Flower Preserved In Jar Shows Like ness to Dead President.

Alameda county, one of the or ties that border on the Bay of Sun Francisco, has a great variety of pro-ducts, of which it has for several years maintained an interesting ex hibition in the rooms of the Chamber hibition in the rooms of the Cammer of Commerce at Oakland, its chief city. The work of preparing the flow-ers, fruits and vegetables for exhibi-tion is in the hands of W. D. Nichols, who according to St. Nicholas, has a process by which he is able to preserve them for a long time without

losing their form or color.

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 inte 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. Every effort is being made to keep it in existence in its present state as long as possible, as it has proved a great attrac-tion and object of interest to visitors.

The Shan's Highway. in the world. It is true we have some bad ones, but most of our highways, compared with those of Peraia, would be as a paved street to a ploughed

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 govern-ment that there are not a dozen good wagon roads throughout the whole country. The carsvan routes, are, except in a very few cases, merely trails. Not only are the wagon roads bad as well as scarce, but it is an as-tonishing fact that, although Persia is one of the oldest of civilized states, a country comprising an area of 628. 9,000,000, she has but six miles of railway. Though the states of the Western hemisphere have a civiliza-tion less than one-tenth as old, there is not one of them with which, in this respect, Persia does not suffer by

Archdeacon Sinciair recently ad-dressed a working boys' club in England, after watching the lads in an exhibition of gymnastic stunts, and eald he should like to recommend the eating of oatmeal as a preparation for them. "I had four brothers," said the archdencon, "all six feet high, and my father had fourteen brothers and sisters ranging from six feet to six feet eight inches—all brought up on Scotch oatmeal porridga." This may be a valuable suggestion for the beads of large families who are trying to solve the high cost of living prob-lem. They should know, however, that the breakfast foods of to-day are not the Scotch oatmeal that built the giant Sinclair family.

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. It has been estimated that the quantity should have a little receptacle at her of Portland cement used in this country in 1905 would be sufficient to lay a sidewalk 16 feet broad all round the earth at the equator. If com-pacted into a single solid cube, that cube would measure almost 1,000 feet on each edge.

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 needlewark is growing tration. Into great favor with even the most The fr fashionable of our mondaines, whose

a 'rest cure' in this epoch of rush and motor cars, and that is why many of those who have been the most inde-

The Earth as a Boll.

which occurred in the Balkan penin-sula April 4, 1904, made by Dr. Emilio Oddone, professor in the University of Pavla, show that the shocks were transmitted through the entire body of Le Breton, has recently made some the earth, and were reflected from the amperiments with barbod wheat to antipodes back to their place of ori- determine the effectiveness of the degin in about 31 minutes. Comparing fense which its barbs afford against the records of other great earth-quakes, Doctor Oddone concludes that In the same field, noar Antworp, he the average time required for a vibra- sowed some barked wheat and so tion to traverse the globs and return Japhet wheat, which is without harbs, by reflection is from 33 to 33 minutes. The saphet variety grey rapidly, but cogether unlike a great bell suspended by the birds before the grain could ripen, but in space and vibrating throughout its winds mass under strokes, which, ad by its array of miniature spears con paralively speaking, are no more that the attacks of the same birds than the tapping of a fluger-nail. Doc- were completely defeated, and the to: Oddone caths attention to the in-teresting coincidence between the time it was observed that the insec time taken for a vibration to traverse the globe and that required for light to cross the diameter of the earth's among those that possessed no naturally

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Woman Renders

ATTRACTIVE NEATNESS.

One May Have a Small Allowance but Good Care Will Preserve Clothes. We all have among our acquaint ances the girl who, without being in the least good looking, always man

ages to look nest and well dressed. allowance, and yet whenever you hap-pen 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 nest 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 grawer, neither do they lie about on the tables and article of apparel is put away with the most scrupulous care, first being ducted, shaken or mended, as the case

There is a great difference, too, in the way in which gtris put on their clothes; and very often a girl dressed in a shirtwaist and plain skirt will ok 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.

and fresh.

It is the duty of all parents to see that their children are taught from their babyhood to take proper care of their wearing apparel; for the child who lets her clothes drop off her and lie in a heap on the floor invariably grows into the careless, untildy woman, with whom we are so familiar,-

Milk for Cleaning.

It seems cruel irony to tell you to dean 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 it sounds.

Buttermilk is the best possible thing to clean linoleum and olicioth. 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 your basin into the ground of the tub. The plant grows and thrives on

Milk, well rubbed into the wood, makes a good furniture polish also, keeping the shiny surface in good con-You do not need frequent treatments-at housecleaning time is

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

A Sandwich Holder.



fashionable of our mondaines, whose own fingers are producing work that is fully equal to the best specimens of their much lauded and perhaps overlauded grandmothers.

"A lady who has had the honor to be the instructreas of royalty in this craft says that hundreds come to her for counsel where tens came but a few years ago. The cause of this reversion to the pursuits of a more placid ago is not difficult to discover. Such an occupation becomes virtually a 'rest cure' in this epoch of rash and

Scald a graniteware coffee-pot. Wash one egg, break and best slightly. Dilute with half a cupful of cold water, add the crushed shell, and mix fatigable seekers after novelty and excitement are now among the most industrious Pensiopes of society.

with one cupful of ground coffee pot, pour on six industrious Pensiopes of society. industrious Pensiopes of society.

"The rhythmic movement that accompanies the plying of the needle is bring to the bolling point and let peculiarly soothing to the nerves, and boil for three minutes. The spout of produces much the same effect as the the pot should be covered or stuffed prayers of the Orientals, with their with soft paper. Stir and pour some awayings to and fro and their appar-ently vain repetitions. It is a mistake to suppose that needlework is injurf-cous to the opesight. Old needlewomen rarely wear glasses."

In a cup, to be sure that the spout is free from grounds. Return to the cof-fee pot and add half a cupful of cold water, which perfects the clearing. the coffee will not boil, and let a for five minutes. Serve with Studies of the violent earthquake sugar and thin cream or scalded

Helpful Beauty Hints

The Woman in Black-Who Should Not Aspire to That Role-Little Curis for the Forehead, and the Neck Are Coming In.

There are many women who swear p black as smart wear of a eart, who are never without a black gown or evening gown in wardrobes, who always possess feathers, veils, and scarfs, touches of black velvet or tulle, the the quaintness of black enamel, jet

Black can be the smartest of the smart, the dowdlest of the dowdy; black can be startlingly unexpected and the most obvious wear in the world. (Umbrelias and galoahes are black!) Black can be wickedness in-carnate, chusively and obviously; black can be good, unendurably good; out, above all things and beyond all virtues, black can be ladylike.

"There are women who look their cut in black for that reason; they look gentlewomen when they wear it, and not otherwise. I am always a little bit mistrustful of the type that ooks Its best when in sable array," mays a writer in the Queen. "It suggests an uncomfortable reason for its not looking so nice in anything else,

"Mind, I am not for one moment tenying that black is enormously becoming—to those it becomes. I do not think black suits women who are in the least degree inclined to lack character of appearance, women whom you are not to overlook in whose coloring errs on the side of colorlessness, who are if any-thing too thin and lacking in line— which often may be read curves—to whom nature has been a trille paratconlous perhaps, women who are fading or who have never been any thing but faded, boiled in soda women, vomen with weak tea in their veins, mask rose, carnation sisters, dairyhan that, women who are not of the type that Mr. Hewiett frankly calls disasterous to mankind."

Little Curis.

All the pretty puffs which have een the delight of girls who like to iress their hair elaborately must vaninto oblivion, for Dame Fashion now decrees a marked change in coffure. Little curls are coming in little curls across the forehead, in the nape of the neck, and if not in either of these places, they must appear in little clusters at the back of the head. If a girl has not naturally curly hair this fashion is going to give her a great deal more trouble than the puffs have, but it is an agree able change, and curls are bewitch-ing things, giving a softness to the face which is immensely becoming.

Lie extended on the floor, support ing one's self by one hand, while the other is placed upon the hip. holding the position, raise the body gradually from the floor until the whole weight is suported by the hand and feet. It is comparatively easy to get the body from the floor as far as the knees, but to bring it up to the full extent just described is not easy at first. It should be tried first on one side and then on the other.

Hair Dressing.

One of the secrets of successful hair-dressing is a good anchorage. Un-less some part of the hair is tied securely enough to hold the entire strucping into unbecoming angles and will dresser's have learned the secret of good anchorage.

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

Put a piece of lean beef through the finest cutter of the machine, cover with cold water, and let it stand on back of stove to simmer. Do not boil. When sufficiently reduced stir well, strain, and put pieces through a vege-table press to extract all the juice quickly. Season with salt and a little pepper if it is permitted. Occasionally a bit of onion juice or a bay leaf

can be cooked with the meat.

Wild Flowers of the Tropics. Between Tonala and the Guatemala order exists one of the greatest floral bowers in the republic. This is the time of year when all of the morn-This is ing glories and many other wild flow miliar with all the roads of the re-public 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 bioseoms, and the telegraph poles and wires present a simi-larly beautiful sight.

Along the line are hundreds of cornfields, and it seems that each stalk of corn forms a pole upon which is growing a morning giory vine. This does not in the least hinder the crop, for the corn of the particular season

has been topped ready for harvest. Near Mepastepec, below here, there is a lane some six kilometers in length where the tops of the trees on either side of the track almost meet, forming a most strikingly beautiful floral arch. sight is one rarely, if ever, seen in other parts of Mexico.

Notes and Comment Of Interest to Women Readers

ELECTRIC LIGHT GRIP.

Black Take-up Can Be Attached to Cord After Light is On.

A decided improvement over the old style form of slack take-up for electric light cords is that designed by a Massachusetts man. The primary advantage of the new type of grip is that it can be attached at any time and by any person, whoreas the old style take-up needed to be at-tached before the lamp was on. The device shown in the illustration is a spindle with two spring gripping



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. Even a child could regulate the length of the cord by this type of take-up. It is under stood, of course, that the use of this device refers most particularly to pendant electric lights, hanging over deaks or tables, the height of which the user may wish to change from time to time.—Washington Star.

To Keep Umbrellas. Noticing that the sacks of a streetcleaning contractor were marked in large letters, "Stolen from X Y Z," a bright woman had the idea of applying the same principle to the easily stolen umbrella. Inside each of her umbrellas, where it is visible as soon as raised, there appears now a strip of white cloth, marked in plain letters, "Stolen from Mary Jones," The method may be extended to other nptations to the unwary, such as

handbags and raincoats, evening cloaks and overshoes.

Only, one may imagine the embarrasament of the innocent borrower when he is caught with this seemingly incriminating evidence: And if only the hotels would apply this method to the silver envied by the faciliaronscienced kieptomaniac! There would be an end now and forever of the souvenir habit at other people's expense.—New York Press.

For Rubber Overshoes. Children especially lose overshoes eith alarming frequency; we older ones are by no means exempt. After a few exchanges of a beautiful new pair for two that look as if they had never met before, unless possibly in the workhouse, the unfortunate will he giad to try the method recommend-ed by a former victim who is such no longer. This is to sew a loop of black longer. This is to sew a loop of black tape in the back of each overshoe, at the top of the heel, and to hang them up with the umbrella and raincoat. The loops can be tucked inside when the overshoes are worn, and will not

tration. This is very convenient.

The frame is nickel-plated and the plates are in any chosen style and they had just come from the hair. that there will be no excuse except dishonesty for their disappearance.

> Keeping Their Tinder Dry. Wild Scot Highlanders out on a foray or cattle stealing used to carry their tiny tinder, punk or grass up near the armpit to keep it dry, and use for starting fires.

Mr. Rockefeller is loyal to the Sleveland Sunday school he attended when a little boy. It was there he got his start, although they did not teach the oil business in that par ALL BUSINESS GIVEN ticular school.

The Making of Automobiles.
It appears that France, which a few pears ago led the world in the manufacture of automobiles, is relatively dropping back, at least in the number of machines produced. For instance, in 1900 France manufactured 19,052 automobiles, England 2,481, and Germany 2,212. In 1906 the figures for the same countries were respectively 55,600, 27,000 and 22,000. In the same year the United States, beginning with a few hundred in 1992, leaped to the front, producing 58,000 machines, 3,000 more than France. Italy and Belgium have also made enormous strides in the last two or three years, the figures for those countries in 1906 being respectively 18,000 and 13,000.

The chospening of the price of sterling allver articles within a generation past, says a writer in the Journal of the Franklin Institute, has een due partly to the invention of methods of rolling silver into sheets from which the articles are stamped out by manufacturers, instead of be ing laboriously hammered out from rods of allver, which are the old pro-cess. Nearly all manufacturers of sterling silver articles purchase the aliver sheets from mills that make a specialty of rolling them. Sterling with the millions of blossoms, and the silver contains 975 parts of pure silver to 25 parts of copper. The coperation parts of Maxico. -THE NAME--- PERSON NO DE SESE SE SE SE SE



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