

CHILDHOOD'S DAYS

BY EMMET F. HART, AGED THIRTEEN.
I'll have to be the days of my childhood...

THROUGH IMPULSE.

BY L. B. W.

Dr. Mills sat in his office casting up his yearly accounts.
'Yes,' he said, after careful consideration...

Dr. Mills sat down by her, laid his finger on her pulse, and gazed down on her face.
Dr. Mills was a plain country doctor...

'Have you been subject to these attacks?' he asked, at length.
'Yes,' answered Miss Lyle, 'for the last few weeks...

'If you will only give me relief now,' said Miss Lyle, 'I shall be so grateful that I shall be glad to see you again as often as you will come.'

'I've given him every remedy I know of,' replied Mrs. Black.
'Yes, she's here.'

'Tell her to come in. Well, Mrs. Black, what has your boy been gorging himself with now?'
'I can't tell, sir,' said Mrs. Black.

'No wonder he doesn't get better, then,' muttered the doctor, and sat without speaking for some minutes.
'I'd been taking home some fine things,' pursued Mrs. Black...

'Yes, I've been there,' answered Dr. Mills, shortly.
'Two hours later, when he again seated by Miss Lyle's couch...

'I beg your pardon! Everything that happens to you must be peculiar.'
'You are mistaken. I am not an uncommon woman,' said Miss Lyle.

STYLES IN FOOTGEAR.

THE FASHIONS THAT ARE JUST NOW MOST POPULAR.

English Fancies Seemingly Accepted by the Great Majority of the Forties of Mode—Perfumed Shoes for Women a New Fad and Laced Shoes Counted the Thing for Gentlemen.

JUST now, as there is a tendency to follow everything that is English, it might be well to state that this season the most fashionable London shoes for every smart occasion are in silk, suede, or morocco...

The lace boot is again reinstated in favor, but it comes back in a more ornamental form. In some instances the demand is for a perturbed shoe in the medium grades...

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TO GROW WATER LILIES

SOME USEFUL HINTS REGARDING THEIR CULTIVATION.

But Little Labor and Expense Involved—How to Construct a Cheap but Beautiful Aquarium—The Pontederia Cordata and How to Raise It.

HERE are many persons far removed from ponds and inland lakes where the sweet waterlilies grow, who are not aware of the ease with which they can be made to grow and bloom in all their beauty and fragrance in the yard, with the trifling cost of constructing a small pond, or sinking in the ground an old tub or barrel...

It is desirable these tubs may be set on a platform on rollers instead of sunk in the ground, and can thus be kept indoors during the winter. Kept filled with water they will come out early in the spring.

A very elaborate and beautiful affair, which is really a joy forever, if one cares to stand the expense, can be made by a cooper. This should be constructed of heavy ash or oak staves, with a false bottom, the upper one, not too heavy, well perforated with two-inch holes, and should be about six inches from the true bottom, leaving about eighteen inches clear space at the top.

The roots of the waterlily grow in continuous lengths, hence will crowd and limit the tub if not taken up and cut back; remove the forward or crown end in trimming to about six inches in length, from the true bottom, leaving about eighteen inches clear space at the top.

Another beautiful aquatic plant is the Pontederia cordata (arrow-head). It can be grown together with the lily if desired, but unless the pond is large it is better to use separate to avoid crowding.

It is admired more, however, for its dark-green foliage than for its bloom, though small as it is, it is fragrant. This plant grows in shallow water, and its root increases in size by throwing out new crowns from year to year until it becomes a large bushy plant.

It can be grown in tubs or urns in the yard or flower pots in the house as desired. Any vessel that will hold water, fill two-thirds of fine loam, put the roots and cover in the center lightly, fill the vessel with water and keep moist; they will grow every time without fail.

It is desired to grow both together, it is better to leave a place in the center of the tub large enough for the Pontederia root, and cover same as lilies. No particular directions are needed. The tub, however large, will soon be full. Besides, there are many other aquatic plants that will grow equally in tubs.

YEAST—What's the Smithers playing in now? Crimmon-Smith—Hamlet. "Does he enter into the spirit of the piece?" "Oh, yes; he is taking the part of the Ghost."

A SKILLED MAIDEN'S ADVICE.

A Few of the Mistakes of Which Girls Are Guilty.

HERE is a skilled milliner who has taken women as mistresses in supposing that decided styles of millinery make for a staid and observable. I don't see why so many girls are afraid of their hair, or go to their dressmakers, with piteous entreaties to do something to make their hair shorter. It is ridiculous. A tall, thin figure, if it is only straight, always has possibilities for the hair and dressmaker; whereas a short, dumpy woman is often beyond the reach of art.

Let the hair be cut in a style that is content. But let them also bear in mind the condition which this expert attaches to their success—a condition precedent—viz: to have an erect carriage. A stoop in the shoulders is fatal to a tall figure, and it restricts your choice of a hat. No matter how she may tower above ordinary mortals, a woman must keep her figure straight, or suffer a painful stiffness that will terrify her, which is quite enough to destroy the beauty of an angel. No mirror or set of mirrors can give a tall woman a correct idea of her ungainliness when this dread condition in the shoulders has taken possession of her. If she has unhappily acquired it, she should extend her headgear backward as far as possible.

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