

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

THE OBSERVATIONS OF PEGGY QUINCY

There is a little book, written in a prophetic vein, called "The Last Meridian," which is supposed to picture what this country will be ages hence after the elements have done their worst with the inhabitants, and killed them off by excesses of heat and cold until but three people are left amidst the grass-grown ruins, where some Persian travelers find them.

Well, when one remembers the broiling temperature of last July, and contrasts it with what King Cold has done for us this winter, one begins to think the author of the book aforesaid is not so far wrong after all; and mayhap if we live long enough to be alternately grilled and chilled in summer and winter, and are able to withstand the effects, we may see the population dwindle down as predicted in the little book.

Some one was talking last Sunday about the belated January thaw being about to set in, and I was glad enough to hear it, but "the end is not yet," for we are not done with teeth-chattering weather just yet a while.

Even though the weather is bitterly cold, the popular taste seems to run in favor of the chrysanthemum rather than the bear. Doesn't it?

PEGGY QUINCY.

FITTING UP A ROOM FOR A SMALL BOY

A boy's room at school was prettily furnished at small cost, and very little trouble. The room was hardly as large as the ordinary hall bedroom. A good blue figured paper was on the walls, the narrow bed was white iron, and a dresser, writing table and two chairs quite filled the apartment. Ruffled white dimity curtains were put up at the one window, and white lines spread over the dresser top. Two blue Wilton strips served as rugs, one long on one side of the bed and a shorter one in front of the writing table. A white enameled shelf held books, and the walls were hung with favorite pictures, good print reproductions of the boy's favorites, home photographs, and other portraits of special heroes of whom the boy had many, all pictures having gold paper mats and gold passe-partout bindings. Gradually other treasures of the occupant's collecting found their way into the room, flags, photographs, branches with birds, and other wood trophies, but so admirable was the original setting that nothing jarred.

Quaint Carved Combs Once Worn in Spain



TORTOISE SHELL PIENETA.

Now that the American woman is turning back to 1830 for the fashions of her gowns and hints in hair dressing it is interesting to note what were the modes of that period in other lands than ours.

Very striking, almost startling, were the coiffures of the Spanish dames of three-quarters of a century ago. Their hair was piled in masses high and wide and ornamented with massive combs of elaborate design.

JET AND ROMAN GOLD.

These combs were called pienetas, and ladies prized and numbered them as they did their jewels.

PIENETA FROM FRONT.

More valuable still were the pienetas of dull Roman gold inlaid with fresh water pearls or set with jewels.

These handsome, though cumbersome, ornaments have been long out of date, but many a high-born Spanish dame treasures a pieneta of her grandmother as an heirloom and secretly wishes for a revival of old fashions so that she might appear adorned with the curious but beautiful family relic.

Clothes of the Day and Their Styles.

Now that the costumes for spring are in all the shops, it is apparent that the long coat and the three-quarter coat are to retire gracefully from the center of the stage.

There are longish coats, to be sure, but the prevailing length seems to be that which reaches just a little over the hips, straight all around—just a comfortable, natty jacket, setting snugly in back and loosely in front, with a double-breasted fastening.

spring models and there are buttons—but not the dazzling array that glittered on the winter street suits—and there is much shining braid. Green-tipped tweeds are trimmed with glossy olive braids; blue with navy, and so on, for there is no color that is not represented among all the sutting combinations.

Some of the better tailored models this winter had the jacket slashed into square tabs around the bottom, and this quaint effect, bound with braid, appears on a few of the spring suits.

As to sleeves, three models prevail. There is the bishop puff gathered in to its cuff, and affording a refuge for daintily crushable blouse sleeves; there is the wide bell, giving the same amplexus with less discomfort than when on winter coats it permitted cold breeze to sweep up the arm, and there is the plain coat sleeve, with turned-up cuff and bell in not in the least noticeable fullness at the shoulders.

Making Table Attractive.

To make a table beautiful is easily enough accomplished on occasion by lavish use of money, but it is far more important to have it beautiful every day, at every meal, to have matters so arranged that beauty is a matter of course.

This only requires that every successful experiment be repeated until it becomes a habit. The beautiful every day, at every meal, to have matters so arranged that beauty is a matter of course.

The important thing is to remember the best things one has done and seen and make them a part of the general practice. Indeed, the best things one sees are unforgettable; yet one can always make some variation which adapts them to one's own belongings and make them personal.

Fashion Notes.

The palm-leaf bath brushes shown in the shops are about as queer as the rubber sponges.

Cream sets of green Venetian glass with decorations of gold are very pretty for table use.

An odd brooch is in the form of a key about a finger long and is set with small brilliants.

Odd in candy boxes are those that look exactly like a pack of playing cards. Others in the same line are made to resemble dice.

A dainty little cracker jar is of porcelain, but so prettily decorated that it is desirable.

FOR MOTHER'S READING.

If mothers have baby girls who are about as lively as puppies it is a question how to keep their little legs warm and covered. I know a wise mother whose small daughter is very much of an acrobat. Wondering how she could lessen the display of fat, bare legs and the danger of cold, she hit upon a clever idea, which surely deserves to be copied.

Now, when she makes her daughter's small frock she makes two or three pairs of fine cotton bloomers, only full enough for comfort, with the legs gathered into a band of inch-wide nainsook insertion, which buttons closely about the waist above the knee if desired. In these the little miss can exercise her acrobatic tendencies to her heart's content and be always warm and comfortable.

Spencer's Philosophy.

We are apt to think of the late Herbert Spencer as a philosopher who occupied himself with theories considerably beyond the grasp of everyday mortals of average powers.

It is really not a little of the work of this philosopher is applicable to the daily round of the average man or woman.

Take, for example, the handful of suggestions given here. Any woman can find in them matter for a half-hour's reflection; will recognize in them some home truths which perhaps have never before been brought so plainly before the mind.

"People are beginning to see that the first requisite to success in life is to be a good animal."

"Reading is seeing by proxy."

"Monotony, no matter of what kind, is unfavorable to life."

PROPER WAY TO CARE FOR OIL LAMPS

Never touch the chimney of a lamp with water. A few drops of kerosene oil will remove the smoke and dimness, and a rub with soft flannel or cambric skin will result in a clear pilot.

Clean every bit of the burner with a rag dipped in kerosene, and polish it bright. Boil very dirty, neglected burners in soda water.

See that the outside of the lamp is dry, clean, and perfectly free from oil after being filled. Each day rub off the burnt portion of the wick with a duster; do not cut the wick.

Do not fill a lamp burn after the oil is exhausted or turn it down. Nearly the same amount of oil is consumed as when the flame is full, what is not burnt in the wick is in the form of gas, which is often smelt when entering a room where the lamp has been turned low.

A bit of camphor the size of a hazelnut put into the oil reservoir improves the light.

Empty and wash the reservoir every few weeks to prevent the collection of sediment from the oil.

Can Transfer Brigade To Pacific in a Week

War and Navy Departments Complete Arrangements With Railroads for Transportation of Troops and Marines.

Both the War and Navy Departments have completed arrangements for the rapid shipment of forces to the Pacific Coast should the exigencies of the war in the Orient require it.

The arrangements were completed at meetings held between the transportation officers of the departments and the agents of about all of the prominent railroads in the country. These meetings were decisive in results, but what the arrangements made are, none is willing to say.

The railroad men who were present were W. S. Bronson, assistant general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, who succeeded in getting all of the intermediate business between Norfolk and the West for his system; William Leaky, assistant general agent of the Rock Island, and H. P. Bronson, rate clerk of the same railroad, both of Chicago; R. A. Donaldson, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, of San Francisco; W. E. Hoyt, general eastern passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, of New York; Garratt M. Fort, of the Union Pacific, of Omaha; George Dillard, eastern passenger agent of the Atchafalpa, Topeka and Santa Fe, of New York; W. A. Cox, eastern passenger agent of the Chicago and North-western of Baltimore; the other woodruffs, of the Union Pacific, of Philadelphia; all of the rating officers of the Pennsylvania and the Erie, of Ohio; J. J. Brown, general passenger agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company; H. C. Wayne, of the Seaboard Air-Line, District Passenger Agent Col. A. Reed, of the Atlantic Coast Line; Brooks Morgan, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern; George Ingalls, chief rate clerk of the Big Four;

E. J. Lockwood and E. F. Saunders, of the Norfolk and Western, and L. H. Nutting, general Eastern passenger agent of the Southern Pacific.

An Annual Affair.

The opening of bids for the transportation of sailors and soldiers is an annual affair, but more importance attaches to it than usual this year because of the disturbances in various parts of the world in which the United States is interested either directly or indirectly.

Last year only about 30,000 troops, including the militia, to the business of the gulf. The Missouri Pacific and Chesapeake and Ohio get the Texas business. The New York Central and Lake Shore seem to have won all of the business between Chicago and New York.

At the meetings to consider the transportation of troops in case of eventualities in China requiring it, the negotiations were carried on under instruction from General Chaffee by officers of the general staff. All information on the subject is refused. It is said, however, that the railroad men submitted plans by which they could with ease transport a whole brigade, if needed, to the Pacific Coast in a week. It is admitted that troops and not marines must go to China if any military force is needed, as all of the available marines are now on duty trying to prevent any undue exuberance on the part of the Columbians in Panama.

LENTEN SEASON BEGINS TODAY

Special Observances in Many Churches.

FORTY DAYS OF FASTING

Ceremony of Distributing Ashes Observed by All Devout Catholics. Among the Protestants.

The Lenten season was ushered in this morning by special observances in all the Catholic and Episcopal and many other churches of Washington.

The chief service in the Catholic churches was the ceremony of distributing ashes. After the early mass this morning members of the various congregations received ashes on their foreheads as a symbol of their ultimate descent into the dust from which they came.

Services will be held two days in the week in the Catholic churches of Washington. The midweek service will consist of a sermon, and on Friday afternoons and evenings the stations of the cross will be read. Special services are also to be held throughout the Lenten season in many Protestant churches.

In Epiphany Church.

Daily noonday services will be conducted in Epiphany Church, G Street, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The services will begin tomorrow promptly at noon, and will end promptly at 12:30. The same program will be followed on each succeeding day. The Bishop of Washington will preside at the first service, and prominent Episcopal ministers will preside at those to follow. Among those who have promised to attend are Messrs. A. S. St. Johns, J. H. W. Blake, R. H. McKim, C. Ernest Smith, Clement Brown, J. A. Aspinwall, C. C. Pierce, W. R. Turner, Alfred Harding, W. L. Devries, and R. F. Williams.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR CHARITY

To Be Given by Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney and Daughter.

At a meeting held recently by the executive committee of the Citizens' Relief Association, the members discussed plans for a benefit entertainment to be given by Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney and her daughter in the Lafayette Opera House.

Although the date for the entertainment has not yet been fixed, it was decided that the proceeds thereof are to be divided between the Bremen's Fund of Baltimore, the Bremen's Fund of Washington, and the Citizens' Relief Association, of Washington.

Present at the meeting were Gen. George M. Sternberg, president; Tallmadge A. Lambert, Mrs. J. W. Babson, Charles F. Weiler, and by special invitation the chairman of the finance committee of the Associated Charities, Col. Archibald Hopkins.

TWO DISTRICT OFFICIALS SUFFER ATTACKS OF GRIP

Hopewell H. Darnelle, Assessor for the District of Columbia, has been absent from his desk at the District Building for the past three days owing to a slight attack of grip.

Auditor John R. Garrison, who has been sick in bed since last Thursday with the same ailment, is reported to be slightly improved today. He hopes to return to his work next week. His presence is especially required by the "awake" committee whose duty it is to investigate the affairs of the District Government.

WILLIAM ENGLISHMAN DISPLEASED WITH NAME

William Englishman, an American-born citizen, enlisted in the United States navy, wishes to change his name. He says that because of his name many persons believe him to be an Englishman and not an American. So to avoid this he has filed a petition in the District Supreme Court asking to be permitted to change his name from Englishman to English. His petition is filed through Messrs. Wolf & Rosenberg.

Ash Wednesday Services At Holy Trinity Church

Ash Wednesday evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, will be made more impressive by the participation of the vested choir, with procession from sanctuary to choir and sermon by the Rev. Father William Ennis, S. J., one of the professors of Georgetown University.

The sermon will be on charity, and the collection will be turned over to St. Vincent de Paul conference, to meet the needs of the worthy poor of the section. Father Ennis is regarded as one of the most gifted teachers in the order, and will be in numbers by the president of Loyola College in New York. There will also be the blessing with ashes after benediction.

REQUEST A CHANGE IN NAME OF A STREET

A committee from the Eckington Citizens' Association called on the District Commissioners late yesterday afternoon and requested that the name of Fourth Street north of T Street northeast be changed to Edgewood Avenue.

Humorous Incident Of Baltimore Fire

How Two Young Society Men Raised Money Carrying Passengers To and From the Burned District.

The Baltimore fire, which horrible and distressing in most particulars, has not been without its humorous side. Many of the most prominent residents of the city found themselves almost penniless on the day after the destruction of much valuable property, and a general rush for recuperation followed.

Two well-known society men conceived their losses as best they could, and decided they needed all the pennies they could scrape up. They held a council of war, discussed many plans to make a few shakels, and finally hit upon a scheme they thought good. Both owned horses, so they hired a big delivery wagon, put benches in it, and hitched a pair of carriage horses to it.

They pointed a big sign, "Passengers Carried To and From the Fire District, Fifty Cents Each," tacked it on their wagon and drove through the handsome residence section. One drove and the other collected fares. They soon got a wagonload of passengers, and through out the entire morning and afternoon their business prospered.

The "conductor" fell off the wagon while taking up half dollars in the afternoon and broke his thumb. He and his partner then carried off work for the day.

MINUTE MEN TAKE POSSESSION OF ARMORY

Will Hereafter Occupy Building Beside Convention Hall Erected for Use of District National Guard.

The First Regiment, Minute Men, of the District of Columbia have met for the last time in their old armory, 33 Pennsylvania Avenue. At their last meeting assembly was sounded and the various companies, in command of Capt. James Mulvey, with field music, marched to their new armory, the building formerly occupied by the National Guard.

The new armory is situated next to Convention Hall, Fifth and L Streets northwest, and is connected therewith by an iron bridge. It is four stories high, has a frontage of 130 feet on L Street and a depth of 150 feet; contains ninety rooms 19 by 24 feet, and a fine rifle range of 100 feet.

The company is to be assigned two rooms or more, and other rooms are to be fitted up as billiard rooms, bowling alleys, and for indoor athletic sports, and all the special attractions which go to make a military organization popular with its members.

Convention Hall, which the regiment also has the use of for drill purposes and social functions, is the largest hall in the city. It has a frontage of 121 feet on L Street and a depth of 329 feet to K Street. Its seating capacity is 6,000, and there is standing room for more than 10,000 people.

GADET WOULD FOLLOW STANDARD OF JAPAN

Annapolis Student Appealed to Minister to Get Him a Commission in Mikado's Navy.

Apparently some of the cadets at West Point and Annapolis are so anxious to go to the East to take part in the fighting there that they have not heeded the various statements issued from the Japanese legation in Washington, saying that recruits could not be received.

One Annapolis cadet, it is learned, quietly slipped away from the Academy a day or two ago and came to Washington to call at the legation here. The legation officials were rather surprised when the young man was ushered in and, in most earnest fashion, said that he not only wanted to go to the East, but also desired to do some fighting, and "couldn't the minister in some possible way arrange to get him placed in the Japanese navy."

The young cadet seemed very much cretallen when he was told that such a thing was impossible on account of the law of nations. It was explained to him that by an act of 1869, approved by this Government, enlisting in a foreign army constituted a felony, and the extreme punishment is death. The legation had also received applications from two West Point cadets, but the same answer was returned.

In regard to the offers of money and medical aid, the minister has cabled to his government, and a reply is expected at an early date.

ESTATE TO HIS WIFE.

The will of Sanford Cobb Kellogg, U. S. A., dated February 23, 1900, has been offered for probate. He leaves his estate to his wife, Frances Brockbridge Kellogg, who is named executrix.

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A St. Louis business man says: "I was a confirmed dyspeptic for years. What I ate had to be forced down and most of it soured or lay in my stomach. My natural disposition, which was cheerful and pleasant, left me and I was alienating all my friends. The doctor did me no good. I got so I hated the sight or name of a doctor. My wife finally worried me into buying a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which began taking under protest, as I had no faith in anything or anybody. I was sore on creation."

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