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As a preventive of fog when pyro-soda is being employed, and an excess of alkali has been necessitated to overcome under-exposure, the addition of soap to the developer has been recommended by a high authority. Of course, in the first place, the purity of the soap to be used must be ensured, and for this reason castile soap, which can always be obtained from a pharmaceutical chemist in satisfactory condition, may be named. From two to three grammes of the soap having been rubbed down in a mortar with water, the solution is made up to 150 cubic centimeters. This solution is used instead of water in compounding the developer. As an example of its use the following particulars may be given: In developing a half-plate, sufficient of the soapwater to cover the plate is poured into the dish, then add 10 drops of Nos. 1 and 2 or 3 drops of No. 2. The solutions referred to as No. 1 and No. 2 are as follows: No. 1 .- Pyrogallic acid, 8 parts; alcohol, 50 parts; glycerine, 8 parts No. 2 .- Water, 60 parts; sulphite of sodium, 12 parts; soda, 5 parts; glycerine, 10 parts.

Compared with bromide papers, platinotype is singularly free from those mysterious stains and marks which so often make their appearance upon the high lights, but yellow stains do occur occasionally, and are due either to the use of dirty developer-1. e., developer which has been used too oftento the employment of commercial muriatic acid in place of pure hydrochloric, or to the insufficient immersion of the print in the acid bath. To prevent staining with old developer, and yet not throw the oxalate solution away after it has been once used, have two bottles, one containing the fresh oxalate solution away after it has been onceu sed, have two bottles, one containing the fresh oxalate of potash, the other empty, and put a funnel and filter in the neck of the empty bottle. Then, after each print is developed, the developer is poured through the filterinto the new bottle, instead of mixing with and discoloring the clean solution. When bottle No. 1 is empty No. 2 will be full, when the process will be reversed, the filter removing each time the dirty green sediment.

Marks also occur in platinotype prints as a result of placing them to dry upon a dirty surface, the highly absorbent paper soaking up stains, such as ink or coloring matter. Only white blotting paper, perfectly clean, should, therefore, be used for this purpose. Marks due to dirty fingers, dust, etc., are best removed by clean india rubber, light friction being used. Black spots, due to pinholes in the negative, can be picked out with a needle, the minute bole being afterward smoothed over with india rubber .- Amateur Photographer.

And the violet has her hour? Not till the heart's in flower

When comes June? At the time of the thrush's tane, Of all beauties below and above? When reddens the rose of love, Then comes June.

Autumn's when? When grasses rasp in the fen, And the face of the field is wan! When joys are faded, gone,

pleased or displeased at the idea of his coming. When they met their greeting was so stiff and formal that I began to think they disliked each other. But I reflected that if they did it would be all the more credit to me if I made them see each other's good qualities.

"The first evening young Everett was there he and I sat on the porch after Lucy and the children had gone upstairs. I took the opportunity to tell him my opinion of Lucy. Of course, 1 had sense enough not to bore him by gushing over her charms. I just remarked in an off-hand way that I

You know he went to Europe and left her with that fussy old housekeeper. Do you wonder that I made her marry me?

"'You've been so good to us,' said Lucy. 'I was almost sure you had guessed our secret. If you had only known it, what a lovely time we could have had!' she sighed.

"Weren't you indignant?" asked the caller. "What did you do?"

"I just asked them to stay another week and have a real honeymoon. While they were there a kind message came from Lucy's guardian, and so we had the marriage announced in the newspapers. I think they'll be happy ever after, but I can't flatter myself that I made the match."-Chicago News.

"MANY HAPPY RETURNS."

The Formal Dinner Party Was in Honor of a Birthday.

Judge Edgell hurried into his house as usual at half-past six, threw off his coat, washed his hands and bastened into the dining room. At the threshold he recoiled in surprise. A blaze of light dazzled him. The best silver and glass were laid out. Candles

wedding lace—showed her fine throat and arms. His little daughter sat with the self-conscious smile of party cor-rectness, wearing blue ribbons on her rectness, wearing blue ribbons on her 'pigtails," and his son beamed behind a great deal of glistening shirtfront. His older daughter was busy giving a last touch to the sideboard. She was the most serious of all in her grave officiousness

"Goodness! Well! What! Who's coming? Have I forgotten a dinner engagement? The Bryces aren't coming till next week."

"The week after next," corrected his daughter, soberly.

"Then who? What? My, what a handsome spread!"

"Daddy," observed the youth in the white shirt, "I thought judges never got surprised at anything, and here you are like a minister at a slipper party."

"My son," said Mrs. Edgell, "you are not quite old enough to make comments of that sort on your parents. Charles," she said, turning to her husband with a cool but gentle smile, "you need not dress; there is not time. This is rather a special event, but I will not explain until dessert. Sit down, dear, and enjoy it with us."

Judge Edgell's training as a lawyer taught him not to ask futile questions of his wife. He sat down, ate one good thing after another, admired his wife, talked with his son about foot- No. 8 for Albany-Detroit



DEPART TIME SCHEDULES FOR from Portland, Ore. burned at the four corners of the ta-ble. Cut flowers filled the room with a fragrance that extinguished the usual smell of cooked food. At the table his wife bloomed like a young girl. Her best gown of white voile trimmed with lace—her mother's 5:26 pm 7:15 & m

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THE SEASONS. When comes spring? When blithest the robins sing.

Is it spring.



Keep it in your mind that The Mail prints

Note Heads, Bill Heads, Letter Heads, Envelopes

Or Anything Eise You May the plan and I was guite embarrassed.

Owings was visiting me at Seemore cottage. You know she is an orphan. I have thought for a long time that she ought to marry and have a home of her own, instead of living with her guardian and his cranky housekeeper. It occurred to me that she and that young Everettwere just suited to each

other. I concluded that if they could only be together for a time they would become engaged. So.I sent him an invitation to come for a week or two to Seemore cottage.

tack came on in August, when Lucy

"When I told Lucy that he was coming she seemed very much startled. She asked, at once, 'Why, how did you happen to invite him?"

"She looked at me so searchingly that I feared she saw through my lit-

Wast at Very Low Prices "I couldn't tell whether she was match had her guardian's approval. perfectly !- Puck.

evening and young Everett was, I supposed, smoking on the side porch. day celebration."-Youth's Companion. They sprang away from each other. and looking very guilty and embarrassed, got into the farthest opposite corners of the tiny house.

"I tried to appear unaware of anything unsual, but Lucy began to cry and young Everett looked so uncomfortable that I asked rather brusquely, perhaps, 'What's the matter with you two innocents?'

"'We are mar-married, and we didn't want anyone to know it,' sobbed Lucy.

" 'Married!' I cried.

"'Yes, married,' said young Everett, coming out of his corner. "There is no

reason why every one shouldn't know it. We were married in Michigan the week before Lucy came up here, but she didn't want it known until the

function if it had been enjoyable. "Very," replied the niece. "The menu was great!" "My dear," said the old lady, severely, "It isn't the menu that makes a

The Table of Precedence.

A clever old lady who went much

into society in the days when conver-

sation was of more importance at a

dinner than the cooking asked a

niece on her return from a recent

good dinner. It is the men you sit next to."

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but not every boy's father can afford the expense. Wouldn't it be folly to earn the money your-

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