IRONING A SHIRT WAIST.

Not infrequently a young woman finds it necessary to launder a shirt waist at home for some emergency when the laundryman or the home servant cannot do it. Hence these directions for ironing the waist: To iron summer shirt waists so that they will look like new it is needful to have them starched evenly with Defiance starch, then made perfectly smooth and rolled tight in a damp cloth, to be laid away two or three hours. When ironing have a bowl of water and a clean piece of muslin beside the ironing board. Have your iron hot, but not sufficiently so to scorch, and absolutely clean. Begin by ironing the back, then the front, sides and the sleeves, followed by the neckband and the cuffs. When wrinkles appear apply the damp cloth and remove them. Always iron from the top of the waist to the bottom. If there are plaits in the front iron them downward, after first raising each one with a blunt knife, and with the edge of the iron follow every line of stitching to give it distinctness. After the shirt waist is ironed it should be well aired by the fire or in the sun before it is folded and put away, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

No man is truly refined until he has passed through God's fires.

Famous Institutions.

Prof. J. F. Draughon, Proprietor of Draughon's Practical Business Colleges, Nashville, St. Louis, Atlanta, Montgomery, Ft. Worth, Galveston, Little Rock and Shreveport, states that about three thousand students have enrolled at his colleges for personal instruction during past year, and that several thousand are taking his correspondence course of Home Study. Prof. Draughon's Colleges are endorsed by business men from Maine to California. See his ad. elsewhere in this issue, and write for his catalogue. Address as follows: Dept. Gl, Draughon's College, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The power of the pulpit is great, but that of the person is greater.

Defiance starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for same money.

Tip-toe walking symbolizes surprise, curiosity, discretion or mystery.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Bright's Disease is no respector of persons; it attacks men and women, the strong and robust, the rich and poor, the active body and brain workers, the fathers of families, the bread winners in every sphere of life, seeming to choose for its victims those only who can least be spared. Smith's Sure Kidney Cure is the only guaranteed remedy for Bright's Disease.

Your money back if it fails to cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

The passession of great means often produces great meanness.

Tetterine Cures Eczema.

ing Worm, Barber's Itch, Scaldhead, Tetter and those itching skin troubles so unpleasant and disgusting; 50c a box by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga., if your druggist don't keep it.

There are no heavenly rewards apart from the heavenly race.

Hall's Catarrh Cure

is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Slow steps, whether long or short, suggest a gentle or reflective state of mind, as the case may be.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

The criticism of the sermon often uproots the good seed.

SCAPE'S PILE CURE is curing people every day; will cure you or no pay; all druggists; sample free by Home Remedy Co., Houston.

Alaskan Indians allege that up the Porcupine river, 1,500 miles from Port Yukon, there are two petrified ships lying stranded in the mountains.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere, and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

About 2,000,000 kilogrammes of roses and 3,000,000 of orange blossoms are used annually in the Riviera for the making of perfumery.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME,
Notre Dame, Indiana.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Notre Dame University, one of the great educational institutions of the West, which appears in another column of this paper. Those of our readers who may have occasion to look up a college for their sons during the coming year would do well to correspond with the President, who will send them a catalogue free of charge, as well as all particulars regarding terms, courses of studies, etc.

There is a thorough preparatory school in connection with the University, in which students of all grades will have every opportunity of preparing themselves for higher studies. The Commercial Course intended for young men preparing for business, may be finished in one or two years, according to the ability of the student. ST. EDWARD'S HALL, for boys under thirteen, is an unique department of the institution. The higher courses are thorough in every respect, and students will find every opportunity of perfecting themselves in any line of work they may choose to select. Thoroughness in class work, exactness in the care of students, and devotion to the best interests of all, are the distinguishing characteristics of Notre Dame University.

Fifty-eight years of active work in the cause of education have made this institution famous all over the country.

While addressing the senate, Senator Bailey of Texas said: "Indian agents may be divided into two classes—the smart and the good. The trouble is that the good agents are never smart, and the smart agents are never good."

A STORY OF THE PRAIRIE.

The Century Magazine is about to print a serial which will have an especial interest to people who are at home on the prairies. It is called "The Biography of a Prairie Girl," and the author is Eleanor Gates, a young woman who spent her childhood in Dakota and who thus writes from the closest personal observation.

The time of Miss Gates's story is about twenty-five years ago; it is put in the form of a personal narrative of the life of a little girl, and there is hardly a phase or event of prairie life which s not touched upon in these pages,—the blizzard, breaking colts, horse stealing by Indians, school days on the frontier, fighting gophers and badgers, cattle raising, and other typical phases of hardship or prosperity.

It is not a novel, but the same characters appear and reappear in the story with a reality which impresses the reader with confidence in the truth of the narrative.

"The Biorgraphy of a Prairie Girl" will begin in the August number of The Century and it will be illustrated.

Thomas W. Lawson, of Massachusetts, does not let his interest in the possibly less practical things of life stop with yachts. He has placed a chime of ten bells on an observatory tower at Scituate. The tower itself is a landmark for mariners making Boston harbor from the southward.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.
Notre Dame, Ind.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of St. Mary's Academy which apears in another column of this paper. We do not need to expatiate upon the scholastic advantages of St. Mary's for the catalogue of the school shows the scope of work included in its curriculum, which is of the same high standard as that of Vassar and Bryn Mawr, and is carried out faithfully in the class rooms. We simply emphasize the spirit of earnest devotion which makes every teacher at St. Mary's loyally strive to develop each young girl attendant there into the truest, noblest, and most intelligent womanhood. Every advantage of equipment in the class rooms, laboratories and study rooms, every care in the matter of food and clothing, and exceptional excellence of classic conditions—all these features are found at St. Mary's, in the perfection of development only to be obtained by the consecration of devoted lives to educational Christian work, in a spot favored by the Lord.

The flowers of rejoicing bloom on the tree of righteousness.

THE BEST RESULTS IN STARCHING can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Many a man's practice puts an extinguisher on his profession.

FITS Permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for **FREE $2.00** trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

God will trust his glory to the vessel he has tried with grief.

DREISS' SPECIFIC HEADACHE POWDERS—the only harmless and sure cure for all Headaches. Price 10 and 25c. Sent by mail upon receipt of price. Adolph Dreiss, 119 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex.

We need to do God's work more than he needs us to do it.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Bread and butter Christians here may miss the banquet there.

DEFIANCE STARCH

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

It is better to be true to the false than to be false to the true.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

No amusement can be innocent when it becomes all-absorbing.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c

The man who thinks he is ahead of God is decidedly out of date.

"His Mother"

By Irene Rowland

On the whole the mother-in-law is a necessary feature of life. Without her the joke writer and the comic artist would be at a loss to fill space when ideas will not flow and the world seems tragic. The playwright, too, would be very much hampered when told to "lighten up" a heavy comedy or asked to write a "humorous" sketch. Worst of all, some men would have nothing to grumble about, says Irene Rowland in the New York Sunday Press.

From literature and the drama one would be led to suppose that the men who marry have no mothers, or that their mothers are all angels, who kiss the girl as the curtain falls and forever afterward retire into the background to give room to the new queen. Men's mothers are always painted by artists and wielders of the pen with sweet, patient, martyred faces, soft, white hair and smiling, seraphic old eyes, while women's mothers, on the contrary, as every one knows, always have hooked noses, glittering bad eyes, and carry broomsticks or pokers in their hands. Even the lady novelists chime in with this popular prejudice. Whoever heard of the hero taking an old daguerreotype of his mother from out the pocket over his heart to be greeted by "a hard, unsmiling mouth and keen gray eyes?" These are features which belong by right to the woman's mother.

Now, as a matter of act, a girl who is being mother-in-lawed is a much more tragic and pitiable creature than the man who is being mother-in-lawed. Her martyrdom, in the first place, begins earlier, much earlier, in the affair than does his. It begins long before she marries or even dreams of marrying the man in question. The moment she casts her eyes upon Clarence she is greeted by a glare from over his head that would freeze her to the spot if she had not been mother-in-lawed many times before. No young man exists so inane, so good-for-nothing, so weak, so depraved, so physically and morally repulsive that his mother does not consider him the object of every woman's wiles and too good for any girl who may so far forget herself as to marry him.

If Marion, who is something of a belle in her way, pities the green and callow youth who has been standing against the wall all evening and smiles upon him a bit more radiantly than necessary, his mother over in the chaperon's corner immediately beckons him with her fan and warns him in hurried and hushed tones against "that woman," which warning fortunately only adds a spice to his already dizzying dose of nectar and sends him rapidly skating across the dancing floor to beg a waltz. From that moment on Marion's life is a long story of petty persecution. Her reputation is as unsafe as one malicious tongue can make it. Her goings and comings are watched from behind drawn curtains. If by chance, with a good-natured desire to bring out the boy, in whom she sees some possibilities of social success in spite of his awkwardnes, she is kind to him and permits him to call, there is an immediate rushing to arms in his household, and amid tears and maledictions he is sent away to college.

When at length a girl has really decided to take a man seriously her trouble begins in earnest. Somehow, the little gods only know how, a man's mother always discovers the fact the moment he stops calling promiscuously and cuts the list in his engagement book down to one address. From that moment she regards her son as a victim of a malicious, determined, unscrupulous, scheming woman. She never stops to argue with herself. She forgets that his name is Smith, that he has freckles, that his salary is infinitesimal, and that he was never known to evince a talent for anything but pleasing himself in all his life.

She goes blindly into the fray, never seeing that the girl is pretty, young, pure and clever and that nothing but love and love alone could tempt her to marry any man. She begins by calling the girl "that woman" and cuts her dead on the street. I have always considered it a distinct compliment for any man's mother to call me "that woman" or to cast slurs upon my frivolity and calumny on my cooking. It is the first proof that the man is interested in me.

Perhaps the girl in the case, feeling an intense loyalty to Clarence, overlooks the slights, and knowing, as every girl does, that she is going to marry the man whether his mother approves it or not, seeks to propitiate the outraged one by sending her caramels or working her a sofa pillow. Then the wronged mother has a clue!

"Look!" she exclaims; "look! That woman is running after my son so shamelessly that she's actually sending me soft pillows. Tasty thing, isn't it?" And she smiles with malicious irony at you, while you, recognizing the blue flame of her wrath, can only agree with her meekly.

When at last the engagement is announced and she finds that all her war paint and her weapons have been wasted in vain, she resorts to tears and entreaties that would drive the ordinary son to suicide or distraction if he did not have the consolation of "that woman's" subtle sympathy. Occasionally the wild mock martyrdom of his mother does affect a weak son so deeply that he breaks the engagement and consecrates himself to celibacy for life, or at least during the remainder of his mother's life, and thus two lives are wrecked for all time.

After marriage the wrong side of the mother-in-law question often leads to tragedy. A man is much more willing to listen to tales against the woman he has won than to what he considers "vilification" of the woman he is trying to win. So, if the daughter-in-law's mother-in-law does not sensibly subside on the night of the wedding when her son goes to his lifelong sentence of martyrdom there is apt to be much misery in the dove cote. Marion cannot wear a red dress down town shopping without being accused of "trying to attract attention." She cannot go to luncheon with Cousin Jimmy without being spied upon and perhaps suspected of infidelity.

There is always the desire of the daughter-in-law's mother-in-law to prove her point. She forgets that in vindicating her selfish spleen she may drive her son to the divorce court and ruin the reputation of a pure woman. She forgets that when she married her son's father she went through the same agony of trying to mollify his mother and to clear herself of the crime of which she knew she stood accused in those reproving eyes. She forgets that it is selfish and cold-blooded for a mother to expect her son to live always without love for her sake.

It is not his fault that he was born a boy and therefore too good for any girl living. It is not his fault that he is a king among men and that every woman who meets him at once sets her villainous trap to ensnare him. It is not his fault that he is blind to the deficiencies of the girl whom he has chosen—who, in fact, is the very worst girl that he could possibly have chosen out of the entire army who have pursued him. Then why should he be denied the very ordinary and necessary comfort of a wife; why should he live all his life, rich in the smothering sweetness of mother love, but starving for the draught of nectar that wifely love alone can give?

Why? Because the wrong side of the mother-in-law question is full of knots that Alexander could not cut. Because divine motherhood has been warped by selfishness that is almost beyond comprehension. Because there are raw edges and ugly seams to the character of a daughter-in-law's mother-in-law that make a son-in-law's mother-in-law appear an angel in disguise beside her.

An Ancient Crown

That of Lombardy a Most Cherished Possession

Among the crowns preserving the ancient form more than any others now worn is the so-called iron crown of Lombardy, which is the most treasured national possession of the Italian kingdom. It is of golden "plaques," or panels rather longer than they are high, but small in size, so as not to rise above the top of the head. They form, indeed, only a jointed band of foliage, embossed relief-work, and one narrow wire of iron binds them together in the inside—this wire having the repute of being hammered out from one of the nails of our Saviour's cross. It was the enlargement of these panels in other crowns which led to the cross-band or "closure" of the crown. Look at the German crown and the Austrian, both adaptations of that of the old emperors of the "Holy Roman Empire." The "arch of empire" became the result in the crown of the necessity for fastening panels for protection for the head from any stroke from above delivered in war.—From an article by the Duke of Argyll in Leslie's Monthly.

Draining a Sea

People of Holland Are to Reclaim Zuyder Zee

Chimerical schemes for the flooding of the desert of Sahara have often been discussed, but a far more interesting and useful engineering feat of just the opposite kind is about to be accomplished by that most practical of peoples, the Dutch. In Leslie's Monthly for July is the first thorough account of the proposed scheme for pumping dry and turning into arable pasture land the Zuyder Zee, that inland sea which covers over 1,400 square miles in the heart of Holland. This undertaking, which will take many more than twenty years to accomplish, should result in providing homes for 50,000 people and in adding greatly to the wealth and prosperity of Holland. As an example of interior expansion, this undertaking is unique in history, and no more stupendous engineering feat has ever been planned.

It is estimated that the people of the United States eat 2,000,000 frogs yearly. These frogs are sought for in all parts of the country, furnishing a paying industry not only for the hunters of them in their natural haunts, but for scores of persons who have frog farms.

Opium-smoking is increasing in Eastern Siberia, and causing the authorities some anxiety owing to the frequent deaths therefrom. The police have discovered thirty-two opium dens in Vladivostock, eighteen in Nikolsk, thirteen in Novkiovsk, and four in Irkutsk.

Long skirts are responsible for an innovation at dances which is a somewhat mixed blessing. Girls found that when they were backing down the room in a waltz they trod on their skirts, and consequently they asked their partners to let them face down the room.

So-called "blood rain" fell in Hamburg and district, causing considerable commotion among the people. It was found that the "blood rain" was due to the falling of countless myriads of Beetles (Carabus coccinnella), and it is suggested that they were driven with volcanic dust from Martinique

William Lynn, residing southeast of Pana, Ill., recently celebrated the 108th anniversary of his birthday with a picnic and family reunion. Two hundred persons were present, of whom 175 were relatives of the man giving the picnic. Among those present were fifteen persons over 80 years of age.

Progressive Canada estimates that "the population capacity of Canada cannot be less than 100,000,000. There are 1,300,000 square miles of arable land.

W. N. U. HOUSTON, NO. 30-1902.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.