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Will Ask State's Aid.

The Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives will ask the Pennsylvania legislature to pass, at the next session, a bill appropriating \$300,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the sanitarium at White Haven.

The Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives has carried on a work of charity which is remarkable when the amount of expenditures is considered.

The contributions to its general fund during the year from February 28, 1901, to March 1, 1902, amounted in all to \$21,711.30.

Out of this fifty beds for consumptives were maintained in Philadelphia, while 100 beds were kept open in the sanitarium at White Haven.

Enforcing Factory Laws.

Justice of the Peace O. A. Ferguson, of Dunmore, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Factory Inspector Bishop and was held in \$500 bail for a hearing.

The arrest of Judge Ferguson was the result of testimony given before the Strike Commission by the Setchack girl, Mrs. Annie McDermott, of Dunmore, who was arrested.

AN ODD BELGIAN CUSTOM.

A Picturesque Procession on Christmas Eve.

In some old Belgian towns a beautiful spectacle may be seen on Christmas eve. Amid the sound of drum, cornet, cymbal and a whole orchestra of instruments, with the chanting of carols, a long, gayly decked procession marches through the principal streets.

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FRAULEIN BARBARA RENZ.

She is the Most Highly Educated Woman in the World.

Fraulein Renz is the most highly educated woman in the world. This is perhaps saying a great deal, but it is extremely doubtful whether any other woman now living would care to announce herself as a rival for educational honors against this erudite German lady.

The amount of learning she has absorbed and digested would put to the blush the college bred women of America, and it is because of her polished education that she is Germany's first woman librarian.

To be appointed to a post in the great state library of Munich is an honor for which hundreds of men would be glad to compete, yet it was



FRAULEIN BARBARA RENZ, PH. D.

won by a woman. The classics, the sciences, the "ologies" and even the dead languages must be as familiar to the person occupying this position as the three R's to the schoolteacher.

But in spite of her learning her appointment to this ancient institution, one of the most famous libraries of the world, raised a mighty storm of objection in the conservative element of Bavaria.

Dr. Renz's opponents based their objections on the grounds that her studies had been carried on mainly out of Germany, that younger librarians were more desirable, Dr. Renz having reached the venerable age of thirty-eight, and that she lacked the necessary qualifications.

To the first objection Dr. Renz replied that, such a course of study as she wished to pursue not being open to her in any university in Germany, she was forced to seek opportunities elsewhere. To the second objection she answered that no younger women candidates for such positions would be forthcoming so long as such difficulties were put in the way of the young women students.

In answer to the third objection she enumerated the subjects in which she passed examinations at the University of Rome, in six of which she obtained the highest possible marks.

The list of subjects is a long one, covering fourteen branches, some on such abstruse objects as theoretical philosophy, philology, comparative grammar of the classics and Sanskrit languages, Italian and Latin grammar and moral philosophy. She adds casually that she further passed severe examinations in Greek and various scientific subjects in the United States, where she held several university posts. Furthermore, the examinations were all taken in Italian or English and not in her native tongue.

The American librarian, man or woman, might well be astounded at the qualifications required. The doctor, by this able reply, silenced her opponents. At least she won the position.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Cookery Problems.

Every housekeeper, if she is willing to admit it, has some cooking molehill out of which she makes a mountain. Many say that the word "stock" in a recipe makes it impossible to them; others go down before "things in a cocotte"; still others tremble at a "court bouillon," and the simple operation of marinating discourages many others. It is a good plan to wrestle with any of these cookery problems. The marinating bath, for example, improves meat or fish that is put in it. If cold meat is to be used for salad or even warmed over in a "stew," the marinade gives it a flavor that it would otherwise lack. It is merely a dressing made from three tablespoonfuls of vinegar, two of oil, a teaspoonful salt, one-quarter teaspoonful pepper, one bay leaf, a sprig of parsley and a teaspoonful of onion juice. These proportions may be diminished or increased as needed. The meat or fish is put in this mixture for an hour or so before using, being turned several times to absorb the flavors. The cod, thus treated, then boiled, becomes a different edible, so greatly improved is its taste. It is quite worth while for housekeepers to experiment in directions that appear a little formidable, if only to discover that they are not so hard as they seem.

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of attendance from 10 to 3 o'clock every weekday, except Saturday. In addition to practical lessons in cookery, needlework, housecleaning and laundry work there are lectures on the keeping of accounts, the relative values of different foodstuffs, the respective duties of mistress and maid, the selection of a site for a house, its sanitation, ventilation, etc., and numerous other minor though important points. The Duke of Bedford is the president of the institution, and Mrs. Charles Clarke is general superintendent. There is a corps of eighteen teachers, who instruct pupils divided into three classes—those who wish to become competent to manage their own homes, those who are preparing to become teachers and those who intend entering domestic service. The scope seems to be wide, and those who are advancing the new school's interests seem to think it will eventually solve at least one domestic problem and that the competition of different minds and characters will have desirable results.—Table Talk.

The Girl Who Didn't—A Fable.

Once upon a time a Girl Decided that she Would Go In for Health rather than Fashion and would be a True Woman such as Men Like to Talk About in the Abstract.

She wore Spring Heels on Number Seven shoes and Shivered at the Very Idea of Corsets. Her Waist measured Thirty-Six Inches, while her Hips and Bust were Only Thirty-Two. She Wouldn't curl Her Hair, and as she Thought Purer Vulgar Her Face was always Red and Shiny.

Her Clothes were all Made to Hang From the Shoulders, and she never Sat on Her Spine. By the Time she was Twenty-Five Men ran when They Saw Her Coming or Going, they Never Knew Which, and Women Looked at her Through Longnettes and Said she was an Unsexed Creature!

Moral.—The Easiest Way is always the best if you are a girl.—Life.

Mrs. Cora B. Ayling.

Among the women who have met with success and made a name for themselves in the business world is Mrs. Cora B. Ayling of Boston, who holds the position of business manager and is credited with receiving one of the largest salaries paid to any woman in Boston. Compelled at the age of seventeen to solve the problem of self support, she became interested in business affairs and from the first has commanded high salaries. In addition to performing her business duties in the most thorough manner, she presides over a charming home and is a member of two prominent women's clubs in her part of the country.

Bathroom Fixtures.

When getting nickel fixtures for the bathroom, be sure to get those in which the nickel is put on a brass foundation. Where the fixtures are iron nickeled, when the nickel wears off, which it is sure to do in time, your towels and other articles will be rusted, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. It makes some difference in the first cost of these fixtures, but it pays in the end. The iron fixtures are simply worthless when the nickel wears off. But those of brass will not in any way mark towels or linen.

Face Powder.

Almost every woman uses a little face powder occasionally, and as there are many injurious articles on the market it is well to prepare it at home. Mix one-half pound of powdered starch with two and a half ounces of powdered orris root, then run through a fine sieve. Put a little in a bag of thin flannel, and apply it by shaking it lightly on the face. The odor of fresh orris root is always liked and closely resembles violets.

An Ammonia Bath.

If after a hard day you feel tired out and fit for nothing, have a hot bath, to which ammonia has been added in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a gallon, the last thing before getting into bed. Don't stay in the water more than ten minutes at the outside; then, after a brisk rubbing, jump into bed as quickly as possible.

Study For Wrinkles.

A woman insists that study is a great wrinkle remover. There is nothing, she says, that promotes youthful appearance in women like unto it. It beats all the cosmetics, adds fire and animation to the eyes and countenance and is worth a ton of idle gossip at the nearest neighbor's or friend's house.

The Refrigerator.

Motives of economy as well as refinement are satisfied by keeping a scrupulously clean refrigerator or ice chest. One article that has been allowed to remain in the ice chest after it has lost its freshness will soon communicate the contamination to everything else in the box.

Wooden Utensils.

When wooden tubs or pails have been standing unused for some time, instead of filling them with water, which is sure to become stagnant, paint them carefully with glycerin. The wood will not shrink and the glycerin will dry in.

Pillows may be cleaned by putting them out upon the grass in a drenching rain. After being well soaked, they should be squeezed and hung in a shady place to dry.

If a piece of furniture is ink stained, six drops of lye in a teaspoonful of water applied with a feather will remove it.

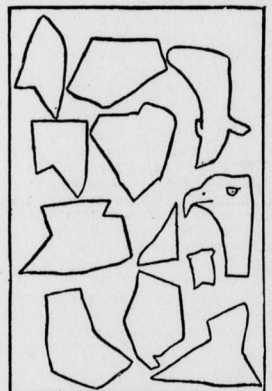
A thin paste made of whiting and cold tea is a splendid mixture with which to clean mirrors.

There are in round numbers 320,000 maidservants in London.



PATCHWORK PUZZLE.

Here's a Good Hour of Pure Fun For Boys and Girls. Here is a puzzle which will tax your brains to solve and which will give you a good hour of pure fun when you try it, especially if you do it with some little friend. In the first place, the figures and their positions are so unusual and different from those you usually see that there is a lot of novelty in the



THE PARTS OF THE PUZZLE.

ways you can arrange them. You should cut out each piece carefully and then fit them all together. When each piece is in its proper place, you will have a complete picture.

There are several ways of arranging the pieces and several pictures you can make out of them, and each one is very funny, indeed, as you will find when you have tried it.

The Spoon Game.

The spoon game is a pleasant amusement for a party where the guests are all known to each other.

The players form a circle, in the middle of which stands the spoon handler, blindfolded. The players join hands and move around to music played on the piano. Suddenly the music stops, and the players stop too.

Then the spoon handler, who holds a long wooden spoon, reaches out with it and gropes about until he touches one of the players. That player must then stand perfectly still, and the handler touches him all over with the spoon to try to discover who he is.

It is easier than many persons think to discover one's identity by spoon touching, and therefore the players should attempt some disguise to deceive the handler. It is allowed to tip-toe or to stoop a little, so that your height may not betray you. Boys may turn up their coat collars or put a handkerchief where the shirt front shows—any simple thing to make them different from what they were before the handler was blindfolded.

When the spoon handler makes a correct guess, the player named has to take his place.

A Snake-like Lizard.

In the reptile house of the zoological gardens of London is a case which contains several curious sand skinks and has lately also become the home of a curious relative of these four footed lizards. Living specimens of this species are seldom brought to the temperate zone. It is a native of Australia and Tasmania and is called the limblee or scale footed lizard. It is about twenty inches long, with shining scales of sober colors, but the under surface is pale, with a few dark dots and bars running around its body near the head. The small legs are entirely hidden under the skin, so that this lizard is as easily taken for a snake as is its English cousin, the blindworm, but the mild expression of its head is furnished with well formed eyelids, and the tongue is slight and thick and can only extend a short distance from the mouth. This lizard owes its name to the fact that where the body merges into the tail is a pair of narrow, scaly flaps, pressed tightly to their sides when the reptile is at rest, but used to propel it when in motion, and these flaps entirely cover the small toe bones.

Invisible Writing.

Write upon paper with a diluted solution of muriate of copper. When dry it will not be visible, but on being warmed before the fire the writing will become bright yellow. Write with a pure solution of cobalt, and the letters will be of a green color. With acetate of cobalt or with purified muriate of cobalt the writing will be blue. Draw a landscape with some colored ink and paint the foliage of the trees and flowers with muriate of cobalt, some of the blossoms, etc., with acetate of cobalt and others with muriate of copper. While the picture is cold it will appear to be merely an outline of a landscape or winter scene, but when gently warmed the trees and flowers will be displayed in their natural colors, which they will preserve only while they continue warm. This may be often repeated.

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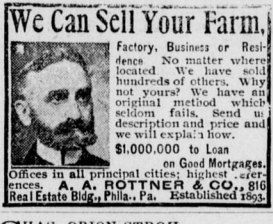
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