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Gentle render, have you ever bathed? Turkish bathed? I wot not. I have, woe is me, and I am now a sadger and a cleaner man. If this article, which is meant to be deliciously light and playful, appears to you to be fraught with an underlying variouse vein of gloom, do not hastily pass it by, but remember that it's in the interest of schence. I have dallied with the luxury of the Orient (so called). Also remember that I have contracted a deep, sonorous cold, which will in all probability fondly nestle in my bosom till

my ulster blooms again.

The preliminaries of the Turkish bath are simple. You pay \$1 at the door and pass into the "cooling room," where the mercury registers 98 deex. The appropriateness of this title does not barst upon you until you have visited the inner shrine, where the temperature is up near the boiling point. In the "cooling room" you are privileged to deposit your valuables in a sain. I did not avail myself of this been, however, for reasons of a purely private nature, but passed at once into the "disrebing room." This room was not so large as to appear dreary, nor yet so small as some I have lodged in on the Bowery, but was about 7x4. The farniture was simple yet chaste, consisting of a chair and a brush and comb long past their prime. The combwas chained to the wall, but the brush was permitted to roam at will. Hastily divesting myself of scalabins, jurgers and other panoplies of rank, I arranged them in a neat pile in the center of the room and placed the chair a good government clerk. upon them. This simple precaution I have learned to practice when occupying a room separated from its fellows by low partitions, Your neighbor may be a disciple of Izank Walton, and during your sleep or absence may take a cast over the partition with hook and line. What could be more emberrassing than to have one's trousers thus surrently

tionsly removed? I am a lover of the "gentle

art" myself, but I am ever loath to be played

I was now ushered into the "hot room," where a number of gentlemen were folling about and personning affably and fluently Being of a timel, shrinking nature, I was somewhat embarrassed on entering a room thus filled with strangers, and the more so as I realized that my costume was too bumpre and striking for one of my willowy proportions. So I flung myself with an affectation of easy grace upon a markle divan, but immediately arose therefrom with a vivid blush and a large blister. I then sat upon a weething chair until I came to a boil, when I rese up and endeavored to alleviate my sufferings by restlessly pacing the room. A few towels were scattered about, and as the nindle chamois leaps from erag to erag, so leaped I from towel to towel in my efforts to keep my feet off the red not floor. Laving basked in this room until I was quite aglow, I summoned the attendant and told him he could take me out at once or wait yet a little longer and remove me through a hose. I then passed into the "manipulating room," where I was laid out on an unclustic marble siab like a "found drowned" at the morgae, and was tall a in hand by a muscular attendant, who proceeds I to manipulate me with great vioence. I began upon my chost, upon which he presses and I he lifted his feet off the floor and my shoulder binder made dents in the marble. I mildly asked if it was absolutely necessary that my respiratory organs should be thus flattened, to which he replied, with a rich Turkish accent; "Come off, young fellow, I know my biz," and swooped down upon my digrestive organis. Manipulation consists of disjointing, dismembering, bruising and rending hand from limb, and may be healthful, but it is not popular with and that he could manipulate and at the exchangs in the small of my back and then proceeded to interpret Wagner up and down my vertebras, running scales, twiddling up in the treble and thundering down in the bass, just as if I were the keyboard of a Steinway grand, an illusion doubtiess heightened by the ivory whiteness of my skin. He wound up by playing that grand old show off piece, the "Battle of Prague," while I joined in with the "Cries of the Wounded." It was a fine rendering, no doubt, but next time I am to be played upon I shall ask for a soft andanto movement-a Chopin noctune, say.—New York World.



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In the weary women and tired eved girls who enter the cars one can easily discern the government employes. one could see into the history of these women who are left seated here, pages of light and shadow would unfold them selves before one's wondering eyes. If one could follow these women to their desks in the morning, watch them as they cat their burried luncheon-either brought in a napkin from the aninviting boarding house table, and eaten sitting at their desks, or consisting of a roll, washed down with a cup of coffee or a saucer of unsubstantial cream at some of the many luncheon rooms in the neighborhood of all the departments-sit by their side during the dragging afternoon, and when the hour of release strikes go with them back to their tiny hall rooms in boarding houses, and see the nerveless, wearied look with which they throw themselves down to rest-ah, surely one would then know better than now what endurance and patience a woman must possess to be

Searcely a room in all these departments but is rich in sad histories. Here, sitting with bowed head, writing at this desk-her stern, white features silhouetted against the dark screen behind her chair, and the July sun shining full on her shabby black gown-is a woman who was in her youth the haughty daughter of a proud and wealthy family in a southern state. Stories are still told there of her extravagance, her arrogance, her exquisite dresses and her beautiful entertainments Married in her early youth to a brave and loyal gentleman who adored her and had the means to gratify every caprice, the name of her country home was a synonym for gracious hospi He died with his affairs involved, a long lawsait swallowed up all that remained to her, and now, at nearly 60 years of ace, she tradges through show and heat to work for her bread, submits meekly to reproof if she is five minutes late, and goes to her little home in the afternoon too tired to do anything but slip on a wrapper, drop on a lounge and try to rest

There across the way sits a sweet faced, faded looking woman. She is anxious and tired, though she brightens into a smile as she speaks, but no one fathoms the depths of her burdened heart. Her thoughts are far down in an old Virginia farm house, where her two little motherless nieces are running wild, destitute of education or retining influences, and with out any too much clothing Their old infirm grandfather sits helpless by the fireside in winter and on the vine covered porch in summer, and in dreaming of long past days forgets the little maidens at his The best blood of Virginia runs in these children's veins, but blood, no matter how blue it may be, does not feed or clothe or warm one, and this aunty in Washington is their sole supporter and protector. If her means kept pace with the generous instincts of her warm and loving heart how royally would those yellow inited nieces be lodged and fed and clad. But on the bare \$600 a year, out of which must come board and laundry This men said he was a planist also, bills and clothing and street car, what can she do? Yet by a noble seif denial she same time strengthen his fingers and improve has managed to save something out of his technique, and to illustrate he struck a this pittance, and is hoping in the autumn to bring these neglected lassies to the the city and place them in a good school, when in the midst of these happy plans she receives notice that on account of the failure of the passage of the appropriation bill necessary to carry on the work of the room in which her work lies she and many of the other clerks will be fur-

Do you know what that means? It means her position is abolished, her occupation gone, and her cherished little hoard of earnings must be used to pay for the bread to keep her alive.

"I would not mind for myself," she says; "I can find work somewhere surely, but"-and tears come into the patient eves-"those babies down in the country. what will become of them? I can't sleep at night for thinking.'

In another room, not far from where this woman's work has been, is seated the only daughter of a man who once counted his wealth by the thousands. Not a pretty woman, though once it would have been thought heresy to say that in the little northern town where she grew up to happy womanhood. And one can now understand what a dainty charm might surround her if she were dressed in some dark rich color that would throw her delicate tints into high relief. If that slender foot were thrust into a shapely bronze slipper, deep hued tortoise shell pins held those flaxen locks in place on the little head, and that milk white throat rose above the folds of a wine red vervet gown, can you not see what a piquant picture it

After leaving school she went abroad and studied for four years, met charming acquaintances and stored her heart and memory full of pleasant experiences, which still are a fund of delight to her in these evil days upon which she has failen. The deaths of her two brothers, quickly followed by the crash of her father's falling fortunes and his paralysis, called her back to this country and to a new and different life. Friends had not gone with fortune, and through their efforts a well paying clerkship was secured, and here at her desk she sits and works with simple bravery and unconscious heroism, going home in the afternoon to nurse with tenderest care the helpless old father, to whom her coming is as a ray of sunshine. The bright visions of her youth have vanished with her girlish bloom, but a cheerful soul smiles out of her worn face, and an interest in books, art and friends keeps

her young at heart. And this is somewhat unusual, for the fatal disease in these departments is discontent. Hardly one woman out of every hundred is at all satisfied, and all seem striving for promotion and larger salaries. The woman who saw salvation in a six hundred place now longs for one that pays a thousand, and the woman who receives a thousand dollars sees no reason why she should not be promoted to a twelve or fourteen hundred dollar place,

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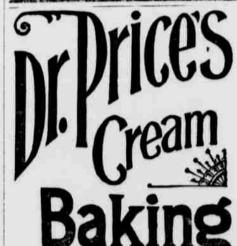
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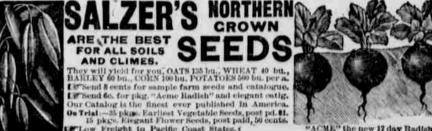
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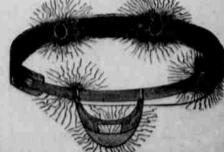
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