

of Interest to Women.

CAUSES OF TRUANCY.

Chief One Is Failure of the School to Interest the Child.

There are over six hundred thousand children in the public schools of New York, and the records show only about fifty thousand truancy cases for the year ending in July, 1904. Dr. Clarence E. Mealey, associate city superintendent of public schools, who addressed the women's conference of the Society for Ethical Culture at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon, thinks that this is not a bad showing, and the number, moreover, is a decrease of one thousand from the preceding year. This, however, does not represent the total number of truants in the city, for the reason that the seventy-seven attendance officers, who have to cover the entire city, cannot possibly find them all. "There are thousands of policemen covering the same district," said Dr. Mealey, "and it occurred to me that they might co-operate with the attendance officers in picking up truants, but the Commissioner thought it would take up too much of their time. Every little while we find a family in which none of the children have ever been to school, but we don't hold the parents or the neighborhood responsible for that. It is not his business to go into homes or into stores and factories where children are illegally employed, except to investigate cases reported to him by the principals of the schools, the Children's Aid Society, Settlements and similar agencies of the health board."

Dr. Mealey found the "root of truancy" in the lack of drawing power in the school. Children are not drawn to school by the same force that draws them to the air and activities of the school. Much truancy had been cured and more could be, he said, by the adaptation of education to the needs of the child.

"Much truancy," he said, "is due to the habit created by part time classes. Much is due to physical causes. But more is due to the failure of the school to interest the child. Truancy has been lessened by the creation of special classes for special classes of children, and I should like to see special schools for children who are not adapted to the regular course of study is not adapted could be educated in subjects that they were able to master. The location in such schools should be largely industrial."

Dr. Mealey mentioned that he had tried to capture truants by the use of the camera, but he said, when asked for an explanation of their absence from school, that as Thanksgiving was a holiday they didn't see why they shouldn't have the whole week.

**SUNSHINE SOCIETY**  
DAILY THOUGHT.  
Give us to wake with smiles, give us to labor with peace, and to sleep with no regrets. No loving kindness may brighten this home of our habitation.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

**MONEY RECEIVED.**  
The following contributions for the Thanksgiving fund have been received: George A. W. P., \$5; M. D. R., New Jersey, \$5; J. M. D., East Orange, N. J., \$5; Mrs. L. E. G., New York, \$5; Mrs. E. M. L., East Orange, N. J., \$5; Mrs. Lillian Stansby, East Orange, N. J., \$5; Mrs. M. W. Hill, of Connecticut, sends for the emergency fund \$50 cents for the expression; Miss Emery, 10 cents, and Mrs. B. and Miss G., \$1 for badges.

**HELPS THROUGH BRANCHES.**  
Mrs. George Perkins Lawton, president of the Stratoga branch, will in addition to her usual Christmas distribution of cheer send out twenty-five bound novels and cards to Sunshine Invalids. The list has been furnished by the office.  
The Dorchester (Mass.) branch does much of its work through the City Guild, and the president gives one day each week to the City Guild, and the charity organization preparing garments for the poor.  
The Elmira (N. Y.) members are lending a helping hand to a worthy mission in that city. The Fishermen's Institute is busy with work for the needy, and the members are busy during the holidays with their usual work. The Elmira branch is busy with the letters and souvenir postcards to Sunshine Invalids. The president of the Postal Card branch, before it decided to take up the work of the City Guild, sent out 4,500 postcards to the branch members. Many of them were forwarded while she was traveling in Europe.

**ALLENDALE REPORTS.**  
Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, treasurer of the Allendale (N. J.) adult branch, reports that the sum of \$23.49 was realized from a euchre held by the branch, out of which a desk and chair were purchased to help furnish a new classroom in the public school. Many of the scholars are T. S. S. members. Ten dollars was forwarded as a special gift to another branch, and many articles of clothing were "passed on" to worthy families. The sum of \$3 will be contributed to the T. S. S. Christmas fund at the general office. The Junior branch of Allendale is in a happy mood. Mrs. J. S. Frank Drummond, the president, reports as follows:  
Since May the children's branch held a sale of fancy articles, candy, cake, etc., at which the sum of \$45 was made. Out of this, \$10 was given for the Holiday Ride and \$20 toward the Allendale school. The balance on hand will be given toward the Christmas box. Flowers and clothing were distributed.

**CHELSEA BRANCH SALE.**  
Mrs. Greene reports that the receipts from the program and bag sale held last week were \$74.85. This amount was set for a number of jars of extra fine preserves that were made by the members. Mrs. S. S. member in New Jersey, who helps to support the work of the New Jersey mother in this way. The president was glad to assist in the work of the branch, and she takes orders, and during the year she has been able to sell \$20 worth of preserves—a welcome addition to the limited income of these gentlefolk.

**CONTRIBUTIONS.**  
A cloth suit and unfinished wool work have been received from Greenwich, Conn.; two pairs of women stockings, from Mrs. G. E. Bennett, for an invalid; a box of clothing, from Mrs. Church, of Brookline; a box of clothing, from Mrs. E. P. Haviland, of Ives; five games, from R. P. P. useful articles, cards, etc., from A. E. N. of Flatfield, N. J.; a generous supply of Christmas gifts, from the Hillsdale branch; and some articles of underwear for the Southern Christmas boxes, from L. M. of Staten Island. There were tickets for Thanksgiving dinners have come from G. A., which will be given to those who otherwise would have had no dinner on that day.

A DOCTOR'S TRIALS

He Sometimes Gets Sick Like Other People.  
Even doing good to people is hard work if you have too much of it to do.  
No one knows this better than the hard-working, conscientious family doctor. He has troubles of his own—often gets caught in the rain or snow, or loses so much sleep he sometimes gets out of sorts. An overworked Ohio doctor tells his experience:  
"About three years ago as the result of doing too much work, attending a large practice and looking after the details of other business, my health broke down completely, and I was little better than a physical wreck.  
"I suffered from indigestion and constipation, loss of weight and appetite, bloating and pain after meals, loss of memory and lack of nerve force for continued mental application.  
"I became irritable, easily angered and dependent without cause. The heart's action became irregular and weak, with frequent attacks of palpitation during the first hour or two after retiring.  
"Some Grape-Nuts and cut bananas came for my lunch one day and pleased me particularly with the result. I got more satisfaction from it than from anything I had eaten for months, and on further investigation and use, adopted Grape-Nuts for my morning and evening meals, served usually with cream and a sprinkle of salt or sugar.  
"My improvement was rapid and permanent in weight, as well as in physical and mental endurance. In a word, I am filled with the joy of living again, and continue the daily use of Grape-Nuts for breakfast and often for the evening meal.  
"The little pamphlet, 'The Road to Wellville,' in which is given the full details of the Grape-Nuts remedy," Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason."



Tea Rooms as Conducted in New York

A practical article by Martha McCulloch-Williams, illustrated. Christmas Babies for the Asking, with portraits. The true story of "The Mistletoe Bough," with photographs. The Art of the Silversmith, illustrated. A Christmas Service for the home, with carol, arranged by Florence Morse Kingsley. Practical Christmas gifts, candies, dinners, decorations. A stunning cover, frontispiece by Blanche Ostertag, and four other features in color.

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

The December Issue

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A THANKSGIVING TEA.

Old Fashioned Colonial Dishes To Be Used Effectively—Odd Decorative Schemes.

At a Thanksgiving tea to be given to-morrow in the attractive apartment of an ingenious young matron the whole scheme of dining room decoration, as well as the costumes worn by the hostess and her assistants, will be characteristic of a Colonial Thanksgiving.

To begin with, daylight will be excluded from the pretty, mahogany furnished dining room, which will depend for its illumination on yellow candles in rosy chequered apertures by way of sconces. These lights will be arranged like so many tall dips around the entire room on the plate rail, while hanging between each, from long brass nails, will be bunches of brilliant yellow field corn.

On the centre of the cosy round table, with its cover of snowy damask, will stand a basket fashioned from a large pumpkin and heaped with gorgeous fruit. Bunches of grapes will cluster effectively around the high arched handle, and trailing vines will be arranged gracefully about the whole. Then, to complete the Thanksgiving flavor of this pretty ensemble, there is to be a row of yellow candles in bright apple-stems around the centerpiece, with a lot of little silver and cut glass dishes of bonbons in the form of pumpkins, cranberries and kernels of corn disposed here and there about the table.

And the tea? Oh, that will be poured from a lovely old Colonial silver teapot, and there are to be dainty turkey sandwiches to go with it, and individual loaves shaped like fruit and vegetables, and for merry hostess and the crowd of pretty girls who are going to assist her, they will come in dainty, powdered hair and patches.

The last act in this carefully thought out scheme will be the punch, served hot from a large old silver punchbowl, which has its history, as have the silver cups from which the guests will drink the steaming brew before leaving the dining room.

**THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS.**  
What shall the prospective Thanksgiving hostess, wearying of the more obvious combinations of turkey, pumpkins, fruits and flowers, turn to for something a little different? Thanksgiving decorations will be still further expressed by the plate cards. One novel plate card is a small and hand painted card, on which are fastened with an invisible wire to the wingless. Some of the more attractive Thanksgiving post cards also make most appropriate place cards.

Paper ramaikins, resembling turkeys with outspread wings; decorated paper dolls, and bonbon boxes, characteristic of the harvest are to be found in styles galore at the shops. Roasted turkeys, "strutting turkeys," natural looking nuts, pumpkins, cranberries and slices of pumpkin pie—everything one can think of that is in any way suggestive of Thanksgiving can be found in some style or case or receptacle, or even in chocolate itself. The variety of favors is as perplexing as it is interesting. A novelty is in the form of a natural looking peanut, about three inches long. It contains a paper cap and a tiny toy or trinket, the small opening of the narrow ribbon. The bright red snapper, ornamented with a gilt turkey, is another popular form. Small bars of chocolate, on which are perched a turkey and a tiny knife and fork, are unique. Individual moulds add to the charm of the salads and loaves, while sandwiches and cakes become more tempting when shaped fancifully by the use of the little cutters that can be bought in any hardware or department store.

TO TALK ON THANKSGIVING.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles, of the Sabbath Alliance and Young Women's Christian Association, will be the leader at the prayer meeting of the Ladies' Christian Union to be held to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, in the chapel of the Collegiate Church, 411th Avenue and 41st Street. Her subject will be "Thanksgiving and the Christian's Duty." Mrs. Robert will be in charge of the music.

THE TRIBUNE PATTERN.

The chemisette, or the guimpe effect, that is so fashionable for the grown folk, is also to be found in the frocks of the little girls. Here is an exceedingly attractive dress that includes the fancy yoke and deep cuffs that give the desired suggestion but that can also be made with short sleeves and with plain yoke. In the illustration are place cards.



NO. 5361—TISSUE PAPER PATTERN OF GIRL'S DRESS FOR 10 CENTS.  
It is made of dark red velvet with velvet trimming and yoke and cuffs of a simple allover lace, there being also some feather stitching used, which gives a pretty finish.  
For the twelve-year size will be required five yards of material 27, four and one-quarter yards for three and five-eighths yards 44 inches wide, with seven-eighths yard 35 inches wide for the yoke and deep cuffs. Pattern No. 5361, sizes 6 to 12 years.  
The pattern will be sent to any address on receipt

THANKSGIVING APPEAL

OF THE FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

NO COLLECTOR IS EMPLOYED

32,032 LITTLE ONES, from the poorest classes of the city, have been sheltered and cared for since the incorporation of this institution, now in its 23d year of service. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING: Besides the regular school classes, it offers training in printing, cooking, sewing and housework to the inmates. FOR THE SICK among the children it has a special hospital building with efficient nurses and a graduate physician in attendance. WILL YOU ASSIST US to carry on this work, the beneficial results of which cannot be measured by mere figures? We depend largely upon your support for our maintenance. A SERVICE OF SACRED SONG rendered by our children every Sunday at 2:30 p. m., to which all are welcome. You are also invited to visit us on other days, and particularly on the following dates: AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, the children of the House have their dinner. AT TWO O'CLOCK, a dinner is given to the out-door poor. SPECIAL EXERCISES BY THE CHILDREN at two o'clock. Solos, Duets, Recitations and Drills. You will find this an interesting service. COME AND SEE THE WORK WE ARE DOING. IN SCHOOL SINCE ORGANIZED. DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. A HOME FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN. TRUSTEES. MORRIS K. JESUP, President. ARCHIBALD D. RUSSELL, Sec'y. CHARLES F. HOFFMAN. T. TILSTON WELLS. GUY RICHARDS McLANE. WILLIAM R. GARBUTT, Superintendent.

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on the duty of the President to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation. He says: It is not only the President's right to call the people to Thanksgiving service, but his duty. The Declaration of Independence affirms that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is the duty of the President to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation, and to call the people to Thanksgiving service, and to thank God for the blessings of the year.

SERIOUS FIRE AT BATTERY.

Tunnel Building. Near Storage Place for Explosives, Burned. Fire partly destroyed the sand house, a two story frame building, of the New York Tunnel Company at the Battery, opposite South Ferry, yesterday morning. The cause is supposed to have been defective insulation. Great excitement prevailed for a while, as it was feared that a quantity of powder and dynamite stored near the building would be exploded. The reserves of the Church street and Old Slip stations were called out during the fire to handle the crowds of commuters from Staten Island and South Brooklyn. Only the prompt and efficient work of the Fire Department and the tunnel company's volunteers prevented the destruction of the South Ferry elevated station. It was feared for a time that the men at work in the tunnel were in danger of suffocation. The strong draft in the tunnel forced the smoke out, and the men did not know that there had been a fire until it was out.

BAPTISTS CONDEMN CONGO CRUELITIES.

The Baptist ministers at their meeting yesterday adopted resolutions condemning conditions in the Congo Free State and calling on Secretary Root of the State Department to do everything in his power to put an end to the injustices practised in that country. The resolutions will be signed by three hundred Baptist ministers. The Presbyterian ministers appointed a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, the Rev. Dr. Cleland B. McAfee and the Rev. Dr. David G. Wylie, to draw up similar resolutions. They will report next Monday.

VETERAN SMOTHERED BY SMOKE.

Matthew Roach, of No. 408 East 76th street, a veteran of the Civil War, was smothered yesterday morning in a fire in the basement of No. 215 West 26th street. He went into the factory early in the morning and in attempting to light the gas dropped a lighted match into a mass of straw that was lying on the floor. Although the blaze was put out almost immediately, Roach was suffocated by the smoke.

THE PRESIDENT'S TURKEY SHIPPED.

Westerly, R. I., Nov. 26.—Ready to be cooked, and packed neatly in a box, a twenty-eight pound turkey was shipped to President Roosevelt by Horace Vose to-day. The sending of a turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner at the White House is an annual affair with Mr. Vose. The bird is a Rhode Island bronze, with a tinge of wild blood.

THANKSGIVING AT EMANUEL.

The Thanksgiving services at the Temple Emanuel will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. Leon Magnus. There will be no services at the other temple in Fifth Avenue on Thanksgiving Day this year. Dr. Schulman having delivered his Thanksgiving sermon last Saturday. At the Synagogue of the Spanish and Portuguese Hebrews, 70th street and Central Park West, the services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. H. Perera Mendes and there will also be a special musical service, in which the Spanish Hebrew melodies of the time before the exodus from Spain, in 1492, will be the feature. Dr. Mendes will speak

**The Wanamaker Store**  
Store Closes at 6 P. M.  
**Informal Recitals In the AUDITORIUM**  
Mr. Arthur Depew at the Organ. Mr. Ferdinand Himmelreich at the Piano. Mr. P. K. Van York at the Angelus.  
10:30 A. M. to 12 M., 1:30 to 2:30, and 3:30 to 4:30 P. M.  
Other features of public interest:  
**The Museum of the French Revolution**  
Fifth floor, Stewart Building.  
**The New Art Galleries**  
Ninth floor, Wanamaker Building.  
**The Exhibition of Bridal Gowns from Paris**  
Third floor, Stewart Building.

**DIAMONDS**  
DIAMONDS, unlike other articles of personal adornment, never lose their value or go out of style. On the contrary, diamonds that are properly bought are an excellent investment. Those bought ten years ago are worth almost double what they were when purchased, and present indications promise a constant advance for years to come. Nothing is more elegant for gifts, or more delightful to receive. The Wanamaker stocks have been selected with the utmost care, and our purchases of stones were made previous to several recent advances. Those who make their purchases here will be absolutely sure of weight and quality of stones, and they will have the full advantage of what we have saved on their cost. We have a very large stock of unmounted diamonds, and by doing our own mountings we are able to offer many unusual values.  
Solitaire Diamond Rings, \$15 to \$25, in our mounted stock. Loose diamonds to be mounted at prices ranging up to \$1250 each.  
Also a very elaborate showing of Princess, cluster and dinner Rings in various designs of diamonds set with pearls, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, turquoises and other jewels.  
Diamond Brooches, \$28 to \$690.  
Brooches, in unique and exclusive designs, \$22 to \$150.  
Jewelry Store, Tenth street and Broadway, Stewart Building.

**Men's Afternoon Dress**  
Hundreds of men who are bound up tight and fast to their tailors when afternoon or evening dress suits are required, would be amazed to see what correct and handsome dress clothing is to be found at WANAMAKER'S ready-made. On the Avenue the man who wears a Wanamaker frock coat will scarcely be distinguished from the man who wears a custom-made coat costing double. The style and character are practically the same. The materials are almost identical, and the tailoring of the Wanamaker coat will be found to be executed with expert care, and the coat beautifully finished inside and out. The fit is always perfect before the coat goes out of the house.  
Men's Frock Coats and Waistcoats, of black thibet, Italian cloth-lined and silk-lined, at \$25; full silk lined, at \$30.  
Of imported vicuña, full silk-lined, at \$35.  
Cutaway Frock Suits, of black thibet and unfinished worsted; some serge-lined, others silk-lined, at \$29 to \$35.  
Neat Striped Worsteds Trousers, for wear with frock coats, \$5 to \$12.  
A very handsome collection of Plain and Fancy Street Vests, at \$2.50 to \$12.  
Main floor, Wanamaker Building.

**Leather Goods for Men**  
See this superb stock of leather goods, and the question of Christmas gifts for men will be quickly answered. We have never given more attention to choice of goods, or provided more lavishly for the holidays; added to this, we have more room; therefore you may select with comfort and satisfaction.  
Today we make a special offer of **Military Brushes in Leather Cases, \$1.50, worth \$2.25.**  
There is a pair of ebony or foxwood brushes in each case. You will find an excellent selection of Card Cases, Bill Folds and Wallets, in grain, matt seal, Russia leather and English pigskin; some plain, others with sterling silver mountings. We show also large stocks of other leather accessories for men.  
Stock-pin Cases, of pigskin and other leathers, at 75c to \$1.  
Cigar Cases, at \$1 to \$2.  
Cigarette Cases, at \$1 to \$2.  
Military Brushes, in cases, \$3 to \$5.  
Coat Hangers, at \$1 to \$2.  
Flasks, at 40c to \$1.  
Collar and Cuff Cases, at 50c to \$2.  
Dressing Cases, with or without Razors, at \$3 to \$10; with Gillette Safety Razors, at \$12.50 to \$25.  
Leather Mirrors, at 75c to \$2.50.  
Shaving Pads, at 50c to \$2.50.  
Umbrella and Cane Straps, 25c to \$1.  
Telescope Cases, at \$1 to \$2.50.  
Main floor, Wanamaker Building.

**Holiday Array of New Silk Petticoats**  
THE gift of a handsome silk petticoat pleases a woman mightily. These petticoats are stunning. Of lustrous silks in latest patterns; crisply fresh, fascinating, colorful, with latest fads and fancies in trimmings, with voluminous and frilly ruffles, they are the quintessence of STYLE!  
Plain colors in changeable effects, plaids and Roman stripes, and black, variously trimmed, at \$5 to \$27.  
Pink, light blue, mauve or white Silk Skirts, with detachable flounces of white organdy, trimmed with lace and insertions, at \$7.50 and \$9.  
Fourth floor, Broadway, Stewart Building.

**Holiday Handkerchiefs**  
Our complete stocks are ready, and hundreds of people are already making selections for Christmas presents. Handkerchiefs are easy to lay away for a month, and there is plenty of room and time for careful selection just now, and hundreds of our choice and exclusive designs will be secured by those who come early.  
All of our handkerchiefs are absolutely pure linen, excepting those that are pure silk, and there is almost unlimited variety for men, women and children—a great many beautiful styles being done up, six handkerchiefs, all in different patterns, in a box.  
Very attractive boxes of Women's Initial Handkerchiefs, at 75c, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3, for a box of six.  
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, six in a box, at 75c, \$1.50, \$3 and \$4.50 a box.  
Rotunda, Stewart Building.

**Handsome Coats for Young Women**  
Winter styles are settled. You will find at WANAMAKER'S splendid assortment of charming coats for young women—coats suitable for street and evening wear. They embody the best points of the season's styles, and are all smart, pretty models. They show simplicity and grace, expert tailoring, beautiful finish, and sufficient elaboration in trimmings to make them natty, becoming and satisfactory.  
Long Coats of blue and black kersey; collars and cuffs of velvet. At \$3.95.  
Long Broadcloth Coats, in black and blue; full satin-lined; velvet collar and cuffs. Braded. At \$15.  
Tourist Coats, in fancy light and dark mixtures, at \$9, \$10, \$11, \$12.  
Evening Coats of broadcloth, white, brown and gray; lined throat with peau de cygne, at \$35.  
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, six in a box, at 75c, \$1.50, \$3 and \$4.50 a box.  
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ELECTRICITY--

**And Its Use in the Home**  
Today the same mysterious power that charges the third rail on a great railroad can be tamed to heat dish-water or bake biscuits. An electric lighter gives life to your cigar; an electric hair dryer quickly evaporates the moisture; an electric refrigerator drinks in water and turns out cakes of ice in fact, for nearly every household purpose electricity has won recognition.  
All this is demonstrated in the Electrical Store, Basement of the Wanamaker Building, and there you may see just what wonders are performed, and taste the crisp biscuits or light cakes fresh from the electrical oven. Here are a few useful articles run by the power that lights your home, and attached in a second to any electric light socket:  
Cigar Lighters, at \$3 each.  
Water Heaters, 1 pint, at \$5.  
Nursery Milk Warmers, at \$6.50.  
Electric Stoves, at \$4, \$6 and \$8.  
Curling Iron Heaters, \$3 and \$3.75.  
Electric Irons, \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$6.50.  
Improved Electric Heating Pads, at \$5 and \$6.  
Electric Ovens, \$40.  
Hair Dryers, \$40.  
Radiator, at \$10 to \$34.  
Knife Sharpener and Buffing Machine, at \$40.  
Electric Grids, at \$19.  
Chaffing Dishes, \$13, \$15 and \$17.  
Electric Appliances Operated by Dry Cell Batteries Canned Lamps, at \$3.50.  
House Lanterns, at \$3.  
Medical Batteries, at \$4.50.  
Electrical Bell Outfits, at 75c.  
Electrical Alarm Clocks, \$3.50 to \$5.  
Gas Lighters, \$1.75.  
Pocket Flash Lights, 50c and \$1.25.  
Watch Stands, at \$1.  
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