred College would have to be com-posed of at least 100 Cardinals, in-

stead of seventy, which is the maximum number. In the Anglo-Saxon countries alone

they claim a large number of red hats. In England they would like an Archbishop to be made Cardinal whose see has been until now considered always as a Cardinal's see, and they would also like to have a certain Abbot raised to the honor of the purple who occu pies a high position in a religious order dear to Emperor William. Scotland would like a representative in the Sa-

cred College, and Ireland another. Finally, the United States are struggling with five candidates, maintain ing that with the addition of the Philippines they have become the third Catholic country, and have, therefore, the right to a representative in the Sacred College at least equal to Spain. Australia alone seems content to have no other besides Cardinal Moran.-Pall Mall Gazette.

A Virture Which Commands Love. Should some women still need en couragement, they may learn with interest that men are rather apt to be vain, and that it is enough sometimes to be a good listener in order to be a most successful hostess. The following typical anecdote proves this. Gomberville, the old courtier, somewhat of serves as flower girl. A great, rough straw garden hat is bent up into a basket, the handle formed of wide satin ribhon and is piled high with blossoms the Hotel de Rambouillet. One day



POULTRY IN THE ORCHARD. The orchard may well serve two pur oses-one the production of fruit and the other as a range or feeding ground for poultry. The fowls will destroy many insects which would injure the trees and the fruit, and they are no mean factor toward enriching the land.

TRUMPET VINES.

The trumpet creeper, with its showy trumpet blossoms of orange and scar-let, and its vigorous stem and leaves, always wins favor as a hardy, climbing vine. It has been used with admirable effect on many two-storied houses, notable on one fine old farm house with wide veranda and an upper balcony. -Garden Magazine.

INJURED PEACH TREES.

Where peach buds have been killed by the cold it is advisable to cut back into the two or three year old wood. If the tree was cut back last year make the new cut below the old one, taking off the top growth. This will induce a new growth, which will be in shape for bearing next year. This will result in a new head being formed. The more the wood is discolored the further back should be the cutting.

GARDEN FRUITS.

When you come to the point of choosing varieties of fruit trees and shrubs, go slow, says a writer in the Garden Magazine. Do not make your decision's from the nurseryman's catalogue or the agent's advice. Seek out neighbors who have grown large and small fruit successfully for several years. Their advice is worth a great deal to you, and it is usually freely given; contact with the soil and nature's bounty usually makes a man generous in this respect, though he be an Old Scrooge otherwise.

FLOWERS ON BUSHES.

We want shrubs in every home place In America, because they furnish more flowers for less money and care, and for a longer period of years, than any other plant, says the Garden Magazine True, some trees have big flowers, and lots of them, but they are higher up in the air, while a bush is just where you can see it and smell it. Shrubs are more permenant than "perennials," and they are nothing like the bother annuals are. You plant trees for posterity, but shrubs for yourself also. You get flowers the second year, if you pay a decent price, and if you go away for a summer the place does not look like an abandoned home. The plain truth is that a home without shrubbery is all wrong. Shrubbery is just as necessary to a place as clothing to a man. Nine times out of ten the straight line where a building meets the ground should be hidden by shrubs.

HAVE A HOTBED.

Every year demonstrates more and more the importance of the hotbed in scientific gardening. Even on a small scale, early vegetables cannot be suc-cessfully raised without it. Its cost, in truth, is out of all proportion to the good it does. Though occupying a space only ten feet square, it will produce wonders. Several thousand of tomato or cabbage plants can then be started for early transplanting. With the addition of a few cold frame sashes gasoline stoves is very convenient set one is therefore able to defy the fickle cold of late winter or early spring. Inribbons and blossoms matching, and some one had this conversation with deed, it is pretty safe to say that the ble than that of the hotbed. It reduces the cost of raising vegetables piece off and put a match to it, if it is to a minimum, and even the snows of late March cannot injure plants that are protected by a properly constructed cold frame, while all through April and May it renders them perfectly secure. No one, not having them, how-ever, should make an extensive outlay in cold frames and hotbeds at the outset. Rather, a few feet of one or the other should be constructed each year. The cost is then divided up, and eventually no more are built than there is actual need for .- Fred O. Sibley, in as for a scramble.



DEVILLED MUSHROOMS. Chop one quart of peeled mushrooms Season with sait, pepper and lemon-uice. Mix the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs and two raw eggs together, juice. and stir in with one pint of bread-crumbs and one large tablesponful of butter. Fill little shells with the mixture, cover with grated crackers and bits of butter. Set in the oven to brown.

FRIED CELERY.

Cut stalks of celery into three or four inch lengths. Even if it is not well blanched it can be used for this purpose. Beat together one egg and a tablespoonful of cold water; roll your celery first in this and then in fine crumbs; sprinkle with a little salt and pepper; roll again in the egg, and fry in olive oil. Strew grated che in olive oil. Strew grated cheese over the stalks after taking them from the oil and before sending to table.

HARICOT OF OX TAIL.

Divide an ox tail into pieces about hree inches long, dip them in seasoned flour and fry in hot fat until brown. Drain them and put them into a stewpan-with a sliced and fried onion and a pint of hot stock. Bring to the boil and then add a turnip and a carrot cut into small dice. Simmer the whole very gently for two hours, then lay the pleces of ox tail round a hot dish, put the vegetables in the centre, and strain the thickened gravy over.

EGG TIMBALES.

Butter small tin moulds and dust them with powdered parsley; then an egg is dropped in each, and they are put in a pan of hot water and cooked in the oven for about ten minutes. when they may be turned out on a round platter, and a sauce made of a cup of thickened cream with chopped mushrooms in it, or a tomato-sauce with the mushrooms may be poured around them. These timbales may be

altered by lining the moulds with finely minced ham instead of the parsley, but it must be moistened with cream or egg to make it adhere to the tin. The egg is put in and the sauce used as before.

BANANA SALAD.

A strip of the peel of a large and perfect banana may be turned back, and most of the pulp carefully scooped out. The short, thick variety of banana, in either red or yellow, is the best for this purpose. To all the space left by the removal of the pulp, prepare a mixture of thinly sliced banana, shredded orange or grape-fruit, seeded and peeled white grapes, and a few kernels of English walnuts or pecans in small pieces. In their season, stoned cher-ries may be added. All must first be mixed in a bowl with a generous supply of dressing, and after the yellow cases are filled with the salad each must be laid on lettuce leaves. These must be prepared a short time before using. Either a mayonnaise or a good

boiled dressing may be used. DILADROXCHE HINTS FOR THE

HOUSEKEEPER TON STORE COM For quick baking with a small fire, the sheetiron oven such as is used for

over the two hottest griddles of the range. In testing a piece of cloth to see if it is a cotton mixture, if you cut a small all wool it will only singe, but if cotton is there it will flare up.

********************* FARM TOPICS. ***************

CORN FERTILIZER.

The following formula for corn is recommended by J. B. Sanborn, New Hampshire's intensive farmer: For an acre, two pounds nitrate of soda, 300 pounds tankage, 150 pounds muriate of potash, 400 pounds ground phosphate of rock. This is a liberal dressing intended for unmanured soil.—American Cultivator.

RAISE A VARIETY.

Apples and hay are ordinarily a prof-itable crop to raise, yet we know that sometimes we do not get much pay for our labor. If the farmer who lives within ten to fifteen miles of a market will take time, while waiting for his grass or apples to grow-will raise some other crops, so as to have a variety for the market, he will not have so much occasion to mourn over his small income. The farmer should con-sider his location, his soil and opportunity for intelligent and wise farming. -T. D. Little, in the American Cultivator.

EARLY CHICKS.

Early chickens are really not so hard to raise as sometimes imagined. It is fully as easy to fight dampness and occasional spells of severe weather as to protect them against the lice which cause so much trouble in the chickens hatched late in the summer. The per cent. of early chickens which live is likely to be as great as those hatched in July. The profits on the March chickens properly raised and marketed are three times that of the July chickens, while the March to May pullets of the medium and large breeds are the main reliance for winter laying. If the stock is good and vigorous, the chicks will stand a good deal of cold. Moisture and cold combined are the severe trial, but there is no reason why, they cannot be provided with dry runs covered with coarse gravel. Scratching for their feed among the gravel, they get plenty of exercise to keep them warm. Lice will give not much trouble if the old hens are thoroughly free from the pests before the chickens are hatched. They should not be kept indoors too long, but should have access to the open air on fairly good days. For the first week or so they will do all right kept wholly indoors. In fact, they can be raised to the broiler age indoors if given all needed care, but are not likely to be attended to on this plan on the average farm.

CLEAN AND DIRTY COW TEST. A writer in Farm Stock Journal has been experimenting in order to demonstrate how well it pays to keep cows cleaned. A neighbor, he says, believes it does not pay so we traded cows, for the time being, in the following manner: One of our cows that had been cleaned daily for five years was turned over to our neighbor and we took one of his cows which during the same five years had rarely been cleaned. The cows were sisters, with a year between them. It was agreed that each of us should milk his own cow, and that the test should not begin until the cows had been in their new quarters for ten days. The clean cow was not to be cleaned during the test, while the dirty cow was to have the same groomin given the rest of the cows in our bay At the end of the ten days a record the milk was kept and the experime lasted a month. By actual weight the dirty cow which had become the slean cow gained twelve per cent. in the milk

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The industrial opportunities which Italy opens to these women ought to warm the cockles of the heart in any woman suffragist who yearns to see her sex competing freely with men in the various activities of life. Mr. Cuneo relates how, not long ago, he visited

Forno, a small Alpine village. "There being no wagon road to within five miles of the village, all necessaries except a few vegetables have to be cared mostly from Omegna, a distance of ten miles. In my walk to Forno and back I frequently met women with large baskets on their backs, strapped to each shoulder, and I saw that the baskets were filled with provisions and merchandise.

domestic servants."

ed by four men. both matching the ribbons on the small

There is a very good profit in raising onions at a dollar a bushel—a good girl's dress. For the bride's veil, orange blossoms deal more than in producing tobacco at are the rule, but gardenias and lilies the present time. Indeed, it may b of the valley-and at Easter, Easter doubted whether there is any other lilies-are often used either instead of crop which pays so handsomely as the or combined with the orange blos odoriferous vegetable which is commanding such a high price in this

soms. The only arrangement of them is the adjusting and readjusting of a flower or two, or tiny sprays of the little flowers until the most becoming effect is got.-Washington Times. The aversion which working women



obliged to work would do almost any-Plain white "Buster Brown" suits servants. Now, Mr. Cuneo, American are still popular.

consul in Turin, reports the same of the Suspender dresses for young, misses Italian girls in that section of the counwill be more popular than ever. try. Mr. Cuneo says he has known

Coats for young girls of gray and white fancy woolen mixtures are useful for cool days.

A sailor suit of white linen for small boys has a collar of pale blue chambray with several rows of white braid.

A pretty chambray dress has a boxpleated waist with a collar of white linen.

A pretty Swiss wrapper was made heliotrope china silk, which gave substance to its airy texture, and decorated with quantities of valenciennes lace.

A dress for a young girl, of pale blue chambray, has a small yoke of fine em broidery, decorated on each side with rings formed with fine feather-stitching.

A delicately lovely and becoming gown was made of China silk of the always charming shade of pale blue with a flounce headed with three rows of spotted lace insertion and finished at the bottom with the same.

Before Chicago established a muni cipal electric light plant, the city paid \$125 per annum for each arc light. Now the cost is only \$54 for each arc light.

"You are the 'cavalier servant' of Madame ---?" "Yes, certainly." "Do you love her?" "With the most devoted respect in my heart. "Why? She is not beautiful." "No.' "She is not young." "No." "She is not graceful." "Not very." "She is not witty." "No, not particularly." "Well, then, what is it?" "She can listen admirably."-Prof. Albert Schinz, in Lippincott's.

him:

All Invited.

A ludicrous instance of absent-mindedness was afforded by the pastor of a church in a small town of Virginia. Not long ago, one Sunday morning this minister forgot to give the usual announcement of social events for the week. He had utered some words of his final blessing, when a deacon, in a whisper, invited his attention to the omission. Whereupon the clergyman ceased praying and said:

"Brethren, I omitted to inform you that an ovster supper will be served at Brother Mullin's house next Friday evening, the 20th instant. All are in vited to come, bringing their own bowls and spoons." Then, continuing his invocation, quite unconscious of the humor of the situation, the worthy man added:

"And may the Lord have mercy your souls! Amen."-Harper's Weekly.

Curls Sold With Hats.

The wonderful way in which the chic Parisienne builds up her coiffure to fill the hollows and angles made by the modish Watteau hats is finding imitation in London also. It's no secret: you put your hat on, and wherever you think it is wanted, you stick in a tuft of curled hair fastened on a long pin to secure it. Curls, knots and puff bows in every shade of blond or dark hair are sold with the hats .- Coming had for one-third of a cent.-J. T. Modes. London.

BLACKBERRIES.

The Epitomist.

The Eldorado is of good quality and quite productive. The Snyder occupies about the same that Ben Davis holds among apples, but by good culture and careful pruning to avoid too heavy a set of fruit the quality can be much improved. There is good de-mand for nice blackberries, and plenty of room for the man who will take pains to produce fruit of good quality. The seashore resorts are crowded at the time this fruit ripens, and much can be disposed of there at fancy prices if one is so situated as to take advantage of this trade. Often, however, a few quarts of berries that have wilted a trifle and turned a little stale will give a retail dealer all that he can sell through the afternoon and stock to commence on the next morning; the same man could dispose of several crates if those stale berries were out of the way and some perfect ly fresh fruit given him in their place.

While it may not pay to grow raspberries and blackberries in the wholesale way that strawberries, peaches and apples are being produced, a great deal of good fruit can be marketed at good prices if placed before customers

in a fresh condition; no need of mentioning the advantage of clean, new baskets, for surely no one uses any Molumphy, in American Cultivator.

Prepared paste for paperhanging can now be bought dry. It is ready for use as soon as stirred into cold water, and does away with the trouble of boiling flour paste, which so often is lumpy. There is no nicer breakfast than a sliced green pepper cut very small and cooked for ten minutes with two peeled and diced tomatoes in a little butter; add four eggs lightly beaten and stir

> A coat of prepared, black varnish or spar varnish given to the screens will keep them looking bright and fresh.

and make them last longer. Apply with a good paint brush, rubbing well into the mesh on both sides.

An oculist suggests that glasses should be washed every night in warm soapsuds, well rinsed and dried on a

bit of old, soft linen. Few people, though otherwise neat and fastidious, cleanse their glasses frequently enough.

It is not generally known that eggs covered with boiling water and allowed to stand for five minutes are more nourishing and more easily digested than eggs placed in boiling water and allowed to boil furiously for three and a half minutes.

Make a delicious violet perfume by putting half an ounce of small pieces of orris root into two ounces of alcohol. Add to this a bunch of newly-picked violets, cork and bottle tightly and shake well. After it has been standing four or five days a few drops on the handkerchiefs will leave the scent of fresh violets.

When the handles of steel knives and forks come off they can be easily mended with resin. Pour a little powdered resin into the cavity in the handle Heat the part of the knife that fits into the handle until it is red hot, and thrust thing else now when baskets can be into the handle. It will become firmly fixed by the resin when it becomes cool Protect the blade from the heat.

while th clean cow which was now dirty fell off nearly nineteen per cent. Our neighbor now believes i cleaning cows.

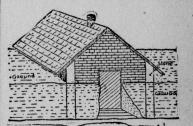
It may be true that this was not really a fair test inasmuch as there might have been some other elements entering into the results, but even admitting this it is certain that a large per cent, of the change in each case was due to the treatment. Try a little experiment of this kind with your own herd and see how it works.

A GOOD OUT DOOR CELLAR.

There are many localities where it is impracticable to build a cellar underneath the house and for those who are so situated we give a description of an out door cellar that answers every purpose, frost proof and cool in the summer.

This cellar is sixteen feet long and twelve feet wide, with walls six feet high.

As the drainage is poor, the cellar floor is but eighteen inches below the surface. The walls are four and onehalf feet stone, and the remainder hollow brick, and earth is built up to within one foot of the eaves.



The door is double, with one inch floor space between the boards, and the windows are also double. space between the ceiling and the rafters is packed full of straw. This cellar has been used three years and has proven in every way satisfactory.

A cellar of this kind should be built early in the season in order to have it well dried out before cold weather sets in.-National Fruit Grower.