County Correspondence.

PETERSBURG.

John Nurre marketed his hogs last week Thursday.

Henry Koelker and wife visited with relatives near Worthington last week Tuesday.

Farmers are busy hauling sand for the new church.

John Klausen of Dyersville passed through here last week Wednesday, enroute to the Willenborg's sale.

J. A. Schneiders of Dyersville was noticed here last week Wednesday.

Leo Willenborg transacted business in Dyersville last Friday.

Roads are fine and the farmers are making good use of them.

EAD'S GROVE.

Mrs. Jno. Robison moved to Manchester November 30, where she will reside with her mother this winter.

The dance at Mr. Cree's was very well attended, there being twenty-four numbers sold.

J. T. Fowler is in Dubuque where he is serving on the grand jury.

J. Moser made a business trip to Strawberry Point on Thursday.

Albert Frentress is now carrying the mail on our route, he having purchased the outfit of Ed. Farwell the former carrier.

Wake Cree had the misfortune to have a quantity of fresh pork stolen off his back porch a few nights ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cropp visited their son Elmer and family near Dundee last week.

Victor Miller has rented the Jas. Robison farm where he will move March 1st.

LAMONT.

Attorney Utt of Dyersville was in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Nettie Madden of Arlington visited her sister, Mrs. Geo. Reid, last week.

Henry Boise came Monday to visit his sister Mrs. Joseph Franks Sr.

Mrs. Mabel Franks Young returned back to DesMoines Friday after five days visiting in her parental home.

Edward Rolf and family have moved here from Bristow, Iowa.

Sheriff elect Geo. Corliss was in town Monday.

W. A. Donner of Dubuque was here Tuesday on business.

Henry Wilkins is very sick at this writing.

George Allenstein, died at his home De[illegible]ber 2, aged 85 years. He leave[illegible] and a large family to miss [illegible]

Augu[illegible] died December 3, at hi[illegible] Lamont. He leaves a [illegible]ughter, Mrs. Clarence F[illegible] two sons to mourn his [illegible]

Mr. Colli[illegible]ber 4, at his hom[illegible] He leaves a d[illegible]rge Blackburn, [illegible]rn the loss of [illegible] years old.

Monday.

There was a Flinch Party at H. Hilton's Saturday evening.

The W. R. C. will give a sociable at the home of Mrs. H. Manley on Friday evening December 11. Supper will be served. Admission 10c.

DELHI.

E. R. Stone and wife went into Chicago, Monday for a weeks visit.

E. H. Blanchard had bu[illegible]siness in Waterloo last wee[illegible]k.

L. H. Mo[illegible]ore of Des Moines, traveling in the interest of M. C. Lilly and Co, was in town Wednesday.

The W. F. M. S. meets Thursday afternoon December 10th with Mrs. J. W. Swinburne. All are requestest to bring or send in their boxes that day.

The I. O. O. F. Lodge elected the following officers Saturday evening. Noble Grand, A. U. Billings; Vice Grand, Davis Darling; Recording secretary, J. W. Swinburne; Permanent secretary, E. E. Holdridge; Treasurer, J. R. White.

Mrs. John Welds and son Arthur of Milwaukee, Wisconsin are visiting relatives in town.

About $65 was taken in at the M. E. Fair Saturday.

The W. R. C. elected the following officers at their last regular meeting for the coming year. President, Carrie E. Swinburne; Senior Vice, Anna Stone; Junior Vice, Louise House; Treasurer, Jennie Stimson; Chaplain, H. C. Doolittle; Conductor, Rebecca Wilson; Guard, Melissa Sutton.

Chas. Robinson and wife Jr are the parents of a young son.

Mrs. Helen Thompson of St Louis is visiting relatives here.

Geo. Dunham is here called by his mother's sickness and death.

Will Neal of Waterloo is in town.

Dan Jones has gone to Dell Rapids South Dakota called by the illness of a relative.

Mrs. Kate Hilton, an inmate of the County farm, aged 90 years was buried Saturday.

The Rebekahs elected the following officers Tuesday evening Noble Grand, Gussie Bondurant; Vice Grand, Florance Zirtzman; Rec. Secretary, Nellie Holdridge; Per. Secretary, Ida Corbin; Treasurer, Emma Jakelin.

Merritt Blanchard of Masonville visited at E. H. Blanchard's over Sunday.

Mesdames Millen, Dunn, Kendall and Miss Laura Werkmeister of Earlville were over to the Fair Saturday.

The Bible study class meets with F. E. Stimson Monday evenings.

Harlan Stone and Opal Stoner drove to Edgewood Sunday.

Mrs. O. J. Jamison is home from Cedar Rapids.

Mesdames Zirtzman and Esler were down from Delaware to attend the Fair Saturday.

Mrs. James Phillips is very low.

Mrs. W. C. Mason and Miss [illegible]earns were up from Hopkinton [illegible]aturday.

[illegible]mer of Worthington transacted business with J. W. Swinburne Wednesday.

The M. E. Aid Society meet Wednesday afternoon, December 9, with Mrs. T. V. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carpenter were over from Earlville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swinburne were Hopkinton visitors Thursday.

Frank Smith has moved his family here from Sand Springs.

MASONVILLE.

J. C. Short and Thos Cummings of Monti Sundayed at Masonville.

Mrs. F. Stoneman of Winthrop spent the week with relatives here.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold their annual Bazaar in Mulvehill's hall Friday December 11th, a variety of articles will be for sale and supper will be served from 5 to 10 oclock. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. M. Penney of De Smet, South Dakota, is visiting at the home of her mother's Mrs. J. Lillus.

Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new church on Sunday December 6th.

Dont forget the date on which the Catholic Fair will be held here, December 29, 30, 31 and Jan 1.

The entertainment given by Chas. Van Alstine on Saturday evening was a grand success.

V. F. Livesay returned Tuesday after spending a week at his home in Des Moines.

Miss Cora Havens of Freemont and Mr. Harve Eddy of Winthrop were married at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kirwin of Nebraska is visiting the home of Thos. Ryan's.

Miss Ella Mc Keever is teaching the winter term at Castle Grove.

Miss Nora Maroney and Nora Ryan of Manchester Sundayed at their homes here.

John McCusker of Ryan was in our city Tuesday.

Jno Mulvehill moved his house hold goods to his father's farm Wednesday. Jas Mulvehill will work the farm which Joe worked last year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Keenman Thursday a boy.

DYERSVILLE.

Frank Willenborg, of New Vienna was here Thursday.

Charles Hoag was here from Oneida Tuesday.

P. N. Schuster came up from Ryan Monday afternoon.

Mrs. L. J. Rumsey went to Manchester Wednesday evening.

Anton Muehlenkamp of Petersburg was in Dyersville Monday.

Nellie Hatch of Manchester, was a guest of Miss Blanche Smith of this city Sunday.

John Kaiser and wife and Miss Tinke, from North Fork, were in this city trading, Saturday.

Henry Goerdt jr. and wife are in Chicago this week in attendance at the International Fat Stock Show.

[illegible] and Paul Steger, two [illegible] best farmers, were [illegible] at Central City Monday.—News Letter.

GREELEY.

B A. Baker is in Algona.

Jno. Hindal was in [illegible] Tuesday.

[illegible] Colesburg Cha[illegible]

[illegible]meon Holbert is on the sick list.

Mrs. L. A. Schneider went to Manchester, Monday, returning Tuesday.

Gertie Fowler of Manchester visited friends here Friday.

Mesdames G. L. Baker and Joe Beckner were in Manchester Tuesday.

Mrs. Jno. Ocker and Miss DeSotol were Manchester callers last week.

Albert Frentress and family have moved to town and occupy the house recently vacated by H. Willard. Albert has applied for rural route No. 2.

Last Friday while Will Flemming was trying to fix the feeder of a threshing machine which was working at Irv. Lewis', his hand was caught and crushed in a very serious manner. Report says he msy lose his last two fingers on the left hand.—Home Press.

COGGON.

George Wilson and wife of Manchester visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Merriam, part of last week.

Miss Mag Cooney of Winthrop visited her sister, Mrs. Thos McCann, from Thursday of last week until Tuesday.

Miss Anna Richardson is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. Richardson of Hopkinton.

A. Evans of Manchester has rented the C. Knox building on Main Street and will conduct a bakery and lunch room. He was open for business yesterday.

The Misses Maude Joseph and Dick Clemon spent Thanksgiving day in Hopkinton. Miss Helen Joseph, a cousin of the former, returned with them and remained over Sunday.

Carl DeWoody died at the home of his parents south of Coggon last Friday morning after an illness lasting about one week. Carl was born at Ehler, Iowa, July 24, 1889. When two years of age he, with his parents moved to Coggon where he has lived until the time of his death. On Friday, November 20th, he received injuries which hastened an attack of tuberculosis of the brain and died Friday, November 27th, 1903, at 7:00 o'clock a. m.—Monitor.

HOPKINTON.

F. E. Richardson was down from Manchester over Sunday.

W. C. Kerchheck of Colesburg was in attendance at the Sunday School convention at Sand Springs last Sunday.

Mrs. T. A. Wragg was down from Earlville Monday. Her mother, Mrs. Thos. Tesar returned with her to spend the winter.

We learn that W. W. Blanchard, who went from here to Waukeny, Kansas, last spring, was married to a Miss Grace Alsop. They will continue to make their home in Kansas, where Mr. Blanchard will engage in farming next spring.

At a meeting of the creamery board this week, J. H. Griffith was elected as buttermaker for another year at an advanced salary. John Stevenson will continue as second man. Business at the creamery is prosperous and very satisfactory to the stockholders and there was no disposition to change the order of things that brings forth such good results. The annual meeting of the creamery will occur next month.

The C. S. Barker residence, occupied by F. C. Barker and family, in the northwest part of town was totally destroyed by fire about 1:30 Tuesday morning. The fire is supposed to have originated from the chimney and was well under way before discovered. Many people hurriedly responded to the alarm but were powerless to do more than remove the furniture in the lower rooms before the flames and smoke drove them away. The dry timbers burned as rapidly as tinder, though fortunately there was no wind and so the fire was not communicated to other buildings.

It has been one of the boasts of Delaware county for more than twenty years that there is not a saloon in the boarders of the county. But if reports are true at least two places in the little town of Masonville have been dealing out liquors unmolested by law for a good while back. Either local sentiment in that community has been negligent in performing their duty, or the officers of the county have been. Probably the incoming sheriff will make it one of his first official duties to see that the traffic is stopped.—Leader.

Real Estate Transfers.

For Month of November.

Rachael M. Whitney to Ernest Whitney undiv 2-9 5½ w½ se¼ sw¼ 16-90-6	6 20
Manchester Cemetery Co. to Torry & Jones lt 2 blk 4 old cemetery Manchester	5 00
J L Midkiff & wf to R E Garlick n½ nw¼ & nw¼ ne¼ 36-90-6	7200 00
Frank & Anna Donath to Anna McAllister ne¼ ne¼ 8-90-6	700 00
M A Hicks to Frank Crosier n 5½ of e½ sw¼ ne¼ 26- and the third 5a lt s of n w¼ ne¼ sec 5; all in 88-5	225 00
Elias Way to Chas R Way starting nw cor s to ne ¼ 29-90-4, thence s 7½ rds, e 12 rds, n 7½ rds, w 12 rds to begining	700 00
Elias Way to Carrie E Hess com'g 53 rds n of ne cor nw ¼ 29-90-4; w 12 rds s 8rds e 12 rds n 8 rds to place of beginning	700 00
W M D Beach & wf to L R Harrier s 36 a sw ¼ sw¼ 14 & s 34a se se -15-lying east of pub high way known as the Forestville & Strawberry Point rd all in Twp 90-6	900 00
Chas E Reeve & wf to Uriah T Wheeless e½ w½ e½ sw¼ ne¼ 6-87-3	200 00
Clarence M Whitney & wf & Rachel M to Ernest M Whitney s½ w½ se¼ sw¼ 16-90-6	15 00
John N Powers & wf to F E Richardson w fr ½ nw & W fr ½ sw¼ ex s 55 a; all in Sec 30-87-4; also sw¼ sw¼ 20-87-4	6370 00
F E Richardson & wf to J N Powers se¼ 4 & the ne fr ¼ 4, ex 60 a off n side & the no ¼ ne¼ 9-88-5	1500 00
A A House to T Simons com at a pt 12rds n ne cor 20-88-4; w 6.11 ch, s 7.80ch to p of beg'g	1150 00
C L Witte to Clem Niehaus und ½ sw¼ sw¼ 11-90-3	100 00
Frank & Anna Donath to M E Gruman e 6 a of se¼ ne¼ 8-90-6	108 00
F L Minkler & wf to A L Minkler n½ s½ nw ¼ ne¼ 2-90-5	500 00
A Clark to R E Childs e½ se ne & ne 34-90-5 and other	3950 00
Mamie Hook & hus to F W Clute e½ lts 5-7 blk 1 Barkers 1st add to Greeley	500 00
John Hutchinson & wf to Geo Moore lts 10-11 blk 5 Sheldon & Harris add to Manchester	[illegible]
Rach[illegible] ¼ sw¼ sec 14, and [illegible] se¼ se¼ sec 15, as lies [illegible] and Strawberry [illegible] said 40 [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] of Forestville [illegible] Point road crossing [illegible] in northerly direction	1 00
[illegible] B Harrier et al to J B Nelson, s 36 a sw¼ sw¼ sec 14, and s 24 a of that pt of se¼ se¼ sec 15, as lies e of Forestville and Strawberry Point road crossing said 40 a in northerly direction	2575 00
Cornelius D Elder to Mary E Elder, e½ ne¼ sec 1 88 6	1 00
W E Lochridge and wf to J H Hammond, lot No. 3, in nw cor se¼ nw¼ sec 4-93 3	1500 00
Augusta M Ballard and hus to Del Co., Iowa, strip land 80 ft wide extending 40 ft on each side of a line com at sw cor se¼ 29-89-5, and running thence w through lot "I" Iowa Land Co.'s sub-div Manchester, Iowa, along s line said section 29 to Maquoketa river, the intention being to convey and dedicate the same to the public for highway purposes only and thereby to extend the highway known as Main street through said lot "I" westward to said river	1 00
Geo W Taylor to John Mulvehill, lots 58 59, 116, 117, Masonville	200 00
R G Kennedy and wf to S J and Isabell M Edmunds, lot 10 Amsden's add to Manchester	2800 00
S A Steadman to Rebecca C Steadman lt 129 Manchester	2200 00
R C Steadman to H H Lawrence lt 168 Manchester	2200 00
Wm Harvey & wf to Jos White lts 314, 315, 316, 319, 320, 321, 322, 501, 502, 503, 495, 496, 497, 498, 603, 604, 605, 796, 797, 798, Delaware	200 00
John Schure to A C Morris lts 2-7 blk 5 Dundee	950 00
F A Dunsmore & wf to Fred Basquin lts 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20; F A Dunsmore's 3rd add to Edgewood	600 00
U Whittaker & wf to J T Wilson lts 11-12 blk 8 Hopkinton	800 00
H Goodhile & wf to Hugh Clemans lts 5-6 Amsden's add to Manchester	4000 00
R J VanAntwerp et al to David Barr lt 272 Manchester	1100 00
H E Light to M W Sheldon pt lt 80 Manchester	300 00
E Klotzbach & wf to B W Shepard lt in Perry's add Edgewood	2500 00
G H Fuller & wf to J W Swinburne out lt 5 ex w 66 ft Delhi	150 00
V A Morgan & wf to Elmer K Purvis lts 11-12 blk 4 Sheldon & Harris add Manchester	125 00
Loring R Loomis & wf to Del Co strip of land 80 ft wide com'g at w bdr'y lt "I" Ia L'd Co's. Subdiv thence w to center of river	1 00
Anna Hinners to J F Hinners s 79 a w½ se¼ less road 23-90-3	300 00
E Stevens to A Clark und ½ e½ se¼ 34-90-5	1 00
F E Cornish to Theresa Rieger lt 130 Manchester	2200 00
E C Perkins & wf to Mrs P A Neal lt 8 & W 8 ft lt 9 blk 6 Delhi	143 00
John Cambell & wf to F Barr lts 23-24 blk 1 Thorpe	1 00

Letter From R. D. B. Thorpe.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

J. B. has gone comfortably to bed with his night cap and soap stone, leaving me to entertain myself Of course I might sew on buttons and I have some missionary work on the sewing machine, and I ought to write a letter but I feel more like talking to my dear friends at home.

Now don't some candid friend tell me "I need not take the trouble". I have no one else to talk to and the Democrat is always indulgent to old friends.

J. B. is quite well for him. He is sawing up a cord of dry maple wood these fine days. As it was being unloaded a machine man rushed over to ask if he might saw it up, but he told him no, that he needed the work himself for exercise, so he saws when he feels like it and when he gets tired he is not far from one of Mr. Brown's easy chairs, or the old lounge, so he can take a rest and a nap when he pleases.

This was club day and the subject was "Household Economics." Some thirty ladies were present, all interested in the subject, so we had a lively time. One lady had a paper on "Household Sanitation." She advised plenty of fresh air and sunshine which we all strive for, of course. Then she told of the swarms of microbes and bacteria that infest almost every thing, especially the dust of the streets and are even carried into our food by the innocent little house fly, if he can find a hole in the screen or some good man holding the door open while he inquires where the hammer is, or if we need any thing from town today. And while I was swinging the door to let fresh air into the room I wondered how many microbes and other villainous creatures I was letting in, for the dust flies as if it might be August and I suppose a single speck of dust may contain a whole colony of our invisible enemies.

One neat woman thought that if the club would only tell her how to keep the dust out of her house her afternoon would be well spent. I should think so! I hope she "Reads her Title Clear", for she referred to the "House not made with hands," as the only refuge from dust.

Fayette moves slowly but then it is sure. Just now Main street is being dug up for the city water works, and it is to be hoped that in time Fayette may have some protection from fire.

On my way home I was met by two young ladies who drive in from the country to school. They put their horse in a neighbor's barn, and left their robes and outer wraps in her house for safe keeping through the day. "Mrs. N. is gone and we can't get our wraps and things" they said. "Have you looked in our wood shed for them? "Yes, but they are not there nor at Mr. F's. where she sometimes leaves them." Two girls four miles from home, on a cold evening without their heavy wraps was a serious problem. So we rapped at another door, where the things might have been left, but they were not there. However, the lady of the house said she had a key that would unlock Mrs. N's. door and she would unlock it; but she had taken the wrong key and could not open the door, so one of the girls was taken in by a good neighbor and wrapped up while the other came to us. I got my largest coat for her but it was too small over her jacket. J. B's. overcoat was a better fit and with a big comforter for a lap robe, she went off happy. I suppose Mrs. N. forgot all about the girls when she locked her doors.

Last night a few miles from town a young man named Thorp died of hydrophobia. He was married Thanksgiving day, and died Sunday night. He was bitten by his own dog in September. What a dreadful ending of the happiness to which the young couple were looking forward.

In a book of "Favorite Poems" I find the following poem which I do not remember to have seen elsewhere. I think some of your book-loving readers will like it to paste in some of their pick up books. It is signed, Ada Carnahan.

"As there might be a meadow fair to view,
[illegible] y people by th[illegible] might pass.
[illegible] ight see the grass and one the dew,
[illegible] he alone the daisy in the grass.

[illegible] he pages of a written book,
[illegible] they too all may beautifously shine,
[illegible] one with his own eyes may look,
And one alone the writer's thought divine.

But whether books be meadows, fresh or green,
Or whether they be cultured gardens be,
Whoever rambles through them, still must glean
Only such flowers as he has eyes to see."

THE HOME DOCTOR.

A warm sponge bath will relieve nervous strain.

Neuraligia may very often be speedily relieved by applying a cloth saturated with essence of peppermint to the seat of pain.

For eyes that are stuck together in the morning bathe daily in boric water and at night rub the lids with boracic acid ointment.

Put a sprained ankle at once into hot water for ten minutes. Afterward, if the pain is severe, apply a bran bag dipped into hot vinegar.

A man who suffered from catarrh says that he cured himself of the malady by bathing the feet every night in cool water and putting on clean stockings every morning.

In cases of bilious or typhoid fever the juice of cranberries is almost indispensable for clearing the system of the poisonous bacteria. In some forms of dyspepsia there is no more effective and simple remedy than raw cranberries.

Strong black tea is recommended as a dandruff cure. It is said that shampooing the hair once in ten days with this and stimulating the hair by thorough brushing, both before and after, will cure the most obstinate cases of dandruff if used persistently.

The Quest Universal.

There never yet was a woman who set out to be beautiful in some direction and accomplished it without great struggle. So only the few who have the obstinacy to pursue a purpose to the end change from ugly ducklings to comely swans. I admit that ignorance of methods keeps back some of us, but the majority get no further than vain longings and complaints. They do not even do the best thing to succeeding—accept the inevitable with cheerfulness.

There never will be a time when one remedy will cure everybody, one rule govern the universe. If no two human beings are created exactly alike how can we expect to deal with them by a remedy or a rule that ignores characteristics? So the wise person tries one thing after another, always allowing sufficient time to each until the proper thing is secured, and when found it is never discarded for something less sure.

This rule applies to face creams and beautifiers of all kinds. It applies to bathing, to exercise, to diet and to recreation, not to mention dressing, one of the most important factors of life, according to the feminine code.—Boston Traveler.

Secret For Secret.

In the days of Louis XIV. even warriors bandied epigrams with one another.

The Marechal de Grammont had taken a fortress by siege.

"I will tell you a secret," said its military governor after surrendering. "The reason of my capitulation was that I had no more powder."

"And, secret for secret," returned the marechal suavely, "the reason of my accepting it on such easy terms was that I had no more balls."

TRY IT ANYWAY.

If the Plan Does Not Succeed, Then You Are Not to Blame.

A beautiful answer was that given by the sapient wife to her half repentant, still belligerent husband once upon a time. There had been a matrimonial tiff, more possibly a storm that had burst in angry words and looks upon the domestic horizon. Thunders and lightnings, passing, as they always do, into the distance, left the couple really devoted, but also really determined, in the sorry and ashamed of yourself frame of mind usual. The man, very sorry and ashamed and very obstinate, wanted to "make up."

"When two people," said he, with gloomy emphasis, "have disagreed and both have been right and both wrong, which one should make peaceful overtures to the other?" The wife, tears welling in her soft eyes, pondered with care and farreaching thought before answering; then, "The best natured and wisest of the two," said she, putting up her sweet, trembling lips for his ready kiss.

Dear woman, whose eyes, dwelling upon these words, may have been filled with tears through some intentional or, most likely, unintentional, word or slight from the man you worship, bear in your heart the Biblical injunction, "A soft answer turneth away wrath," and try it, if you never have, or again and yet again, if needed, rather than the scolding, waspish tongue that aggravates like a swarm of gnats.

Never mind, my dear, if it is "his" fault. You may not be able to tell in words how nervous and weary your own poor soul and body are. You may have many times the cause for outbreaks loud and deep that the partner of your life's joys and sorrows has. You cannot stop in these crises to think of yourself. You must, at all hazards, place the matter on a basis of mutual entente cordiale. There must not cannot be between you two anything like a veiled hostility, because that road leads to untold misery. It leads to recrimination, which is useless; to constant fault finding, which is ruinous to temper and disposition; to coldness of demeanor, which effectually freezes love.

Only where such method has been tried long and faithfully and its virtues have proved themselves faults, inasmuch as you are imposed upon without mercy, may you change it to the other of demand for peace. You have, beyond doubt, the right to be considered and your wishes complied with to some extent. But remember you are far more likely to bring that consideration to pass by gentleness than by rancor and wrangling with the average man. Try it first, my dear, anyway. You can always fall into the other way with wonderful ease, can you not?—Exchange.

To Serve Peas.

If you wish to serve peas as an entree cut out with a cooky cutter a round of bread from an ordinary sized

PEAS FOR AN ENTREE.

slice of bread, then two rings with a doughnut cutter. Dip them in melted butter and toast delicately brown in the oven. Fill the cavities with peas cooked in a delicate cream sauce.—Good Housekeeping.

Men Love the Neat Woman.

There is an attraction in neatness and order all their own. Their lack is felt even when there is great beauty to dazzle the eye. I know that there are men who tolerate slack, untidy women, but I have always regarded them as martyrs to duty, mistaken in the size of the obligation laid upon them. I have never blamed the man who shunned untidiness at home, be he father, husband, son or brother, and that, my friends, is the real whip that drives some men from their own firesides. The really neat woman is neat at all times, and the slack one is very unwise when she indulges her propensities at home. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, and certainly neatness is next to beauty.—Chicago Post.

Fine Laundry Work.

Fine laundry work is the means by which two women in an eastern city are earning a comfortable living. Being suddenly thrown on their own resources and having no special talent beyond a thorough knowledge of the art of clear starching, lace cleaning and fine ironing, they started in with some fine handkerchiefs, collars and cuffs and dollies sent by a few interested friends. At the end of a few months they were overtaxed with orders and able to employ a couple of assistants and a delivery boy. In addition to fine underwear, they also admitted babies' clothes until now their exclusive establishment is known best as the "babies' laundry."

Soap Jelly.

To make soap jelly gather together all the bits of soap from the washstands and dry them. Put them in a piece of muslin and pound them to powder. Put on the stove with enough water to cover them and add one tablespoonful of olive oil to one cup of powdered soap. Heat all together. Pour into a wide mouthed jar to cool into jelly. If the jelly becomes too stiff reheat it and add a little more olive oil. Keep a jar of this soap jelly on the washstand and use occasionally when you want a good lather for hands, arms or neck.

Male "Housemaids."

Male "housemaids" are a contribution to the solving of the servant problem in Great Britain, it seems. Several thousands of foreign young men have been transported to London to engage in general domestic work in British households. So far nothing but commendation is heard on the subject. These manservants, say their employers, do the work that has generally been allotted to women in a cleaner, quicker and more thorough fashion than the sex they have displaced. They waste less time, have no grievances, no "visitors," ask no higher wages and do not bother about "evenings out." Altogether if the future carries out the prophecy of the present it will not be long before the reign of women workers in the "essentially womanly field of housewifery" will be quite eclipsed by the masculine superiority therein shown.

The Sensitive Woman.

The sensitive woman who is ever getting her tender feelings lacerated and always feels that she is either misjudged, ignored or slighted is a disturbing factor most difficult to cope with. She is usually one of the clinging, helpless mortals in appearance and melts into tears so readily that any one attempting to argue her out of the mood feels like a brute and ends in abject apology. She is depressing, provoking and wearing, yet demands and receives far more attention than any other type simply because her display of weakness disarms her foes and makes her friends more valiant. The suppression or conversion of this class would be a great step toward reform, finding favor in many households.

Business Ability.

One of the most successful of the dress manufacturing firms in New York is composed of two young women who while engaged in teaching began in a very modest way to put out some original work in dressmaking. First with the design for collarettes, then for waists and finally for whole suits these women have gradually enlarged their field until they supply some of the largest retail stores in New York and in other cities. Forty machines are run by electricity, and two floors on a prominent thoroughfare are given up to their work.

Mimickry In Caterpillars.

A very large caterpillar stretched itself from the foliage of a tree which I was examining and startled me by its resemblance to a small snake. The first three segments behind the head were dilatable at the will of the insect and had on each side a large black pupilated spot, which resembled the eye of the snake. It was a poisonous or viperine species mimicked and not an innocuous snake. This was proved by the imitation of keeled scales on the crown, which was produced by the recumbent feet as the caterpillar threw itself backward. I carried off the caterpillar and alarmed every one in the village where I was then living to whom I showed it.—"Records of a Naturalist In the Amazon."

Two Tales of Truffled Turkeys.

The Abbe Morelet was accustomed to say: "There needs be two to eat a truffled turkey. I never do otherwise. I have one today. We will be two—the turkey and myself."

The archbishop of Sanzai was another truffled turkey lover. His grand vicar had lost a turkey to him on a bet and delayed paying up because, as he alleged, "truffles were bad that year."

"Bah! Bah!" said the archbishop. "We will chance the truffles. This is a false report that has been circulated by the turkeys."—"The Pleasures of the Table," by G. H. Ellwanger.

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