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grip is no respector of persons—like gout and appendicitis.

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e legal rate of interest in Canada been reduced by act of the Domin-Parliament from to five per Gilt-edged paper in the United States has no difficulty in commanding money at from three and a half to four

Down in the beginning of the nine-teenth century smallpox carried off perhaps a greater percentage of the people than consumption does to-day. Jenner succeeded in robbing that dreadful scourge of its terrors, but to the layman it does not seem too much to hope that a second Jenner will finalconquer consumption, reflects the

The footpad business has been re The footpad business has been re-luced to a science in Chicago. Two nembers of the fraternity in that city, aving despoiled a helpless woman of her purse, fled, pursued by a dozen itizens. When the highwaymen had lured the pursuers to a comparatively deserted street they turned at bay and held up the entire dozen, not leaving a nickel in any of their pockets.

Minnesota is one of the State which "Minnesota is one of the State which pre-constructing new capitol buildings of elaborate design and large cost. The Minnesota capitol is to be built of white marble, to be ornamented with sculpture and to cost \$2,000,000. When completed it will bear some resem-plance to the Treasury Department unididing at Washington, but will have unididing at Washington, but will have building at Washington, but will have a very much finer approach and be-sides a picturesque dome with six supporting figures of marble, each nine The State capital of Minne

It is not objectionable, but grateful, to hear that the American fighting man is not of the machine brand. Ordinary is not of the machine brand. Ordinary obedience to orders is of course indispensable, and good marksmanship is highly desirable. But let him keep up his individuality and his politics, within bounds. From civil life as an individual and a free man he will return. With us the good citizen makes the good soldier, and the good soldier ought to hold his self so as to become again the good citizen observes the again the good citizen, observes the Washington Star.

Eight teeth suffice the elephant for munching purposes. The glant ani-mal has two below and two above on each side.

-Mr. H. M. King of Hopkinsvile, Ky., has in his possession a twist of well-preserved tobacco raised in Vir-ginia in 1868.

So uncomplainingly she bore the moil Of housewife care and unremitting toil, And, be it said, throughout her length of days

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Her womanly reward was stinted praise.
She lived a life as lowly as the loam,
Yet just her "atient smile suggested home
And mother-love that watched o'er trundie-bed,
Till e'en th - praiseless husband often said
She made his home-life happy.

So, when the friends had crossed upon her breast the tired hands, that she might better rest, And noted the angelic smile of peace. She were at labor's end and toil's surcease.

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An epitaph to mark her grave they framed,
And, while no deed of martyrdom was named.
The lines told all of wife and mother strife—
They writ beneath her name: "A Farmer's Wife—
She made his home-life happy."

-Roy Farrell Greene, in Good Housekeeping.

Why Mrs. Parker Was Worried.

south side relates a horrible experience that she had the other day with one of her bushand's debtors.

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Perhaps the next step of the big trans-continental railway syndicate will be to arrange a transfer system that will enable a traveler to ride anywhere on the map for one fare.

The oldest European sovereign now is Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria-Hungary, and when he dies much more trouble is likely to ensue than has been caused by the passing of Victoria.

A new feature has been developed in the game of golf. A player on a Western link drove a ball square against the back of a caddy's head, and out of the unfortunate boy's mouth came a bawl.

An old fellow in Missouri had lots of fun recently. He nailed a stuffed squirrel to the limb of a tree, and he says something over a hundred sportsmen each took from one to half a doz.

The Waukegan man arrived on time.

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The Waukegan man arrived on time. He was large, loose-jointed and elderly, with a wild eye and a timid, hestiating manner. The fashion of his clothes was decidedly rural and he wore heavy cowhide-boots. As he explained the object of his visit he fingered his long, wispy beard nervously and seemed unwilling to look the lady in the face. She invited him in, and after carefully rubbing his boots on the door mat he followed her into the sitting room, where he seated himself on the extreme edge of a chair and gazed earnestly at a crayon portrait that hung over the bookcase.

"Mr. Parker told me to tell you how sorry he was that he couldn't be here to see you," said the woman, with an engaging smile, as she seated herself opposite her visitor.

"Yes'm," coughing behind his hand and transferring his gaze to the clock.
"But he thought as far as the business was concerned that I could attend to it just as well as he could."

There was an embarrassed silence. Mrs. Parker felt the contagion of the man's nervousness. She thought that he certainly was odd—almost alarmingly so. She caught his eye in the course of its wanderings around the room and noticed that he colored slightly. She coughed and he coughed a rasping echo.

"He left me the receipt," she said, at last.

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Another silence. The man shuffled
his feet uneasily and the woman began
to feel desperate.
"It was too bad that your last remittance was lost, but Mr. Parker told
me to say that he would give you
credit for half the amount, or all of it
if you thought that he ought to."
"That wouldn't be right," said the
man. "I don't want him to lose anything by accommodating me. But
you've got a pack of darned thieves
here in Chicago—a lot of rascales that
ought to be hung. I would help hang
them if I had the chance." He spoke
with great vehemence and looked at
her so angrily that she quailed and
wondered if her servant was within
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"A man's money isn't safe," ne added. Then in a gentler tone: "Have you got a bootjack?"

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"Oh, well; may be I can manage without, but they come off a trifle stiff." He pressed the toe of one of his boots against the heel of the other and pushed with it; it slipped and his right heel grazed his left instep, and he uttered a cry of pain. The woman started up from her seat with an exclamation of alarm, but her eccentric visitor was between her and the door and she feared that he would jump at her and strangle her before she could reach it. She was, moreover, conscious of sudden weakness in her limbs. Perhaps, she thought, he wasn't really dangerous and she could humor him. It would most likely excite and arger him if she should cry out.

A LOWLY LIFE.

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caressed his little mustache and passed on.

"There!" exclaimed the lunatic.

Mrs. Parker started. He had got the other boot off, and, standing in his stocking feet, was groping inside of it as he had in the other.

"Good joke on me," he said. "I clean forgot which one I put it in and I couldn't tell nothing by the feel." Withdrawing his hand he drew out a thin, flat package, and then, moistening his finger, separated from it a \$10 bill, which he extended to Mrs. Parker, who looked at it wonderingly for an instant and then dropped into a chair and began to sob hysterically.

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It appears that this is not the end. The man from Waukegan who had made a safety-deposit vault of his boot tried for some minutes to soothe and calm the agitated woman, but his gentle ministrations only seemed to make her worse. He stood and tugged helplessly at his beard and then rushed from the room in search of help. Going down stairs he suddenly came upon the servant, who, in consequence of his bootless condition, had not heard his approach. Before he could explain his mission she screamed and fell over against the gas stove in a dead faint, and, as Parker says, there was a dickens of a time generally.

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Another thing, there is a young man with a slight, dark mustache who passes the house quite frequently and annoys Mrs. Parker by raising his hat to her and sometimes kissing his hand. Parker has not caught him as yet, but he is biding his time, and has expressed his intention of breaking that young man's darned neck.

As for the Waukegan man, he called at Parker's office for his receipt, and hesitatingly inquired after Mrs. Parker. "You'll excuse me, Henry," he said, "but ain't she a—well, just a little, you know—"

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"Hey!" said Parker.
The Waukegan man tapped his for head significantly with his forefinge—Chicago Record.

Mature Brides of the Rich Young Men.
Three cases of marriage between the clite of New York where the brides were several years the senior of their youthful mates may not betoken more than accident, but it looks as if a precedent had been inaugurated which in time might be made a fashion. Women age so much faster than men that these five years or less should be on the other side of the family. If the moneyed aristocracy of this country adopts a social custom it goes. "When we were twenty-one" will read some day when he was twenty-one and she was twenty-one and she was twenty-one and she was twenty-seven, and the inequality, in spite of beauty doctors, in a decade will be too apparent for the lady's happiness. Lady Randolph Churchill and her young husband are not yet discontented with their match, but Mrs. Langtry, who wedded a comparative Juvenile, has already found her doll is filled with sawdust. However, marriage is a lottery anyhow, and it is a question if rich young men are not safer with women older than themselves.—Boston Herald.

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He looked up and said: "Excuss me," then took his boot in his hand and pulled at it violently. Mrs. Parker and provided the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have thought of some ment committee have thought of same the torse, and wareler, and are trying to import English song birds, at a pound apleee, to plant in the woods, says a Calcutta provided in the completion of the tornade that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total wareler, and are trying to import English song birds, at a pound apleee, to plant in the woods, says a Calcutta provided in the torse, and the limited have thought of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have thought of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station a couple of years ago. So the improvement complete have the total that wrecked the station at couple of years ago. So the improvement completion and the leaves and the total that wrecked the station at couple of years ago. So the im



ENGLAND'S NEW QUEEN.

The Personal Characteristics of the Co sort of Edward VII.

Millinery is one of the many accomplishments of the new Queen of England. In early life she and her Danish sisters were brought up upon decidedly narrow incomes, and had to make the most of a scanty provision for the wardrobe. The consequence was that Alexandra learned to trim her own hais and bonnets, as well as to make her frocks. This talent was not neglected when she came to England as the bride of the young Prince of Wales. If the court milliners sent home hats or bonnets which were not to her taste—if they were clumsy or unbecoming the Princess' scissors were at hand to take off the trimming and remodel the offending piece of millinery.

Very few women of her age continue to look well in the so-called straw sallor hat. Numerons pictures of the "Princess of Wales" show her fondness for this headdress. But it is not to be supposed that as Her Majesty she will be photographed in the sallor hat. Many of the recent photographs taken in England lately of Alexandra show the little straw hat in all informality. But, no doubt, as a Queen she will forego wearing it.

The story is told by a lady of the household of the late Queen Victoria that on State occasions the dressing of Her Majesty was an affair of moment. As it sometimes happened, the Queen's bonnet did not prove becoming or look sufficiently regal for the forthcoming function. Then it is said the Princess of Wales was sent for in haste to operate with her scissors, needle and thread or long pins upon the "impossible" bonnet.

Queen Victoria, it seems, had Implicit faith in the good taste of her daughter-in-law, and in her capability for transforming an unbecoming bonnet into a suitable and becoming headdress. The new Queen of England has always displayed conspicuous good taste in her own dress and in that of her family.

"Mus. Doc." is an affix not many women have to their names. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been from early girlhood an accomplished musicalan. Some years ago she went to Ireland to receive her degree of Doctor of Music from Trinity Colleg

The Chatelaine Ornament,

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It is a revival of an eighteenth century fashion that is seen in the use of a small jeweled hand mirror worn as a chatelaine ornament. In the old days of powder and patches and wigs and rouge, a mirror at hand was a necessity. The troublesome war paint often needed a touch of repairs which, in the frank days of Queen Anne, was always unblushingly supplied. Now the tiny mirrors are worn only for ornament, so their owners say, and very pretty ornaments they are.

There is no limit to the price one can pay for one of these little mirrors, for they are most exquisitely enameled, set with semi-precious stones and made of gold, silver, ivory, gun metal and gold, or have tortoise-shell backs, on which, in gold, a floral pattern or the proprietor's initials are wrought. The finest art of the French goldsmith is lavished on the framework of many mirrors, and a small chain and hook at the end of the handle makes the triffe fast at the belt of its wearer.—New York Sun.

Its wearer.—New York Sun.

A Modish Fastening.

The pretty new under waists, commoly called corset covers, are made of white cambrie in the plain old-fashif inned shape, with a little insertion of needlework or embroidery around the throat and down the front. The new shape has no buttons, but is provided on both edges with three worked stud holes, and is meant to fasten with gold studs. Have these studs properly connected with a chain if you do not wish to lose one or more, and so break the set.

Three studs are the correct number. They are small, but fortunately have flat heads. Studs with small round heads are of very little use, because they will not remain fastened, but are apt to come undone when one takes a long breath. The studs commonly used are chained like the gold studs used to fasten the little waist of a "long-clothes baby's" frock.

Dainty and Simple.

Though it looks very plain this little dress represents in reality a goodly amount of labor. It is made of finest Swiss embroidery deep enough to give the entire length, but actually embroidered only to a depth of a few inches.

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The dress, or rather the cloth part of the embroidery, is tucked very finely down to within seven inches of the edge. Then it is made up just as if it were plain cloth, and in sacque shape. Lest the fine, closely-set tucks should not give sufficient fulness an inverted box pleat finishes each under arm seam, being let in about seven inches from the lower edge.

The sleeves are of finest tucking, and are edged with narrow embroidery, as is the neck. For a child of two or three years nothing could be daintier than the little French dress, which fits down well, and has the fulness all sticking out so prettily at the lower edge.

The Art of Conversion Accessive

The Art of Conversing Agreeably.

There are comparatively few people who talk well and agreeably, though there are many who talk constantly. If you would speak well, speak distinctly, neither too rapidly nor too slowly, and with a properly modulated voice; enunciate clearly; dispense with superfluous words; avoid affectation, conceit and laughter which is not natural and spontaneous; never intercupt a conversation and never introduce a subject that is not of general interest. It is a common idea that the art of writing and the art of conversation are one. This is a mistake. A good writer may be a poor conversationalist, and vice versa.—American Queen.

Sewing Mints.

ring.

Always use as fine a thread and eedle as the garment will allow.

When threading your needle make he knot on the end broken from the

When threating your needle make the knot on the end broken from the reel.

The rule for frilling is one and a quarter the length of the edge to be trimmed.

In facing a sleeve turn it and place the facing inside the sleeves before sewing it on.

Gathers should always be set on the right side, but never with a needle. Use a large pin.

In sewing a seam put the stitches closely together, but lightly, into the cloth, being careful not to pull the thread tight, as this causes the seam to draw.

Women as Station Masters

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The head of the Riazan-Ural Rail-way, in Russia, recently asked the Minister of Communication to allow the women who have passed their examinations at the Railway School at Saratof to hold places as station masters, baggage inspectors and telegraph superintendents. The reason assigned for the request was the scarcity of educated and trustworthy men. The permission was granted by the Minister,



There are many handsome gowns of various thin, black stuffs.

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A black grenadine sprinkled with crystal dots is very effective, made up with touches of color.

White dresses are much in evidence and white costumes trimmed with black are deemed even more stylish. French knobs in either black or white slik beautify some of the narrow gold braids. They are done by hand, and one row through the centre is sufficient for the narrow widths.

Very fashionable stock collars are made of white satin ribbon, with tiny lines of gold braid but on at intervals, or those of black bebe velvet ribbon standing vertically, and ending on a little loop, held with a small gold or jewel button.

The Raglan shirt waist seems to be one of the new varieties. The sleeve sets in from the collar band like a man's Raglan coat, and there are small stitched pockets at each side of the bust. Both fiannel and washable shirt waists are made on these lines.

Pale old-rose chiffon and a very beautiful shade of dark pansy velvet are combined on a shirred round waist, with very drooping front, and an extremely short bolero jacket, trimmed with a tiny edge of outer fur and very fine gold passementerle designs en applique.

The so-called "lingerie sleeve" con-

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The so-called "lingeric sleeve" continues to increase in favor, so that now
even tailored gowns show the dainty
undersleeve of silk or velvet. A new
idea is to make the sleeve full length,
but slash it half way to the elbow in
narrow sections, through which the
undersleeve forms puffs.

Pretty belis, suitable for wear with

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Pretty belts, suitable for wear with either a flannel or silk waist, have a foundation of black velvet; through the centre is sewn a bias band of colored satin about an inch wide, and over this are three bands of very narrow gold braid. The whole belt is scarcely two inches wide. It is pointed front and back, fastening by hook and eye at the side.

HABITS OF THE POLAR BEAR.

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Not as Dangerous as the Walres of Hooded Seal.

The following description of the life and habits of the polar bear from the pen of the eminent naturalist, Kerr Muller, is from the London Field:

The character of the polar bear is a curious mixture of cowardice and daring, for it will fly at the sight of man, but will often come close up to the huts and sometimes even try to enter them.

huts and sometimes even as them.

When met with in the water are killed with harpoons. On rece the first wound the animal utters roars, seizes the weapon with its pulls it out of the injured part burls it far away: sometimes, be no means invariably, it will turn its assailant. Quickly it receive other spear or bird-arrow from sond kayakman, against whom it after treating his weapon in the manner and sometimes breakir and in this way the struggle is c

manner and sometimes breaking it; and in this way the struggle is continued until the bear is overcome. The most important precautionary rule which the hunters have to observe is, when during the fight the animal had dived, to keep a sharp lookout down into the water, in order that it may not come up unnawars right under a kayak; its white gleam can always be seen when it approaches the surface, and there is time to get away if it be coming too near. When a bear is encountered in the water, or amid somewhat scattered ice, its capture is considered a certainty, for, although an excellent swimmer, it cannot get away from a kayak. In the northern colonies, where they are seldom seen, the Greenlanders appear to be afraid of them; but such is far from being the case in the Julianshand district, where, in the water, at any rate, they are considered as much less dangerous than the walrus or hooded, seal.

The food of the bear consists mainly of seals, which, however, they cannot selze in the water, but only when lying on shore on lee; but as the seal, when in such positions, is extremely watchful and wary, the stalk is often fruitless, and the bear is obliged more frequently than suits him to depart with an empty stomach. Carrion they take at any time; in summer they rob birds' nests of rheir eggs and young ones, and appear to be partial also to berries. Probably, too, they live upon sea fowl, seizing them from below while resting on the water. According to Brehm, their ordinary food is fish and they even capture salmon in the sea; this, however, I have never had confirmed by the Greenlanders, who all consider that the bear's powers of swimming would not be equal to it. According to the same authority, neither reindeer, foxes, nor birds are safe from the polar bear, but this, I think, is a mistake. Nature has intended that it should seek its prey in the water and on the lead.

When really hungry there are few things which a bear will reject—down to old skin garments and tarred ropes' cods—which may sometimes be found

A New Kind of Torpedo.

The newest war engine is an air torpedo which, after a slight initial velocity is given to it, propels itself for a distance of nearly four miles. It is of secret construction and has been patented by the Swedish Major Unge, whose Government has granted money to him for the undertaking of experiments.

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The forward movement of the projectile is effected by means of a gas which, escaping and flowing out through the channels of a turbine fixed at the bottom, drives the torpedo with increasing speed.

Any kind of percussion explosive may be used. This projectile is fixed from a specially constructed cannon and is noiseless. The initial velocity being low, there is no recoil, and not the slightest danger to the fixing party.

Wouldn't Assume the Risk.

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The son of an officer in a life insurance company was about to enter a well-known university as a freshman.

"Father," he said, a few days before his departure, "I think I ought to have my life insured. Suppose you take my application."

"Harold, my boy," replied his father, with a smile half whimsical and half sad, "as your paternal ancestor I strongly indorse that idea, but as a conscientious agent of the company I represent I shall have to refuse to take any risk on a college student in these days of football and cane-rushes."

There is food for thought here-Youth's Companion.

The Way Things Go.

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"I have noticed," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "that the more a girl thinks of a young man the longer she takes to fix her hair when he calls; and the more the young man thinks of the girl the more the girl's hair needs fixing,"—Yonkers Statesman