

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Plea for the Hollyhock and Other Ol Fashioned Blossoms.

A Pies for the Bollyhock and Other Old-Fashioned Blossoms.

There are fashions in flowers as well as elsewhere, and though one may despise the mere taking up of certain flowers, because it is "the thing," there is still some satisfaction in finding one's old-time favorites, neglected in these later days, being brought to the front and given the appreciation that they honestly deserve, because what starts in a whim of fashion may end in the genuine love for the old-fashioned blossoms, and their continued cultivation long after "the fashion" has bestowed its attention upon some other fad. Some of the old-time favorite flowers have come back to popularity, I hope to stay. Among them all there

QUEEN NATALIE'S NECK.

Its Besiety and Symmetry Is the Talk of It.

An Europe.

The most beautiful queen of Europe is Natalie of Servia, and her greatest beauty is her neck. The world has just been let into the secret of the method which has largely enabled her to develop this charming feature.

The queen takes frequent and regular exercise with a heavy pitcher on her head. The result of this is to straighten and attengthen the neck and to give it the form which the highest standard of female beauty requires. Not only does the exercise add to present beauty, but it arrests the ravages which time makes more quickly in the female neck than in any other place.

Natalie is a woman whose career has perhaps been more exciting and picturesque than that of any living occupant of a European throne. Her beauty is of an order that is in keeping with the vigor of her character. Neither amiability nor feminine gentleness enters into the latter to a notice-sible degree.

Natalie is now living in the dignity proper to the rank of a queen-dowager, while her husband has a pension, but is not allowed to enter his own country. He spends his money as soon as he gets it in drink and riotous living. The rest of the quarter he lives by begging, borrowing, sponging and playing cards. The queen, on the other hand, engages in the much more laudable and wholesome employment of preserving her neck and shoulders.

If you could obtain admission to the grounds of the queen's residence near helgrade, at about eight o'clock in the morning, you would see her majesty taking a brisk walk, with her pitcher on her shapely head. She is accompanied by a dame d'honneur, who is not herself an expert in the art of pitcher carrying.

Queen Natalie has very abundant lack hair and a rich coloring. She is a very finely developed woman. Her figure is very strong and arcect and her carriage is perfect, for her favorite exercise tends to develop the latter quality as well as to beautify the neck and shoulders.



NATALIE AS A WATER CARRIER.

is so.

American woman who worries
the shape of her neck probably
thinks that its defects are due to
of proper exercise tending to espestrengthen this part. She may
ble, suggests the New York Jourto profit by the example of the
n of Servia.

published in London. Hundrets of 11lustrations are scattered through the
volume.

Maurice Macterlinck, the Belgian
poet and dramatist, lives in the quiet
old town of Ghent and enjoys wheeling over the smooth, flat roads. He is
a barrister by profession, but does not
practice, saying he cannot manage the
affairs of other people when he finds
it so impossible to manage his own.

It is to Mrs. Thomas Hardy that the
world owes her husband's novels. It
was she who induced him to give up
architecture for writing. She copied
out his first novel herself and sent it to
the publishers and she makes it a point
to keep posted on the literature of the
day, so as to aid her busy husband.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson is about to
leave Norway and take up his permanent residence in Germany. He
states that the continued attacks upon
him at home are the reason for this
change and he says he will find a more
congenial field in Germany, where he
will find fewer opportunities to take
part in politics. He is now at Copenhagen, but will make Italy his winter
headquarters.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

by a colored man, does a big trade in the sale of feet belonging to "graveyard rabbits."

Mohave county, A. T., is infested with millions of army worms. The Wallapai Indians make soup of them, and find them very fattening.

A fortune of \$2,000,000 has just dropped to Richard Pilkey, a young man of 26, who for some years had been employed as a laborer on the Erie canal. The Mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, was built over a thousand years ago, and the mortar used was perfumed with musk. The musky odor is still perceptible.

It is asserted by Lyell, the geologist, that at a period comparatively recent all that portion of the United States south of the Black hills was under from 500 to 900 feet of water.

In the British museum there is a queer and ancient love letter, engraved on a brick. It is a proposal for the hand of an Egyptian princess, and is about 3,500 years old.

A funny election bet was settled by a gentleman in Philadelphia, in view of a large number of annused spectators. With a crowbar he pushed a peanut four times around the city hall.

Love entered the hearts of a couple of immates of the poorhouse in Delaware county, Ind., and they cloped. The groom is a cripple, aged 60, and the bride is an apoplectic woman of 27.

A wild boar roasted whole was the chief dish at a state dinner recently given by the prince of Montenegro. It was brought in smoking hot. Inside the boar was a anipe which had been shot by the host.

CHIT-CHAT OF FASHION.

If the summer hat is to be retrimmed for another season altogether the best plan to pursue before putting it away is to remove all the trimming from it. The gloves that enjoy the highest favor have only one button apiece in these days, and even this makes them almost too long for the sleeves that must fall to the knuckles.

Diamonds should be worn by the brilliant woman, but the quiet one should choose pearls. The beauty of a brunette is enhanced by rubies and topazes, and of a fair-skinned woman by emeralds.

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Evening gowns with square-cut necks are much worn this season. The square neck is more becoming to sloping shoulders than the round neck, and lace and chiffon ruffles can be used to give the edges a soft and dainty finish.

A pretty evening waist of chiffon in pole blue, rose, lemon, cream, lilac or Nile green has the neck cut square and edged with fur. It seems an incongruous combination—the dainty, mistilke material trimmed with winter's richest fur—but the effect is very charming. Chinchilla, sable, ermine and seal are the best furs for trimming oblifon, being the softest and richest looking.

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The unspeakable Turk is descended from a race of thieves and murderers, who first appeared in history in the tenth century. They came from the steppes of Central Asia and were of Tartar origin.

The Spaniards were originally called Hispanions. There is a tradition among the Spaniards that they are the descendants of Tubal, fifth son of Japhet. The Romans conquered the country. In 200 B. C.

The inhabitants of Portugal are descendants of the Alains and the Visigoths who settled in that country in the fourth century. The name Portuguese is derived from the original appellation of Oporto.

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Boxing the ears of a person suffering from hay fever is said to be a soveriege remedy for that inconvenient is allow. That severe attacks of rheusing has been noted, and in Maita and in litusals, where bees abound, they are in such repute as a cure that resort to this primitive kind of inoculation las been a common practice for generations, with most satisfactory results.

Excessive palpitation of the heart can always be arrested by bending double, are downward, and hands hanging if breathing is temporarily suspended while in this position, the effect is all the more rapid. Hiccough can almost always be stopped by this simple action, which is more readily available to that he often recommended fright or sudden start which one cannot easily get up for one's self on the spur of the moment.

The distressing cramping of the fingers from constant use of a pen, which may in time develop into writers armp, can always be prevented by entarging the holder either by wrapping a string around it or by running the annule of the pen through a bit of rubber tubing.

The hanumerable hosts of new and infallible cures for colds would easily fill a good-sized volume, and still they come. One quite too simple way of nipoing a cold in the bud is to sit down in front of a good fire and warm your back thoroughly, for the back is the place where cold is usually caught, being carrill, of course, not to go at once linto a cold room. A French physician goes to extremes by applying a piece of toe at the spine. Indeed, nowadays the curative value of cold is being highly spoken of, and the inflammatory sore throat, which used to be treated by poultices and warmin, is now said to be easily and quickly cured by sucking ice and keeping the patient in a low temperature. Ice at the neck is also a powerful curative for asthma. In fact, it is even predicted that-the dry, cold, clear air of the arctic, keen and free from germs,

EMBROIDERY NOVELTY.

Jewel Work, Which Is Both Effective and
Simple, the Latest Fad.

The last new thing in embroidery
is known as jewel work from the fact
that it is supposed to represent jewels
scattered here and there. While undoubtedly considerable imagination
must be called into play before amethysts, rubies, turquoises and the like
can be discovered in the rounds and
ovals called by their names, it is effective, and it is novel. Just at the present
moment garnets are in highest favor.

The design given is a simple one. All



JEWELED DOILY.

Its color is confined to the gems, which are indicated by ovals and circles. The model from which the drawing was made is designed for use with dainty blue and white china, and nile turquoises are used, but it might easily be varied to suit any scheme of color. The edge is buttonsholed with white floss. All the design is worked with white excepting only the turquoises, which are stuffed and worked in French over and over stitch with blue floss as near to the color of the real jewel as possible. The effect is delightful, and the doily harmonizes to perfection with the doily harmonizes to perfection with the dimer service for which it was made.

The use of a single jewel, such as the turquoise, has the advantage of simplicity, and work so done requires less knowledge of harmony than does a combination. Two or more gems can be used, however, to give a rich and legant result. Often the design proper is executed in color, but white as a foundation is safest and can be trusted to set forth the jewels at their best. An ambitious piece of work shows the topaz and amethyst combined and is really very effective. The colors being brilliant and decided it can only be used with judgment, but as a resting place for a cut glass bowl of maidenhair terns it is decorative in the extreme.—Chicago Chronicle.

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SHORT MISCELLANY.

The cultivation of sugar beets has proved so profitable this year on Grand Island, Neb., that farmers have sold their crops for sums double the value of the land on which they were grown.

It is said by philologists that there are 13 original languages, the Greek, Latin, German, Slavonic, Welsh, Biscayan, Irish, Albanian, Tartarian, Iliyrian, Jazygian, Chaucin and Finnic.

The eyesight of a San Francisco cat became defective, and the owner, Misa Thompson, induced an oculist of that city to make a pair of spectacles for the animal. Now the cat can see as well as ever with their aid.

The problem of cheap living has been solved by Rev. Milos Grant, of Boston. His daily diet is graham bread, milk, obecas and vegetables, and he continues to maintain good kealth at a cost of 37 cents a week.

Stout canes in large numbers have for some time been conveyed across the Prussian border into Russia. The caur's officials at last examined the canes, and inlie in circumference and 112 feet wide. The main room will measure 35 feet high, 100 feet wide and 160 feet in length.

An uncommon accident befell the little daughter of Washington McKinny, of Sparta, O. She was coming from school, holding a pencil in her hand, when she stumbled and fell. The pencil penetrated her chest, touched the heart and caused death.

While crossing a field in York, Pa., where there were several large iron pipes, John Berkery was pursued by a vicious buil. To escape the animal, he crawled into one of the pipes, and lay there until the bull tired himself testing his horns against the stout iron.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

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Helsingfors university in Sweden has this year 2,161 students, of whom 261 are women; 70 of these are under the mathematical, 117 under the philosophical and 57 under the medical faculties.

Francisque Sarcey, the Paris dramatic critic, has won his suit against Le Petit Journal for summarily dismissing him, obtaining \$80 damages. The dismissal was due to his using very coloquial language in explaining the meaning of "Kip-Kif bourricot," which has lately sprung up in Paris.

Schoeutag, the head of the claque at the Vienna opera house, where Hans Richter is conductor, recently profited by a benefit performance on the occasion of his completing 25 years of service. He is the inventor of the bravo a catena, a chain of bravos starting in one corner and taken up in different parts of the shouse.

A heathen burying ground, with giant skeletons, was recently dug up at Mitterndorf, in the Austrian Salakammergut. Many of the bodies were six foot seven inches tall; they were all buried with the feet to the east, each inclosed in a circle of stones, with a stone under the head. Large earrings and finger rings were found on them, and one skeleton held a knife in its hand. No signs of Christian burial were discovered.

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They Are More Effective and Durable Than Carpets or Rugs.

When the mistress of the household so likewise the maid, she will find her abors greatly lessened when the floors are left bare or else covered with plain matting, for both can be dusted daily with a cloth-covered broom, whereas carpets require a weekly sweeping at least, and that must be a thorough one. Even a pine floor can be made to look carry well by stopping up the cracks, revices and knotholes with putty and staining and varnishing it. Hard wood



PARQUETRY FLOOR AND BURDLEAING.

thoors will look exceedingly well if they receive a thorough polishing from a cabinet-maker twice a year and the rest of the time are wiped with a soft cloth. The most beautiful of all floors is the wood mosaic. This, as its name implies, consists of a number of small pieces of wood stood on end. They are joined by a strip of lead which holds each block in place. Sometimes the wood is all of one kind, but set with the grain running different ways. Other designs consist of two or more contrasting woods, laid so as to form patterns of the most elaborate description.



SOME FANCY BORDERS.

The flooring is more effective than any carpet or rug and can be readily kept in a high state of polish.

Parquetry is of two kinds, solid and veneered. The former is made of separate pieces of thick wood joined by tongue and groove, the latter of thin strips or blocks of wood glued on a paneled backing of hard wood. From this it will be seen that all fancy wood floorsneeds foundation floor of cheaper wood, and that this necessarily makes their use slightly expensive, although in the long run they more than repay one for the original expense. To begin with, they are handsome enough to require little if any covering in the way of rugs, then the two floorings deaden sound to a great degree, and, lastly, they are so exquisitely clean and artistic in appearance that one cannot help but be converted to their use.

A complete flooring is illustrated, as are some borders. It consists of a combination of oak and mahogany, with a border of oak, mahogany and maple. The border is an intricate and effective Grecian pattern, in which the different woods are used to shade with the delicacy of a painting. This flooring can be laid to fit any room. Parquetry should never be cleaned with warm water, for it will cause the pieces of wood to warp and separate and will also affect the polish.—Chicago Chronicle.

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FOREIGN PICKINGS.
Copenhagen is to have an elevated railroad running along the shore from the city to the woods at Charlottenlund. The motive power will be electricity or compressed air.
At Dolhain, on the Belgian frontier toward Germany, the whole population went to the railroad station recently to hoot the count of Flanders, with his son, Prince Albert, and his son-in-law, the duke of Vendome, because the count had employed Germans on his estate near by.

Sweden will send an expedition to Konig Karl's Land, east of Spitzbergen, next summer, which will also explore the other islands and the undiscovered region between Spitzbergen and Franz Josef Land. Last year's rush to Spitzbergen shows that the difficulties of such an expedition are little more than those of a summer cruise.

An extraordinary story of the creatility of Russian peasants comes from Slavyansk, in southern Russia, where a woman whose little ten-year-old girllad sore eyes consulted with a witch doctor and was told to apply gunpowder to the child's eyes and touch it off with a match. She obeyed, blinding the child and injuring herself.

MEN OF LETTERS.

Some one asked Max Nordeau to define the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said the author of "Degeneration," "the lunatic is, at least, works were printed on Japan paper, and every copy had been subscribed for the force a single volume was ready for delivery.

The property and frear the polish.—Chicago Chronicle.

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Why the Keeping of a Small Garden Is a Precious Bit of Training.

Lis as ad reflection to me to see how the centry in the same who have not real love of flowers. They may be attracted by pretty and frear are who have not real love of flowers. They may be attracted by pretty and frear and thus learning on the tender care who have not real love of flowers. They may be attracted by force a summer cruise.

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## GRAVEL CURED

Says John J. Neill, 3560 Turner Street, PHILADELPHIA, PENN'A.

A healthier, heartier, happier man than John J. Neill, of 3560 Furner street, Philadelphia, could not be found in a day's search. The fact that he is still alive is a constant wonder to his friends. In the fall of 1880 he began to suffer indescribable miseries from stone in the bladder. Consulting an eminent physican in Philadelphia, he was told that a surgical operation was necessary. So much did he dread the result, for if unsuccessful it meant death, that he put off the evil day as long as possible. While in this frame of mind, he heard of

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S

Although disheartened, on July 1, 1893, he bought a bottle of it, and within a month had experienced beneficial results, and before he had finished the third bottle, the gravel was completely dissolved and his sufferings at an end.

Mr. Neill feels that he owes a lasting debt of gratitude to Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and for disorders of bladder and urinary organs, says "it will effect a cure if one be possible."

Favorite Remedy is prescribed with unfailing success for rheumatism, dyspepia and nerve troubles in which it has cured many that were considered beyond the aid of medicine. All druggists, \$1.

The only response was a yawn.
"William, dear; you'll have to get
up, if you don't want to be late in
getting down town."
"Yes."

into slumber again. Shaking hist, and said:
"William!"
"What is it?"
"If you don't get up this minute, fou'll be so rushed getting away that you won't have time to find fault with the breakfast."—Washington Star.

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A Reflection on Her Age.

"That prim Miss Passay is mad enough to bite me."

"What's the matter?"

"Why, she has just joined the new society that believes that human impressions are mainly derived through the sense of smell."

"Well?"

"Well, I suggested that she was a scentenurian."—Cleveland Plain Dealer,

A Pertinent Query,

Deacon Johnson—Do yo' fink yo' kood support mah daughter ef yo' married her?

beasuport mah daughter e. J.
her?
Jim Jackson—Suttingly.
Deacon Johnson—Hab yo' ebber seen
her eat?
Jim Jackson—Suttingly.
Deacon Johnson—Hab yo' ebber seen
her eat when nobody was watchin' her?
N. Y. Tribune.

A Fortune in It.
Her face is not her fortune,
Though fair indeed to see;
Rather the fortune of her
Complexion's patentic.
—Town Topics



The Social Season.

Balls and routs—
How we miss 'emi
Thin dress suits—
Rheumatism.
—Cleveland Plain De

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wise in His Day.

Pat—For th' love of Hivin, Molke, phwat air ye borin' a hole in yer boat fer?

Mike—Begob! There's one hole in it now thot lets th' wather in, an' Oi'm goin' to put another wan in t'let it out!—Tit-Bits.

His Ignorance Accounted For.

"I can't understand why Squallop wears that ugly beard on his chin."

"Have you ever seen Squallop's chin?"

"No."

"Well, that's why you can't understand."—Chicago Tribune.

After a Day's Notice.

"Waiter, you remember the order I gave you yesterday?"

"Yes, sir; will you have the same today?"

"Yes, it ought to be ready by this

tay?"
"Yes, it ought to be ready by this time."—N. Y. World.

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No Cause for Alarm.

Mrs. Sniffles—Henry, I think I hear
mice gnawing at the dining-room door.
Sniffles—Don't be alarmed, dear; it's
only the cook writing a letter to her
lover.—N. Y. Truth.

Understood Him Thoroughly.
He—I love you.
She—And all along I have thought
that my uncle's leaving me his money
was a secret.—Town Toples.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Read - the - Tribune.

Creats and Stationery.

The taste for crests is increasing, and not content with blazoning it on one's stationery, it is now the mode to have it caquisitely hand-painted on parchment, framed and hung in a conspicuous place in hall or library. For mourning stationery, dead white linen with a narrow black border is the correct style. The very wide black larder, which was supposed to gauge the depth of the writches gride is quite out of date. For second mourning, pure white paper, with a very narrow border of pale gray or violet, is sometimes used, with monogram or address die in color to match.

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Dainties for Feathered Pets.

Canary birds enjoy a change of food occasionally as well as persons do. Hard boiled egg chopped fine, mixed with cracker crumbs and a speck of cayenne pepper, is very good to feed to theso pets once in awhile, giving them a small amount at one time. They will reward with their sweetest songs.

For Ink-Stained Fingers.

When punific stone and lemon are unavailable wet the ends of sulphur matches and rub ink-stained fingers well with them. The spots will soon disappear.

LITERARY FOLK.

A cigar store in New Orleans, owned by a colored man, does a big trade in the sale of feet belonging to "graveyard rabbits."

BUNCH OF SINGLE HOLLYHOCK.

are none capable of giving more real
satisfaction than the single hollyhock
that used to grow against the garden
wall or fence by the side of grandmother's house. The seedsmen have very
nearly ruined some of the old-time
heautiful blossoms. They have doubled
the beautiful blossoms of the single
hollyhock and made a peony of it, much
to my distress. This is a kind of improvement that hasn't at all improved,
and it is time to call a halt to this tampering with our single flowers. Many
single blossoms are much more attractive than they could possibly be doubled,
and it is a crime against flower lovers
to deprive us of the single blooms.
Give us the old-time favorites and
give them to us unchanged from their
cld-time form and color. Particularly is this to be insisted on in the case of
the old-time single hollyhock, for its
beauty was of a sort to make its disappearance little short of a calamity.

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Several Prescriptions Which Are Certainly Worth Trying.

Varnish or paint stains should first be covered with butter or sweet oil, and then rubbed with turpentine. If it is an old stain, the turpentine may be replaced by chloroform, which must, of course, be used with great precaution. Fruit stains will generally yield if you rub according to the grain of the material, with a little salt and water. Sherry will take out claret stains, if they are rubbed gently. Blood stains should be soaked with petroleum, and then washed in warm water. It is said that no stain will resist the following recipe:

Put into a large bottle two quarts of clean spring water, add a piece of white amber the size of a walnut, a piece of potash as big as a hazel nut, and two lemons cut into slices. Let it stand 24 hours, then strain and keep it in well-corked bottles. Damp the stain with this preparation and rub the place with fresh water directly afterward.

Finally, try this prescription for taking stains out of silk or cloth: Pound some French chalk until very fine, and mix it with warm water to the thickness of mustard. Put it on the spots, rub it lightly with your finger, or the palm of your hand, then put a sheet of blotting paper or brown paper over the spots and press firmly with a warm iron.

-N. Y. Journal.

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