A RAINY DAY.

ull gray sky and dull brown earth, nd the dreary, steady rain, e shadows grow deeper within the r fly creeps over the pane.

rees stand still and lifeless and du The raindrops cling to the leaves; lonely sparrow, rolled up in a ball Chirps drearly under the eaves.

The sweet blush roses hang their heads. Heavy and dripping with rain; A butterfly trails the limp, white wings He never will use again.

The long lush grass, with foam-like frin Lies tangled on the ground, And the rain's sad, deadening spell has h Each tiny insect sound.

A dull gray sky and a steady rain And shadows dim up-piled, And out of the durkness and sadness rings The laugh of a little child. —Dorothy E. Nelson, in Good Housekeeping.

## THAT CARD GAME.

BY JAMES KNAPP REEVE.

[Copyright, 1894, by the Author.] 68 S I SAID to you at the time of our last conversation on these matters, Inst conversation on these matters, we do not much draftairs made pub-lip property. The spirit of reserves in a cell usive-net of the second second interaction of the second interaction of the second interaction of the second interaction of the second second second interaction of the second second second interaction of the sec

"Some men are born gamblers. The instinct of gaming is in their blood, and they will take chances on asy mat-ter that concerns this world or the next. Young Montgomery-Rawdon Montgomery-wassuch a one. He al-ways wanted to play for higher stakes than the club limit. He wanted money enough up to make the game 'interest-ing.' So one night we determined to oblige him. "I must po back a little and tell you enough about Montgomery, so that

ing' to one night we determined to be an end of the second second



"HE AFFECTED THE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS.

THE AFFECTED THE FOCHETY OF ARTISTS.<sup>10</sup> If it became necessary, and I knew he had plenty of courage to stay in as long as any. He gave an ugly little smile when I had explained the matter to him, showing his teeth in a way that made me think he might have some score of his own to settle. "Jimmy Pettingill made the fourth member of our party, and I have al-rendy told you what sort of a man he is, and if you have forgotten, you have

member of our party, and I have already tolgo what sort of a man he is and if you have forgotten, you have of the sort of a man he is and if you have forgotten, you have of the sort o

twice I folt inclined to protest against such plunging. But Pettingili, who-scened to see ahead more clearly than I did, gave me a look that held me other Articles That Are Necessary to Make th Little Beings Comfortable.

THE BABY'S LAYETTE.

Articles That Are Norssary to Make the Little Beings Comfortable. Everyone has a different idea of what the wardrobe for the little baby should consist. The babies themselves are pretty much alike in their require-ments, and so it seems that they might be governed by one simple rule. The foundation is generally the same, but the variations are found in the dif-forent forms of elaboration and ex-pense. In this article I want to tall what is necessary to make the baby comfortable and how to arrange for it. We will begin with the bands—the first article of clothing that is put on the baby. These, of course, are made of flannel. They want to be made from a nice piece, at about 65 cents a yard, and should be torn in strips fifteen inches long and five inches wide; six are enough. Do not turn down the edges, for even that little hern is rough for the baby's skin. If any decoration in wanted buttonhole them along both is necessary. The necess thits are those made Silent. "Montgo aery was well supplied with money, and for a long time paid his logses in cash. But finally he took out his bankbook, wrote a cheek and passed it to Clifford in settlement, and asked him if that was satisfactory. Clifford placed it in his pocket with-out looking at it, merely nodding to the other, and went on with the game. This was repeated two or three times, and after that Pettingill nodded to me that we had best draw out of the game, and let them fight it to a finish alone. "Montgomery had grown nervous, and let them fight it to a finish alone. "Montgomery had grown nervous, and was playing recklessly. Clifford was calm, a little paler than usual, and playing with a deliberate calcula-tion that meant ruin to his adversary, if he could compass it. Presently Montgomery paused, and made a hasty calculation in his bankbook; he hesi-ted a moment after this and then

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calculation in his bank book; he hesi-tated a moment after this, and then said quietly to Clifford: "'I have no more money. I would like to have another chance, if you will let me. My private collection of paint-ings is worth five thousand dollars.' "Ife looked at Clifford inquiringly, not putting his question into words. 'All right,'said the other briefly, and the game went on. "I began to get nervons, not know-ing where it would end, and looked at my watch. It was twenty minutes past three. I went to the window, and could see a faint streak of gray light in the east. I was thankful for that, for I believed the garish day-light, which would soon be upon us, would bring the men to their senses and stop the play. I thought Mont gomery's punishment had already been severe enough. "While standing by the window I heard a sharp oath, and turned quick-ly enough to see Montgomery throw down his cards and settle back in hi chair with a look of abject despair the baby's sign. If any decornton in wanted buttonhole them along both sides with white silk. That is all that is necessary. The nicest shirts are those made of silk and wool mixed, high-n-code and long sleeved. These should button all the way down the front. It is much casier to put them on when they button in that way, and saves put-ting over the head, which the baby always dislikes. They can be bought for §1.18 piece. Six is a generous sup-ply, and two can be bought a size larger than the other four, which should be the smallest size. A less expensive skirt that is very good is of cotton and wool mixed, for about 65 cents. There made with a cambric wastband, 5 inches deep and 16 inches long. The famel is gathered in at the bottom of the band, and should be about 25 inches for these. There should be six. Babies, as rule, do not wear the barrow skirts, then the edge. The same quality famel as used for the bands will do for these. There should be six. Babies, as rule, do not wear the barrow slirts, then they will need the flannel skirts, which do not differ very much. They are larger, and do not open up the front, and are generally embroidered around the bottom. There is no better or prettier way to finish flannel than to work it in this way. Of course it is much less expensive to buy the flannel already apod plan is to make the band of the skirt also of flannel. These skirts should be quite full to look niety.--ary.



'HIS EYES GLOATING UPON HIS VICTIM.

Clifford was bending toward him, his eyes gloating upon his vietim. I had not foought the man earried so much mallee in his heart, and for a moment I liked him the less for it. But only started. "'I have one thing more,'he said,

Some Points About Fins. Some Points About Fins. Thorns were originally used in fast-ening garments together. Fins did not limmediately succeed thorns as fasten-ers, but different appliances were used, such as hools, buckles and haces. It was the latter half of the fifteenth century before his were used in Great "'I have one thing more,' he said, the promise of Rachel Morris to be my wife. If I lose now, I leave you a clear field."

such as hooks, buckles and laces. It was the latter half of the fifteenth century before pins were used in Great Britain. When first manufactured in England the iron wire, of the proper length, was filed to a point, and the other extremity twisted into a head. This was a slow process, and four or five hundred pins was a good day's work for an expert hand. The United States has the credit of inventing the first machine for making pins. This was in 1824. The inventor was ono Lemuel Wellman Wright. Many re-markable improvements have followed, and the machines of the present day send off, as if by magie, whole streams of pins, and these falls on icely adjust-ed for the papers pricked for them that two small girls can put up several thou-sand papers in a day.—Ladies' Home Journal. The promise of Rachel Morris to be my wife. If I loss now, I leave you a clear field."
"Ciliford rose quietly from the table.
"Yon hear this, grantlemen?" he said. "This cur has dragged the name of a lady into a game of cards. This hound," he paused, I thought to give the other chance to resent his words, "this hound," he repeated slowly, 'has managed to get Dan Morris in his debt. He has agreed to enneel the other the same start is hound, the paused agin, 'holds har to this promise. And now he offers it as a stake upon a game of cards."
"Ciliford seemed to grow in stature as he spoke, and the off-er the had finished he took the money he had woo, and the checks and twisted them together and threw them into Montgomery face. Then he went to the door and opened it.
"You want the end of the story? Well, it is brief. The club's action was prompt, and Montgomery is no longer a member.

How to Clean Windows.

It. Bruss of all the dust inside and out; elean the woodwork around the glass first. Use for this warm water and ammonia; do not use soap. Wipe dry with eotton cloth. Do not use linen, as it leaves lint on the glass when dry. Polish with tissue or old newspaper.

prompt, and Montgomery is no longer a member. "And Rachel Morris, did you say? Oh, yes. Here are wedding cards. She is to be married to Clifford this even-ing. I must go and dress. I am to be best man. That is my reward for re-maining an old bean." I think it would have been more true if he had said this was one of his re-wards, for I can see that he has many. So many men befriended, so many women made happy by acts of unself-ish devotion, have given a crown to his years of more worth than the crowns that tings wear. If it be as I have guessed, that the life of the old fellow has known some sorrow, it is certain that it now knows much hap-piness. But now, as I look at him more closely before we part, I think perhaps he is not so old as he has sometimes seemed to me. newspaper. Easily Made and Useful. To make a convenient bag for paper and twine, double a yard of creponne, joining the edges with a puff of esun-brie of a solid and harmonizing color. At the top turn in each of the four edges for several inches, so that the two sides end in a point. Fusten these together with button and buttonhole and sew here ribbon loops and ends by which to hang up the bag. To one side sew a triangular outside pocket, with a box-plait in the middle of it. Make deep rather than broad; this is for the twine. It forms a very handy receptacle for wrappings and one to which the family will be apt to often repair if hung in one accustomed place. This Is Said to De Good.

A Tale of the Street. A gray-haired and wrinkled Italian organ grinder, after turning our sev-eral popular melodies in front of a Brookdyn grocery store, doffed bis old hat and bowed himself to the store door, where the proprietor, who appar-ently had enjoyed the serenade, was standing. The Italian extended his hat and snilled. The grocer feit in his pocket and said: "I haven't a penny." The Italian's smille deepened. He fished four cents out of a jingling vest pocket and handed them to the grocer, who, with a smile broader than that illuminating the organ-grinder's bronzed contenance, produced an ickel and handed it to the Italian. A throng of little school girls who had seen the transaction sent up a shout of hungh-ter, in which the grocer joined with heartiness.—Philadolphia Ballett. -Catharine von Bora, Luther's wife, survived her husband, six years, and finally died of a hurt received in a fail from a carriage. She was buried with as much honor as had been shown to the remains of the reformer himself.

-British East Africa raises and ex-ports cloves, ivory, rubber, gum, medie-inal plants and hides.

# FEMININE GOSSIP.

Mrs. MARKS, aged almost ninety years, was baptized in the sea near Rockland, Me.

THE bride at a wedding lately per formed in New Zealand wore a stone

This bride at a weaking interp per-formed in New Zealand wore a stone-blue bengaline coat and knickerbockers without skirts. The health of Miss Florence Night-ingale has been failing since the death of her brother-in-law, Sir Harry Ver-ney, with whom she made her home. '. The will of the late Julis Bullock, of Providence, bequeaths forty thousand dollars to charitable, educational and religious institutions in Rhode Island. THERE are more than two thousand Grif Students at present in the London Guildhall school of music, and of these about three hundred are studying the violin.

CLARA BARTON and her noble a ciates of the Red C CLARA BATTON and her noble asso-ciates of the Red Cross have enriced those thousands of poor people on the Sea islands through the winter and spring on less than thirty-five thousand dollars. Muss MARY FILURDORS, of Hobbien, the first remain to complete the the

Jersey supreme court for examination for admission to practice as an attor-ney at law, failed to receive the privi-lege.

lege. MRs. JULIA J. INVIN, a graduate of Cornell university, is understood to be as good as elected as next president of Wellesley college, where she has been professor of Greek for the last four years.

years. A SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD woman of New-ark, N. J., some time ago married a dapper youth of twenty-five. She tillaks she needs but one thing more now to complete her happiness, and that is a divorce.

SPARKS FROM MANY FLINTS. Way is a hexameter like a June bug? cause each has six feet.-Fliegend

Now is the time to think of the sur mer resort. It costs nothing to think, so long as you do it quietly.-Texas

Siftinga. LITLE DOT-"Oh, I'd give anything if I was old enough to have a husband." Mauma-"Mercy! child. Why?" Lit-tle Dot-"I'm so tired of being petted." -Good News.

-Good News. GUEST (looking over his bill)—"I see you charge me for beefsteal; but I don't remember enting one." Waiter-"That's quite possible, sir; our beef-steaks are so small that they easily escape the memory."—Filegende Blact-ter.

escape the memory."-Filegende Blact-ter. EDITON--"You wish a position as proofreader?" Applicant--Yes, sir." "Do you understand the requirements of that responsible position?" "Per-fectly, sir. Whenever you make any mistakes in the paper just blame 'em on me, and I'll never say a word."--N. V. Weekly. DOLCE JUDOR--"Aren' you ashamed of yourself? There can be no excuse on earth for a man who will take a razor and cut the wife of his bosom half to pieces with it." Mr. Black-"Wy, judge, w'n I fust met dat woman Lasys tomyself at these was my destiny, and dat's what made me marry her. Den you said in yo' speech a couple of nights ago dat de eullad man had to carce his own destiny ergit lef in de shuffe, an'l des only done what yo' said, judge, an' dat's cll."--Indianapolis Journal."

## FOREIGN NOTES.

and mance a year. A worthy bleydlict, signora Marin brann, recently role from Turin to lillar, a distance of one hundred and fifty kilometres, in eight cad a half ours, with one hours rest included. mistans are intensely fond of en-es and other pet birds. It is estimice and other pet birds. It is esta-ated, figuring on the functur spent or bird food at the regular stores, that here are fully one bundred thousand set birds in the city, or one to every wentieth individuel, including babies.



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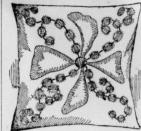
VIOLA SKIN SOAP I

ombination of Honiton Braid nbroidery-Receilent Model in t Shape of a Cushion-Corner for Table Linen.

The very latest thing in needlewor is a combination of the honiton braid with embroidery. Heretofore we have even seen the braids used as braids simply, but their use for applique and their combination with long and short stitch are both new and immensely ef-forting fective.

fective. The work is simple in the extreme and requires no knowledge beyond that which every woman has. The secret of success lies in the design and in the selection of colors. If you are careful that both of these are good, the rest will surely follow, and you may be as-sured of success. The cushion shown in the first draw-ing is excellent as a model, and can

ing is excellent as a model, and can



SAGE COLOR AND OLD PINK either be exactly copied or modified t

either be exactly copied or modified to suit your needs. The original has just been completed by a dever woman, who makes all her own designs. The foundation is pale sage-colored furriture sateen. The central figure is worked in long and short stitch with old pink Turkish floss, and the center is illed with faney stitches of the same. The antennae-like lines that run from it were first drawn with a brush, then covered with the braid, neatly pasted on. Each one of the sections is buttonholed irregu-larly with old pink filo floss around its entire edge, and each joint is entirely worked over with the same. The com-bination of tones is charming, and the rapidity of the work is an immense ad-vantage in these days of hurry and huste, when one has hardly time suf-ficient to induge in the love for mal-ing pretty things. The second illustration shows one corner of a tea table over, and is all white.

The second illustr corner of a tea table white

The material is heavy linen, a finquality of what is know linen," and all the wor and all the work is done with



A TABLE COVER IN FURE WHITE.

white wash silk. The large figures in the corners are purely convent and are worked with heavy silk. ntional, The

and are worked with heavy silk. The braid is put on precisely as already de-scribed, but with white in place of col-ored floss. The edge of the cloth is finished with a wide hem, simply hemstitched, and the whole has the area merit of laun-dering perfectly and without need of special care. Beautiful as colored embroidery un-constionably is, it has the disadvartare **Complexion** Preserved VIOLA CREAM

Beautiful as colored embroidery un-questionably is, it has the disadvantage of requiring the greatest earc. Even the wonderful wash dyes must be treated with respect; and, as every housekeeper knows, it is difficult to re-move tea and coffee stains without hot-ter water and more soap than they al-low. The pure white covers are, there-fore, steadily growing in favor, and as this one has the merit of being effective without being exacting, it deserves a hearty recognition from all busy wom-G. C. BITTNER & CO., TOLEDO, O. hearty recognition from all busy wom en folk.-N. Y. Recorder.

The of recognised from the obsy would en folk.-N. Y. Recorder. Where the Baby Steeps. Cradles have gone out of date for babies, whose little brains are infured, we are told, by the rocking motion. Whether this is so or not certainly no one need long for the pretty swaying arks of earlier days who sees the love-ly beds provided for the infant of '94. One is like a great basket mounted on cross-legs of wickerwork. At the head there is a sort of tripod which sup-ports a canopy that does not come over the erib at all, but merely falls to the floor in tied-back curtains much like those at a draped dressing table. The body of the little bed is entirely cov-cred with three rows of broad lace sewed to a lining that is titted over the wickerwork. There are bows of white ribbon at the lower corners. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>



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FOREIGN NOTES. This body of the late Edminid Yates, editor of the Londen World; was cre-mated in accordance with his desire. "GRN" Boorn, commander in chief of the Salvation Army, says, and says it it manages and the salvation of the salvation it is about thirty miles across town in Londen, and for that entire distance there is said to be an unbroken line of versidences and stores. RAHLWAY employees in England are invired under the anspices of the St. John's Ambulance association. Bits corpase on the ballroom flor was the result of a little difference of optimient and any the dancers at a ball an Anastrian village some vects ago. This renting of partiens of the isle-who set out tables there, brings in a rental to the city of nine innarded thou-sund france a year. A would's biggelist, Signora Maria How to Clean Windows. Simple as the operation may seem there is a way to clean windows and a way not to clean them. The following suggestions may be of use to some, as they save both time and labor: Choose a time when the sun does not shine on the window, else it will dry streaked, and no amount of rubbing can prevent it. Brush off all the dust inside and out clean the wordwork around the