THIS AND THAT.

The demand for old, high back mahogany chairs with claw feet is now large.

There are more beautiful and costly illustrated trade catalogues issued in this country than any other section of the globe.

Experience in the Russian winter maneuvers shows that for marching snow is much more tiring than ordinary muddy roads.

A gold mine has been located on one of the streets of Keswick, Shasta county, California, and there are indications of an oil well in another.

Good chairs are the most difficult pieces of old furniture to find. They receive harder use than other pieces of furniture, and consquently wear out quicker.

A wedding ring should fit the finger. If it is too large it is a sign of shallowness of purpose. If too tight it suggests that the union pinches somehow. A perfect fitting ring is symbolic of a perfect harmonious union.

The married and unmarried women of the United States of Colombia, South America, are designated by the way in which they wear flowers in their hair, the senoras wearing them on their right side and the senoritas on the left.

The world is alive with modest industries that never are thought of. Here, for example, says the New York Sun, we are toting home, day after day, innumerable parcels, each by means of a small handle hooked into the strings with wires. Millions of these handles are made annually. Miles and miles of copper and iron wire are used in their manufacture, and enough wood is employed to make whole forests of birch and maple.

ROYAL DEALER IN DIAMONDS.

Costly Gems from the German Emperor's Own Mines.

Few folks are aware that the German emperor is the owner of some profitable diamond mines in German southwest Africa. Here is an interesting incident anent the splendid black and white gems which have recently been brought from those mines. The first parcel of precious stones reached the kaiser last autumn, and he turned the choice contents of it out on his library table. Then he sent a message to his lady relatives, whom he invited to come and see "a little surprise" he had in store for them, but without giving them any hint as to its character. The ladies arrived, gazed at the miniature mounds of costly gems, turned them over carelessly a few times, and appeared somewhat surprised.

"Why have you sent for us to look at such trifles as these?" asked one of the sisters, evidently ignorant of the intrinsic value of the "trifles" she toyed with.

"These are some of the choicest black and white diamonds from my own mines at Barsebaland, and the handful you now hold is worth at least £15,000," replied her royal brother. Then he smilingly added:

"Now, as you have been handling my diamonds, you must go into my 'searching room,' according to the rule which governs all who enter my mines or stores."

After which explanation the ladies evinced a sincere and enthusiastic interest in the shining heaps which they had ignored. — Golden Penny Magazine.

MEANT TO BE PRACTICAL.

Rude Tumble of a Groom from His Sentimental Mood.

The happy pair had survived the congratulations of friends and relatives, and were being whirled rapidly towards the railway station, before the bridegroom began fairly to realize that the vision of loveliness at his side was indeed his own.

A dawning sense of what he had done, and of the sacred charge that was now committed to his care, began to creep upon his benumbed faculties, driving the rose of health from his downy cheek, and substituting therefor the pallor of haunting responsibilities.

"Darling," he whispered, softly, "it will ever be my sacred care in life to—"

She interrupted him somewhat brusquely. "Now," said she, "don't sit on your coat-tails that way and get them all wrinkled up, and for goodness' sake don't lay your elbow right in that dust! Heaven only knows how long it will be before you get another good suit, so that you bad better take care of this one. Now, when we reach the station, you'd better get a couple of sandwiches in case we feel hungry in the train, and two hard-boiled eggs, and don't forget a small paper of pepper and salt."—London Tit-Bits.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Electricity has just been applied to the making of cigarettes and cut tobacco, and hundreds of hand workers will eventually be displaced by the innovation.

South Carolina is now manufacturing all the cotton she produces. North Carolina, Georgia and other southern states are also turning out a large part of their cotton in finished goods.

To-day there are a dozen large mills and 175 lace-making machines in the United States. These machines represent an invested capital of nearly $3,000,000, and turn out annually 4,500,000 pairs of curtains, valued at $20,000,000.

Pennsylvania's coal output is greater than that of all other parts of the country combined, equal in quantity to the mine returns to Great Britain, and larger than is taken from the mines of all nations in the world except the United Kingdom.

The Academy of Natural Sciences, which claims the distinction of having been the first scientific body to issue a publication in the United States, is shortly to resume the distribution of its proceedings in printed form. Its earliest publication was an octavo journal, begun in 1817, and continued until 1842.

It is a well-established fact that plants can be improved by crossing and judicious selection quite as surely and effectively as the breeding of animals. The sugar beet may be quoted as an example of what cultivation may do. The sugar beet of to-day actually contains about three times as large a proportion of saccharine matter as it did a century ago.

The average dietary of individuals in different countries varies greatly. An English statistician, Mr. R. F. Crawford, finds that an inhabitant of the United Kingdom consumes much more meat than a Belgian, Frenchman or German, but in smaller proportion of bread and potatoes. More bread and less meat are eaten in Belgium than in any other country considered, while a French peculiarity is the apparent small use of milk.

ADVICE TO WOMEN DOCTORS.

Chinese Minister Says They Should Go to the Orient and Learn Medicine.

Wu Ting Fang, the new Chinese minister to the United States, is a veritable genius. Besides being accomplished in Chinese literature, and a statesman of rare ability, he is a linguist and a philosopher, says a Washington exchange. He was the principal attraction at the recent commencement of the Woman's Medical college in Philadelphia, and, of course, was set down for a speech. "Since I came to this country," he said, "I have met women doctors, lawyers and journalists, but until I received the invitation to make this address it had never occurred to me the women had advanced so far as to have an institution exclusively devoted to the training of women for the medical profession.

"I am particularly interested in this institution, because of the Chinese girl, who, after studying here, returned to her native land, where she has since made a great success. In China it is generally believed that there is one sphere for women and another for men. The world has acted upon this belief for ages. I am glad that women have gained such a position in the medical profession that they cannot be removed.

"There are medical works in the Chinese language containing medical knowledge gained from the experience and practice of long ages. It is a great pity that this contribution of knowledge cannot be available to the whole world because of the great difference in language. The Chinese attach great value to the practice of medicine. If the good people of the European nations and of America had sent only medical missionaries to China, missionary troubles would happen rarely. If you were to ask my advice to-day, young ladies, I should say with Horace Greeley: 'Go west, young lady,' stop not on this side of the Pacific, but go until you arrive in China. Go to China, if you find this country too crowded in your profession. There is room enough and work enough there for all."

Reflections of a Spinster.

Happiness is a matter of temperament rather than of circumstance.

A man who is impervious to tears and pleading will melt like wax at the touch of indifference.

A bohemian is a person to whom the luxuries of life are necessities and the necessities luxuries.

People say that they know the world when their acquaintance is limited to the flesh and the devil.—Myrtle Reed, in Judge.

Oldest Family Bible in the Country.

What is probably the oldest family Bible in this country, and without doubt the oldest Dutch Bible, is in the possession of Capt. George W. Wood, 1700 Eutaw place. It is almost 300 years old, and has been in his family for nearly that length of time. In all probability it was purchased by one of his ancestors soon after it came from the press, for it was brought to this country in 1630.—Baltimore American.

Meaning Dudes.

Evangeline—Have you become acquainted with many of the young men in our social circle?

Angelina—Oh, yes; I know a "thing" or two.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

ANSWERS FOR THE ANXIOUS.

Some Sapient Suggestions for the Edification of Unenlightened Inquirers.

Glorianna B., of Westport, writes: "I have a young gentleman caller who is always trying to kiss me. How shall I dissuade him?"

You should dissuade him with a hatpin or an ax, Glorianna, but as an all-around anti-kiss argument there is nothing so dissuading and at the same time painless as a large Bermuda onion, says the Baltimore American. You should eat one or two or three before the kissing bug flies around.

"Musician," of Waverly, wants to know how to discover whether or not her piano keys are ivory or celluloid."

Touch them carefully with a lighted match. If they are celluloid you should then call the fire department.

"Housewife," of Roland Park, asks: "How can I keep roaches out of lard?"

Place the butter near by. They prefer it.

"Lucy F.," of Highlandtown, says: "My hair brush shows a good many falling hairs every day. How can I stop them?"

Soak the brush in glue over night.

"Rube:" It certainly was inhospitable of your friend, whom you were visiting, to refuse to allow you to use his tooth brush. However, we should cultivate a sweetness of disposition which will enable us to overlook such traits in others.

"Worried," of Catonsville: The quickest way to remove indelible ink from a carpet is to pour muriatic acid on the spot. Any carpenter can mend the hole it will make in the floor.

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Mrs. A. G. Russell, Nashville, Tenn., wrote: Dr. Moffett's Teethina (Teething Powders) is the greatest blessing to teething children that the world has ever known.

Bathing Without Shoulder Straps.

The rank and file on the Modder river were a short time ago forbidden to bathe, and sentinels were posted on the banks to look for surreptitious swimmers. One of the sentinels caught sight of a swimmer, who persistently ignored his summons to surrender to arrest. At last the bather emerged from the river; the furious sentinel advanced upon the dripping figure and claimed a prisoner. "Confound you!" was the reply, "can't you see I'm an officer?"—London Chronicle.

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