DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

—For creams and custards, eggs should never be beaten in tin, but always in stone or earthenware, as there is some chemical influence about tin which prevents their attaining that creamy-lightness so desirable.

—French Dressing: An excellent French dressing for salads, etc., is made by taking one tablespoonful of vinegar, three tablespoonfuls of olive oil, one saltspoonful of salt, one of pepper and a tiny portion of grated garlic or onion. —Detroit Free Press.

—Preserves need only tying up with several thicknesses of paper, over which put a cloth, but should be looked over occasionally, and if signs of fermentation appear, just heating them again will correct it. Stone jars of small capacity are best for these.

—If you are to have a friend or two to dinner indulge in a roast. Cold beef, mutton, lamb and veal are nice if sliced thin and served with vegetables. The cold meat can be made into timbals, croquettes, escaloped dishes, hashed on toast, or be warmed in a brown or white sauce.—Ladies' Home Journal.

—Squash Pie: One pint of squash, three eggs, one and one-half tablespoonfuls of vanilla and a little nutmeg. Pass the squash through a sieve, mix with a scant tablespoonful of corn-starch and milk enough to make it soft. Add the other ingredients. This makes one large pie.—Detroit Free Press.

—Stuffed Potatoes: Select large fine potatoes and bake them thoroughly. Cut them in half lengthwise, and scoop out the insides. Season the potato with pepper and salt, and mix with it some cold cooked sausage chopped fine. Fill up the cases, brush with beaten egg and brown in the oven. Serve on a napkin.—Household Monthly.

—Garnish means to add to meat, poultry or salads a trimming. In dishing up roast meat lay spoonful of jelly or gooseberries just on the slice to be served to one person. Poultry, trim the edges of the dishes upon which it is served. Celery and parsely leaves, hard-boiled eggs, watercresses, lettuce and jellies are the principal articles used.

—Hickory-Nut Macarcons: Pound to a paste half a pound of hickory-nut kernels; add one pound of sugar and the whites of three eggs; work well together with the back of a spoon; dip the hands in water and roll the mixture into small balls, making the outside smooth. Set in a cool place. These macarooons, if properly made, are as dainty as almond macaroons.—Household Monthly.

—Spanish Fritters: Cut the soft part of bakers' bread in slices a quarter of an inch thick, and of any form you choose. Take a pint of milk or cream, three well-beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of nutmeg and cinnamon mixed, three drops of the essence of lemon and sugar to the taste; stir all well together and pour over the pieces of bread. When they have absorbed as much of the milk as they will, take them out before they get too soft, and fry them of a nice light brown on both sides. They may be served with or without sweet sauce.—Boston Budget.

—Beets in winter require nearly a day's boiling to make them tender; they are unpalatable unless perfectly tender, when they are extremely good. As they may be used in a variety of ways, for salad, for garnishing and as a vegetable with cream sauce, it is well to boil at once enough to last several days. Cut in pieces about an inch square, mixed with cold potatoes cut in the same way and covered with a mayonnaise dressing; they make a most delicious salad. With white sauce they are an excellent vegetable; and cut in small pieces and fried they are a desirable garnish for a good sirloin steak.

FASHIONS IN JEWELRY.

Latest Fancies for the Adornment of the Fair Sex.

New table coasters for holding ferns have wide flaring perforated edges.

Coral and bells is not a misnomen. The bells are silver and the stem coral.

Bracelets in dead gold with spiral markings have turquoises set gypsy fashion.

Small flasks of silver-plated ware with curved sides are covered with designed enamel.

A new bronze is a shell with six stalwart oarsmen. The long narrow shape is attractive.

Silver-mounted combs for serious work on the hair have enjoyed fine holiday popularity.

Spectacle cases of chamois in different colors are ornamented with perforated designs in silver.

Rose buds, pink, green and white with calyxes of silver, are the prettiest emery balls in the world.

Small round and oval lockets of plain gold are without any other ornament than the reflections of the highly polished surface. More elaborate lockets, still small and of the same shapes, have jewels set gypsy-fashion in the center.

Pier-set pin cushions were never prettier. Circles and squares of pale-tinted velvets have ornaments of silver applied on the back. The fleur-de-lis, the double heart, and birds with outstretched wings are the favorite devices.

In bow-knots Napoleon blue is a favorite, and at its best when crossed by gold lines; gold bows with tassel-like ends are an innovation. Horseshoes and hearts are tied by bows. A curious design has a bow-knot on which rests a shell holding a pearl.

Toothbrush holders made like ring holders—that is, with a standard rising from the center of a base edge with repousse work, with the addition of three loops two-thirds of the distance from base to support the brushes, have been recently introduced.

Sleevelinks, one of which is an oval button, the other a slender ornament, have come out with enamel decorations. Both are very thin and are covered with tracery. The white enamel is especially pretty. Another design is bell shaped. It is also wafer-like in substance, with shell-like markings in enamel.

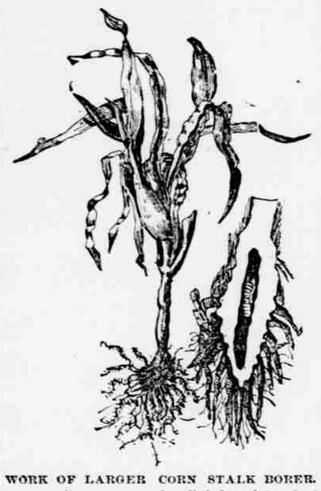
Enamel jewelry has almost entirely superseded onyx for mourning wear. Its dead, lusterless surface is more appropriate for deep mourning, and it can also be lightened better by contrast with gold and stones. In form, floral designs are preferred to all others, and of these the violet, pansy and wild rose. An edge of gold, so thin as to be scarcely seen, defines the outlines. Pearls for mourning have been replaced by diamonds. Small diamonds are found even on the less expensive pieces.—Jewelers' Circular.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

LARGE CORNSTALK BORER.

An Insect Which Destroys Corn, Sorghum and Sugar Cane.

This insect was first noticed in 1828 when it was found to be doing much damage to sugar cane in the West Indies. In 1856 further damage by the same pest was noticed, and reports of its ravages came from Australia, Java, Borneo, Sumatra and Ceylon. At an early date it made its appearance in Louisiana, probably being introduced with cane seed from the West Indies. It has constantly increased in numbers, sometimes entirely destroying plantations, the canes breaking to pieces when cut. Several years ago this insect turned its attention to corn, and has done much damage in the southern states, even as far north as Virginia and Maryland. The department of agriculture sent entomolgists into the infested territory to investigate the life-history and habits of the pest, and to devise and suggest remedies and means of extermination. Insect Life reports that they found that the parent moth (shown enlarged at *a* in our illustration) lays her eggs upon the leaves of the young stalks, near the axils, and that upon hatching the young borer penetrates the stalks at the joint and commences to tunnel, usually upward, through the soft pith, as shown in the right-hand engraving which represents the general appearance of an infested stalk as it stands, but cut open



WORK OF LARGER CORN STALK BORER. *a*, general appearance of stalk infested by first brood; *b*, same cut open to show pupa and larval burrow.

to show burrow and larva. The larva grows rapidly and is quite active and frequently leaves the stalk in one place and reenters it at another several times during its growth. When ready to transform, it burrows to the surface making a hole for the exit of the future moth and enters the pupa state, as shown at *c*. Several larvæ may be found in a single stalk, sometimes a dozen or more. Most of the larvæ remain in the first joint above ground, but sometimes they are discovered four or five joints above ground or down in the root. In Virginia there are but two broods yearly, but farther south there are several more, and the insects hibernate in the larval state in the stalks.

The later broods do less damage than earlier ones, and full-grown stalks may contain several borers and yet mature perfect ears, but if the corn is attacked when it is young, growth is arrested or retarded, and no ears are formed. Early planted corn suffers the worst; in one instance, of that planted during the first two weeks in April, 25 per cent. was affected; of that planted the third and fourth weeks, 20 per cent.; of that planted the first half of May, 15 per cent. was affected; of that planted the last half of May 12 per cent. was affected, while only 8 per cent. of corn planted the first half of June was injured. Where corn-stalks are left standing over winter, they form good lodging places for the larvæ, and the insect will doubtless increase; but if the stalks are burned on the ground so that the roots and all are consumed, the hibernating larvæ are destroyed and the insects exterminated. Continuous rotation of crops and careful culture will also prevent the insects from becoming numerous enough to do much damage. It is not probable that any serious damage will be done in the more northern states.—Orange Judd Farmer.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

If an egg is allowed to get thoroughly chilled it will not hatch.

Twenty-five hens are as many as should be confined in one yard.

Give the fowls at this time all the opportunity possible for exercise.

Constant handling of the eggs in an incubator will often spoil the hatch.

When the ground is covered with snow ducks and geese must be well fed.

Do not rely upon any one material for feeding, but supply a good variety regularly.

If onions, garlic or other strong materials are fed to the laying hens too freely the eggs will be tainted.

Soft feed of any kind is better if wet up with milk than with anything else, especially for the young fowls.

Cornmeal and bran mixed well together and scalded makes a good morning meal for incubator chickens.

It is the mother that influences the internal qualities, and a good layer will transmit this quality to her offspring.

Where poultry is made a specialty it will pay to plan to grow a supply of sunflower, sorghum and Kaffir corn for winter feeding.

No food should be given young fowls until they are at least twenty-four hours old. Too early feeding often causes bowel diseases that prove fatal. —St. Louis Republic.

White Specks in Butter.

There are many elaborate and semi-scientific ways of accounting for white specks in the butter. When the cream is skimmed off more or less milk is taken with it. This milk is full of caseine that always and readily curdles, one of the causes of the specks. All the trouble usually comes from allowing the cream to become too old and sour before it is churned. Badly-kept dairy utensils may accomplish the same result. The remedy lies in the direction of quicker work and making the butter from sweeter cream, according to the Dairy World, which says: "White specks is one of the penalties for being a sour butter crank."

AN UNEXPLORED COUNTRY.

Vast Area Which Has Never Been Satisfactorily Examined by White Men.

The Labrador peninsula, or northeast territory, contains two hundred and eighty-nine square miles. This is more than equal to that of Newfoundland. Several lines of exploration and survey have been carried for a certain distance into the interior of this great peninsula, among which may be mentioned those of Prof. Hind, A. P. Low and R. F. Holme. The limits of the unexplored area have been drawn so as to exclude all these. The area regarded as still unexplored has, however, it is true, been traversed in several directions at different times by officers of the Hudson Bay Company, particularly on routes leading from the vicinity of Mingan, on the gulf of St. Lawrence, to the head of Hamilton inlet, and thence to Ungava bay. These routes have also, according to Mr. Holme, been traveled by a missionary, Pere Lacasse, but the only published information which I have been able to find is contained in a book written by J. McLean, and in a brief account of a journey by Rev. E. J. Peck, says a writer in Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine. Mr. McLean made several journeys and established trading-posts between Ungava and Hamilton inlet in the years 1839-1841, while Mr. Peck crossed from Little Whale river, on Hudson bay, to Ungava in 1884. Something may be gathered as to the general nature of the country along certain lines from the accounts given by these gentlemen, but there is little of a really satisfactory character, while neither has made any attempt to fix positions or delineate the feature of the region on the map. In all probability this entire region consists of a rocky plateau or hilly tract of rounded archæan rocks, highest on the northeast side and to the south, and sloping gradually down to low land toward Ungava bay. It is known to be more or less wooded, and in some places with timber of fair growth, but if it should be possessed of any real value this may probably lie in its multifarious deposits. In this tract of country particularly there is reason to hope that ore like those of Tilt Clove, in Newfoundland, or those of Sudbury, in Ontario, may occur.

A NOTABLE PRAYER.

The Petition That First Brought Its Author Into Notice.

"When Harvard celebrated the end of the war," says Julius H. Ward in the January New England Magazine, "Phillips Brooks was asked to make the prayer on the occasion. The man whose heart and imagination had been fired to the utmost in the heat of the contest could not even pray on such an occasion without breaking forth into words that rose to the greatness of the event, and Col. Henry Lee, the Harvard marshal for that day, once said to me: 'The services on that occasion were not equal to what men felt. Everything fell short and words seemed to be too weak. Phillips Brooks' prayer was an exception. That was a free speaking to God, and it was the only utterance of that day which filled out its meaning to the full extent. Lowell's commemoration ode was great, and so was Gen. Deven's speech, but Brooks surpassed them both.' The eager inquiry of that day after that prayer was: 'Who is Phillips Brooks?' It was the first time that he had appeared before the most distinguished audience that could be collected in New England, and from that moment the growing thought at Trinity church was to induce Bishop Eastman to resign and to call Phillips Brooks to the rectorship of Trinity church."

POISONED BY FINE HAIRS.

Spikes on Young Bamboo Shoots Kill When Administered as Food.

One of the most famous and fatal poisons used in Japan and Java is obtained from the bamboo. The young shoots of the cane, when they first push through the ground, are covered with fine, brownish hairs, which, under the microscope, appear to be bayonet-like spikes of crystals of silex, infinitely sharp and hollow.

Small quantities of these hairs administered daily in the food bring on ulceration of the whole alimentary canal, stimulating malignant dysentery. The action must be of a mechanical rather than of a chemical nature, just as the spores of the common puff ball act upon the eyes.

The bamboo crystal is greatly dreaded by all the European residents of Java. A Dutch official report says that scores of deaths among European planters are due to the bamboo hairs and to the jealousy of native women, who, whenever they take a fancy to a white man, will either have him or poison him on bamboo hairs if it takes months to accomplish the job.

The infinitesimal hollow through these hairy crystals is the most remarkable thing in connection with them, they being the only known hollow vegetable or mineral thorns or crystals.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, February 1, 1892.			
CATTLE—Native Steers	$3 50	@	5 15
COTTON—Middling	....	@	7½
FLOUR—Winter Wheat	3 30	@	5 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 02	@	1 04⅞
CORN—No. 2	49½	@	51
OATS—Western Mixed	35	@	37
PORK—New Mess	9 75	@	10 75
ST. LOUIS.			
COTTON—Middling	....	@	7
BEEVES—Fancy Steers	5 00	@	5 35
Shipping	4 35	@	4 90
HOGS—Good to Select	4 20	@	4 50
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 00	@	5 50
FLOUR—Patents	4 35	@	4 45
Fancy to Extra Do	3 75	@	4 05
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter	83⅝	@	90
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	37½	@	37¾
OATS—No. 2	....	@	31
RYE—No. 2	81½	@	82½
TOBACCO—Lugs	1 10	@	5 10
Leaf Burley	4 50	@	7 00
HAY—Clear Timothy	10 00	@	12 50
BUTTER—Choice Dairy	20	@	26
EGGS—Fresh	....	@	23
PORK—Standard Mess (New)	....	@	11 75
BACON—Clear Rib	6¼	@	6⅜
LARD—Prime Steam	6¼	@	6⅜
WOOL—Choice Tub	....	@	32
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Shipping	3 50	@	5 65
HOGS—Good to Choice	4 25	@	4 60
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	3 50	@	5 50
FLOUR—Winter Patents	4 40	@	4 70
Spring Patents	4 40	@	4 75
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring	....	@	87¼
CORN—No. 2	....	@	39
OATS—No. 2	29	@	29¼
PORK—Standard Mess	8 50	@	8 55
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Shipping Steers	3 00	@	5 00
HOGS—All Grades	3 50	@	4 22½
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	77	@	77½
OATS—No. 2	....	@	29
CORN—No. 2	34	@	34½
NEW ORLEANS.			
FLOUR—High Grade	4 10	@	4 70
CORN—No. 2	....	@	50
OATS—Western	....	@	40½
HAY—Choice	16 50	@	17 00
PORK—Standard Mess	....	@	9 25
BACON—Clear Rib	....	@	6¾
COTTON—Middling	....	@	7
CINCINNATI			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	93	@	94
CORN—No. 2 Mixed	40½	@	41
OATS—No. 2 Mixed	32½	@	33½
PORK—New Mess	....	@	11 62½
BACON—Clear Rib	....	@	6⅞
COTTON—Middling	....	@	7¼

Christ and the Mysterious Seven.

During the past three years there have been a dozen articles, perhaps, in "Notes for the Curious," concerning the number seven and its mysterious combinations. For months I have considered the seven coincidence exhausted, but of late have unexpectedly stumbled onto it again; this time it is in the seven last sayings of Christ, all uttered from the cross. The first was: "Father forgive them; they know not what they do."—Luke xxiii., 34. 2. "Verily, * * * to-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise."—Luke xxiii., 43. 3. "Woman, behold thy son!"—John xix., 26. 4. "My God! my God! Why hast Thou forsaken me!"—Matthew xxvii., 46. 5. "I thirst."—John xix., 28. 6. "It is finished."—John xix., 30. 7. "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."—Luke xxiii., 46.—St. Louis Republic.

Here It Is.

To the man who labors with his hands, physical trouble is a very serious thing. It is not merely the pain he endures, racking and tormenting as it is, but the prospective loss of time, money and place haunts him and aggravates his suffering. He is bent on having prompt relief and sure cure. He wants the best and the proof and here it is: —Mr. W. H. Schroeder, Gilbertville, Iowa, stated April 10, 1884, that he had used St. Jacobs Oil in his stables for horse complaints and upon himself for rheumatism, and had found it the best remedy he had ever tried. Again, Feb'y 11, 1887, he writes: "I have used St. Jacobs Oil for rheumatism and sore back, as stated, and it cured; and for burns and bruises it does its work as recommended to do. I always keep it in the house and recommend it to my neighbors." —Mr. John Garbutt, 656 Minna St., San Francisco, Cal., writes: "Some time back I sprained my knee and suffered agony until I tried St. Jacobs Oil. The result was a speedy and permanent cure."—Miss Ida M. Fleming, 7 S. Carey St., Baltimore, Md., says: "I had been afflicted for two years with neuralgia, and tried every means to get rid of the tormenting disease. I had been given so much quinine that my nervous system was seriously injured. I was advised to use St. Jacobs Oil, which I did, and it relieved me entirely."

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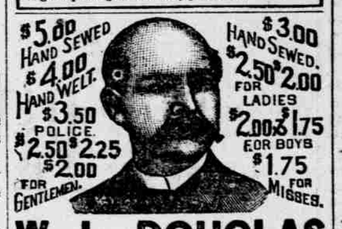

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