Always Willing to Oblige.

It was a Texas town, and a long-limbed Texan was making across the public square toward the courthouse with a revolver in his hand when he was stopped by a man, who asked: "Are you on your way to the court-house?"

Yes sir; I am," was the reply. "Going to shoot anybody?"
"Yes, sir—Lawyer Johnson. If it hadn't been for him I shouldn't have lost my case yesterday. Yes, sir, going to fill him full of lead."

Are you in any great hurry about "No special hurry, but when I have shooting on hand I like to get if off my minds as soon as possible."

"Of course, but you see, Lawyer Johnson is now arguing a case for me and won't be through for forty min-He's going to win it for sure if not interrupted, and if you will only hold on for awhile you will do me a great favor."

"Why, certainly—glad you mentioned it. No hurry about the shooting, so as it comes off to-day, and you can count on me. Have a drink with you? With the greatest of pleasure, and if Johnson is a particular friend of yours I'll shoot him as softly as I can and give him every show to die like a gentle-

Better Late Than Never.

"You may recall me, sir, as the man who eloped with your daughter about a "Well, sir, what can I do for you?"
"I may be a little bit tardy, but I have come to offer you my congratulations."

ALARMING MORTALITY

Noticeable Among the Weak and Ailing.

Spring the Time Death Reaps Its Largest Harvest.

There is a Way of Eluding the Grim Destroyer.

Every Spring it is noticeable how many people are taken away that we have been accustomed to see in our daily life.

Statistics show that at no other season of the year does so many deaths

Especially large is the mortality among weak and sickly people.

The reason for this is apparent. The body that is weakened by age or disease has much to contend with during the Winter months. Insufficient exercise frequently has been taken. Too much starchy and fatty foods have been The system has been allowed to become run down, and when Spring comes with its bright, sunshiny days, older people will begin to realize that their vitality has become very low. The same thing is true of people who

are naturally sickly and weak. This is the season of the year when even a strong person feels at his worst. That tired, restless feeling is

experienced by too many. There need not be as many deaths this year as usually take place. A lit-tle care will ward off many Spring fu-If one is weak or ailing they should take time by the forelock and take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. This great medicine has been in many cases, and will continue to be, the means by which the black angel of Death has been driven from the threshold. It dispels the grim destroyer in a scientific way, for it purifies the blood and gives strength and vitality to the nerves. It tones up and restores to a healthy condition all of the great life-giving organs of the body.

Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will enable those who take it to throw off little ills that prove dangerous only when they attack a system already wasted and weakened.

From many people, who have experienced benefit from this greatest of all life-lengtheners comes the following from the famous General Longstreet of 1217 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C. He says:

'It gives me great pleasure to add my testimony with many others for Dr. Greene's Remedy, which I have used with highly beneficial results and I am able to recommend its virtues from experience. I have used it for catarrh and have derived help."

Mr. Wellington Hynes, Elizabethtown, N. Y., writes:
"I feel it my duty to tell how much

good Dr. Greene's Nervura has done I was so run down that I could not sleep at night and everything wor-ried me. I had no appetit; and could not work, my head ached all the time and there was an all-gone feeling in my stomach and I was always looking on the dark side of everything. I began to take Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and in less than three weeks I felt like a new man. I can now do as much work as is expected of a man my age. I advise any one who is troubled to take Dr. Greene's Nervura. Do not go to a doctor, but get a bottle of Dr. Greene's Nervura. It is cheaper than a doctor's

The latter part of Mr. Hynes's advice might be profitably disregarded, however, if you should feel you would like the advice of a physician. You can have such advice and have it free if you will write or call on the greatest known blood and nerve specialist, Dr. Greene, 35 W. 14th St., New York City.

The Arkansas Chaplain's Prayer.

One of the strangest prayers that we remember to have read comes from Chaplain Noe, of the Arkansas House of Representatives:

"O Lord, we thank Thee that we are not in the lunatic asylum this morning, nor considered fit subjects for the same. The innuendo seems to be that some other morning the case might be differ-

If you want "good digestion to wait up-on your appetite" you shou d always chew a bar of Adams' Pepsin | utti Frutti.

The Chinese caligraphist uses two col-

ors-black and red.



"ENGLAND'S NEW QUEEN.

The Personal Characteristics of the Consort of Edward VII.

Millinery is one of the many accomplishments of the new Queen of England. In early life she and her Danish sisters were brought up upon decidedly narrow incomes, and had to make the most of a scanty provision for the wardrobe. The consequence was that Alexandra learned to trim her own hats and bonnets, as well as to make her frocks. This talent was not neglected when she came to England as the bride of the young Prince of Wales. If the court milliners sent home hats or bonnets which were not to her taste-if they were clumsy or unbecoming the Princess' scissors were at hand to take off the trimming and remodel the offending piece of millinery.

Very few women of her age continue to look well in the so-called straw sailor hat. Numerons pictures of the "Princess of Wales" show her fondness for this headdress. But it is not to be supposed that as Her Majesty she will be photographed in the sailor hat. Many of the recent photographs taken in England lately of Alexandra show the little straw hat in all informality. But, no doubt, as a Queen she will forego wearing it.

The story is told by a lady of the household of the late Queen Victoria that on State occasions the dressing of Her Majesty was an affair of moment. As it sometimes happened, the Queen's bonnet did not prove becoming or look sufficiently regal for the forthcoming function. Then it is said the Princess of Wales was sent for in haste to operate with her scissors, needle and thread or long pins upon the "impossible" bonnet.

Queen Victoria, it seems, had implicit faith in the good taste of her daughter-in-law, and in her capability for transforming an unbecoming bonnet into a suitable and becoming head dress. The new Queen of England has always displayed conspicuous good taste in her own dress and in that of he family.

"Mus. Doc." is an affix not many women have to their names. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been from early girlhood an accomplished musician. Some years ago she went to Ireland to receive her degree of Doctor of Music from Trinity College, Dublin. A London photograph shows the Princess in the crimson robes and "Oxford" cap of a Doctor of Music, as she appeared on the occasion, which was rendered something of a pageant.

In spite of her deafness and of the fact of being lame, the new Queen of England has always been considered a graceful ornament to society. It used to be said in the early days when her lameness showed itself that the court ladies adopted a slight limp, called the "Alexandra limp," to show the imitation of their royal model. which is the sincerest form of flattery. The Queen's beautiful figure and erect carriage she still preserves in her grandmotherhood.

As daughter, sister, wife and mother, her position conscientiously, but in no other relation of life does she shine with more radiance than as a grand mother. There are numerous pictures showing her with Prince Edward of York or one of the other children of her son George in her lap. A photograph somewhat rare in this country shows Alexandra with her little granddaughter, Lady Alexander Duff, daughter of the Duchess of Fife. This picture gives the four generations in the maternal line. The Queen of Denmark is seated in an armchalr, holding upon her knee little Lady Alexandra, her fair head partly covered by a large white cambric sunbonnet. Behind the chair stands the then Princess of Wales, with one hand on her mother's shoulder. The Duchess of Fife, now Princess Royal, stands beside her mother, supporting her hands on the chair in which the Queen of Denmark is seated. This is a good picture of a clannish family group.-Philadelphia Record.

The Chatelaine Ornament.

It is a revival of an eighteenth century fashion that is seen in the use of a small jeweled hand mirror worn as a chatelaine ornament. In the old days of powder and patches and wigs and rouge, a mirror at hand was a necessity. The troublesome war paint often needed a touch of repairs which, in the frank days of Queen Anne, was always unblushingly supplied. Now the tiny mirrors are worn only for ornament, so their owners say, and very pretty ornaments they are.

There is no limit to the price one can pay for one of these little mirrors, for they are most exquisitely enameled, set with semi-precious stones and made of gold, silver, ivory, gun metal and gold, or have tortoise-shell backs, on which, in gold, a floral pattern or the proprietor's initials are wrought. The finest art of the French goldsmith is lavished on the framework of many mirrors, and a small chain and hook at the end of the handle makes the trifle fast at the belt of its wearer.-New York Sun.

A Modish Fastening.

The pretty new under walsts, commonly called corset covers, are made of white cambric in the plain old-fashfoned shape, with a little insertion of needlework or embroidery around the throat and down the front. The new shape has no buttons, but is provided the centre is sewn a bias band of colon both edges with three worked stud ored satin about an inch wide, and holes, and is meant to fasten with gold studs. Have these studs properly con- row gold braid. The whole belt is nected with a chain if you do not wish

Three studs are the correct number. They are small, but fortunately have flat heads. Studs with small round heads are of very little use, because they will not remain fastened, but are apt to come undone when one takes a long breath. The stude commonly used are chained like the gold studs used to fasten the little waist of a "long-clothes baby's" frock.

Dainty and Simple.

Though it looks very plain this little dress represents in reality a goodly amount of labor. It is made of finest Swiss embroidery deep enough to give the entire length, but actually embroidered only to a depth of a few

inches. The dress, or rather the cloth part of the embroidery, is tucked very finely down to within seven inches of the edge. Then it is made up just as if it

were plain cloth, and in sacque shape, Lest the fine, closely-set tucks should not give sufficient fulness an inverted box pleat finishes each under arm seam, being let in about seven inches from the lower edge.

The sleeves are of finest tucking, and are edged with narrow embroidery, as is the neck. For a child of two or three years nothing could be daintier than the little French dress, which fits down well, and has the fulness all sticking out so prettily at the lower

The Art of Conversing Agreeably.

There are comparatively few people who talk well and agreeably, though there are many who talk constantly. If you would speak well, speak distinctly, neither too rapidly nor too slowly, and with a properly modulated voice; enunciate clearly; dispense with superfluous words; avoid affectation, conceit and laughter which is not natural and spontaneous; never interrupt a conversation and never introduce a subject that is not of general interest.

It is a common idea that the art of writing and the art of conversation are one. This is a mistake. A good writer may be a poor conversationalist, and vice versa .- American Queen.

Sewing Hints.

Always use double thread for a gathering.

Always use as fine a thread and needle as the garment will allow. When threading your needle make the knot on the end broken from the

The rule for frilling is one and a quarter the length of the edge to be

trimmed. In facing a sleeve turn it and place the facing inside the sleeves before

sewing it on. Gathers should always be set on the right side, but never with a needle. Use a large pin.

In sewing a seam put the stitches closely together, but lightly, into the cloth, being careful not to pull the thread tight, as this causes the seam to draw.

Women as Station Masters.

The head of the Riazan-Ural Railway, in Russia, recently asked the Minister of Communication to allow the women who have passed their examinations at the Railway School at Saratof to hold places as station mas-Alexandra has filled all the duties of ters, baggage inspectors and telegraph superintendents. The reason assigne for the request was the scarcity of educated and trustworthy men. permission was granted by the Minis-



rarious thin, black stuffs.

The prettiest cotton shirt waists have bishop sleeves with narrow band

A black grenadine sprinkled with rystal dots is very effective, made up with touches of color.

White dresses are much in evidence and white costumes trimmed with black are deemed even more stylish. French knobs in either black or white silk beautify some of the narrow gold braids. They are done by hand, and one row through the centre is sufficient for the narrow widths.

Very fashionable stock collars are made of white satin ribbon, with tiny lines of gold braid put on at intervals, or those of black bebe velvet ribbon standing vertically, and ending on a little loop, held with a small gold or lewel button.

The Raglan shirt waist seems to be one of the new varieties. The sleeve sets in from the collar band like a man's Raglan coat, and there are small stitched pockets at each side of the bust. Both flannel and washable shirt waists are made on these lines.

Pale old-rose chiffon and a very beautiful shade of dark pansy velvet are combined on a shirred round waist, with very drooping front, and an extremely short bolero jacket, trimmed with a tiny edge of outer fur and very fine gold passementerie designs en ap-

The so-called "lingerie sleeve" continues to increase in favor, so that now even tailored gowns show the dainty undersleeve of silk or velvet. A new idea is to make the sleeve full length, but slash it half way to the elbow in narrow sections, through which the undersleeve forms puffs.

Pretty belts, suitable for wear with either a flannel or silk waist, have a foundation of black velvet; through over this are three bands of very narscarcely two inches wide. It is pointed to lose one or more, and so break the front and back, fastening by hook and eye at the side.

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