

FLAGS IN BIG HOTELS.

Colors of All Nations as a Rule Are Kept in Stock.

"No first class metropolitan hotel is thoroughly equipped until it possesses an assortment of flags almost as complete as that of an admiral's flagship," remarked the manager of a prominent caravansary.

"The leading hotels in the great cities have use for flags of all nations some time or other. Hotels are pretty nearly as punctilious in observing certain little ceremonies when distinguished visitors arrive as are naval fleets. If some high official of a foreign country is staying in the house it is the proper thing to display his nation's colors. As all big hotels are likely to entertain home and foreign diplomats, army or navy officers, or even members of royal families, you can see where there is a necessity for an assortment of flags.

"The hotel may not possess a complete outfit to begin with, but as time rolls along and distinguished men of all lands are entertained the collection of bunting is continually added to. Then there are the many fraternal organizations which make one hotel or another their headquarters on the occasion of annual celebrations. They usually have some flag or device which is swung in the breeze over the house on the days of the jollifications."—Philadelphia Record.

AN AFRICAN INCIDENT.

A Python, Some Goats and a Meat That Was Relished.

"During several years spent in central Africa we were for the greater part of the time dependent on goats for our fresh milk supply," writes a traveler. "The goat kraal was made very strong, proof against lions, leopards and other carnivora, but a python entered between the poles, though they were spaced three inches apart, one night, killed all the goats in the compartment by strangling them, swallowed two and was found gorged, sluggish and self trapped within the kraal in the morning. The swellings of his body where the two goats were prevented him from escaping between the pallings, as he had come in. To look at the snake's small head and slender neck it seemed impossible for him to swallow anything larger than a rat, but by dislocating his jaw and stretching his skin he accomplished the apparently impossible feat of gastronomy. The goats were cut out of him intact by our boys, who evidently considered that premature burial in the python did not affect the edible qualities of the meat, as within half an hour it was all roasted and eaten with considerable relish."

A TALE OF THE COMMUNE.

One Little Chap Who Escaped the Bullets of the Soldiers.

A writer in the Cornhill tells of a scene that Charles Austin witnessed when the Versailles entered Paris. He saw one day roaming about Paris—a not uncommon sight—a group of men and women put against a wall to be shot. Their hands were supposed to be blackened with powder.

Among them was a lad of twelve or fourteen, who, before the order to shoot could be given, stepped forward and begged to be allowed to take back the watch his mother had lent him. He produced a huge turnip of a watch and promised faithfully to return.

Mr. Austin said it was a moment of anguish. None could be sure that the child was telling the truth, but the officer commanding, giving him a kick, said, "Be off with you!" The child ran away, the order to shoot rang out, but the horrid business was hardly over before the clatter of feet was heard, and the boy reappeared round a corner and, putting himself against the wall, prepared for death.

It was impossible to kill that heroic little soul.

"It renews one's faith in human nature," said Mr. Austin.

The Town Stood the Loss.

While the engine was taking water the passenger with the imposing watch chain and eyeglasses strolled out on the platform and looked with interest about him.

"By Jove!" he said to the solitary native who was sitting on a flour barrel. "This village looks just exactly as it did twenty years ago, when I moved away from here. I don't believe it has changed a particle in all that time."

"I reckon not, mister," said the solitary native, biting off a chew of tobacco. "Your goin' away don't seem to have made much difference in the old town."—Chicago Tribune.

A Bad Spell.

Ethel, aged six, is just learning to spell and is much rejoiced over her progress. She announced with great glee to her father the other evening that she knew how to spell "in" and proved the assertion. A few minutes later she inquired, with a puzzled air: "Papa, does 'in' backward spell 'out'?"

Soon to Be Older.

After other amusing replies to his questions, an examining physician connected with a big life insurance company relates that of a son of Erin who, when asked his age, declared that he was thirty-three years old and added, "But in two months I will be a year older."

Not Jane's Way.

Mistress (excitedly)—Jane, Jane! The house is on fire! Jane (calmly)—Yes, I know. It's the first fire in this house that I haven't had to light.

Even a postage stamp is no good if it gets stuck on itself.—Philadelphia Record.

WOMAN AND FASHION

Simple Shirt Waists.

Simple blouses or shirt waists fill a need and are always in demand, however much more elaborate ones may be liked. This one is laid in box plaits for its entire length and is becoming to the generality of woman-kind, while it is absolutely simple and



BOX PLAITED BLOUSE.

well suited to wear with the jacket suit. The sleeves are among the latest of the season—wide and full at the shoulders and narrow at the wrists, where they are finished with deep cuffs. As illustrated the material is royal blue taffeta, with figures of the same color, but all the season's waistings are correct.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and three-quarters yards twenty-one inches wide, three and three-eighths yards twenty-seven inches wide or two yards forty-four inches wide.

Swiss Elder Garments.

Swiss elder is the material at the head of the list for comfort garments purposely designed for lounging during the cold season. They are made up with a dainty binding of stitched silk, and about the waist is loosely tied a silk cord, with tassel ends, which matches the binding in color. The Swiss elder can now be bought not only in the loveliest of plain colors, but in many attractive fancy designs, showing stripes and dots of a contrasting color; also a mottle effect, which is new.

Children Wear Cashmeres.

Cashmeres, so enthusiastically accepted by their elders, are being generously used for the little folks. These, while soft and graceful and rich in coloring, lack some of the serviceable qualities of the flannels. Then there are "wool delaines" quaintly flowered and a new, very smooth and hard twisted serge and the albatross and the mohair and very light weight wools.

Panama Voile.

There is a new weave of veiling, quite heavy, called Panama voile, that is used for street and semidress gowns. It is shown in both plain and emboldered effects and in the most fashionable colors.

Smart Suit For Girls.

Mannish mixtures in tweeds and chevots make smart suits for young girls in their teens. An attractive outdoor costume is shown here developed in brown and tan chevot with leather trimmings. The use of leather on walking suits is very fashionable this season. The closing is made with leather



COAT AND SKIRT.

covered buttons. The skirt is shaped with narrow gores and box plaits. Costumes in this mode may be made of velvet, corduroy, ladies' cloth, zibeline or melton, with chamouis, velvet or heavy silk for trimming. Some suits made of smooth faced cloth are trimmed with fancy braid. To make the skirt in the medium size will require three yards of material forty-four inches wide, with one-half yard of contrasting material for trimming. To make the skirt in medium size will require five yards of material forty-four inches wide.

IN GRASP OF BLIZZARD.

Eastern Cities Snowbound and Traffic on the Railroads Suspended.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Not since the blizzard of 1888, by which all storms are estimated as great or small, has New York been so completely snow-bound as it is tonight. The city itself is lying under a foot of snow, and in many places it has been banked by the wind to a height of several feet. Surface travel early in the day was abandoned, over-head transit was irregular and slow, and it remained for the underground roads to carry home so far as they could reach within the city limits the hundreds of thousands of workmen from the down town districts.

The entire coast line from the Delaware capes north has been in the grasp of the storm which, because of the heavy fall of snow, the intensity of cold and the force of the gale, has exceeded in severity anything experienced in years.

Tonight the hospitals, police stations and the houses of refuge are crowded to their capacity. Soon after 7 o'clock tonight a bulletin was posted in the New York Central station saying that no more trains were expected to arrive tonight. This notice referred to both local and express trains.

Not a vessel of any kind has sailed from or arrived at this port in more than 24 hours and at the port of Boston only one arrival was reported, and that a coastwise steamer. Two trans-Atlantic liners have been unable to leave their piers. Seven other steamers all scheduled to leave their pier during the day are still in port.

Will Suppress Revolution.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—While the military evidently have the situation in St. Petersburg and other centers well in hand and no disturbances have occurred, today's advices say great excitement exists throughout the country. General Trepoff, the new governor general of St. Petersburg, has been given absolute authority over the military and police and even been vested with the power of exile and it is evident that the government is dealing firmly with the situation.

Many persons have been arrested among them being Maxim Gorky, the author and reform leader, who, the Associated Press is privately informed was taken into custody at his home in Riga.

A notice was posted today at all the works in St. Petersburg giving the strikers 24 hours to return to work and intimating that those who did not comply will be deported to the villages.

At Moscow, which today's advices indicate as the possible storm center, and at Riga and Reval, troops are marching the streets, and the strikers, although augmented, are apparently overawed. At Saratoff the men in the railway shops and other establishments have gone out, but no disturbance is reported. The improvement in the situation is reflected in a generally firmer tone on European bourses.

Conditions at Port Arthur.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Times correspondent at Peking, who has returned from a visit to Port Arthur, describes the impressions he gathered there, and says:

"Without seeing them nobody could form any idea of the stupendous strength of the forts or the incredible heroism displayed in their capture. No foreign officer is able to explain the reason for the surrender of Port Arthur. Those who have seen the condition of the fortress believe that no more discreditable surrender is recorded in history.

There were 25,000 able-bodied men capable of making a sortie, hundreds of officers, all well nourished, and plenty of ammunition, the largest magazine being untouched and full to the roof with all kinds of ammunition for naval guns. There was, further, ample food for three months, even if no fresh supplies could be received."

Coldest of the Season.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced here today. The thermometer fell to 6 below zero. One man was fatally frozen and many others were severely frost-bitten. For the first time in three years the river is completely blocked with ice.

OMAHA, Jan. 25.—Today the weather bureau reports the minimum temperature 17 degrees below zero. Ice cutters have been driven from their work by the fierce winds.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—Intense cold weather continued today in the southwest. At Kansas City it was 11 degrees below. In Kansas the coldest point was at Concordia, with 16 below.

DES MOINES, Jan. 25.—Iowa is shivering today from a fierce gale and the temperature is 14 degrees below. Traffic is difficult and all trains are from four to twelve hours late.

The River Press.

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Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increase in the Number of Operations Performed Each Year—How Women May Avoid Them.



Miss Ruby Mushrush



Mrs. Fred Seydel

Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, who are either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

Why should this be the case? Simply because they have neglected themselves. Ovarian and womb troubles are certainly on the increase among the women of this country—they creep upon them unawares, but every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation. When these symptoms manifest themselves, do not drag along until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation—but remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulency), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy.

The following letters cannot fail to bring hope to despairing women.

Mrs. Fred Seydel, 413 N. 54th Street, West Philadelphia, Pa., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham— "I was in a very serious condition when I wrote you for advice. I had a serious womb and ovarian trouble and I could not carry a child to maturity, and was advised that an operation was my only hope of recovery. I could not bear to think of going to the hospital, so wrote you for advice. I did as you instructed me and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; and I am not only a well woman to-day, but have a beautiful baby girl six months old. I advise all sick and suffering women to write you for advice, as you have done so much for me."

Miss Ruby Mushrush, of East Chicago, Ind., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham— "I have been a great sufferer with irregular menstruation and ovarian trouble, and about three months ago the doctor, after using the K-Ray on me, said I had an abscess on the ovaries and would have to have an operation. My mother wanted me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a last resort, and it not only saved me from an operation but made me entirely well."

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Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—Owing to the exceedingly small stocks of domestic wool available, normal business in the Boston market is unusually dull. Territory wools are not only scarce, but reports received indicate that operations for wool on the several islands in progress in all sections of the territories, and it is estimated that already 40 or 50 per cent. of the coming clip has been sold. In one previous year has buying been so general. Pulled wools are somewhat easier. Foreign wools are in fair demand and sold firm.

Arguments in Smoot Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Arguments in the Smoot investigation were begun today. Judge R. W. Taylor, of Ohio, who has conducted the case for the protestants, reminded the committee that it had been a year since the investigation was instituted. He stated that the question of morals was but incidental and that the principal question involved was one of government and law. He took the position that a senator who was not a respecter of the law he was charged to make could not be fitted to serve in the highest legislative branch of the government.

That the church, the hierarchy and its members were placed higher than the law was Judge Taylor's chief contention why Senator Smoot should be unseated. He said that because the church received revelations and the hierarchy being in immediate contact with God, the church was placed above the law of the land. In closing Judge Taylor said:

"A grave question is yet to be answered. Read Smoot himself is but a trivial incident in the weighty problem. It is the problem of government, the constitutional question whether law or caprice shall govern people who know no ruler but the law and no safe rule but respect for law.

A senator from Utah is a senator of the United States. He legislates for 80,000,000 people who hold as their most cherished possession such a respect for law because it is law as Read Smoot, unappreciated for him, has never felt or understood from the moment of his first conscious thought down to the present hour."

Russian Troops Discouraged.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent asserts that General Kurapatkin has telegraphed to the emperor that his power is seriously hampered by the obstinate reluctance of his troops from the European provinces to advance against the enemy. While the Cossacks and Siberians are full of dash, the Europeans argue now that Port Arthur has surrendered there is no object in continuing the war.

Case Land—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 9, 1905. Notice is hereby given that Robert Kay, of Fort Benton, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof, in support of his claim No. 10421, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 18, Township 21 N., Range 20 E., Tenth Principal Meridian, Montana, before the U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Thursday the 16th day of February, 1905.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: William S. Bryant, Julius Hartfield, Julius Zschunke, Conrad Kulacek, all of Fort Benton, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Jan. 16, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Mont., on Thursday, February 23d, 1905, viz: Herbert C. Shultz, who made homestead entry No. 10421, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 18, Township 21 North, Range 20 East.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: James S. Sloan, James Bell and Donald Bell, of Portage, Mont.; Joseph Wood, of Fort Benton, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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