

When American armies were in Cuba the island was almost depleted of cattle, a vast number of the animals having been killed for food. Now the ranchmen and farmers are busy stocking up again and have made heavy drafts on Florida, which, as a consequence, has about been stripped of its better grades of cattle.

Valuable Almanac Free.
We have received a copy of the new almanac for 1901 published by the Royal Baking Powder Co. It is an artistic and useful book, and will be of interest to housekeepers. A noteworthy feature of the almanac is a prediction of the weather for every day of the year by Professor DeVoe, who correctly prophesied the great Galveston cyclone and other important meteorological events. We are authorized to say that any woman reader of this paper can secure a copy without cost by sending a request to the company at 100 William street, New York.

North Carolina, in colonial days, was called the "Old North Colony," and the name with State instead of colony, has been retained to the present time. It has also been called "Turgentine State," from the importance of this article in the list of its exports.

Cataract Cannot be Cured
With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cataract. Send for testimonials. Free.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price, 50c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

An ex-Confederate soldier of Cooper county, Missouri, who raised a 90-pound pumpkin on his farm this season, intends to have the mammoth vegetable made up into pies for distribution among such of his former comrades of Sibley's Brigade as reside in his neighborhood.

PERMANENT ADDRESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all druggists.

A test has been made which shows that a rock can fly 60 miles an hour. The hawk makes 150 miles in the same time.

Attar of roses sells at \$100 an ounce, which is exactly five times the value of gold.

I do not believe Plav's Cure for Consumption has a equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

The mackerel fishing on the south and southwest coasts of Ireland has been a failure this year.

Kansas City is to have a big banana warehouse, large enough to hold 25 carloads.

A Headache Cure Not Composed of Harmful Drugs.
Garfield Headache Powders enjoy the distinction of being Absolutely Pure, Effective and Harmless; they are made from Herbs.

The Queen has 60 householders at Windsor Castle. This is the regulation number.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

There are 256 railway stations within a six-mile radius of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Talk About It

That's always the way with our Hair Vigor. When persons use it they are always so highly pleased with it that they tell their friends about it.

If your hair is short, too thin, splits at the ends, is rough, or is falling out, our Hair Vigor will perfectly satisfy you.

If your hair is just a little gray, or perfectly white, Ayer's Hair Vigor will bring back to it all the dark, rich color it had years and years ago.

One dollar a bottle.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us \$1.00 and we will express a bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure and give us your nearest express office.

J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Send for our handsome book on The Hair.

LIBBY'S MINCE MEAT

In our mammoth kitchen we employ a chef who is an expert in making mince pies.

He has charge of making all of Libby's Mince Meat.

We don't practice economy here. He uses the choicest materials. He is told to make the best mince meat ever sold—and he does.

Get a package at your grocer's—enough for two large pies. You'll never use another kind again.

LIBBY, McNEILL & LIBBY
Chicago
Write for our booklet, "How to Make Good Things to Eat."



Serviceable Shirt Waists.

Pretty and serviceable shirtwaists are fashioned of alpaca and of albatross. In white, trimmed with gold buttons and gold braid or ribbon, the alpaca is effective but the albatross can be bought in all the bright and delicate hues as well as in white and has a soft crepe effect. Shirtwaists made of these materials are finer, softer and lighter than those of flannel, which, in spite of its popularity, many women find too warm and clumsy to wear beneath heavy coats.

To Veil (and Enhance) Her Beauty.

The veil of veils to wear with a white toque or with one of sable, or mink is a soft tone of beige, dotted with chenille. Small spots are the most fashionable for veils, and a round mesh with small "suspended spots" of chenille, is odd and rather pretty. Brown or castor colored net of fine mesh, dotted with black is smart and effective, and a fine white tulle, with cross-bar threads of black and spots of chenille, is becoming. The tulle-lined veils have many virtues. They beautify the complexion, or appear to do so. They protect it from the too harsh caresses of the east wind, and they are becoming to nearly every wearer.

The Sash of 1901.

The new sash of 1901 is so different from the older sash that it deserves its name. The sashes are worn for dancing gowns, and are especially desired by young girls who have just been presented to society. Taffeta is the favorite material for a dressy sash. This is not made in one piece, because the belt, which is quite high, is carefully fitted to the shape. The sash belt has long ends of very wide ribbon. These are split up at the lower end for exactly half a yard depth, and then the split ends are tagged with gilded spikes, or provided with tiny gilt tassels, which are carefully fastened down, so that they cannot come loose. A black satin sash, with gilt ends, would look very handsome.

Velvet and Gold.

Very smart is the new confection of wide gold ribbon, violet velvet in many narrow strips and myriads of tiny dull gold buttons. The collar is an openwork affair. Five bands of broad gold ribbon are stiffened to serve as the uprights. Each one is an inch and a half in width, and from these the strips of narrow velvet are strapped across. There are five strips of velvet in each row. Each end of each strip of violet velvet is fastened down to one end of the broad gold ribbon with a very small gold button. Finally, at the bottom of the collar the long strips of velvet ribbon are arranged to come forward from the sides and are knotted in the middle below the chin. There are longish loops and short ends of ribbon which terminate in a cluster of gilded spikes, or tags, as you choose to call them.

These corollaries cost about \$3.50. The expense of such an affair depends somewhat upon the quality of gold ribbon used. The cheaper qualities tarnish easily and the loosely woven meshes untwist and ravel with speed.

A closely woven firm web of gold ribbon is worth the price asked for it.

The Duties of a Guest.

In the ethical code governing the behavior of the guest many points are contained. You may arrive a few days later than the invitation specifies, but you should not remain overtime. Even if you are coaxed to prolong your stay, a ready tact should make it clear that your presence is required at home or elsewhere. The guest who is regretted and missed is the popular guest. The guest at whose departure every one draws a sigh of relief is the one who has made her hosts twice glad.

It is also a part of the ethical code that you should be on time at meals, not a minute late at one of them. No guest has a right to disregard the domestic schedule of events. Keep your things "picked up" and put in their proper places, and your room looking as well as your hostess usually keeps it. Put the pillow-sticks on the bed, and do not stick pins in the best satin pin cushion. Use your own comb and brush, and when you leave do not carry away the silver mannequin nor the scissors by mistake, as some guests have a way of doing. Have your laundry work done outside if possible; if not permitted to do so, do not fail to remunerate the servants generously for the service.—Haryot Holt Cahoon, in the Woman's Home Companion.

About Mrs. Roosevelt.

Many people have imbibed the idea that Mrs. Roosevelt is a timid, retiring woman, with little interest in anything except household duties. Some have even suspected the governor of being something of a domestic tyrant. Nothing further from the truth could be imagined. Mrs. Roosevelt is almost as decided a character as her husband. She is the Chateleine of Sagamore hill, the beautiful Roosevelt home at Oyster bay, and no one who has ever visited there will be apt to forget the dignity and firmness with which she rules over the entire establishment. The governor never dreams of questioning one of her orders.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who was Miss Edith Kermit Carow, is a young woman still,

and a very attractive one. Rather above the medium height, she has a slender, graceful figure, and a fine, intelligent face. She has very bright eyes, and the beautiful teeth, that are characteristic of the whole Roosevelt family. Her hair is light brown, and is arranged simply, without a wave or a ringlet. Everything about her speaks of grace. She is an aristocrat to the tips of her fingers. Her manner is that of a gracious lady, tactful, kindly, certain of her rank, but conscious also of the old world obligation of rank. She dresses extremely well.

That she will fill her position at Washington in a way of which few women are capable, none will doubt after seeing her. The Roosevelts are not rich, as riches are counted in society. They will not be able to entertain on any great scale of magnificence, but at their home in Washington foreign visitors will have an opportunity to see the very best type of an American home.—The Presbyterian.

Woman Disciple of Isnak Walton.

Mrs. James Gardner of Avalon, Cal., has just succeeded in landing the largest fish ever caught by a woman—a monster tuna, five feet two inches in length and weighing 136 pounds.

Mrs. Gardner is the wife of James Gardner, one of the most noted sportsmen in California. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the Tuna club, which has its headquarters at the Island of Santa Catalina. Every year the club holds a tournament, in which are included fishing contests of all kinds, handsome prizes being offered for all the events, the only stipulation being that all fishing must be done with a rod and reel and only the lightest of lines. This season a special feature, a contest for women, was inaugurated, and a gold medal offered for the woman who would take a tuna of any size with rod and reel and conventional tackle.

Mrs. Gardner, who is skilled in the use of the rod and reel, determined to win the prize, and so devoted herself exclusively during the tournament to the chase of the tuna. After some practice the fishing club was electrified by the announcement that Mrs. Gardner had hooked a leaping tuna and was being towed out to sea. The tuna succeeded in towing the boat almost a mile. Time and again the fish was brought almost within reach of the gaff, but when it caught sight of the boat it would rush away. When an hour had elapsed, by remarkable effort the fish was stopped in the midst of a run, and, turning it deftly, the angler began reeling in. Around flew the handle, and the big multiplier ate up the line in feet and yards until the fish was within 20 yards of the boat. Then the angler raised and hit the fish, then reeled again. Then the gaff crept up, a thundering splash, a deluge of water, and the largest fish in the world taken by a woman was hauled into the boat.—Denver (Col.) News.



FASHION NOTES

Shopping bags of fur, mounted with silver gilt, are one of the novelties. Some new stocks are softened with a little line of white around the neck. Black fox showing a few white hairs is reported as one of the favorite furs for coats.

French knots are as commonly used for dress decorations as they were last year.

The neat, natty, and durable tailor strappings of past seasons are still more in evidence on winter costumes.

Every conceivable costume is now being designed from velvet. The most novel of these, perhaps, being the gilding suits, which are extremely chic and attractive.

The Aigon cape is one form of outside wrap which has some popularity. It is made of cloth and is really a triple cape, the lowest one three-quarter length, with a collar which stands up or turns down.

Fur is a popular trimming for evening gowns, and it is used in wide bands as well as narrow lines. Three bands set closely together so they look almost like one trim the skirt of a white panne dress, while something of a bolero effect is carried out on the bodice with a band of fur.

One or two wonderfully beautiful shades in deep blue, the tawny gold-brown called Siam, and the rich Cleopatra dyes in russet, sable, and tan, are among the most attractive shades in broadcloth, camel's hair, and similar fabrics used by Paquin for the smartest costumes of the winter.

An attractive hat is triple brimmed and is made of soft felt of a delicate blue, each brim edged with brown panne. It is somewhat Napoleonic in shape, with a curve upturned directly in front, and on each side is a large chou of brown chiffon. A cache peigne of pink roses rests on the hair in the back.

A frock of rough chevrot in black and blue with surface of long white hairs is trimmed with strips of blue cloth edged with narrow gold braid. These, with small gold buttons, are used to trim sides of the blouse and sides of the skirt over the hips. The plain cloth and braid make the collar, and the waistcoat is of yellow silk.

The fabrics composing some of the smartest tailor costumes for the street are of the handsomest quality of cloth, and silk-lined, but the skirts are notably plain in style, silk stitching still forming the only decoration. The jacket-fronts turn back from a vest of dainty silk or satin, showing a simple trimming of gold braid and buttons, tucking, brier-stitching, or silk appliques.

EACH HAD SUSPICION.

A Story of Two Partners, Both of Whom Were Honorable Men.
"My first business venture on my own account, was in—well, never mind the name of the city," said a New Orleans merchant, chatting over old times with some friends at the Board of Trade. "The location has nothing to do with the little story I am going to tell you, and, for reasons you will understand in a moment, I don't care to be too specific.

"I was a young chap of twenty-five at the time, and, getting tired of working for other people, I opened a cotton brokerage office with another ex-clerk, who was considerably my senior in years. We put up an equal amount of capital and agreed to share and share alike in the profits and the hustling. From the very outset everything went remarkably well with us. We both had lots of friends, who took pains to throw business in our hands, and the end of the year showed a very nice little balance of profit. Next year, however, the results weren't quite as good, and I began to have a faint apprehension that I was getting a bit 'the worst of it,' as the saying goes. I heard a vague rumor that my partner was living at a pretty fast gait, and the more I thought about the matter the more dissatisfied and suspicious I became. You know how easily such estrangements will grow upon a firm, and to make a long story short, I finally went to a detective agency that made a specialty of 'private investigations' and arranged to get a 'report,' as they called it, on my associate. I admit that it was a rather sneaking proceeding, and I felt secretly ashamed of myself for resorting to it, but I argued that it was my duty to know whether he was really in the way of getting into any embarrassing entanglement. Well, in the course of a week or so, the agency made its report, and without going into details, I may say that it completely exploded all the disturbing gossip I had heard. I realized after reading it that I had been doing my partner a deep injustice, and of course, I was conscience-stricken. To make amends I determined to treat him with extra cordiality and at the same time it seemed to me that his own bearing, which had been a little distant, became much more friendly. At any rate, whatever coldness had existed soon passed away and the three years of business association that followed were singularly pleasant. Then he received a flattering offer from Liverpool, and went there to live.

"One day several months after his departure, I was looking over some old papers and ran across a big envelope marked 'private and confidential.' Thinking it contained something relating to the firm, I tore it open, and what do you think I found?—a report on myself from the same detective agency I had hired to investigate my partner. It seemed that our suspicions had been mutual."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Offshoot of the Salmon Family.
It is a curious fact that the smelt is an offshoot of the salmon family, having all the characteristics of that fish, with the general formation of teeth and tongue, etc. In Scotland it is called the sprilling, and in France the sperlan. The beauty and delicacy of this fish years ago tempted the would-be sardine packer of California to use them for sardines. Unfortunately it proved a failure, as they did not keep firm after canning.

The swarms of young mackerel off the coast of California were then tried, resulting most satisfactorily, and now quantities of these little fish are prepared and cured for the American market and sold under the trade name of sardines.

The true sardine of commerce is the young of the pilchard, found in vast quantities along the north shores of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic coast of Portugal and France.

Hail-Cloud Experiments.
The Austrian Ministry of Agriculture has recently caused a series of experiments to be made with a view to testing the efficiency of the Stiger apparatus for dispersing hail clouds by gun-firing. A mortar with a long funnel attached to the mouth was used, and when a sufficient charge of powder was fired rings or whirls were produced in the air. It was observed that these rings, which vary with the charge and the size of the funnel, did not reach a greater height than 400 metres, though it is said that this height has been exceeded in previous tests. From this it must follow that unless the hail clouds are very low, no practical result can be obtained. In some cases the formation of hail might be prevented, but in others the hail follows in spite of repeated firings, so that it was not possible to make a conclusive report in favor of the system.

Use For Old Envelopes.
Rigid economy is the mother of accumulation. One of the busier business men of New York City, with offices in Broadway, never purchased a scratch book in his life, and never wastes a fresh piece of paper on a memorandum or a column of figures. Every envelope that comes in his mail is sliced apart, back from front, and the front or addressed side is preserved for use. The inside forms a clean, smooth sheet 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches. One of the millionaires of Boston made his start by saving empty mail bags and selling them back to the nail makers for ten cents each in trade. His clerks were accustomed to kicking in the staves and burning them in the stove.—New York Press.

"I am so Glad you are well, Dear Sister"



This picture tells its own story of sisterly affection. The older girl, just budding into womanhood, has suffered greatly with those irregularities and menstrual difficulties which sap the life of so many young women.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound can always be relied upon to restore health to women who thus suffer. It is a sovereign cure for the worst forms of female complaints,—that bearing-down feeling, weak back, falling and displacement of the womb, inflammation of the ovaries, and all troubles of the uterus or womb. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in the early stage of development and checks any tendency to cancerous humors. It subdues excitability, nervous prostration, and tones up the entire female system.

Could anything prove more clearly the effectiveness of Mrs. Pinkham's Medicine than the following strong statement of Grace Stansbury?

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was a sufferer from female weakness for about a year and a half. I have tried doctors and patent medicines, but nothing helped me. I underwent the horrors of local treatment, but received no benefit. My ailment was pronounced pleurisy of the womb. I suffered from intense pain in the womb and ovaries, and the backache was dreadful. I had hemorrhages in its worst form. Finally, I grew so weak I had to keep my bed. The pains were so hard as to almost cause spasms. When I could endure the pains no longer, I was given morphine. My memory grew short and I gave up all hope of getting well. Thus I dragged along. To please my sister I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. Her answer came, but meantime I was taken worse and was under the doctor's care for a while.

"After reading Mrs. Pinkham's letter, I concluded to try her medicine. After taking two bottles I felt much better; but after using six bottles I was cured. All of my friends think my cure almost miraculous. I thank you very much for your timely advice and wish you prosperity in your noble work, for surely it is a blessing to broken-down women. I have full and complete faith in the Lydia E. Pinkham Vegetable Compound."—GRACE B. STANSBURY, Herington, Kansas.

\$5000 REWARD
Owing to the fact that some skeptical people have from time to time questioned the genuineness of the testimonials letters we are constantly publishing, we have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, Mass., \$5,000 which will be paid to any person who will show that the above testimonial is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission.—LYDIA E. PINKHAM, MEDICINE CO.

The 112 cotton mills of Mexico consumed last year 57,000,000 pounds of cotton and produced nearly 10,000,000 pieces of woven and printed goods. These mills give employment to 22,000 operatives, and the sales for the year amounted to more than \$28,000,000.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!
Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee, 15 and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Edward Goll, of Nappanee, Ind., had 14 acres of wheat that was a failure last spring. He bought nine bushels of flaxseed, which cost him \$13; sowed the seed April 10, and from the 14-acre field thrashed in August 215 bushels of flaxseed, which he has just sold for \$33.25.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a small bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once, delays are dangerous.

A chameleon, when blindedfolded, loses the power to change its hues, and the entire body remains of a uniform color.

There is a Class of People
Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

An Italian who has returned from Abyssinia declares that in the more distant parts of that country there are still a large number of Italian soldiers lying in slavery. They are mostly men who were wounded at the battle Adowa, left on the field and subsequently taken prisoners.

Headaches and Nervousness Cured
by a remedy compounded of simple Herbs. Physicians have had the most signal success in prescribing Garfield Headache Powders for Nervousness and Headaches.

In Hartford, Conn., the life of every cat is in peril. The board of health of that city has come to the conclusion that cats are the means of carrying diptheria.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTEFUL CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

In Cincinnati there is talk of a 500-mile line to compete with the street cars.

Cold Agony

Pain intensified by cold is unbearable.

Neuralgia

In winter must seek

St. Jacobs Oil

for the swiftest relief and promptest cure.