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If the evangelists fail to regenerate society Dr. Peter Donnelly thinks the surgeons might try their hand, not on the hearts, but on the heads of those wickedly inclined. Not very long ago Dr. Donnelly, the Toledo physician, operated successfully on the craniums of criminal children. He now says brain surgery is in its infancy, and he would like to see a commission appointed to take up this question and study it for a year or more. If it can be established that incorrigible criminals can be cured by successfully operating on their brains it will undoubtedly be a great blessing to humanity. Preachers, faith healers and spiritualists have had a free hand. Why not give the doctors a chance? The moral conditions of society seem to grow worse rather than better.

Over one-half of the voters in France are agriculturists and seventy per cent. of them are land-owners. Three-fourths of the land-owners are small peasant owners. The cultivation of the soil is intensive. Every inch of land, as John D. Rockefeller remarked on his return from France, is made to bear cereals or fruit or vegetables or marketable flowers. And the rule of life is that something must be left over for another year after the expenses of living are met. It is a system of frugality that Americans have not yet learned, perhaps because they have not had to, but one that excites their admiration as a national virtue, because it means real independence and an assurance against the future.

It was announced at Mobile that the Munson Steamship Line would establish a steamship service between Mobile and Panama.

A Louisiana man has suggested to Secretary Bonaparte that all black-legs be sent to the wars to be killed off.

AUTOMOBILE LUXURIES.

THE INSIDE OF A LIMOUSINE A REVELATION TO THE NOVICE.

There is Practically Nothing That a Modern Pullman Car Contains Which Cannot be Built in Miniature and Placed in a Motor Car.

The inside of a limousine body is indeed a revelation to the person who has conceived the ill formed idea that an automobile is an uncomfortable little box on wheels with hard, bumpy cushions and nothing to attract the person who desires ease and luxury while moving about the country, says Country Life in America.

Starting with the upholstery, which may be of either costly leather or whiplcord, or for that matter of any material that the owner desires, we find the cushions made of the best hair and fitted over the finest springs. In the interior finish of these bodies the coach builder has reached the perfection of his art. Cleverly designed pockets are conveniently placed to hold a kerchief, a purse or some visiting cards. Overhead there is an electric light hidden in the ceiling, while others gleam out at night from the four corners. There is a little foot warmer on the floor, and at times this is replaced with a complete cellophane. A silver bound card case in which a costly watch or small clock is set is placed directly in front of the occupants. On the right side is a brass plate bearing electric buttons connecting with the annunciator, by means of which the occupant of the car may control its speed and direction by flashing orders by electricity to the operator on the front seat. This done away with the old system of having a tube, it being necessary with that to have the driver stop his car when instructions are being given to him.

In some of the larger cars the designers have even gone so far as to furnish toilet conveniences. Card tables, writing desks, chafing dishes, all specially designed and fitted to the car, are no novelty.

There is practically nothing that a modern Pullman car contains, from the sleeping berth on, that cannot be built in miniature and placed in an automobile for practical use either in the city or while touring. In some cars complete cellarettes are designed in compact form and placed on the rumbleboard. They are fitted with bottles and glasses, corkscrews, etc., all silver mounted, and the spiritus frumenti is kept cool by a cleverly devised ice chest, which is part of the outfit. Such a convenience may cost any sum from \$75 up, according to its elaborateness and completeness.

One hundred dollars may be spent on an electric annunciator placed on the dash in front of the driver and operated with buttons inside the limousine. These buttons when pressed light up the dial, showing the words "Faster," "Left," "Right," "Slower," "Start," "Stop," "Home," "Club," or anything else that the owner may care to signal, if the dial be arranged accordingly. It is easy to spend \$75 more for a clock. Fifty dollars is not too much for an equipment of sterling silver mirrors, clothes brushes, whiskbrooms, perfume bottles, card cases and those other small fittings of like nature. A cleverly devised detachable card table will cost \$25, while \$50 more may go for a miniature ice box and still another \$50 for a fully equipped lunch basket containing plates, knives, forks, table linen, etc., for a picnic party of four or more.

If the owner is desirous of knowing just how fast his car is traveling he can spend \$75 and have a speedometer placed in front of him in the car. Five dollars will buy a grometer telling the steepness of a hill the car is ascending or descending. Five dollars more will buy a foot warmer; \$10 will buy a set of waterproof lamp covers; and \$8 more two enamelled duck the casings. A padded footrest, upholstered in keeping with the inside of the car, may cost \$10, and gives a firm support for the feet at a natural, comfortable incline, being a secure brace against violent motion of the car. Further to eliminate violent jars the machine may be equipped for \$75 with a set of shock absorbers, preventing breakage of springs on rough roads, and also insuring even and smooth riding without jar to the passengers. Supplementary rear springs may be bought for \$10 more. If much night riding is done, \$100 may be easily spent for gas headlights, and \$5 more for the latest gas tank filled with gas under pressure and requiring no attention until empty, when a new tank of gas may be bought for \$3.

If the owner be musically inclined he can fit his car with a chime horn of the callothe type, worked by the exhaust pressure from the engine. The equipment costs \$25 or \$30 to buy and install. The owner may joll back and play circus tunes as he is whirled through the country by simply manipulating the necessary valve levers.

OUR LITTLE HEROES.

Children of San Francisco Proved Worthy in Time of Trial.

There is much work for these homeless children by the sea. Mothers find it hard to keep their families clean, and to care for babies in camp, so big sisters must help tend the little ones, and boys must find wood and keep the camp fires burning. Indeed there are many children of tender years who are earning their own living in San Francisco. Down amid the ruins where heaps of bricks and rubbish are strewn about in confusion, and everybody must walk in the middle of the street, dodging the honking automobiles and the teams hauling brick and scrap iron, newsboys are selling papers as busily as ever. On the water front hard by a camp of soldiers, I found one youngster making a good living peddling packages of chocolate. Two urchins were busy tying up little rolls of copper wire which they were selling, and they amid the ruins, where he was selling relics of the fire. Down at the Ferry building two boys had started a flower stand and had thus brought a touch of brightness and cheer into the midst

of the scene of desolation. Out amid the ruined houses on the slope of Russian Hill I found a party of children working away at digging up a brick pavement. I asked them what they were doing it for, and they told me they meant to have a vegetable garden there. A little girl carrying a doll in her arms stood in the ruins of her former home. When I asked her what she was about she replied: "Packing water up to camp." All their water had to be carried four blocks up hill, and the boys and girls did their share of this work.

Yes, the children of San Francisco have been tried and have proved themselves worthy of their descent from the men who crossed the plains in the days of '49 when gold was discovered in California. With their cheer and courage they are helping fathers and mothers to commence life anew. While the rain beats upon the tents of the homeless, there is the prattle of child voices and the laughter of merry rompers within. In a hall between showers I saw two little girls dressed in "lady clothes," tattered old skirts of older sisters, and rags of veils, going from tent to tent on a round of calls. Even in that bitter cold rain of the first Sunday after the fire, when tents were few and frail and fathers stood all night in the storm holding a flimsy shelter over their dear ones, the children did not complain. In days to come, when the new city rises strong and beautiful out of the ruins of the old, when men point with pride to this broad avenue and that fine building, they will not forget that in those days of trial it was the mothers and children who, looking up to the husbands and fathers and brothers in loving trust, gave them the strength and the spirit to meet the crisis and to win.—From Charles Keeler's "Children and Their Pets in the San Francisco Fire" in St. Nicholas.

PALISADES FORMATION.

Allied in Time and Formation to Mount Holyoke and Cape Blomidon.

The complete height of the cliff was much higher, originally, for the glacier that buried North America down to this latitude eroded billions of tons which went to the upbuilding of Long Island, trap boulders being common in the soil of Brooklyn, and I have found on the top of the Palisades opposite Spayton Duvril, glacial gravings and polishings that have survived the presumptive 15,000 years since the glacier melted. The outpour of this mass from a volcano whose crater we cannot so much as guess in this day, was tremendous and it cut the Hudson and Hackensack valleys and pushed the latter several miles to the southward, while related activities thrust above the surface, either as down-pours or upflows, the thousand miles of basaltic hills that chain the Carolinas to the Bay of Fundy, so that our Palisades are allied in form and time to Mount Holyoke and Cape Blomidon, while they relate in cause to the steam vents that swept thousands into vicinity at Krakatau and Martinique, and were felt around the world.

To the mineralogist our Palisades do not yield so much of interest as we find in the rotting trap of Paterson, a few miles away, from which have been taken the largest prehnites in the world, sea green and wonderful; royal amethysts; balls of silky pectolite, and quartz pseudomorphs that copy them; but we find in these cliffs occasional duplicates of the columns that make the Giant's Causeway and Fingal's Cave—geometric shapes of three, four, five, six and more sides, not a result of crystallization, as was once imagined, for trap is a rock, not a mineral, but of lateral shrinking when it has cooled.—From Charles M. Skinner's "The Gates of the Hudson" in the Century.

Stork Family in Peril.

I once witnessed a charming little scene at a fire which was raging in Kadiffien. A pair of storks had built their nests of dry branches on the top of a chimney stack, and the mother bird had two young ones to provide for. One May night a fire broke out at the far end of the street, and a strong wind drove the flames from house to house, until the next was threatened.

In the brilliant glare of the burning street the mother bird was seen standing over the nest with wide outstretched, quivering wings. The clatters and sparks were flying all over her, but that mother love which the beasts of the field and the birds of the air display in common with sentient human beings forbade her to desert her young ones in the hour of peril. The crowd became quite excited and there were calls for a rescue. This was a task that involved danger, for the house was already burning. The Turkish soldiers, however, rushed in to the building and made their way to the roof. We watched and the plucky fellows approached the chimney stack, and suddenly the stork disappeared with an awkward flounder and a prodigious flapping of wings. One of the soldiers had seized it by its ungainly legs while the other rescued the nestlings. The two men had just time to get out of the building without having their retreat cut off.—Chamber's Journal.

The Fruits of Knowledge.

On the occasion of the last football match between Yale and Harvard, which took place at New Haven, the crowd that came to witness the match, estimated at over thirty thousand, so filled the streets of the Elm City that there were large groups of people everywhere.

The little daughter of a well-known clergyman was, on the day of the match, taking a walk with her mother. When she saw the great throngs of people all around her wherever she went, she showed her early religious training by exclaiming: "What is it, mamma—Resurrection Day?"—Harper's Weekly.

Of every 1,000 females over fifteen years old, 497 are unmarried in Ireland, 395 in England, and only forty-five in India, where child marriages are still in vogue.

New Ideas in Dressmaking

New York City.—Every style of dress for buttons are new allowable for mourning.



ly novel model that includes the becoming and favorite "laced" collar, while it also is made with applied box pleats that give a most becoming

Buttons For Mourning.

Buttons for mourning are new allowable for mourning.

Three-Piece Shirt.

The shirt made with a circular collar takes advantage of the graceful lines of the neck and shoulders. It has a long front gore that gives an effect of height and refinement to the figure. In the illustration, a smoke gray velvety is similar to that with holding silk, the buttons being finished with three small trims in which cords are inserted, but it is possible to suggest a great many variations. All the materials that can be faced with cord are appropriate, and that comes a great many as almost every material is designed for a shirt with a soft and thin. If the cords in the trims are not desired they can be left plain, or if a still more decorative effect is wanted there can be a trimming of braid, or a ribbon and a wide trim, while the finishing of the sleeves is trimmed in a variety of ways, and can be made of all shades and similar material.

The shirt made with the front collar, the collar buttons and the buttons on the sleeves are made in a variety of ways, and the buttons can be made with extensions to give a most becoming and



feet. In the illustration smoke gray velvety is stitched with holding silk and trimmed with a velvet collar of the same color and handsome buttons, little frills of the lace finishing the sleeves, but the model is equally well suited to all seasonable materials. It can be utilized for the light weight wools, pongees and the like of winter seasons' wear, and also for cloth and the heavier goods of the autumn. The scalloped edges of the sleeves are an especially noteworthy feature and make an effect that is as pretty as it is new.

The Eton is made with fronts and side-fronts, backs and side backs. The pleats are separate and are applied over the seams, terminating in scalloped edges slightly below the jacket. The neck is finished with the roll-over collar and the closing is made in double breasted style. The sleeves are moderately full, box pleated at their lower edges to harmonize with the Eton, and are gathered at the arms' eyes.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three yards twenty-seven, one and five-eighths yards forty-four or one and a half yards fifty-two inches wide with one-half yard of velvet.

New Materials Dressy. The new materials for more dressy day wear include some very beautiful fabrics. Volle lino, Pekin Holeno, marquisette and those exquisite open weaves which call for dainty linings. By the way, the fancy for poupadour silk as a dress lining is going to hold over through the season, and the above materials are just the ones with which to use it.

Hint of Whiteness. The veil of flay white chiffon worn beneath the regular veil gives a hint of whiteness to the complexion that is not despised by the most prosaic of women.

Lingerie For Sleeves. Lingerie effects still hold for chemisettes and sleeve ruffles, and add the essential touch of whitebear the face.

Popular Accompaniments. Bodices of chiffon-lined lace and net are worn under the coats, whose short sleeves are all elbow length, and show many variations of detail. Shoes match the color of the frock and the French or English sailor worn—and which is the popular accompaniment to such a gown—is of the latest description.

Design for Embroidery. The graceful blossom of that past of the famous Queen Anne's lace, is a charmingly graceful design for embroidery, and it is especially pretty developed in white and the delicate shades of green natural to stems and leaves.

Flirt Coiffures. Only those with the slenderest and trimmest of feet and ankles can afford to adopt the plaid garter or spat

Buttons on Dressy Frocks. For dressy frocks are lace-like buttons with delicate enamelled flowers thereon.

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