

THE MCKINLEY LILY.

Flower Preserved in Jar Shows Likeness to Dead President.

Alameda county, one of the counties that border in the Bay of San Francisco, has a great variety of products, of which it has for several years maintained an interesting exhibition in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at Oakland, its chief city.

One of the exhibits is what is known as the McKinley lily. A large lily was placed in a glass jar with the preserving fluid, and after several weeks its petals began to droop a little. A visitor noticed the resemblance to the features of the late President of the United States, William McKinley, when looked at from a particular point of view, and the flower has since been called the McKinley lily.

The Shah's Highway. We think we have the worst roads in the world. It is true we have some bad ones, but most of our highways, compared with those of Persia, would be as a paved street to a ploughed field.

You would think that the keeping of the "Shah's Highway" would be one of the first cares of a state. Yet so little attention has been given to this subject by the Persian government that there are not a dozen good wagon roads throughout the whole country.

Archdeacon Sinclair recently addressed a working boys' club in England, after watching the lads in an exhibition of gymnastic stunts, and said he should like to recommend the eating of oatmeal as a preparation for them.

Progress of Cement. A few years ago America imported more Portland cement than it manufactured. Now the tables have been turned, and this country has taken the front rank in the production of cement and its use in construction.

SOCIETY PLYING THE NEEDLE. Most Feminine of Implements Comes into Fashion Again.

"Those who are quick to observe changes in the moods and tastes of society will tell you," says a writer in the Lady's Pictorial, "that the doing of fine needlework is growing into great favor with even the most fashionable of our modistes, whose own fingers are producing work that is fully equal to the best specimens of their much lauded and perhaps over-lauded grandmothers."

"A lady who has had the honor to be the instructress of royalty in this craft says that hundreds come to her for counsel where teas came but a few years ago. The cause of this reversion to the pursuits of a more placid age is not difficult to discover. Such an occupation becomes virtually a 'rest cure' in this epoch of rush and motor cars, and that is why many of those who have been the most indefatigable seekers after novelty and excitement are now among the most industrious Penelope of society."

The rhythmic movement that accompanies the plying of the needle is peculiarly soothing to the nerves, and produces much the same effect as the prayers of the Orientals, with their aways to and fro and their apparently vain repetitions. It is a mistake to suppose that needlework is injurious to the eyesight. Old needlewomen rarely wear glasses."

The Earth as a Bell. Studies of the violent earthquakes which occurred in the Balkan peninsula April 4, 1904, made by Dr. Emil Odonne, professor in the University of Pavia, show that the shocks were transmitted through the entire body of the earth, and were reflected from the antipodes back to their place of origin in about 33 minutes.

A Belgian agriculturist, Monsieur Le Breton, has recently made some experiments with barbed wheat to determine the effectiveness of the defense which its barbs afford against the ravages of granivorous birds. In the same field, near Antwerp, he sowed some barbed wheat and some Japhet wheat, which is without barbs. The Japhet variety grew rapidly, but every head was despoiled by the birds before the grain could ripen, but the barbed variety was so well guarded by its array of miniature spears that the attacks of the same birds were completely defeated, and the grain ripened in security.

Notes and Comment Of Interest to Women Readers

ATTRACTIVE NEATNESS.

One May Have a Small Allowance, but Good Care Will Preserve Clothes. We all have among our acquaintances the girl who, without being in the least good looking, always manages to look neat and well dressed.

Perhaps she has only a small dress allowance, and yet whenever you happen to meet her she looks smart and attractive, while other girls, with twice the money at their command, too often look shabby and dowdy.

What is the neat girl's secret? Nothing more nor less than taking care of her clothes; she has a place for everything, and everything is kept in its place; her ribbons, gloves, handkerchiefs, veils, etc., are not all huddled together in one drawer, neither do they lie about on the tables and chairs until they are wanted.

There is a great difference, too, in the way in which girls put on their clothes; and very often a girl dressed in a shirtwaist and plain skirt will look twice as neat as one clad in an expensive gown, the reason being simply and solely this: The one has put her dress on anyhow, the other has taken care that all shall be neat and fresh.

Milk for Cleaning. It seems cruel irony to tell you to clean house with milk when it is so high even for those who wish to drink it; but sour and skim milk and buttermilk are just as good for this purpose, so it is not so expensive as it sounds.

Buttermilk is the best possible thing to clean linoleum and oilcloth. Just mop it up with a soft cloth, and watch the dirt taken off by the application. About once a week is often enough for the cleaning.

Either skim or sour milk will make rubber-plants grow. Wash the leaves with a soft cloth in milk and water, sponging each off carefully inside and out, and pouring the remainder of the milk back into the ground of the tub. The plant grows and thrives on it.

Milk, well rubbed into the wood, makes a good furniture polish also, keeping the shiny surface in good condition. You do not need frequent treatments—at housecleaning time is often enough.

So here are three ways, at least, of using the left-over and spoiled contents of the milk-pitcher.—New York Press.

A Sandwich Holder. The girl who serves afternoon tea to her friends, formally or informally, should have a little receptacle at her side such as is shown in the illustration.



Attention. This is very convenient. The frame is nickel-plated and the plates are in any chosen style and color of china. It is used to put tiny sandwiches in the top one, buttered toast in the second one, and small cakes or slices of layer cake in the third one. Before the food is laid on them each one should be covered with a fancy doily.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Good Baked Coffee. Scald a graniteware coffee-pot. Wash one egg, break and beat slightly. Dilute with half a cupful of cold water, add the crushed shell, and mix with one cupful of ground coffee.

Wild Flowers of the Tropics. Between Tonala and the Guatemala border exists one of the greatest flower gardens in the republic. This is the time of year when all of the morning glories and many other wild flowers of the tropics are beginning to bloom, and railroad men who are familiar with all the roads of the republic say that the grandest sight of all is to be seen here. The massive trees in the forest which line for miles the railroad are covered to the tops with vines and blossoms, and the telegraph poles and wires present a singularly beautiful sight.

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Helpful Beauty Hints

The Women in Black—Who Should Not Appear to That Role—Little Curis for the Forehead, and the Neck Are Coming In.

There are many women who swear by black as a smart wear of a class apart, who are never without a black day gown or evening gown in their wardrobes, who always possess black feathers, veils, and scarfs, touches of black velvet or lulle, the allure of black fox and Persian lamb, the quaintness of black enamel, jet and black pearls.

Black can be the smartest of the smart, the dowdiest of the dowdy; black can be startlingly unexpected and the most obvious wear in the world. (Umbrellas and gashaws are black!) Black can be wickedness incarnate, elusively and obviously; black can be good, unendurably good; but, above all things and beyond all virtues, black can be ladylike.

There are women who look their best in black for that reason; they look gentlemen when they wear it, and not otherwise. I am always a little bit mistrustful of the type that looks its best when in sable array," says a writer in the Queen.

To Keep Umbrellas. Noticing that the sacks of a street-cleaning contractor were marked in large letters, "Stolen from X Y Z," a bright woman had the idea of applying the same principle to the too easily stolen umbrella.

Little Curis. All the pretty puffs which have been the delight of girls who like to dress their hair elaborately must vanish into oblivion, for Dame Fashion now decrees a marked change in coiffure. Little curis are coming in—little curls across the forehead, in the shape of the neck, and if not in either of these places, they must appear in little clusters at the back of the head.

To Reduce the Hips. Lie extended on the floor, supporting one's self by one hand, while the other is placed upon the hip. While holding the position, raise the body gradually from the floor until the whole weight is supported by the hand and feet.

Hair Dressing. One of the secrets of successful hair-dressing is a good anchorage. Unless some part of the hair is tied securely enough to hold the entire structure the coiffure will always be slipping into unbecoming angles and will within a very short time after being dressed begin to look disheveled.

Good Beef Tea. The invalid who scorns the bought extracts of beef can have home-made beef tea quickly made for her by employing a meat cutter and a vegetable press.

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members on the ends. As will be seen, the method of manipulation is simple in the extreme. If the electric light cord is too long all that needs to be done is to take up whatever slack there is over the desired length, and clip on the grip at either side of the slack.

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