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The oleomargarine business will not down. Americans used 66,096,958 pounds of oleomargarine last year.

With a national debt of \$105 for each inhabitant Great Britain appears to worry along quite comfortably.

Our farmers may take courage from the fact that England imports from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 worth of potatoes every year.

The Siamese have a great horror of odd numbers, and were never known to put five, seven, nine, or eleven windows in a house or temple.

There is a gigantic "rooking stone," or balanced boulder on the pinnacle of Tandil Mountain, Buenos Ayres. It is 24 feet in height, 99 feet long, and will weigh twenty-five tons.

Savensivexukivlaravvomatakamwy is a word which in the mouth of the amorous Eskimo means everything that is sweet and nice. The lovesick Greenlander goes swooning with this word.

Gypsies in France have hitherto managed to avoid being numbered and traced. They roam through the country in bands, and as long as they did no serious harm were let alone by the police. Now the gendarmes have orders to take a census of these nomads and to see that those who are not French are registered like other foreigners.

Governor Altgeld preaches silver, but wants his pay in gold. He is one of the wealthiest men of Illinois and some one who has looked into the matter finds that as a landlord he demands that he be paid his rentals in "standard gold coin of the United States," and these words are printed in specially prepared lease blanks used by him.

The struggle in Cuba is being watched with most intense interest in Spain and great things are expected of General de Campos by the Spanish government. He is expected to make the campaign short, sharp and decisive, and to wind up the rebellion in short order. If he wins, nothing will be too good for him in Spain. If he fails, his downfall will be sudden and vastly humiliating.

A most interesting flag will fly over the Plant system exhibit at the Atlanta (Ga.) Exposition. "It is," says "The Atlanta Constitution," "a plain flag of bunting with the stars and stripes of the United States. It surmounted the exhibit of the Plant system in the old Piedmont Exposition in 1887, and was much admired by Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland when they were shown through the exhibit by Mr. Grady. That flag afterward decorated the exhibit of the Plant system at the Paris Exposition, and on the day when the Bartholdi statue was presented to the city of Paris by American citizens through Whiteley Reid, then United States Minister to France, who acted as spokesman, and was accepted by President Carnot, both of them alluded in their speeches to the flag flying at the top of the Eiffel tower. That flag was the same above alluded to that surmounted the exhibit at the Piedmont Exposition, and which adorned the exhibit of the Plant system at Paris, and which will again adorn that exhibit at this exposition."

The New York Tribune yesterday in an article on "Better Days for the Turf" says: "The officers of the Jockey Club and the men who control the various racetracks in this State will have an opportunity this year to make racing a thoroughly popular sport and one worthy of public confidence. They have fallen into many errors in the past. They have spurned well-considered counsel, and have been bent upon having their own way. Every racetrack in this State has been managed in past years chiefly with the idea of deriving the largest possible profits from the betting-rings, and without sufficient regard for purity and integrity in the sport and for the reputation of the American turf. There were many dishonest races run on the racetracks in the Empire State in 1894; there were many cases of obvious pulling; there were many jobs and steals carried through triumphantly and successfully. The Legislature, after

many earnest appeals and prayers on the part of those interested in keeping up racing, has consented to give the Jockey Club and the racetracks an opportunity to purify racing, to remove all the scandals and abuses and evils, and make the sport clean and decent."

It is not improbable that despite the falling off in revenue occasioned by the new democratic tariff, Europe will be shipping gold to this country soon. Three months ago financial circles were justly in great trepidation and alarm over the loads of the precious metal that were being exported from the United States. Much interest is felt to know the amount of our securities sold abroad since Mr. J. P. Morgan, representing the bond syndicate, landed in England a few weeks ago. Foreign bankers, in close communication with London, estimate that Mr. Morgan himself has influenced the placing of about \$15,000,000; it has been said that he would dispose of \$30,000,000 before he gets back. Aside from the \$32,500,000 in new 4s which were sold in London, the Journal of Commerce estimates foreign purchases within a short time (since February 15), as follows: New York Central debenture bonds, \$5,500,000; Wabash refunding bonds, \$5,500,000; Minneapolis and St. Louis bonds, \$2,000,000; Southern Railway bonds, \$1,750,000; Chesapeake and Ohio bonds, about \$1,250,000; Missouri, Kansas and Texas bonds, about \$750,000; Manhattan Elevated railroad bonds, \$5,000,000; other bonds, estimated \$5,000,000; total, \$31,250,000. The net movement in stocks is estimated at \$3,500,000 in favor of foreign account, and the final total, including the new 4s, is \$34,750,000.

EMERGING. There seems to be a general lull among the old world nations as regards eastern affairs. Perhaps Russia will seek to gain a long coveted eastern harbor open the year round by diplomatic concessions. Why should not a tempting offer of glittering gold for the much wanted port solve the knotty problem? The United States has set a splendid example to the rest of the world in the way she has extended her domain by amicable means, as witness the Louisiana purchase, which brought to Uncle Sam an immense and most valuable territory which now divided into great states forms so important a part of our country; and the purchase by Mr. Seward of Alaska, a purchase cavilled at at first, but which has also turned out so well and is rapidly proving itself to be a very valuable acquisition. Quiet is again restored in Nicaragua and the British Hon runs no more at Corinto, but has departed in a very satisfied frame of mind, and no American animosity on the course taken to obtain satisfaction is likely to result. Our British cousins are year by year becoming more and more closely identified with this nation in interests and ties that bind, and just at present an additional and powerful factor in the strong tide of business improvement, which is apparent all over this country, is the heavy purchases of American investment securities in London, confidence in American securities, and in the stability of American institutions having returned. The better feeling in London is also reflected in Paris and Berlin, and American investments are again finding favor also in these financial centers. The fears occasioned abroad by the anarchist and socialist demonstrations of last summer, the Coxeyites' march to Washington of just a year ago, the shrieks and threats of blood-to-the-bridle Waite, the wild clamoring of populists and silverites just after the big financial panic; and the immense railroad strike in the west of last year—have subsided. The country seems to be emerging handsomely from the protracted business depression of '93-4. The first glimpses of sunlight in the prevailing gloom came with the republican victories of last November and the departure from Washington last March of the democratic congress—a congress the like of which, for inefficiency and general incapacity, was probably never paralleled in the history of the country. The long days of gloom and adversity seem to be passing and the future looks hopeful and promising, with the indications bright for a return to power, chastened and purified, of the great party under whose management the nation emerged from the gloom and shadows of one of the greatest wars in the world's history, into the sunshine of happiness, paying off a gigantic war debt and reaching a degree of prosperity, under a wise protection of American industries, never attained before in the annals of our government.

FASHION NOTES.

Why Capes Are In Demand. After a look at the sleeves of the waist shown below, and after an assurance that its sleeves are of fashionable size, no explanation of the fact that short capes are stylish need be entered upon. Jackets cannot be gotten over such sleeves, so capes are more abundant than they were last season. They are, too, equally as ornate but in quite a new way. You may rip up your last season's cape and use its velvet, lace and frills for boas and epaulettes, but as a cape last year's garment may not be worn. The wrap of to-day that is just right is circular, has no seams any-

where and reaches not a bit lower than the elbows. It is very full about the edge and is more often than not of perforated cloth in contrasting color. It is almost always edged with a very full ruche of the lining material and should have a corresponding ruche about the neck finished with long ends of chiffon in a color that need not harmonize with the rest of the cape and which terminate in big soft rosettes that swing about the knees. Bunches of flowers often effect the place of rosettes. The whole effect is light, fluffy and quite different from anything a woman's wardrobe can possibly offer from any previous season.

As to the sleeves that suggested the need of capes, they are, as sketched, made of silk applique, the same material giving the deep collar, while the lower part of the blouse is of plain white green silk gathered at the top and bottom. The blouse would be equally very pretty in white silk studded with jet nailheads, with black or colored silk for the rest. Its essential characteristic is the bagginess of the blouse at the belt in front.

Spangles are still in high favor and are thick on fancy waists. You may lay them on so closely that the material under does not show, or sprinkle them so sparsely that they twinkle only here and there like stars on a dark night. But it is well to have them somehow. FLORETTE.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"Civic Christianity." By William Prall, S. T. D. A dozen sermons on practical subjects, such as, good citizenship, good government, common honesty, and the education of the young. All are thoughtful, earnest, unprejudiced and spiritual, worthy of a careful reading by all those who have the best interests of our great nation at heart. Thomas Whitaker, New York. For sale by E. P. Judd company.

"If Jesus Came to Boston." By Edward E. Hale. One of Dr. Hale's vivid and realistic sketches that seem, as one reads, to be a narration of genuine experiences. The key-note of the book is found in the first chapter, where "Dr. Primrose" refers to Mr. Stead's



book "If Christ Came to Chicago," and suggests that life should be shown from all points of view—not the bad side alone, but the wise and thoughtful charities, the earnest philanthropic and reformatory efforts whereby the world is brightened, the needy helped and the sorrowing comforted. Lamson, Wolff & Co., Boston. For sale by E. P. Judd company.

"Jean Bellin: The French Robinson Crusoe." From the French of Alfred De Brehat. A story that has justly been called a companion to "The Swiss Family Robinson," as the young hero and his companions, thrown upon an uninhabited part of the coast of Africa, show the same fertility of resources in adapting themselves to their surroundings, and causing the wilderness to yield up its treasures for their comfort, as did the heroes in the former story. To girls as well as to boys this interesting story will teach valuable lessons of self-help and show that by united action the best results are produced. Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by E. P. Judd company.

"The Blue and the Gray—On Land." This second volume of the series is entitled "In the Saddle," and the reader continues the acquaintance of many of the characters that appear in the first volume. The real military operations of the war are now commenced and a realistic view of the exciting events of those troubled days is presented. The main incidents are historically correct. Not the least important of the merits of the story is the sturdy patriotism that pervades it. It will be heartily welcomed by the host of Mr. Adams' boy admirers. Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by E. P. Judd company.

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SOIRÉE. "In my business, lady, it's impossible to get a day's work." "You don't see! What's your business?" "I'm a night-watchman."—Scribner's.

There are some people whose religion wouldn't fool the most credulous person on earth; but they expect the Lord to swallow it.—Athenian Globe.

Cholly Five O'Clock—How would you—like to own a little—puppy, Miss Fourleaf? Miss Fourleaf—This is so sudden!—Louisville Truth.

Dr. Fogg—Young man, I am afraid I shall not see you in heaven. Irreverent Youth—Cheer up, doctor; you are not so wicked as that.—Good Company.

Tommy—Pa, what is an "intellectual sotree?" Mr. Fitz—it is generally one where the refreshments do not cost much more than sixpence a head.—Tit-Bits.

A country bridegroom, when the bride hesitated to pronounce the word "obey," remarked to the officiating clergyman: "Go on, minister—It don't matter, I can make her."—Tit-Bits.

"I guess," said the sharp-nosed girl, "that I will take the wind out of her sails." "Why," asked the fluffy girl, "don't you be up to date and say 'take the wind out of her tires'?"—Cincinnati Tribune.

"Well," said the good-natured man, as the friend of former days left the room, "I'm 34 ahead on that transaction." "Why, he borrowed a dollar." "Yes, but I thought he was going to ask me for five."—Washington Star.

"Have you heard," asked Mr. Horrihan, leaning over his bar, "t'wat is the newest thing in the way of a drink?" "Av course," said Mr. Grogan. "It is the whiskey that is sold over this bar, to be sure."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Hammond—Mrs. Hashcroft was bragging again to-day about keeping her boarders so long. Mrs. Forawweek—She doesn't really keep them long. She keeps them so long that they look longer than they actually are.—Indianapolis Journal.

Sue—I am afraid papa was very angry when you asked him for me, wasn't he, Jack, love? Jack—Not at all. He asked if I knew any more respectable young men who would be likely to marry your five sisters, if properly coaxed.—Tit-Bits.

Mr. Moneybags—I'm afraid the por-

trait looks more like an allegory of wealth than it does like my wife. Artlet—True, sir; but a great portrait should always reflect the sphere in which the sitter moves. Mr. Moneybags—But suppose we should lose our money? Artlet—Oh, in that case you could not afford to keep one of my pictures.—Harper's Bazar.

FEMALE COLLEGES.

What Dr. Parkhurst Has to Say of These Institutions. There has been quite a sudden development in this generation of what are known as female colleges, writes Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in May Ladies' Home Journal. This movement is, in part, considerate and reasonable, and in part it is a "fad." A great many girls are going to Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, and Barnard, because they want to be educated; and others are going because young men go to college and it is nice to do what young men do—what might be called "Andromania" in the green. There is another contingent of young women who are motivated in this by their desire to get on to an independent footing and to be in a situation to make "their own way" in the world, with something like an expectation that they will earn their living by their brains, and that husband and children will be to them always a terra incognita—using the college in that way as a means of helping them escape the proper destiny of their sex.

The institutions referred to are known as female colleges, and there is something in that mode of designation that involves an amount of wisdom that is not always suspected nor intended by those who use the designation.

Let it once be settled that womanhood is the finest product which a female college can yield, with all that tendency toward and motherward which is the instinctive outcome of womanhood—I say, let this once be settled and a large beginning will already have been made toward deciding the methods and machinery by which the college will do its work and compass its ends.

With all this well in mind, it is easy to wonder whether it quite comports with the situation that so much of the discipline and instruction of female colleges, as is commonly the case, should be in the hands of men. The question at any rate is worth asking. Such schools are so largely an innovation that it is reasonable to suppose that the best methods of administering them have not yet been hit upon. The male professors of such colleges and such male professors as are on the staff of institutions may all believe that woman's chief end on earth is to be a wife and mother and to cultivate the best possibilities of her offspring; and these male professors may all teach this doctrine with emphatic reiteration, but it is presumable that masculine influence will produce feminine effects? The gentlemen members of the faculty may be so thoroughly persuaded of the truth of what I have here been urging that they will be able to convince their lady pupils of the same truth; but it is one thing to persuade a class of young women that womanhood is the greatest accomplishment possible to them, and quite a distinct thing to secure and mature in them that womanhood.

I never expect to see the teaching force of a male college made up in part of women.

Why does it any more comport with the fitness of things that the teaching force of a female college should be made up, in whole or in part, of men? Is there any doubt but that if women competent for this position were attainable they would meet the requirements of the case in a way that men cannot?

Is it not pretty clear, without argument, that a thoroughly womanly woman can do more toward helping a college girl to become a woman than a thoroughly manly man can do? We may become so wonted to an intellectual

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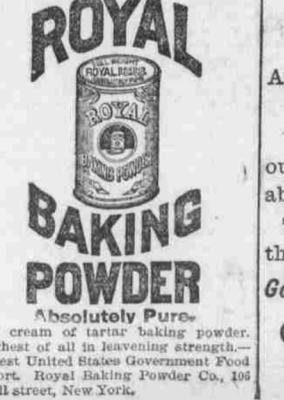
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