



QUEEN NATALIE'S NECK.

Its Beauty and Symmetry Is the Talk of All Europe.

The most beautiful queen of Europe is Natalie of Serbia, and her greatest beauty is her neck.

The queen takes frequent and regular exercise with a heavy pitcher on her head.

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.

From chin to bust Queen Natalie's flesh has the firmness of marble; although, unlike that substance, it is full of life and blood.

Her head is placed or her shoulders after the manner of Venus of Milo.

The exercise to which Natalie owes so much of her charm is one which has been practiced by women of the poorer classes in many countries.

The American woman who worries about the shape of her neck probably never thinks that its defects are due to lack of proper exercise.

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PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

A Flea for the Hollyhock 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.

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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.

REMOVING STAINS.

Varnish or paint stains should first be covered with butter or sweet oil, and then rubbed with turpentine.

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.

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.

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LITERARY FOLK.

W. H. Mallock, the writer, is to edit a new London weekly, to be modeled after the Spectator and to be sold one-half cheaper.

Ruskin's favorite recreation is chess and he devotes his evenings to it. Chess is also a favorite game with George Meredith.

A statue of Sainte-Beuve is to be erected in Paris. The project was started by physicians. It is not generally known that before he became a critic Sainte-Beuve was a student of medicine.

A volume of travels recording the impressions of the czar while traveling through Egypt and India, but written by his private secretary, has been published in London.

Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian poet and dramatist, lives in the quiet old town of Ghent and enjoys wheeling over the smooth, flat roads.

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.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A cigar store in New Orleans, owned 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.

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A funny election bet was settled by a gentleman in Philadelphia, in view of a large number of amused spectators.

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BE YOUR OWN DOCTOR.

Essays Applied Remedies for a Number of Minor Ailments.

Don't send for a doctor whenever you feel badly or your heart isn't right or you have a cold.

Thus, for instance, both sneezing and coughing can be arrested by pressing firmly on the upper lip or in front of the ear.

Boxing the ears of a person suffering from hay fever is said to be a sovereign remedy for that inconvenient ailment.

Excessive palpitation of the heart can always be arrested by bending double, head downward, and hands hanging.

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

The innumerable hosts of new and infallible cures for colds would easily fill a good-sized volume, and still they come.

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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 on sums double the value of the land for which they were grown.

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

The eyesight of a San Francisco cat became defective, and the owner, Miss Thompson, induced an oculist of that city to make a pair of spectacles for the animal.

The problem of cheap living has been solved by Rev. Miles Grant, of Boston. His daily diet is graham bread, milk, cheese and vegetables, and he continues to maintain good health at a cost of 87 cents a week.

Stout canes in large numbers have for some time been conveyed across the Prussian border into Russia. The czar's officials at last examined the canes, and found them stuffed with nihilistic literature, printed on tissue paper.

Columbia college is to have a gymnasium which will cost \$500,000. There will be a running track one-ninth of a mile in circumference and 112 feet wide.

An uncommon accident befell the little daughter of Washington McKenny, of Sparta, O. She was coming from school, holding a pencil in her hand.

While crossing a field in York, Pa., where there were several large iron pipes, John Berkery was pursued by a vicious bull.

Throughout the entire world there are about 20,000,000 square miles of unexplored territory. In Africa there are 6,500,000 square miles; Arctic regions, 3,600,000; Antarctic regions, 5,300,000; America, 2,000,000; Australia, 2,000,000; Asia, 200,000, and various islands, 900,000.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte's great philological library has been sold to a London bookseller, as the efforts to raise money enough to buy it for the Guildhall library were unsuccessful.

Helsingfors university in Sweden has this year 2,161 students, of whom 261 are women; 79 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.

Schoenaut, the head of the clique 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.

A heathen burying ground, with giant skeletons, was recently dug up at Mitterdorf, in the Austrian Salzkammergut.

FOREIGN PICKINGS.

Copenhagen is to have an elevated railroad running along the shore from the city to the woods at Charlottenlund.

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.

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.

An extraordinary story of the credulity of Russian peasants comes from Slayansk, in southern Russia, where a woman whose little ten-year-old girl had 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.

MEN OF LETTERS.

Some one asked Max Nordau to die the difference between genius and insanity. "Well," said the author of "Degeneration," "the lunatic is, at least, sure of his board and clothes."

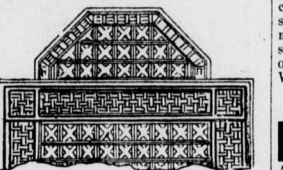
One hundred and 87y copies of the new Thistle edition of J. M. Barrie's works were printed on Japan paper, and every copy had been subscribed for before a single volume was ready for delivery.

Paul Bourget has been in Ireland, in the neighborhood of the Lake of Killarney, nearly all the past summer, making notes for a short novel or novelette which he is now writing, the scene of which is laid in the district mentioned.

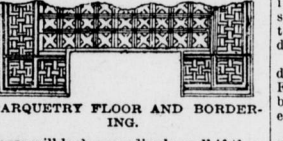
PARQUETRY FLOORS.

They Are More Effective and Durable Than Carpets or Rugs.

When the mistress of the household likewise the maid, she will find her abode 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.



PARQUETRY FLOOR AND BORDERING.



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 to a paneled backing of hard wood.

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 keeping of a Small Garden is a Precious Bit of Training.

It is a sad reflection to me to see how many children there are who have no real love of flowers.

The keeping of a bit of garden, if only a few feet of earth, nay, if only a few pots in a sunny window, is a valuable bit of training.

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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 Turner Street, Philadelphia, could not be found in this city's search.

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY

Although disheartened, on July 1, 1893, he bought a bottle of it, and within a month had experienced beneficial results.

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 is possible."

"William, dear," exclaimed a Washington woman, whose husband is prone to oversleep himself; "it's time to get up."

"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." "She left him a little while, and coming back, found that he had relapsed into slumber again.

"What is it?" "If you don't get up this minute, you'll be so rushed getting away that you won't have time to find fault with the breakfast."—Washington Star.

A Reflection on Her Age. "That print 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 scentenarian."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Pertinent Query. Deacon Johnson—Do yo' 'ink yo' kood support mah daughter ef yo' married her?"

Deacon Johnson—Hab yo' ebber seen her eat?" Jim Jackson—Suttinly. Deacon Johnson—Hab yo' ebber seen her eat when nobody was watchin' her?"

A Fortune in It. Her face is not her fortune, though fair indeed to see; Rather the fortune of her Complexion's patience.

THE HIGHWAYMAN OF 1897. Footpad (armed with X ray lantern) —Bides your watch you have \$213.17. Out with it, or I'll shoot.—Flyingende Blaetter.

The Social Season. Balls and routs— How we miss 'em! Thin dress suits— Rheumatism. —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—Egobol! There's one hole in it now that lets th' water 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 Squalop wears that ugly beard on his chin."

"Have you ever seen Squalop'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 time."—N. Y. World.

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 Topics.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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