



CARE OF THE TEETH.

To Preserve and Beautify Them Should Be the Aim of Every Man, Woman and Child.

Everybody admires a good set of teeth, and the owner of such is always to be envied.

It is not sufficient to use only a tooth powder; a liquid dentifrice is pleasant and has a beneficial influence upon the gums.

Yellow teeth, it is said, are usually indicative of bodily vigor, and very pearly white ones of a more fragile constitution.

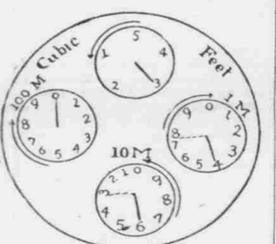
There is only one general rule to offer respecting the care of the teeth, and that is that they be kept immaculately clean and in perfect health.

A healing and soothing tooth powder is made of precipitated chalk 1 oz., of powdered borax one-half oz., of powdered myrrh one-fourth oz., and the same quantity of powdered orris root.

READING GAS METERS.

Careful Housekeepers Should Keep an Eye on Gas Meters to Prevent Overcharging.

The gas and water accounts, which form so large a part of the year's expenses, should be as closely scrutinized by the careful housekeeper as are the grocery and provision bills.



FACE OF GAS METER.

The face of a gas meter. It will be noticed that the hands of alternate dials move in the same direction. The dial at the top registers fractions of a cubic foot and is used for test purposes only.

A water meter is read in precisely the same way but the registration is more minute. The first dial is used only for testing.

Recipe for a Hair Wash. A useful hair wash, especially for those people who easily catch cold, is made by taking five cents' worth of camphor and borax (both should be powdered), and pouring over them a pint of boiling water.

A Season of Monograms. Everything nowadays must be monogrammed and must, of course, be table linen.

Roquefort Cheese Industry. The milk of a single Roquefort sheep will in a year make about 30 to 40 pounds of cheese.

MRS. CLARENCE MACKAY.

New York Society Leader Who is Called the Most Extravagant Woman in America.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay, the dashing leader of New York society, with a fortune of almost \$40,000,000 at her command, is credited with being the most extravagant young heiress in America.



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creations in this direction is to be found in her magnificent country home on Long Island, comprising a mansion and 700 acres of land, which was presented to her by her father-in-law, John W. Mackay.

Although spending fabulous sums every year upon gowns and the gratification of literary whims regarding the building of the dam of Assouan.

People stare at her so much when she drives out in New York that she wears a veil covered with heavy lace flounces that completely hides her features like a mask.

Mrs. Mackay is justly reputed to be the most original woman in New York society. She furnishes the surprises, fashions and fads for the young members of Gotham's smart set.

Before cutting linen or damask, be sure to draw a thread, for otherwise no matter how straight it may fold, it will probably only look so till it is washed.

Use of Linen in Rotation. Careful housewives see that their pieces of linen are used in rotation, for if one be on the table oftener than another it is pretty sure to wear out long before the rest of the set.

Good Reason. Wife—Well, the cook has gone, and it's your fault. Husband—Mine! Why? "She said you didn't treat her any better than you treated me."—N. Y. Sun.

Showing Him Up. Sue—But, dear, he has some redeeming features. Kate—I'd like to know where they are. Why, he couldn't even redeem his watch after it had been in six months.

No Argument There. "This," said the philosopher, "is a time of unrest. It—" "You're right," interrupted the new papa, "I haven't had a good night's sleep for two weeks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

EGYPT'S NILE DAM.

One of the Greatest Engineering Works of the Age.

Twenty-Five Hundred Square Miles of Desert Reclaimed—American Farmers Directly Interested.

The announcement has just been made that the last coping stone of the great Nile river dam at Assouan has been laid and that the great reservoir will be completed at the end of the present year.

This dam is one of the most gigantic engineering enterprises ever undertaken, and, although constructed with cheap Italian and native labor, has already cost \$25,000,000.

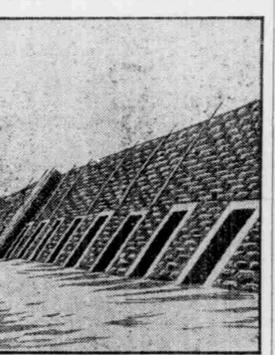
The progress of the work has been watched with intense interest by the entire civilized world, because every one familiar with the history of Egypt knows that its successful completion means the salvation of the ancient kingdom.



BUILDING OPERATIONS ON THE DAM OF ASSOUAN.

demand, but vast quantities for export to countries now dependent on the United States for their grain supply. "The Nile is Egypt and Egypt is the Nile," runs an old saying, the recognition of whose truth led to the building of the dam of Assouan.

The dam which has just been completed will retain 100,000,000 tons of water. In other words, back of the building a gigantic lake will be formed wherein the rich manurial sediment



SECTION OF FINISHED DAM.

which the Nile brings from the upper Soudan is gathered. With the aid of auxiliary side dams the stored water will be directed into different canals which are to irrigate the soil.

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caravans can cross the river in the near future.

There are 150 sluices for releasing the water, each six and one-half feet wide. The depth varies, some of the sluices being only 1 1/2 feet deep, others 25 feet, according to the depth of the river bed.

When the idea of building a dam was first suggested archaeologists and lovers of art entered an emphatic protest.

These old ruins are situated upon a small island which, it was supposed, would be submerged whenever the sluices were closed.

The history of the contract which inaugurated the building of the dam is quite interesting. When the proposition was first broached a few interested Englishmen consulted Sir Benjamin Baker and Sir John Aird, who pronounced in its favor.

Thus, in four days Egypt had received and accepted a proposition whose consequences are bound to have a vast effect upon its future.

All commercial transactions of the present require the facilities of national and international mails. Therefore the development of the country is indicated by the growth of the executive department in charge of that branch of the public service.

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RAILROAD SEARCHLIGHTS.

New Luminaries for Engines That Make the Old-Time Reflector Look Very Dim.

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OUR POSTAL SERVICE

It Indicates the Growth of the Nation's Prosperity.

United States Now Has Upward of 77,000 Postmasters—How Their Accounts Are Checked and Audited.

Very soon after his retirement from the senate, where he had been a conspicuous figure for almost 20 years, John J. Ingalls, of Kansas, delivered a lecture in this city in which he dealt particularly on the various ways of getting on in the world.

Nations grow as men grow. Men and women gifted with the reflective faculties enjoy reading the histories of the development of successful nations, and from them learn valuable lessons for the betterment and development of individuals.

In 1856 the total transactions of the office were less than \$8,000,000 and for the last fiscal year the aggregate transactions amounted to \$803,239,506.

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PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON (The First Man to Retire from the Post Office Department.)

By the time the proposed annex can be completed it is estimated that there will be upwards of 80,000 post offices. By the way, while this development of the postal service indicates national prosperity, it must not be overlooked that the other executive departments are likewise showing increased business.

The auditor for the post office department, although an official of the treasury department, must have his offices in the same building with the post office department, for convenience in the transaction of public business.

In all ages of the world there has been a disposition to dishonesty on the part of government employees. Ananias and Sapphira were not the first nor was Cassius the only Roman "reputed to have an itching palm."

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Among those who shared up on circus duty," continued the agent, "was a giant, raw-boned young fellow with a flat like a half-boiled measure. He had business in his eye, but no one noticed it until too late.

"Then I'll stop him right now," replied the young fellow, and he jumped in and hit the Rajah a week-dogger on the ear that knocked him so flat as a pancake. They heard that blow clear out to the ticket wagon, and it took six men and a two dollar bill to work that farmer out doors without getting up a riot.

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