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With Adolphe d'Ennery passes away the last of the great French melodramatists who were coeval with the elder Dumas.

In connection with the discussion regarding the competition in trade between Great Britain and the United States, the English and American Gazette says: 'There is hardly a branch of trade in which America does not now compete with Great Britain.'

The news from Philadelphia of the discovery of tubing in the walls and floor of Keely's work-shop is, on the whole, rather mortifying.

It may be that a new fashion in matrimony has been created in the mountain fastnesses of Virginia.

Olga Nethersole, in a recent lecture before the University of Chicago's Graduate Club, said of Rudyard Kipling that he was 'as Ian MacLaren had declared, the poet laureate of the whole world.'



SONG OF THE LOCOMOTIVE.

Blackness out of the blackness, Fronted with jangling light, With a demonish growl and a vomit of flame

LEE TOY, THE OUTCAST.

An Episode of Life in Arizona.

ABULOUS as it may seem, some of the leading citizens of McCook, Arizona, having made all the money they could possibly use in the remaining years of their lives, decided to reform.

Lee built himself a wonderful little hut on the very outskirts of the town. It consisted of one room, divided by a cloth curtain.

Lee looked at her with wondering eyes. 'No, no, no,' cried Lee fiercely, as he saw the sweetness of revenge slipping from him.

Except to one. In the town lived Joe Johnson's widow. Joe lost his life up in the Superstition Mountains, and his widow took up his claim where he left it off.

When the townspeople came to this cabin to thank the Widow Johnson for giving the alarm, they found her and little Bess in tears.

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NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Accessories in the Tailor Costumes. White cloth vests, revers and other accessories impart an appearance of daintiness and distinction to the tailor costumes they decorate.

Popular Newmarkets For Shopping. Long, close-fitting Newmarkets, that cover the wearer from neck to feet, are very popular for shopping wear during the spring for shopping and traveling.

A Becoming House Dress. A French house dress made of soft Henrietta cloth of magenta shade could be worn becomingly by a woman of almost any type.

Silk Gowns For Summer. No summer wardrobe will be complete without one or two silk gowns, and this is a very good time to buy last year's patterns for one-half what they were sold for last year.

A Woman's Reform in Illinois. Illinois club women have undertaken a crusade against the use of woman's face or figure for advertising purposes.

An Elaborate Cloth Skirt. Cloth skirts for spring costumes are, many of them, most elaborate. There is one design in blue serge that is particularly effective and, of course, particularly expensive, as well.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A Novel Use For Paper. Crinkled Japanese paper may be used for decorative as well as useful purposes in the bedroom, dressing room or boudoir.

Planning For Sunday Meals. Arranging the Sunday meals on Saturday is very essential, especially where the housewife must do all the work without the aid of servants.

A Delicate Dessert For Sunday Dinner is made by boiling a pint of cream with a quarter of a pound of sugar, and a little lemon flavoring.

Inventory Books. An 'inventory book' is the latest convenience for the housekeeper. This is a printed list, with columns for date of entry, value and description.

Gossip. Miss Kitty Reed, the Speaker's handsome daughter, receives \$1600 annually for her services as stenographer to the Speaker.

Miss Frances E. Mason is President of the National Bank in Limerick, Me. It was founded by her father, J. M. Mason, and its interests have been ably promoted under her leadership.

Miss Florence Caldwell, of Cleveland, Ohio, is said to be the only woman civil engineer in America. She is the daughter of Judge Caldwell, one of the most prominent jurists in Ohio.

The mother of M. Jean de Reszke has built him a lovely home in the Champs Elysees of Paris, where he and his wife may live.

The report of the Membership Committee of the New England Historic Genealogical Society shows that forty women were admitted to membership during the past year, that being the first year that the by-laws of the society have permitted their admission to membership.

FARM TOPICS.

Incubators For Early Chicks. However resolutely a breeder may resolve to do without incubators, he cannot very well dispense with them if he wants the very earliest hatched chicks.

Threshing by Hand. In the older portions of the country, especially among those who grow little grain, the steam thrasher is much less in demand than it used to be.

Hogs Sleeping Upstairs. A neighbor of mine, in building a new hog house, made a second floor just above the first, high enough to clear a man's head.

The Egg Producers. It is not altogether the chickens that will produce the greatest number of eggs a year, but the breed that will lay the largest number of salable eggs between October 1 and April 1.

Experiments in recent years seem to show that the best egg-laying breeds are the Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes, and both the Brahmas and Minorcas have dropped to second place.

These several strains or breeds have scored an average of 200 eggs a year each. Of course the birds were selected, and the highest of their class, but it shows what can be accomplished with good breeds and good feeding.

If two tuning forks of the same pitch are placed facing each other, the one sounding, the other silent, in a few seconds the silent one will be giving out a distinctly audible note.

RECIPE.

Marrow Toast—Buy a large shin bone and have the butcher split it so the marrow can be taken out.

Broiled Vienna Steak—Have two pounds of round steak cut medium thick. Mix together four tablespoonfuls of salad oil and one tablespoonful of minced parsley and a minced slice of onion.

Beautiful organdies in designs of black, white and gray arranged in stripes or scrolls.

Superb embroideries on a satin ground in combinations of pearl beads, jewels and tinsel.

Embroideries of velvet, satin or nonsewable outlined with small beads, sequins or tinsel.

Fine quality dotted swisses showing narrow stripes in delicately colored pompadour patterns.

Ready-made pique gowns with three bands of open embroidery on the skirt and gimpes of the same material.

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