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half a kilo, or, to give it the full value, half a kilogram, is equal to about a What American doing light house-work in a Paris spartment has not longed for her own gas stove and anathematized the small, two-burner gas shelf on which her cooking must be done if she decides not to encourage spells of temper by attempting to use the square coal range to be found in every kitchen? Think of cooking two vegetables, a steak, boiling water for tea or coffee and heating the dishes all at once on a shelf a foot and a half long and about eight inches wide. Yet we do it every day. pound avoirdunois. It impresses one as being much more and the placard upon being much more and the placard upon the potsto bin which read, "demi kilo, 30 centimes" appeared to us to represent an amount ranging in the neighborhood of an hundredweight or so, but 20 centimes is equal to about 6 cents so we ventured to order the amount named, mentally wondering where we would store so many, as our tiny kitchen, with its small corner cupboard, constitutes our only storeroom. The shelf across its length was too high and the smace under the sink too inconrise sheri across he single way too hoon-wenient, and visions of an overflow from the lower part of the cuploard was not alluring. However, the clerk expressed no such surprise at that order as he sid the next day when four kilos were descended

In fast, our lavish orders have caused the whole store to stand aghast and the tene of the clerk was that of utter inerges?" It is quite the custom, we after-ward ascertained, to buy the exact amount needed for immediate use, whether it be one egg or two rolls, as the amount of the purchase has no bearing whatr on the price, reduction because of infity being an unheard of thing.

at once on a shelf a foot and a nait long and about eight inches wide. Yet we do it every day. At first it seemed quite an impossi-bility and the initiative meals were rather failures because of potatoes grown coid through standing while something else cooked, and meat on a coid plate. frigidly resenting an at-tempt at mastication, but experiments proved that while the potatoes and heans, or whatever other vegetable we had elected to have, were boiling over the jets the steak could be brolling underneath, and, above this, between that we vegetable pans, water for cof-fee could be heating in a small but deep utensil, thur utilizing the broller flame for two purposes, and, by dis-tributing the plates over the hot shelf while "dishing up" they were piping hot by the ime they were needed. Economy of space and material is the watehword of the Parisian and the coal range bears evidence of this, since in the source astelike body it contains quantity being as unheard of thing. There are numerous greceries bearing the legend, "English and American grecers," which certainly looks good to the newcomers of those nutionalities, and they boldy enter only to be immediately deallustoned in the majority of cases, for while the cherk immediately and proudly offers you Lipton's or Ceylon tas or Colman's mustard he is densely two range on the subject of baking powder. ant on the subject of baking powder.

The subject of baking powder, breakfast foods and other staples necessary to the stomach or the larder of the average person from "the States."
Fortunately all wares are plainly displayed with the price mark on each and we decided to paironize the French shope entirely. The fact that our sign kinguage excited considerable merriment urged on a determination to immediately acquire a knowledge of fruits, vegetables, groceries and meats. It becomes embarrassing, in time, is point to a tray of grapes or bears and after inquiring, in a confident tohe, "com bien?" to be obliged to its reading to the reply, which a stick while listening to the reply, which

A harmony with the Christman spirit and all the holiday jollities and the thoughtless and MONG the haunting things out of

sadly mangled stumps of flourishing saplings on every side out at the ends of the carlines, and along the automo-bile thoroughfares leading to the out-skirts of the city. Conservation of the former of the city. hands you a programme: if you sit in a chair rather than on a bench in a park or cathedral a buxom dame steps up and demands two sous, and so it goes on in every detail of life in Paris it is these little things that are that it is these little things that are that ter, where it will soon be swept up; nor does any boy of mine scrawl silly things in chalk, or write his initials, upon buildings or fences. My little four-year-old is even an enthusiasi in the other direction, and has a perfect mania for tidying up the streets as we go along. Perhaps I go a little to ex-tremes, but I think it is a failing in the right direction." rocking hand that after all rules the world, it would not come amiss if Port-land mothers would earnestly discuss this tree-felling business with their young sons. An enterprising boy on trail of a round, shining silver dollar is much like, his masculine elders in the business world, and his eye is mainly on the getting of that dollar, no mat-ter how many young firs may fall un-der his ax or his hatchet, or even his trusty jackknife, in the process. A little earnest discussion of the matter might alter his views, and result in the sparing of some trees next year.

VANDALISM THAT HAS BEEN RAMPANT IN YOUNG FIR TREES IN PORTLAND

sparing of some trees next year.

There is an East Side mother of five splendid young sons who are just now riotously enjoying freedom from their schoolbooks. It is a kind of hobby with schoolbooks. It is a kind of hobby with her to see that each one of these young-sters has instilled in him a thorough sense of his personal responsibility in the matter of helping to beautify and keep beautiful all the public parks and squares, as well as the spaclous grounds at home. Not one of those five boys, from the tiny 2-year-old to the manly youth of 12, would think of breaking off a branch from a City Park shrub, and the "Do-Not-Plek-the-Flowers" signs would be all unneces-sary if all other youngsters (and their elders had had the same training "It is almost an obsension with me," said the mother, in speaking of this matter, "but I think it is an important part of character-building. When I

matter, "but I think it is an important part of character-building. When I was a child myself no one ever taiked to me about these things, and I was a great, big, grown-up girl, out for a walk in Golden Gate Park, San Fran-cisco, before it ever occurred to me that the sign admonishing people not to pick flowers really meant anything ex-cept to look around and see that no policeman was looking before picking all one cared to. I was almost 20 years old--think of it! But I had a maniy young sweetheart whose mother had young sweetheart whose mother had been more thoughtful than my own, and it was he that brought me up with a jerk to the realization of what with a jerk to the realization of what a young savage I was. We were stroll-ing along in a little by-path when we came to a beautiful hed of tiger lilles. I reached right over a "Don't-pick-the-flowers" sign and was just going to take a whole handful when I was violantly pulled backward and heard a perfect torrent of angry words. As-tonished, I looked up at my sweetheart and saw indignation and disapprobawritten all over his face. Sudtion tion written all over his lace, suit denig i realized the enormity of my of-fense and the gentle lecture he gave me on my vandalism and how I was one of the thousands of enamies who were constantly pulling down the work were constantly pulling down the work of the park beautifiers was one that I shall never forget. Now I had not been consciously a vandal, yet I was really all he said; if all the other people who walked out in the park had picked flowers as I had been picking them, there would have been no flowers at all. It took just that one rough jerk backward and the gentle lecture that followed to set me right on these things, and to make me a perfect crank

## SMART GOWNS FOR THE PRETTY CITY WORKERS

The young and good-looking business would require eight yards of single width The young and good-looking business girl naturally pines for new and pretty olothes each season. If she must buy her wardrobe ready made she finds the outlay considerable, for all the ethics of business life call for quite good clothes. Hope comes with the price reductions that follow Christmas, when everything falls from a third to a half of the former price. Then sometimes the most ex-cellent bargains may be picked up in the way of exclusive dress models, dis-tinctively Winter hats, furs, etc. Know-

seven out of every ten busy pupils have been at work upon some form of this crocheted hat. Tassels, simulated buckless and various other features vary the pattern of the crocheted hat, but it is much the same in any design, and if all the hats that are being made are to be worn, the natty Hitle crocheted affair will certainly have a sweeping wore suitable for outing wear than anything else, this kind of hat or can is also adaptable as a complement to a "trotting" frock, and for cold weather offers warmith about the temples and early death of all fads, but can be resur-rat the beach, where it will really come into its own. Incidentally, the crush or "suitcase" hats of soft plush or velve are coming to the front strong-er than ever, and are now being shown in the local stores with ornaments of white kid, soft leather in colors, and of the crushable materials. Bands of the are also figuring as very effective trimming. This department is in receipt of a this department is in recent of a letter again calling the attention of all those who use sewing machines to the usefulness of the ever-ready bobbins that can be bought wound upon wooden that can be bought wound upon wooden bobbin-sticks, all ready for slipping into the shuttle. The thread costs the same wound upon the bobbins as it does upon the spools, and one is spared the annoyance of having to stop and wind a new bobbin in the midst of one's sewing. The bobbins come in both black and white, and in any number of thread desired. They are made to fit any long shuttle, such as are used by all the standard machines. \* \*

Another useful novelty which is now appearing in the local stores is the spool holder, which has half a dozen little pegs set in a circle, with a needle-cushion in the middle: upon each of the pegs one may set a spool of thread, and be able to reach out and select any color or number of thread at any mo-ment, without having to delve into the depths of a work-basket and probably

upon the subject of teaching children their personal responsibility for the beauty of the parks, the neatness and orderliness of the school buildings where they are pupils, and the cleanli-

ness of the streets where they walk. No boy of mine ever wads up his pea-nut bag and throws it carelessly on the sidewalk: he carries it to a gar-bage receptacle or drops it in the gutter, where it will soon be swept up; no

The latest phase of the "sulicase" hat, which is the round, little soft af-fair of crocheted wool, is taking the

needleworkers quite by storm, and in the art-work classes of all department stores, for the past few days, about seven out of every ten busy pupils have

been at work upon some form of this crocheted hat. Tassels, simulated buckles and saving

coursies a Bo-pound trunk or a letter up three or four flights of steep stairs with oqual case and complainance his prompt-ness being fegulated by his expectation of reward.

of reward. Loughable as are some of the market-ing caperiences of the new housekeeper there are times when her sensibilities re-ceive a shock from which recovery seems doubtful, as in the case of the first sight couperus, as in the case of the sucherles du of the of the numerous, "Boucherles du Chevaux" or butcher shops, where house meat is sold. Fortunately, for the Ameri-can, at least, these shops are allowed to soil only such meat and it is not un-common to see stars which indicate that common to be status young jackass are to be obtained within. Nor are the shops which deal in beef, yeal, mutton and pork permitted to sell anything else, a gratifying knowledge to a new-Amorica.

comer from America. One cannot blame a person for eating food of this kind if it is palatable to him or her, for hard labor requires solid, strength-giving foods, and meats of other varieties are expensive, and a luxury entry to be indulged in sparingly or by those with long purses. A small piece of cheap beef steak costs about 40 cents

those with long purses. A small place of chasp beef steak costs about 40 cents of United States money, and one pays an equality of about 25 or 45 cents for five average-sized mutton chops, but the cheap steak is tender and well-flavored and the chops, when carefully byolled, are dhin-ties fit for the gods. Among the delleactes which appeal strongly to the masses are smale, and these are retailed in hand carts or are heaped up in the market stalls. There seem to be several varieties but as yet 1 have not ascertained whicher or not these in the round white shells are superior in flavor and quality to the ones in the round brown shells. Lang before reaching Paris we had send it was well that we had done so as no other is obtainable in Europe unless especially ordered. But while this butter does not posses the keeping qualities of the American product it is sweet and subd, though the appearance of a demi kita is not as attractive as the trim oblongs or pattles of our own butter ince it is shed from a large mold of arobably 26 kilograms, and delivered in a clean white paper wrapper.

clean white paper wrapper. The first loaf of real French bread brought into our apartment occasioned a genuine thrill of surprise. It measured tust a yard in length and about three fust a yard in length and about three inches in diameter in its widest part, but a familiarity fostered by the sight of men, women and children catelessiy carrying very much longer leaves through the streets, protocted only by a three of paper, monstimes newspaper, where the hand grasps it, has long since made sup-prise and even interest a thing of the base. We have even acquired the art of dissecting such a loaf in a workmanilke mainter. It did require some nerve, how-even, to really enjoy it for a few days after passing to bakery in which a clerk after passing a bakery in which a clerk was dusting the boaves with an ordinary mather duster, but the fast that our own dainty bakery produces such ex-bouse pays a tax on every door and window it contains; the person owning a house pays a tax on every door and window it contains; the person owning to dust quieted our quaims and revived furnished apartment he pays at least

ar appetite. Among the real characters that add seet five dollars to the agent for the in-

watchword of the Parisian and the coal range bears evidence of this, since in its square, safelike body it contains not only the firebox, ash pan and good-sized oven, but a hot water reservoir and a large fuel pan or box under the oven, into which a sack of briquettes can be emptied. As this big receptacle is fitted with rollers but little effort is required to pull it out or push it back in place. In a hollow space in the thick brick

traveler, but to be forced to suspend the articles from a line of string above the bathtub, or acfess a chair back in her limited room space is rather trying to her pride as a laundress, since whiteness cannot be secured under such A peculiarity of the lighting system

The serving maid question is a greater problem here in Paris even than elsewhere—one, indeed, that we have feared to tackle, despite the al-

have feared to tackle, despite the al-lurement of small wages, as your bright, seemingly eager and willing maid may prove a veritable "old man of the mountain." She is the autocrat of your heusehold, she even tries to regulate the number of rolls you may eat with your matufinal coffee at your "little breakfast." She will not remain if not allowed to do the ordering and

if not allowed to do the ordering and the marketing, since she receives a commission from the shopkeepers. She must have her perquisite of a certain amount of wine daily and she must be

amount of white daily and she must be insured against accident; otherwise, if injured while in your service, you are required by law to pay all expenses resulting thereform, and if the injury prove to be of a nature permanently to disable her, no matter whether or not it was caused by her own carelessness, you must settle on her a manifor suffi-

It was caused by net own caterosaness, you must settle on her a pension suffi-cient for her living expenses during the remainder of her life. If you conclude that you will dis-pense with her services you must give

pense with her services you must give her at least eight days' notice, in writ-ing, stating a valid reason for so doing, and conform to several other formali-ties, and even then stand the chance of a lawsuit, a very unpleasant exper-lence which a family of Americans is at present undergoing after supposing they had conformed to every legal re-quirement before leaving Paris last Summer for a prolonged stay in Switz-erland.

erland. But while the maid is monarch of the household she has to submit to a higher authority than her own, outside its limits, and in her turn is required to

pay toil to the person who secured her the place. Talk about American graft! It isn't in it, as the small boy would say, with that of Paris, especially as regards the housekeeper.

erland.

of a Paris apartment house is the plug for an electric reading lamp in the bed-chamber, and the fact that in that room is to be found the only light that can be lowered and raised. All other lights are so high that one's heart flutters at there is a first so the source and the source of the source and the source of the so abroad regard the system of barbara tipping a small matter because of the insignificance of the amounts paid, but a lake without an inlet can be drained with a spoon. When an order of gro-ceries is delivered the man expects a most of the state of the man expects a thought of the bill that must result from the use of sufficient brillancy to render music, reading, writing, sewing or even cheerful conversation possible, as the average American is accustomed

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this he expects a tip for every personal service he performs, such as bringing up your bill and your mail and empty-ing the ash pan. But he, in his turn, must pay the arent who secured the tenant a commission, for in this man-ner are many wages and salaries paid in this prest eits. in this great city. Americans who have never been abroad regard the system of European

couple of sous, only four American cents, 'tis true, but one must have

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FIGURE B.

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> juvenile, is a thing of beauty, and, let us hope, will continue to be a joy so long as the world endures. But there is certainly too much ruthless haste and lack of thought in the gathering of the small forest of little trees which are lighted up and made to gladden the hearts of wee folk all over the city, every Yuletide in Portland. If one but stops to inquire where the little tree came from, or troubled to not conversant with its manners and customs, but one rises above them in the pleasures which are everywhere provided to feast eye, ear, palate and mind, and whether one drives or strolls along the wonderful boulevards, or wanders through the narrow, crooked streets of the older sections, or elbows her way along the crowded highways of the shopping district, there is ever present the delight of living in Paris,

of the shoping uncred, there is vote present the delight of living in Paris, of being a part of its excitement, its effervescence, its hurry and its bustle. It is not unlike the feeling one must have while dwelling on the edge of a ection.

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living crater. But while you are there you, too, are impelled to be doing, doing, doing. There is no room for drones in the busy hive of Parisian life and, though the honey may not all be sweet, it is there to be gathered if one has ambition and energy and is not easily discouraged-even though contending with the in-conveniences of housekeeping in a small apartment.

now, any imitation of this soft and be-coming material, so that even if the gown is somewhat shopworn, with a lit-tle fixing it will be wearable and very up to deta

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little tree came from, or troubled to trace it back to the clump of flourish ng young firs whence it was felled and arried away, one will find food for re-. . . .

Menus for One Week Tuesday.

Tomato broth. Ragout of beef. Crust border. Potato puff. German carrots. Letuce salad. Brown Betty. Cream. Coffee. Wednesday. Bolled sea troff. Parsley sacce. Potato balls. Italian spighetti. Grated Cheese. Celery and pimento salud. Chocolate pudding. Cream. Coffee.

Thursday Brown broth. Reast pork. Apple sauce. Baked onl Chicory sauce.' Moulded lemon creams (starch). Coffee. Friday.

Cream of polato soup. Curried Lentils with rice. Chutney. Sieved erg yolks. Celery and apple saisd. Mince Pie. Coffee. Saturday.

Tomato-rice soup. Bolled steak or meal cakes. Sweet polatoes, glascd. Creamed celery. Watercrew salad. Canned pears with grape jetly on sweet croutes. Coffee.

Sunday. Grape truit cocktail. at urkey or chicken. Savory dress Brown sauce. Cranberry Jelly. Scalloped potatoes. Canned peas. Chicory salad. New Year's pudding. Confee. dresst

Monday. soup with wheat h arkey or chicken gib potatoes. Lady cabi Russian salad. way of exclusive dress models, dis-tinctively Winter hats, furs, etc. Know-ing this, indeed, many business women wait until this time to do their Winter buying, going along content with last year's things, changed a little with home tinkering, until the great shops announce the burgains. This year there is a likelihood of find-ing the reduced things cheaper than ever before, as the very occentricity of pres-tion of the state o

at the front is worked with coarse saf-fron-colored selfk on white margulaette. In this dainty style there are a number

tinkering, until the great shops announce the bargains. This year there is a likelihood of find-ing the reduced things cheaper than ever before, as the very eccentricity of pres-ent styles will make shopkeepers chary of holding on to their wares too long. Yet more than three months of cold weather remain for their usefulness, and there is great satisfaction in having the stylish thing at last. A tour of the shops already displaying cut prices convinces me that velvet dresses are to be much cheapened; vel-vateen, corduroy and velvet-trimmed cloth will also come under the head of things the shops will want to dispose of at once. And how smart is velvet just now, any imitation of this soft and be-coming material, so that even if the of pretty frocks to be found in the shops, with and without guimpes, and if they are entirely plain it is a simple matter to add the margheu, or a ribbon banding. or one of velvet. Unmade materials, which would be charming for it, are plain and materials and novelty veiling, chiffon velveteen, louisine, cashmere, etc. A goods that will tomsine, cosmictly, is the chief requirement, other than the color, for with the ex-ception of black only pale colors are now worn in the house. The flower shaped rosette at the side of the belt is one of

resette at the side of the beit is one of the season's most admired coquetries. Figure C, while representing a house frock that might be made of a satin or silk, likewise ebows a style adapted to a heavy goods and street wear. In fact without the sash the dress might be made in the most commonlace goods for

costumes in materials acapted to other seasons will be dearer, but a warm gown, furs and a Winter hat are the essentials now and so why take heed of the dis-tant morrow? Here and there already one finds, too, a treak televine with without the sach the dress might be made in the most commonplace goods for practical use, and the design is espe-cially good for a stout dress needed for

alled at The Oregonian office spoke of the Christmas tree vandals and the havoc they were working in such sub-urbs as Belle Crest and Rose City Park. It is not so long ago that she was mar-

A few days ago a young woman who ried, and for some months past she has been happily absorbed in plans for a new home that is to be built in the