

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

A Break of Fashionable Society. "Well, I do say!" exclaimed a fashionable lady in our hearing. "What are we coming to anyhow? The latest in Boston is to have sedan chairs in the drawing room. Not bogus ones, remember, but quaint old things that were once actually in use, and two hundred dollars is considered a small price to pay for them. It is made a repository for bric-a-brac, to be sure, but it strikes me that it's entirely too cumbersome and aesthetically. Next, the ladies will be seen taking an airing in them, provided they can overtake the irreverent small boy. I hope nobody will be silly enough to introduce them over here."—(Philadelphia Call.)

See Beaver Hat. A young lady wearing a beaver hat confided to a correspondent of the New York Mail and Express how she kept the nap so smooth and shiny. She says: "First brush the hat thoroughly, so as to get all the fibres straightened out in one direction. Then take a silk handkerchief and pour into the middle of it about half a teaspoonful of salad oil. Rub the handkerchief in your hands until the oil is thoroughly distributed through it. Then go over your hat time after time with the silk thus prepared. Lay the handkerchief aside, and use it every day upon the hat, without, however, replenishing the oil more than once a week. The hat in this way will be kept in perfect order, and even an ordinary wetting will not disturb it."

Wisdom Behind the Counter. "Some one told me that a smile would go a long way toward helping me become a successful saleswoman," said a girl to whom store life was yet new, and I have smiled and smiled until I don't think I could look solemn at the funeral of my best friend. I actually grin from morning till night, and I think I will have to give my worth a rest if I don't sell a dollar's worth of the rest of the day. I came here with the determination of being good natured and pleasant every one, no matter how cranky a customer I might have, but really, it is harder work than I thought. Still, I am sure good nature pays, and I don't know of any position that requires more patience than that of a saleswoman. A rather stupid girl with a sweet, even disposition is more apt to succeed than a brighter girl who is quick tempered. I mean to earn \$30 a week some day if I can't get my mouth smiling. I try to be pleasant to my customers that they won't let anyone else wait on them, but I am sure to take them to other counters. Then when I get a good trade my salary will be raised and I will receive considerable extra as percentage. Yes, a bright, good natured girl is pretty apt to have her salary increased in time, and need not be afraid to begin on \$3 a week if she has a home and need not be required to pay board while she is gaining her experience. In this store \$7 and \$8 a week is the average salary."—(Philadelphia Press.)

Indian Wives. There is a reservation at the mouth of the Klamath for the Indian tribes living in northern California. The squaws or young women are vendible commodities, and are put upon the market at a price supposed to correspond with their charms. A girl's choice is not consulted in the matter, and if a rivalry exists she is knocked down to the most liberal offer. A maiden of comely appearance and having a talent for plaiting hats, neckties and other ornamental wicker ware, is, of course, a more merchantable article than her sister without accomplishments and without beauty. The most popular for a girl of the desirable class is in the neighborhood of twelve or thirteen years of age, a broncho and freckle-faced girl, the woodpecker being valued at \$2.50 apiece and the poppy and gins at about \$20 each, making the price of the girl \$70.

The amount varies of course according to the financial standing of the purchaser and the avowal of the parents. It occurs occasionally that as much as \$150 is paid for a girl, but she would be possessed of unusual attractions and the purchaser a nabob. The lazy buck when she is purchased a wife, at once requires the lady to enter upon all the hard work obtainable. The women pack wood from the forests in baskets, which are carried on the back and supported by a band which encircles the forehead. They also collect gold dust from the exposed network in abandoned mines, which is traded over with regularity. It is a fact that the Indian women on the Klamath are absolute slaves, but they are faithful and loving, no matter how harshly treated.

Queer Trinkets. In some years since the jewelry trade has been a popular trinket. There are for a time some lucky pigs as neckties, baggies and what not. When the season is over the elephant tooth bones. Men dangled them at their wives' chains and women wore them in their hair. They were made into pins and buttons, and even adapted to the embellishment of finger rings and bracelets.

The eye of destiny—an Egyptian ornament was the next fad. Now it is a diamond. Many jewelry is already the go-to and from Paris, and in coming to New York and London. And women who had met in dread of the little, living eyes will do him honor in effigy for their own sake. What with pins and buttons, and what with the adaptation to the adaptation to decorative purposes, and the last I saw of him he was going for the woods. I don't take any more any granger. I don't.—(D.M. Press.)

Had Seen Him. "I left a boy about 13 years old out here when I went in," said a farmer yesterday as he came out of the City Hall. "I saw him, sir," said a bootblack about a foot high. "Where did he go?" "Why, he ran out his tongue at me, and the last I saw of him he was going for the woods. I don't take any more any granger. I don't.—(D.M. Press.)

SCIENTIFIC SCRAP.

Professor Davidson says that the Lick telescope will unveil stars of one degree fainter magnitude than can be detected by the instruments now in use. This would be no small gain. A correspondingly increased power ought to add to our knowledge of Mars, which is the planet of most immediate interest to observers on this globe.

The autographometer is an instrument lately devised in Paris for automatically recording the topography and difference of level of all places over which it passes. It is carried about on a light vehicle, and has only to be dragged over the ground of which a plan is desired.

An apparatus of iron and glass, in which a pressure of one thousand atmospheres can be developed for the purpose of studying the influence of great pressure on animal life, has been exhibited to biologists in France. With it deep sea animals can be observed under their natural compression.

In a paper read before the London Anthropological Institute, Prof. Ferrier has considered the function of different parts of the brain so far as at present settled. He concludes that not enough is known to serve as the basis of a scientific phrenology, though there are reasons for believing the great progress may yet be made.

Prof. Neumayer of Hamburg urges the necessity of Antarctic exploration, laying special stress on its importance for geology and paleontology. He anticipates that it will show that the south pole was a centre of dispersion of animals and plants for the southern hemisphere, as the north pole is believed to have been for the northern.

There are three wicks to the lamp of a man's life; brain, blood and breath. Press the brain a little, its light goes out, followed by both the others. Stop the heart a minute, and out go all three of the wicks. Choke the air out of the lungs, and presently the fire ceases to supply the other centres of flame, and all is soon stagnation, cold and darkness.

M. Lesenne claims that a certain sign of death is the permanent gaping of a wound made in the skin by puncturing it with a needle. If the person be living, blood will usually follow the withdrawal of the needle; but, whether it does or not, the wound will close at once. The puncture made in the skin of a dead person will remain open, as if made in leather.

In a recent lecture, Prof. William Turner of Edinburgh university, gave the speed of the Greenland whale as nine or ten miles an hour, and that of the great finner whale as probably twelve miles. One of the latter animals was stranded on a British coast some years ago, and was found to have a length of eighty feet, a weight of seventy-four tons, and a width of tail of eighteen to twenty feet. With these data, the builder of the Anchor line steamships calculated that, in order to attain a speed of twelve miles an hour, this whale must have exercised a propelling force of one hundred and forty-five horse-power.

Two Russian Wolf Hounds. Two large Russian wolf hounds stood in Patrick B. Egan's restaurant on Clinton and University places last evening. Two pieces of meat were thrown to the floor. The hounds made a break for them, but were stopped by the voice of their master, who shouted "Poison!"

The dogs stopped on the instant, and stood as though cast in metal. They eyed the meat intently, but did not touch it. Then a cheery "all right" came from the lips of their master, and the two charged upon the meat.

A minute afterward a man carelessly dropped a lighted match upon a newspaper. It was ablaze in an instant. The dogs dashed to the scene and stamped on the fire until they put it out. At the request of their master they kissed each other. They kissed anybody who was properly introduced, and gave ominous growls when anyone approached without the necessary introduction.

The dogs weigh 126 pounds. They stand 37 1/2 inches high. They were from a litter of pups born near Sandy Hook on the passage of the mother to America. A wealthy Russian lumber dealer, now a citizen of Wisconsin, was the first to introduce the breed in America. These dogs drive well in harness, and are owned by J. J. Macready, an actor. He is to introduce them in a drama written especially for the dogs, with the object of exhibiting their marvellous intelligence.—(New York Sun.)

The Great Eastern. The huge steamship, which might have been christened "Brunel's folly," is at last going to be put to the work for which she was originally intended—namely the Australian trade; but before she has undergone an important metamorphosis. She is to have her paddle removed and to trust to her screw propeller alone. She is, moreover, to have her engine power enormously increased, so as to be able to do twenty knots an hour. There is no reason why she should not do this. In spite of her enormous bulk she is a vessel of beautiful lines, and to the day of his death was the pride of her designer, Mr. Scott Russell. Only a short time before his death he heard Mr. Scott Russell express his confidence in the future of the great ship which had been conceived by Brunel and executed by himself, notwithstanding that she had then for nearly twenty years been a colossal failure. The Great Eastern will probably occupy a permanent place in the world's history as the biggest ship ever built, but some of the larger Atlantic liners do not fall so very far short of her in size.—(London Life.)

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

How to Roast Beef. In roasting meats of all kinds the method adopted should be the one that, in the most perfect manner, preserves all the juices inside the meat. To roast beef in the best possible manner: Place the clean cut side of the meat upon a smoking hot pan, which must be over a quick fire. Press it close to the pan until seared and slightly brown. Reverse, and let the opposite side become similarly seared and brown. Then put it at once in the oven, the heat of which should be firm and steady, but not too intense, and leave it undisturbed till cooked. The time that should be allowed for cooking beef in this manner is twenty minutes to the pound, if it is to be rare—less half an hour deducted from the aggregate time on account of searing. In other words, a five-pound roast of beef will require about an hour and a quarter, a six-pound roast an hour and a half, and so on. If the oven is not too hot the beef requires no basting, and is better without it. When the oven is at the proper temperature and the cooking going on all right the meat will keep up a gentle sputtering in the pan. If, upon opening the oven door, this sputtering is not perceptible, more heat is required. But, in addition to the sputtering, any smoke is discernible in the oven, the heat is too intense and should be lessened. Unless the heat of the oven is too great the drippings in the pan will not burn and smoke, and when the meat is cooked there will be a thin coating of brown jelly in the pan, where the meat rested, which, by the adding of stock or water, will make delicious gravy.

A roast of beef should never be washed, and if it has accidentally been wet or moistened, it should be carefully wiped dry before it is seared or put to cook. Searing almost instantly cuts the cut side of a piece of meat and prevents the escape of juices in the after process of roasting, while a firm, steady heat gently but thoroughly cooks it, and thus both juices and flavor are preserved. Basting is a troublesome as well as a damaging process. And as salt and water have a tendency to toughen and extract the juices of meat, they should not be used while roasting, if it is desired to have the meat sweet, juicy and tender.—(Restaurateur.)

Household Hints. Never have a sink under a window if you can avoid it. Moisture is the greatest enemy of the piano, and it cannot be too carefully guarded against.

Hard soap should be kept in a dry place several weeks before using. It will last much longer.

Never have dark furniture for the kitchen; it shows dust much more than light-colored wood.

Ingrain carpets need to be shaken oftener than Brussels, as from their more open weave the dust precolates through them.

Orange pie—Take the juice and pulp of two large sour oranges and the grated rind of one, a cup of sugar, one egg, a coffee cup of water and two spoonfuls of flour; mix these ingredients and bake with two crusts, making the paste very rich.

Apple Fritters—Pare and cut into four or five tart, mellow apples, and mix in sweetened lemon juice. The batter is composed of one quart milk, one quart flour and eight eggs, the grated rind of two lemons being added. Now mix the batter and apples and drop by spoonfuls into hot lard, taking care to have a slice of apple in each fritter.

How to Boil Fresh Fish—Clean thoroughly with pepper and salt and drop into boiling water, first plunging it in a towel. A large fish will require three-quarters of an hour fast boiling, a small one less time in proportion. When done place in a dish and garnish with eggs, drawn butter and parsley. Mushroom catsup is used frequently with boiled fish.

Friar's Pulding—Stale bread, half a pint of milk, two ounces of moist sugar, cinnamon, flour, quarter of a pound of butter. Cut the bread into slices about half an inch thick; put the milk, sugar and cinnamon into a bowl, dip each piece of bread into it several times, and then roll it lightly on the flour. Put the butter into a frying pan, when hot put in the pieces of bread, fry until of a light-brown color on both sides, take them with a fork, and put them on a clean cloth to absorb the fat. Serve on a hot dish, with powdered sugar over each.

Icelandic Ventilation. Dwellers in high latitudes are obliged to economize in the matter of heat, and naturally become accustomed to breathing an atmosphere so close as to seem almost unendurable to a stranger from some milder clime. Indeed it is one of the chief dangers of a northern winter that it compels people to shut themselves indoors.

A tourist in Iceland writes: "The b-d I slept in, though exceedingly comfortable, was at the far end of the little chamber tenanted by all the male members of the family, and towards the rear in a very narrow passage. I had a look for what was good and strong; honor that rejoices in it; and, as you can, try to get it; and your really will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes."

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Be Cautious. An important factor in the prevention of disease is the character of the food which we eat. Even exercise, which by some is considered food, health and life, should be taken moderately. It must be avoided early in the morning before breakfast on a wholesome diet. The air is very pure, and the sun has purified it, so that it breathes it freely is injurious. Malaria and chest diseases are liable to be taken. People who are not professional athletes cannot stand the fatigue of exercise before breakfast, and it even weakens the regular professional ones who are ignorant. The system is weaker when a person rises than any other period during the day. Says a professional athlete: "I was forced to walk twenty miles before breakfast when I began to train. I came back weak and exhausted. I came and did me more harm than good. The proper way is to rise an hour or so after the sun is up, take a light breakfast, and after the meal has thoroughly digested take the exercise."

Pernicious Literature. The best society for the suppression of pernicious literature is the family. The best legislation that can be passed for the prevention of the sale of vile literature can be passed by father and mother in joint convention assembled. Daily teaching to love and study good and useful things will bring boys and girls to detest the opposite. These are the only means by which the sale of pernicious literature may be suppressed. The passage of laws of the State and the watchfulness of the societies for the suppression of pernicious literature may do good for the youth who have no parents to teach them, but to provide sound early training for them would do far more.

A Profitable Business Operation. A California farmer recently gave the refusal of his farm for a week at one hundred and twenty-five dollars before he quickly retracted making the bargain and feared it would be taken. At the end of the week the purchaser informed him that he thought one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre was too much and would not take the farm at that price, thinking to obtain it for less. The farmer was delighted and immediately increased the price to one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre, and bound the purchaser with five hundred dollars down. A thousand dollars made in two acres in one minute was a pretty good operation.

A leading real estate agent (private and bank), Mr. J. B. Brown, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I feel it my duty to say of St. Jacobs Oil that I lay on my back three months with rheumatism. I tried it, and have never been troubled since."

To believe your own thought, to believe what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men—that is his aim. Speak your latest conviction and it shall be the universal sense, for the most in duty has become the utmost, and our first thought is rendered lack of by triumphs of the last judgment.

Mr. T. J. Murphy, 51 DeWitt Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I was afflicted with sciatic rheumatism a found St. Jacobs Oil very rapidly."

You will find it less easy to utrope fact than to check them by gaining victory. Do not think of your faults; still less of other's. In every person who comes to you, look for what is good and strong; honor that rejoices in it; and, as you can, try to get it; and your really will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes."

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