AN IMPENDING EVIL.

m the Number of Marriages. cial reformer, who is as precise statements of facts as he is expert manipulation of figures, reports he result of the investigation that number of marriages is decreasing year. We have just cause for wif the report is true. Certainly pice of a wife is a subject full of ant attraction to a romantic young who has sown his wild oats and is e his earnings and longs for the fort and slippered ease of a home his own. The difficulties of courthowever are perplexing, arduous real. In Knickerbocker times the was securely tied after a bluff osal and the young married couple ready to start housekeeping with rel of potatoes, a blunderbuss and nily Bible. Then life was idyllic full of romance and song. But ora mutantur and they change for orse, in most respects. No longer the married pair flutter through on wings of romance. The chief of interest that unite young lovers is mercenary age is a Government percent. The domestic tie is so claslivorces so easily procurable, the nine heart is so fickle withal, that ble young men feel morbidly shy t exposing themselves to the matmial noose and would as soon k of slipping a halter around the

erule of woman in masculine atand common sense shoes is not a ant spectacle to contemplate. But girls of the Republic are not marof in some way, old maids of the virulent type, in various stages of ceal decline, will be elamoring for rights with exceeding vigor and sency, and who knows whether will be enough green tea and dal left to go around? Already ensus table shows a deplorable inse in their number. They are orzing crusades against the most shed institutions of mankind.

for no other reasons than the above, an ingenuity should devise some od of facilitating proposals and sning the love knot so there can escape. Cynics scoff at the marrelations. Idle flirtations are deing the confidence of young peoromantic temperament in one er. Sir George Campbell has enared to prove that there is no such as love; that it is a psychological ion. So long as these ideas preno easy-going youth will feel like ficing the frolic and fun of Bois for the martyrdom of the doe eirele. But legislation can recthe evil. The law-makers should the matter in hand. They can courtship a civic duty which the idual owes to society, and enforce law. Were men who persist in ming single disfranchised and did of their property, and were m who refused to marry shut up ments and denied access to the magazines, the aggressive type aiden lady who delights in agitatocial and political reforms, would ually disappear and an ominous rould be averted, an evil that all ble people would seriously deplore. old Van Santvoord, in Life.

HINTS ON IRONING.

ble Information Relating to This Diffi-cult Part of Laundry Work.

ery housekeeper should acquaint of with the general rules necessary ironing. It is difficult to g've dions how to iron well, as experience best teacher, but there are several s to be observed in doing the work lich strict attention must be given. strong table of suitable size, and a ironing board, also a bosom board id be provided. Irons of three are convenient, and should always ept clean, and smooth; ashes, salt rick dust are good to clean irons, wax rubbed occasionally on them serve to keep them in good order. sheets and table linens should be ed first, then the shirts. First iron shirt all over, wringing a clean out of warm water, and rub over bosom, which should be rapidly over with a clean hot iron, then plaits should be raised, and ironed a, then dampened with water or and ironed with a polishing iron. thin dresses, or other soft articles do not need polishing, should be ed on a soft blanket. Embroideries t, so any spot imperfectly iroued be dampened and ironed over unmoth. - Ladies' Home Journal.

A Story From Chicago.

e woman who remarked that with servant your household work is e you have to do it yourself, doubt-thought she had said a neat thing. according to a gentleman of Chia electricity is the only satisfactory estic servant. He has fitted up his se with electrical apparatus that does thing. It wakens him in the ning. After that all he has to do is ress knobs. With one pressure the is lighted, and on goes the kettle; another his hot water is sent up-8. Electric scrubbing brushes keep y thing nice and clean, and an tric page-boy opens the door for ers and the morning's milk .- Phila-

"What am Ilikely to draw if I buy a ry ticket?" asks a rural subscriber. ever succeeded in drawing anyg but a long breath. - Chicago Ram-

MISCELLANEOUS.

-Wall paper is so beautiful and ar tistic now as to be easily mistaken for frescoe .- N. Y. Mail,

-The Marquis de Mores, the million-

"Why did you not pocket some? Nobody was there to see you." "I was do a mean thing."-Albany Journal.

-Jim Brown eloped from Tin Cup. Col., with a woman who was described in a local paper as a "fat blonde." Friends telegraphed the fact to the fair creature, and she returned and smashed a pitcher over the editor's head.—Den-

-William H. Warner, a Connecticut murderer and suicide, left a document ordering that his body should be held for

East Bridgewater, are probably the oldest married couple in Massachusetts. They celebrated the seventy-second an- digestion. niversary of their marriage the other day, and all of their children were present to wish them joy. Mr. Thompson is ninety-five years old and can read without the aid of spectacles, but read without the aid of spectacles, but of weavy and suffering women have found his hearing is poor, while his wife's Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Piescription" a evesight is not what it used to be, but eyesight is not what it used to be, but her hearing is acute. - Boston Herald.

-A writer in the Boston Post says: "Some years ago I noticed for the first time a frail young girl who had taken her position as a candy seller in a doorway, upon a particularly cold street. I marked her appearance with a sigh, feeling sure that the severity of a single winter would consign her to an early grave. But what has been the result? She has sat in the same place ever since, and instead of going into a decline she

money. He had been roving about in cost. the mountains for fifteen years. His wounds are still open, and when he lifts his hat and raises the bandages he presents a ghastly spectacle. Many old frontiersmen gathered about him, and the old flash leaped into their eyes as they listened to his pitiful story. Steps are being taken to permanently relieve his necessities .- Denver Tribune.

-oThe blizzards out in Dakot so terrible," said a man just in from the North, "that the people string clothes-lines from their homes to the out-houses in order that they may pass to and fro during the prevalence of one of these storms without running the risk of losing their way in their own yards. One can not see three feet ahead in a Dakota bliz-ed, and if he once loses his bearings has is almost certain to drift out upon the prairie and perish before assistance can reach him. With the aid of a rope a man is enabled to grope about his own yard with comparative safety so long as he doesn't let go."-Chicago Herald.

-These carping outsiders: Simpson -"Well, Muggins, how is business?" Muggins (our artist)-"Oh, ripping! Got a commission this morning from a clergyman. Wants his children painted very badly." Simpson (with that pleasant way of his)—"Well, my boy. you're the very man for the job." They don't speak now. -Judy.

- Well, I declare for it, did you see Mrs. Shiftless's new hat this morning?" said Mrs. de Johgus, as she leaned over the backyard fence, with a shawl lid be ironed on the wrong side. thrown uver her head. "Why, now I ays have near a bowl of clean thought it was real becoming." "Beeoming! Why, it looks as if it was built in a shipyard. It's as tall as a mainmast." "Certainly. She can wear a tall hat. Now you couldn't. You would want a low, broad hat to fit your figure." Mrs. de Johgns had a cup in her hand to borrow some molasses, but with two it is half done, and with she had inadvertently obtained vinegar. -Hartford Post.

-A little three-year-old, the young hopeful of an estimable lady on Piety Hil, in Salem, is just beginning to verge into the period of childish investigation, doubt, and inquiry. The little fellow had heard the words "grass widow," and hastened to inquire its meaning of his mother. By way of illustration she to.d him that if his father should run away and leave her alone without any cause then she would be a grass widow. The future Senator looked up in his mother's face and said. "Then what'd I be? Would I be a grasshopper?"—Salem (Ore.) States-

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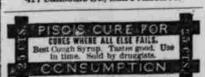
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