

NOT A BOSTON GIRL

I read the letter, write her name— It's very dear to me— I'll then add, beneath the same, Two letters— M and D.

A SHOOTING MATCH

Story of the Love Affairs of Mary, Ben and Dan'l.

"I ain't much on the shoot, now," said the old man, as he tenderly hung his squirrel rifle on the deerhorn hooks over the door.

"I never got beat but once," he went on, "with a good-humored reminiscence of a feller that was by a feller that hadn't sense enough to see clearly to go in out of the rain.

"You ain't shootin' very spry today," said Dan'l, grinning. "You air," says I, lookin' ugly and feelin' my bolts on Mary's hippl'n."

"Well, then, Dan'l," says she, shakin' some, "fer I was holdin' her hand and tuckin' when you an' me had that shootin' match for me, Ben didn't have no bullets in his gun. They was just wads."

"No, he didn't," says she, patten' me on the arm like as ef she was my mother. "But he got you," says I, droppin' back a peg or two.

"Dan'l," called the old man's wife from the kitchen at this point, "supper's ready."

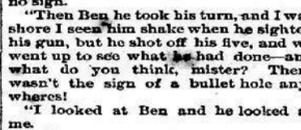
"Well, after talkin' fer half an hour or more, we fixed up a shootin' match,

A PRACTICAL DRESS.

It is Not as Well as Hygienically Valuable.

No Bones Are Needed, Even for the Purpose of Stretching Seams, as the Seams Show How the Gown is Fitted.

Miss Annie E. Tabor, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, of whose improved divided skirt we gave out with description, a short time ago, has recently perfected a woman's working dress which is at once so neat, so comfortable, so convenient and altogether so hygienically valuable, that we take great pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to it.



THE INDOOR COSTUME.

quires three pieces to complete it; the dress proper, the gumpie, and the jacket. The dress proper has a seam under each arm and two (or four) small darts to shape the bust.

The indoor costume is here shown—a gumpie made of some soft material, with simple sleeves, and yoke. Dress proper and jacket can be made of four and one-third yards of fifty-two-inch goods.

The two-seamed gown form can be draped upon the same as upon any other gown form. Sleeves can be fitted into this kind of body just as in a body with many seams.

COFFER may be served at any time during breakfast, but should come at the end of dinner.

NEVER say or do, or countenance in others the saying or doing of anything rude or impolite at the table.

AWFUL LOVELINESS OF THE FINEANS. Midocan is not more lonesome than the plains; nor night so gloomy as that dumb sunlight. It is barren of sound.

ELABORATE DRAPING.

Why Heavy Portieres Should Be Discarded in Summer.

It is the fault of many of our rooms that they are overdraped, especially in summer. It would be the rule in country houses, as it is in the city, to dispense with all heavy portieres and thick hangings in summer, not only because of health and flies, but because such hangings are superfluous in summer.



THE WOMAN OF GENTLE HEART.

The woman with a loving heart is sure to look upon the bright side of life, and by her example induces others to do so. She sees a good reason for all the unwelcome events which others call bad luck.

PREPARATIONS. He—What have you got all these brass rails along the edge of the sofa for?

She—Papa had them put in. I told him so, but you had spoken at last.—Detroit Free Press.

COULDN'T TROT IN HER CLASS. "What is your name?" "Three thousand a year."

NO, HAROLD. If you had five thousand a year.—Washington Star.

A DISCOVERY. "I've found out two things about tongues," Jack said. "They're made to talk with at home and to keep still with at school."—Harper's Young People.

THE ATTRACTION. Miss Nugget—Would you have loved me had I been poor? Mr. Argonaut—I should never have known you, darling!—Puck.

THE FARM KITCHEN.

It Should Always Be Liberally Supplied with Ice.

As farmers appreciate more and more the value of ice on the farm and desire to make it a kitchen economy as well, they learn the great value in both summer and winter of a good icebox or refrigerator. Dealers do not hesitate to sell from twenty to fifty dollars for a size sufficient for a farmer's family, and of neat external appearance.

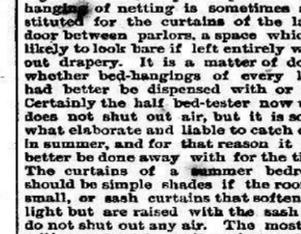


FIG. 1.—CROSS SECTION OF REFRIGERATOR.

ter's tools can make one during a stormy day or two in winter. Many suppose it to be necessary to line the entire article of furniture with zinc, but this is an error. Only the tank for the ice need be of metal, and this must be water-tight, with a tube at the bottom for draining off the water as the ice melts.

THE ESSENTIAL in a refrigerator is air spaces or non-conductive packing to prevent absorption of heat from the air of the room in which it stands.

IF an especially fancy cover be desired it can be made in panels as seen in Fig. 2, using walnut or some pretty wood in quarter-inch veneer, attaching it with small brads, and covering the counter-sunk heads with putty, colored to match.

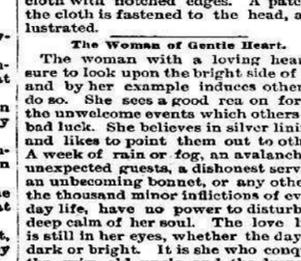


FIG. 2.—HOMEMADE REFRIGERATOR CLOSED.

preferable, must be fastened in a thoroughly strong manner so it will not warp. If it should become rusty, as unventilated refrigerators are likely to do in warm weather, it should be fumigated. Nothing is more useful for this work than an ounce of sulphur and a live coal in an iron vessel closed within the lower compartment.

Blanch them by throwing boiling water over them, and then, after they have stood two minutes, putting them in cold water and rubbing the brown skins off with the hand or a rough cloth. After blanching, let them dry thoroughly, then sprinkle olive oil over them, say a teaspoonful to every half pint, and let them stand two hours, then sprinkle salt over them, mixing thoroughly with a spoon. Spread them out on a clean pan and place in a quick oven for ten or fifteen minutes, until they become crisp and in color a delicious brown. They should be stirred once or twice while in the oven.—Bakers' Helper.

KEEPING UP THE FIGHT.

The Harrison and McKinley Combination Still Hoping.

Two eminent advocates of republicanism and high tariff are reported by the republican papers as having recently made stirring appeals to their followers. One of them is the late president of the United States, Mr. Benjamin Harrison, whose words are said to have been packed into the single phrase "Keep on fighting."

The financial authorities at Washington, agreeing with Mr. Carlisle, are hopeful that the problem can be solved without drawing the question into the arena of immediate political debate.

The money question is no longer confined to silver coinage. It now embraces the whole subject of our incongruous paper currency and involves the entire system of banking. Moreover, it cannot be determined without a solution of the difficulties of those communities that have not proper banking facilities; in other words, that are not possessed of proper credit tokens for the transaction of their business.

It is probable that the administration will be able to take such steps as will convince the country and the financial world that a proper solution of the money question will be eventually reached, and that in the meantime American securities will remain safe investments.

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He has made an excellent beginning, and he continues his researches he will find the same error in the department doing little or nothing, who have held over from Arthur's time—who rewarded democratic magnanimity in keeping them in by doing all they could to get democracy out as soon as Harrison succeeded Cleveland. It will be a genuine reform to get rid of such barnacles, especially if they pretend that they have been retained as indispensable, when the real reason of their retention is that they are pulled wires and ticked boots and have been long subject that the people very generally believe it has been justly called the department of humbug.

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THE MONEY QUESTION.

Financial Matters at Washington Daily Improving.

Every effort ought to be made that is consistent with the nature of the business interests of the country to postpone the consideration of the currency question until after the revision of the tariff. Secretary Carlisle is convinced that the monetary conditions are daily becoming more satisfactory.

The settlement of such problems will require many months of deep study and thorough discussion. And the meantime it would not be fair to the people who have demanded by an enormous majority that they shall be relieved from the burdens of tariff taxation imposed upon them by the McKinley administration, that the reform of that act should be postponed.

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