When the average woman buys her husband a bargain counter necktie she usually buys one that is loud enough to start a riot at a funeral.

CAN YOU AMUSE YOURSELF?

In the February Woman's Home Companion, Mary Louise Graham writes an interesting article entitled "A Child's Own Resources," in the course of which she makes the following comment on people who have not learned how to amuse themselves:

"A person who cannot amuse himself is, in the long run, constantly in the inferior position. He often finds himself in the awkward place of not being able to get along without people whom he does not thoroughly like, of having to accept favors from those of whom he prefers to be independent."

Women's Coats with every style mark of the season; bear new prices at Hunt's—prices you'll like.

On the Pocatello forest, Idaho, 230,000 trees were planted during the past year, and almost half a million in the past three years, fully three-fourths of which are alive and doing well.

SHOEMAKING PLANT

For School of Reform—Boys May Make Footwear For Inmates of All State Institutions.

Frankfort.—Shoes for the inmates of the two State prisons and the School of Reform will be made at the School of Reform as soon as new machinery ordered by the State Board of Prison Commissioners is installed.

The boys of the institution are learning the shoemaking trade and have been making their own shoes for some time. The experiment has shown that they could be made there by hand of superior leather and workmanship for $1.49, whereas the commission has had to pay $1.55 wholesale. Some of the shoes are now being tried in the reformatory here. The plan may be extended to comprehend the manufacture of shoes for the inmates of all State institutions.

The experiment of buying cattle and hogs and butchering them at the reformatory has proven so successful that the Prison Commissioners announced that they will extend the plan to the Eddyville penitentiary and the School of Reform.

WHERE'S MOTHER?

When father came from work at night,
Before he'd wash his hands and face
Or hang his hat upon the peg,
His glance would wander 'round the place.
And if dear mother's sunny head
Was not within his vision's ken,
He'd search for her from room to room,
Upstairs and down and all, and then
He'd stop and ask,
"Where's mother?"

But if he found her in her chair,
He'd potter off about the lot,
And pick a mess of early greens,
Or fix a chicken for the pot;
He'd mend a fence, or set a hen,
Or do some other homely chore,
With only now and then a glance
Toward the half-open door
That seemed to ask,
"Where's mother?"

When father left us sorrowing
He followed her within a day;
And while we laid white flowers around
His smooth-brushed hair, as white as they
We could but think that when the light
And beauty of that wondrous place
Burst on his newly quickened gaze
He must have raised an eager face
and simply asked:
"Where's mother?"

—Chicago Record-Herald.

ABOUT BOOKS AND MUSIC.

"An author is a man who lives on the royalties he expects."

"A composer is a musician with a good memory."

"Some pianists play from ear; others from spite."

"A grand opera is a tragedy set to music. The music is on the stage, and tragedy is in the box office."

"A light opera is a French farce with one tune."

"To compose a good drinking song you want a rest in every bar."—Patterlogues, by George Arthurs.

RETIRE THE "IMPERATOR" FROM SERVICE?

(Power.)

According to a German dispatch "the Hamburg-American Line, in spite of earlier denials say that the boilers of the 'Imperator' have proved unsatisfactory, and that complete rebuilding is necessary in order to reduce the excessive coal consumption and to increase the speed of the vessel."

It is said that the builders by their contract were required to compensate the company for the compulsory retirement of the "Imperator" from service, and will have to pay about $1,500 for every day she is laid off.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

To find out the monthly salary of the teacher it is only necessary to divide the annual salary by twelve. The teacher who receives $320 a year gets $26.66 per month and there is no other really fair way to figure it.

Hugo Munsterburg says that America is the only country in the world that gives the education of the young into the hands of the lowest bidder. Somehow, we Americans are slow to learn the real value of the good teacher.

It is the constructive work that counts—whether in the school, in the home, in the editor's sanctum, in the pulpit, or in the shop. It is easy to criticise but that is a species of egotism and would better be supplanted bysynthetic processes.

Wendell Phillips once said: "Education is the only interest worthy of the deep, controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man," and we naturally conclude if the man is not thoroughly interested in the subject he is not thoughtful.

A school teacher recently received the following note from the mother of one of her pupils:

"Dear Miss. You writ me about whippin Sammy. I giv you permission to beat him up any time he wont lern his lesson. He is jest like his father an you hev to beet him with a club to lern him enything. Pound nolege into him. Don't pay no attention to what his father says, I will handle him."

Sweater Coats have entered the bargain ranks at Hunt's. $1.00 Coats 75c. The $1.50 Coats $1.15. The $2 Coats $1.50.

Makers of phonographs ar aiming to use wood instead of metal in all parts of the instrument where this is possible, in order to increase the mellowness of the tone.

MAYSVILLE MARKET

The Place to Sell Tobacco.—Record Price Received For 1,990 Pound Crop, $340.

(Vanceburg Sun.)

Myers and Reganstein, of Concord, Ky., sold a crop of 1990 pounds of tobacco at Maysville averaging $17.20 per hundred. This crop was grown on 1¾ acres, and brought $343.00. This is some of the fruits of the Burley Tobacco Society's efficient work and labor to secure better and more renumerative prices to the tobacco grower.

Children's Coats, complete size guage, radically reduced. Smart nobby styles. Hunt's.

There are between 5,000 and 10,000 hot springs of every variety in the Yellowstone National Park.

Half price tickets on some handsome damask portiers at Hunt's. Red or green. Were $5 and $6, now $2.50 and $3.00.

P. R. R. HAS STEEL BUSINESS CARS.

(Engineering News.)

Two steel "business cars" are being built by the Pennsylvania R. R. at Altoona, Pa., to facilitate the transaction of railroad business while officials are traveling. These cars are to be provided with typewriters, maps, compilations of railway statistics and other office equipment. Two other similar cars are already in use.

SALLEE STICKS

Premier Pitcher Has No Intention of Signing Federal League Contract.

Harry Sallee, the well known Higginsport baseball player, went to Cincinnati last week, where he conferred with Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, with which team Harry has been the leading twirler for the past two seasons. A report had gained circulation that an effort was being made by the new Federal baseball league to induce Harry to sign a contract with them. Sallee admits that he has been approached with flattering offers by representatives of this organiaztion, but that he has no intention of "jumping."

The great left hander talked terms with Manager Huggins, but has not yet signed, because he has not received his official notification from the Players' Fraternity to go ahead. That will be out in a few days and then Sallee will be free to put his signature to a St. Louis contract for the coming season. He will get an advance in salary, on account of his good work last year. He looks in splendid condition and Huggins counts on him for some excellent pitching this season. Sallee returned to Higginsport to remain until reporting time at St. Augustine, where the Cardinals will work out.

CORRESPONDENCE

MT. GILEAD.

Mr. Trueman Berry after a long absence has returned to his home with Mr. Howard Farrow, who is getting old and feeble.

Mrs. Frank Jolley is getting around but is still under treatment, having good days and bad days.

Mr. George Wood had the misfortune to fall and break his shoulder, requiring two doctors to set it, and causing almost unbearable suffering.

Mr. H. Clay Stone is just emerging from several weeks confinement with a severe spell of pneumonia.

The following farms have been sold lately: Clarence Willett's to Miss Irene Bramel; Scott Stevenson's to Perry Martin, and others; George Henson's to Richard Gaither. The sellers are undecided where they will go.

PLUMVILLE.

Miss Violet Graham, of Maysville, was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Pickett Valentine.

Miss Onie Bean was the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fletcher Wednesday.

Mrs. James Valentine of Anderson, Indiana, after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ring, returned to her home Wednesday, her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Valentine, accompanied her home for a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. Graham, of Maysville, is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Pickett Valentine.

Master Freddie Polly, who was taken verly ill at the Orangeburg school Tuesday is recovering.

Little Miss Allene Day, of Lewis County, daughter of the late H. P. Day, is making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Day, this winter and attending the school at Orangeburg.

DRAG MAKES GOOD ROADS.

(Owensboro Messenger.)

Heeding the admonition and warning of D. Ward King, the promoter of the "split-log drag," the farmers in all sections of Daviess County have worked and worked conscientiously on their roads, with the result that not in recent years have the county roads been in such splendid shape as at the present time.

While the farmers are availing themselves of the drag, Supt. Davis, of the street cleaning department, is busy with the good road promoter on the streets of Owensboro. He said Saturday that "he liked it better every day." Not in recent years have the streets of Owensboro been in such splendid condition at this particular season. Supt. Davis attibutes it all to the split-log drag. Streets that were formerly veritable quagmires have undergone a complete transformation and the ravages of the winter will have no ill effects on them, as was formerly the case in the event of a severe winter.

T. C. Wills, of Sabillasville, Md., has a family of 17 persons, whose combined weight exceeds 3,000 pounds.

Six more persons, making a total of thirteen, died from exposure in New York City as a result of the cold spell.

The American forestry association has members in every State in the union, in every province in Canada, and in every civilized and semi-civilized country in the world.

MRS. MARTIN'S ADDRESS

Brilliant Kentucky Woman and State Chairman Home Economic Department, Talks to Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club met Friday afternoon. Mrs. E. L. Worthington in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read, in which an account of Mr. Allen's visit to Maysville in the interest of a municipal abattoir, was given. Mrs. Martin of Louisville, State chairman of the Home Economic Department, was introduced by her hostess, Mrs. Louis Merz.

Mrs. Martin took up the subject of Municipal Abattoirs, introduced in the minutes, by saying it properly belonged to Home Economics, for we could not conserve the interest of the Home withoue pure, wholesome food, and we could not have that without modern abattoir methods; that meats entered largely into our daily menus and that without proper inspectron and sanitation they were reeking with germs and impurities. Mrs. Martin told of very revolting conditions she had found in slaughter-houses she had visited. She impressed upon housekeepers the importance of a knowledge of food values in order to safeguard the health of their households. She spoke of woman's position in the Home, where she was the intelligent, economic, sympathetic partner upon a perfect plane of equality, and the antithesis to this picture was that of the careless, indifferent wife who allowed the means provided for the maintenance of the Home to be dissipated in a slothful, wasteful manner. She impressed the fact that indiscriminate charity fostered vagrancy; that charity should be given in systematic channels. She advocated domestic science should be taught in the schools, but very eloquently declared that sex hygiene, if taught at all, should be taught at the mother's knee. She spoke of the wonderful aid to housekeeping through electrical appliances and cited the case of a Mrs. Patterson of New Jersey who had dismissed three maids and run her house beautifully with these electrical aids. Mrs. Martin's practical, interesting and forceful talk was listened to by an audience of intelligent thoughtful women, and much good must result from it, for the home is the most interesting the the most profitable study for woman. Soomon describes the perfect woman as "she who looketh well after the ways of her household." She can not do this without a knowledge of the great issues of the hour.

MRS. ABNER HORD, Sec.

When a magazine sells for ten cents a year, that is the only inducement there is for buying it.

26,122 "RAIL FAILURES" ANNUALLY.

(Engineering News.)

According to the Rail Committee of the American Railway Engineering Association there were 26,122 rail breakages for the year ending October 31, 1912.

The statistics cover 182,000 miles of railway, with 14,132,982 tons of rail (10,156,935 bessemer, 3,580,021 open-hearth, 396,026 tons special steel or special sections).

The results of wear tests are quoted in the report, but they are conflicting and in no case point to marked superiority of one type of steel, or indeed of the special steel over normal rail steel. In this the wear tests agree with the breakage records, although the latter are far too few to permit a conclusion even as definite as this.

GRANT AND BUCKNER.

(New York World.)

In the case of Ulysses S. Grant and Simon Bolivar Buckner, winner and loser meet once more in a new relation. Buckner, now dead at ninety-one, was Grant's friend at West Point in youth, his companion in the old army, his enemy in the Civil War, and again his friend in peace.

Buckner was born in 1823, one year later than Grant. He graduated in 1844 again one year later than Grant. Young officers in the Mexican war, they both gained distinction, and they met as foes fourteen years later at Donelson, where, abandoned by his superiors, Floyd and Pillow, Buckner was compelled by circumstances to make an "unconditional surrender," against which he protested in vehement language.

This capitulation gave Grant fame. It humiliated Buckner and made him a prisoner. As was the custom at that time, Buckner was exchanged and resumed his command, becoming eventually a lieutenant general, serving as such during further years of hard fighting. Grant went on to Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness, Appomattox, the presidency and undying glory. Buckner, in Louisiana, in 1865, surrendered and went home to Kentucky, first to face broken fortunes but later to become Governor, to be respected by his fellow-men in sections once hostile, to renew his cordial relations with his conqueror, who in his triumph proved a friend indeed, and to live to a great old age, almost the last of his time.

History has no parallel to the scene enacted at Mount McGreagor, in this State, twenty-nine years ago, when Grant, voiceless and dying, received in affectionate embrace Buckner, always the friend; Buckner, always the patriot; Buckner, always the true American, in spite of conflicting principles.

From that sad height in 1885, when both winner and loser were revealed as victors in a realm morally as great as any that ever hung upon the issue of battle, a message of peace and brotherhood went forth to Americans that will endure for the ages.

George Washington never told a lie and he was a poor business man in other respects.

TO MAKE CHICAGO DRY.

Chicago.—An effort to vote Chicago dry will be made at the April primaries, it was announced.