## WOMAN'S WORLD.

SHOULD THE WIVES OF CABINET MINISTERS HAVE CLERKS!

Wasp Waists No Longer Admired-An In-The Cripoline Specter.

lowed for in cabinet salaries is that provisling for private secretaries for the president's wife and the ladies of the breeches.-Hearth and Home. cabinet. At first reading the public would denounce such a proposition as altogether unnecessary, but to those who have knowledge of the exigencies of the so generally taken upon themselves the case it will seem not only humane, but responsibility of becoming breadwin in the higest degree necessary. The du ners for themselves and any one who ficials named are never ending.

not minister's wife is by no means a sine shoulders, and an agitation has been becure. That such unceasing calls upon gun to have it removed with as little de the time and social endurance of the lay as possible. Insurance companies mistress of the White House can prove are charged with grossly and flagrantly too much of a strain for even a strong discriminating against her. Many of the woman is attested by the severe tax upon | most reliant of them will not take a risk Mrs. Harrison, whose willing heart and upon her life upon any terms or condihands never allowed her, while strength tions whatever. Risks will be taken on this stitch producing a waved effect that lasted, to refuse an interview or any re- every conceivable thing in the universe quest which she could conscientiously

In addition to the incessant demands and dogs-but not on women to see the president wife, which pour in with roses.

the duties are almost as heavy, since the fewer requests for interviews are offset in the herculean task of going over the of order. With few exceptions the cabmet ladies have private secretaries, but these have to be paid for out of the private purse. - Kate Field's Washington.

Wasp Waists No Longer Admired.

Let discussions of the natural proporcomparison of the physical requirements for the proposed statue of Justice as compared with the requirements from a classical standpoint, the Venus de Milo fers every time in comparison with those gowned far more gracefully in easy gar ments, and it will not take long to bring about the desired revolution in the matter of healthy, sensible dress for women. When the fashion chit finds that her sex as a deformity and not a mark of beauty, she will cease cultivating the Manchester Courier. same, and when blind followers find that the sensible gown is, after all, the graceful, beautiful one, which high oued actresses wear most frequently. they will surely follow suit.

Modjeska and Mrs. Bernard-Beere are both good examples of the case and grace be lithe, agile, strong and supple! It is possible in every attitude when unham ered by tight fitting garments. Mod ber attainment of liberty. It makes her eska long ago abandoned the corset as weak, feeble, dependent on others and a not lose a relative."—Texas Siftings. movement. Women have had a waist so long they cannot believe the fact. which is nevertheless true, that naturally there is positively no waist line Artists declare there can be no beautiful attire till women believe this truth and dirt! And then the hats and bonnets! force the modistes to recognize it by making gowns which from neek to foot shall be one and indivisible. A preminent Brooklyn artist who watched the last Sunday school procession declared it was actually painful to see so many deformed women and girls, Hither what the people have said has seemed to affect matters little, but if a reform is started on the stage it will spread, as there are many women who today copy their styles from those of a new play. Brooklyn Eagle.

An Invasion of Privacy.

A few years ago society in Washington was shocked by the use of a picture of Mrs. Cleveland as a cigar dealers sign. Now society in Chicago has been shocked by the use of a portrait of Mrs. Potter Palmer in a brewery advertise ment. Society in the east was aroused to indignation not long ago by the wholesale employment of portraits of modest young ladies to stimulate the business of eigarette manufacturers. In this case the offense was exceptionally flagrant. for the portraits were not faithfully reproduced from the originals, but were rendered more piquant by attaching the faces of proper young people in private life to the figures of stage people in the approximate undress of the ballet. The courts were called upon to stop the out-

rage, and it was stopped.
All these invasions of the privacy of individuals are utterly indefensible, and bring the perpetrators under the censure of public opinion in all communities where public opinion has any protensions to a capacity for making nice distinctions between right and wrong There are those who maintain that it is a compliment to a lady's beauty to go to the expense of manufacturing her por trait and scattering it broadcast as the central embellishment of an artistic advertisement. But if the lady's feelings in the matter are stolldly ignored, there is certainly no compliment, but a coarse insult, which no man with the instincts of a gentleman could fail to resent .- Mil-

wankee Wisconsin.

English Women Adopt Knickerbockers. Do you know that the reign of the petticoat is surjously threatened? Sev eral women have urged that we should wear the "bloomer" costume, while others have mounted the platform advertising the advantage of the divided skirt. and a very limited few have been brave enough to declare that what they really suggest is that we should wear trousers. To Represent American Newspaper Womes pure, simple and hideous. In the adop Mrs. Margaret Sullivan of Chicago has tion of knickerbockers as underclothing been asked to represent the press women for walking on a mucky day there is a of America in the great congress to mee measure of reason, for comfort and during the World's fair. The selection cleanliness may be gained from wearing has met with great approval throughou these underneath our shirts instead of the country, as Mrs. Sullivan is well trailing petticent. But even then I con-tend that the knickerbockers, just for ment in the press from her long experour own gratification, should be made of ence in journalism. At the same theet some silicen material, and it would be ing at which Mrs. Sullivan's name was

tremely full, else the outlines would be too clearly visible.

At the moment, however, there is only talk about adopting these. We have not yet done it in serious earnest, and courageous indeed will be the first woman of fashion who confides in her sister that she has taken the important step. vasion of Privacy-Women in Kalcker- For evening wear the knickerbockers bockers-Life Insurance For Women. When we have taken to them, are to be made, I hear, of accordion plaited silk, and trimmed with lace reaching to the An important item of expense not all ankle and exactly resembling Turkish tronsers. For the daytime they are to reach the knees, like a man's shooting

> Life Insurance For Women, Since women in all grades of life have

ties devolving upon the wives of the of | may be dependent upon them, another grievance under which they labor has The position of a president's or cabi been found to press heavily upon their -houses, stocks of merchandise, stand ing timber, growing grain, even on horses

For many of these faithful toilers life with every delivery of White House insurance is the only possible method of mails, there are requests for autographs making provision for dependent ones and replies to personal letters and notes when they themselves are no more, but to have a voice in the manner in which that would alone require the time of one even this way is effectually barred to the taxes are expended, that a woman clerk, while the thousand and one extra them by the inexorable rules of the com-things that daily crop up in addition to panies not to take risks on the lives of are controlled by the laws should have the regular official routine would more women. A movement has been inaugu- no voice in framing those laws, it is not than furnish employment to a second rated to do away with this discriminaone, yet none is allowed on the bill of tion, and either to compel the present expenses, and the president's wife who companies to amend their constitution will have the hardihood to defy public and bylaws so that women may be adopinion by demanding even one secre- mitted to the benefits of their entertary will not find her pathway strewn prises, or to organize a solid company for the sole purpose of taking risks on the In the case of a cabinet minister's wife lives of women. -Philadelphia Times.

The Crinoline Specter. I am told, on what should be good cards each week, arranging to have her authority, that all this talk about the reown sent in return and keeping her ever vival of the crinoline arises from a stray increasing visiting list in some semblance remark of M. Worth's. That great genius seems to have let fall some dicrom implying that the new style of skirt would be "as it were crinolined." Forthwith certain persons of alarmist tenden cies jumped to the conclusion that the hideous steel hoop would be reintroduced in its full atrociousness. Indeed it is tions of the female figure come before actually stated that an anticrinoline sothe public as practically as in recent ciety has been formed. I have every reason to believe that the pan'c is entire premature. All that the arbiter of ions intended to convey is that the skirts are to be full next year, both at being the model, and let dramatic critics the hips and round the bettem, and that of a high rank declare openly that the borse hair will be used to keep the folds

wasp waisted, tight corseted actress suf- from becoming entangled about the feet Mighty is female fashion, and M. Worth is its prophet. Still I doubt if. supposing him to possess the will, he has power to reimpose the crinoline on the British empire. The fact is that that monstrosity was caricatured out of expinched in waist is regarded by the other | istence and beyond power of resurrection a generation ago.-London Cor-

The Dress of the Modern Woman

Oh, the dress of woman! Oh, that vile disfigurement of the human form-the peacock straight jacket-which binds and wastes the limbs of her who should the greatest and most determined bar to great hindrance to perfect freedom of "guy!" Yes-I say it advisedly-a "guy." e thinks of weaman's form and tooks at her in modern dress, comparison is ludicrous. Look at those pinched in waists, elevated shoulders, high heeled shoes, trailing skirts sweeping up the Oh, those hats and bonnets! Who can describe them? I cannot,

Men will ask, "Is this our fault? 'Yes," Lanswer, "it is. You have made women what they are, and you encourage them in their degradation. You know well enough that if you dressed and led the lives they did you would be just as effete, silly, mindless and helpless as they are, and yet you persist in openly admiring what you secretly ridicule and despise in your hearts."—Florence Dixie in London Modern Review.

Miss Field's Mistake. Kate Field was lecturing some time ago in a western town. A half dozen small boys who had carried handbills from house to house had been rewarded by seats in the front row of the audience But some way their youthful minds did not seize with absorbing interest on Miss Field's denunciation of Mormondom, and in half an hour they were swapping gum and kicking their heels in utter oblivion of "the distinguished speaker." The forgetfulness was not mutual, however, and after directing many scorching glances at them in vain Miss Field srose in her wrath.

"Will the usher kindly remove the boys from the room?" she demanded, and as the cowed youngsters were led out by the collar she launched into a scathing rebuke of the innocent audience. It is said that at the close of the lecturewhen the proper time came for applianse -you could have heard a pin drop in the stillness.-New York Recorder.

For Women In English Workhouses.

The Duchess of Portland and the Countess of Meath are bestirring themselves with the beneficent object of providing little comforts and amusements for the poor old women in English workhouses. Already Ludy Meath's scheme for supolying material for needlework, knitting and other occupations for workhouse innmites has been carried out in several unions. The Duchess of Rutland has now come forward to plead for gifts of exaspapers, magazines and books for ld female purpers, and, as an instance of the keen interest in what is going on aken by aged purpers, her grace cites a roung lady in the neighborhood of Mel ton Mowbray who regularly visited the workhouse and told the old ladies about "the run," and if there was a good ac count of a fox lunt in the newspaper sh read it to them.-London Letter.

becomeany for them, too, to be cut ex- proposed: 50 other arcminent women cept the woman to whom you write.

were chosen to participate in the conreas, some of whom are eminent in for cira countries. These congresses will draw together a great number of distinguished women from all over the world and will be a most interesting feature of the fair.-Exchange.

The Fushionable Voice In London, We must chronicle how the freak of fashion is now leveled at the voice. Formerly one of the characteristics of a lady was her voice; it was soft, low, well modulated; poets and novelists bestowed this charm upon their heroines. But now the fashionable voice of the day is sigh, shrill and strident; an exaggerated mitation of American intonation would est describe it. These voices come not from the outer ring of the circle, but from the charmed inner ring, the highest n rank being foremost in taking the lead n this respect.-London Cor. Toronto Empire.

A Dainty Breakfast Cape, A fluffy, puffy little breakfast cape or chilly mornings: Through snowy mounds of worsted is caught a rosy gleam of an interlining. It is nothing more than elegant tissue paper, but th effect is good. This dainty shoulder is charming. Lustrous ribbons, milky white, gather into place the extra fullness at the threat. - Exchange.

Not Easy to Prove.

When we seriously attempt to show casy. If women are fit to rule in monerchies, it is difficult to my why they ere not qualified to vote in a republic.-Hon. H. B. Anthony.

Protested Against Crape. There has been a decided stand against cearing crape for some years past, but the Princess of Wales gave it the coup e grace by dispensing with it during her mourning for the late Duke of Clarence. Now there is a further protest direction will be very perceptible.-Ex-

Contents of a Child's Stomach.

A Hartford surgeon lately induced a woman, whose 2-year-old child had long been suffering from peculiar attacks, to submit the little one to an operation, on suspicion that the baby had swallowed a diamond earring the mother had missed. No earring was found, but 23 small carpet tacks were taken from the child's stomach.-Ex-

When Women Go Into Politics. It is very cheap wit that finds it so droll that a woman should vote. If the wants, the passions, the vices, are allowed full vote, through the hands of a half rutal, intemperate population, I think it but fair that the virtues, the aspirations, should be allowed a full voice as an offset, through the purest of the people. -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Always Wears Black

Miss Gadder-Oh, dear, I do hate winter! It's such hard work for me to select becoming gowns and bonnets. I do so envy Mrs. Mayfair.

Why, my love?" "Because she has such luck that scarcely three months pass that she does

The woman who says "I think you are mistaken" and goes no further when she sees the spirit of opposition rising flercely in rebellion is wiser than +h who contends to the last, imbittering those of contrary views and becoming herself worn out in the struggle.

The rage for traveling in Japan is poiling the delightful simplicity of the Japanese child women. Already the quaint mild eyed little women appear at parties and fetes clothed in most exag gerated copies of French modes in loud and flaming colors.

Mrs. Borden, president of the New Mexico W. C. T. U. has been licensed to preach in the Congregationalis church. During last year she traveled 4,000 miles and made over 30 addresses in her temperance work.

Mme. Modjeska is a woman of ideas and a graceful writer as well as an accomplished actress. She is said to be a careful student of literature, especially of the literature of the drama. - Forum.

Dr. Kate Campbell Hurd is medical lirector of the Eryn Mawr school, near Philadelphia. She is the daughter of a physician and has studied extensively

Conducting War on Snowshoes.

A novel idea of military operations in the great lake region in winter is outli Captain Thomas Sharp, U. S. A. After citing the commercial importance of the waterway between the lakes and the sen and the incalculable benefits of a proposicanal system that will let an ocean steamer loaded at Chicago discharge its freight at Liverpool, he proceeds to the serious question of who shall control the great gateway to this country, the St. Lawrence river The discussion of the commercial question need not be entered upon here, as all who have given the matter any thought at all know that the advantages of a direct, ade quate communication between the great lakes and the sea mean the saving of many

millions of dollars a year. The vital thing in Captain Sharp's little pamphlet is the explanation of the ease ith which Canada could get possession of and control this source, and its traffic in the event of war with this country. The whole secret of the advantage as set forth is the facility with which the Canadian forces could operate in winter by reason of their seing habituated to the use of snowshoes Were hostilities declared when the snow side the dismal walls of their abode lay deep on the ground, the Canadian ree into formidable offensivenes with such promptness as to be strongly in trenched in strategic positions before the American forces could be advanced to the

> Comparatively few Americans along the northern border are accustomed to snow shoes, and in the military service such a hing as snowshoe practice is unknown. mgo Inter Geom

> > Large Writing Unfashionable.

It is not the latest style to write as big e possible, but it is the latest fad to make the bigness bigger than any other oman's if you possibly can. Also, it is packutt (not chic any longer) put no address on your letter, no date, nd on no account to punctuate it. It is

night style to be misunderstood by all ex-

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Taking a Nap. Little maid Lucy is taking a nap. Her kutting unheeded lies in her lap. Mischievens ours comes to at the divar-



Soon it is rolling around in her provs. Soon it is pulled by the sharp little claws, Slowly the candle burns toward the wick-Better wake up, little mald, pretty quick!

Or all your nice efficies, it seems pretty Will have to be taken all ever again, -Christian at Work

Paris Boys Never Fight.

You never see boys of any class fight

n the streets of Paris. The boys of the aboring classes play in the squares of their neighborhood and in the streets but it does not seem to be in their nature to exchange fisticuffs. The French are certainly not a boxing race. They have a natural aversion to having their flespummeled, and if by chance boys lose their instinct of self preservation enough to come to blows they are quickly made to keep the peace by older passersby who, separating them, give them a mora lecture upon such cruel exercise of the muscles. Boys of the upper classes pever against the heavy crape worn by widows, | play in the streets. In fact, until they and doubtless before another year has are sent to college, where they are under ome and gone the modification in this | the surveillance of teachers and guard ians, they are never allowed to go out alone any more than girls. What a deg radation it would be for an American lad to have some one follow him when ever be ventured out on the street! But French boys are accustomed to it, and foreigners who take the liberties they are accustomed to in their own countries are considered specimens of savages. -Paris Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

A Hopeful Blind Boy.

The brightest instance of optimism under difficulties came to notice in Ecs ton a few days ago. A blind boy was being fitted out to spend a year or two at the asylpm. While his clothing was being packed, he chatted in an animated way, showing the greatest interest in his wardrobe, asking occasionally to "see" something, and on having his several neckties described (all of which happened to be blue) be remarked, "That is nice, I like blue," On being asked if he remem bered how it looked, he answered no, but it was his favorite color.

He told how he had lost his night, and bearing an exclamation of pity quickly said: "But it is so much better to be blind than deaf. A deaf person is shut out from English. everything, but I can hear what peoplesay and enter into everything that is going on | could pronounce anything in our tongue. about me. You would feel the same if was asked to say "Theophilus Thistleyou were blind." All this was said in the thwaite." He threw up his hands and nost cheerful, placid manner, while his exclaimed, "Ah, barbarian!" This sound plans for future work were full of a hope ful courage. - Boston Commonwealth.

A Chinese Baby's Opal.

The Chinese baby at Washington which is so young that it has not yet been through one presidential term of fore years, has already fallen heir to the tines opal in the world. The opal belongs to the Chinese minister. It is as large as a pigeon's egg and is surrounded by beau tiful white diamonds. The minister wears it in his cap on state occasions and the baby wore it upon the day in baby's life which corresponds to an Amer ican christening. - Chicago Tribune

Failure of a Boys' Strike

The boys in a New South Wales school recently struck for "less Enclid," less algebra, less caning and mere bolidays." A deputation was appointed to interview the head master He received them with a cane and then showed them the error of their ways. After this the rest of the ly by close acquaintance with the genschool did not need to be convinced, and eral laws of living nature as revealed the strike came to an end -Cincinnati by disinterested science-laws which are that, while your gaze rests upon the Enquirer. by disinterested science-laws which are that, while your gaze rests upon the Enquirer.

A Heavy Load.

"Hold on tight, Georgie, so I won't

"Ma, Georgie's tipping me out of the wagon!"-Harper's Young People.

Little Anna's Ambitton

A certain small Anna has more respect for effect than cause. Idly running her fingers over the ivory keys one day, she cried out radiantly: "Oh, how I wish I had a voice like this piano! Then every one would say, 'Nannie Smith is a naughty little girl, but she has a very sweet voice." New York Times. Enforcing Temperature in finitions Service.

Division Superintendent Dixon of the Illinois Central has commenced an active enforcement of the rule forbidding employees of that road to frequent saloons and gambling houses. Superintendent Dixon devoted one entire even ing to making the rounds of all the saloons and gambling joints in the city, accompanied by a policeman, and carefully made notes of what he saw. The next morning a number of railway boys making this their hendquarters were informed that their services were no longer required.-Fort Dodge Cor. Chicago Trib Contrary Advice as to Enting and Siceping. SCENERY COMPARED. It would be an estimable boon to humanity if doctors could agree in their

site advice. In speaking of King George

-had "began at the wrong end."

he liked."-Chicago News-Record.

of the fun.

ould hear the strains.

Acquiring Foreign Languages.

and Americans betray themselves more

by stress on the letter "I" when they try to

talk his language than in any other way.

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sound of th than by anything else is

is trying to the Germans likewise, and

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of pictures representing a Teutonic

waiter twisting his neck and cracking

is teeth in the attempt to say "Thanks.

What Science Has Done In Agriculture.

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Berthelot in Popular Science Monthly.

Heroes In Many Walks of Life.

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Fast Day Losing Favor.

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The language of the bill introduced in

Ledger.

(N. H.) Union.

New York Sun.

How Deaf Mutes Dance.

advice as to diet. At present the aver-THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN age man is in a state of pure bewilder ENGLISH AND AMERICAN. ment. Only lately an eminent physician

ans said that all our ailments arise from overeating and oversleeping, and that The One Is Everywhere Affected by Man the golden rate of health is to be sparing and Art-The Other Is Primeval and Virof both. Sir James Sawyer now comes gin-Luxury May Suit English Scenery. forward with almost exactly the oppobut Not So With Ca. Having lately visited England after a

HI's oft quoted maxim. "Six hours for a ng absence, my mind since my return man, seven for a woman, eight for a fool," he considers that the poor old has been busy with the subject of the relations between our scenery and that of king-whose brain, by the way, certhe old world. I visited a dull part of tainly needed more rest than it secured Hampshire. On leaving the house where I was staying it was necessary to get From his own experience of his own up to an early breakfast to catch a train. ralling, Sir James Sawyer is decidedly of opinion that medical men require Two young soldiers, very pleasant and friendly fellows, who went away at the eight bours sleep if they can get it, and that failing that they should hold on by same time, were in the cab with me. Reference was made to the scenery, and 'the grand rule." "go to bed when you one of them, who had been in America, an and get up when you must." The bedroom should be well ventilated, and said, "You Americans may not always the "night cap," in the liquid form, should be discarded, as alcohol prevents say you admire England, but in your hearts you know there is nothing like it." I looked out of the cab window at healthy sleep. It may produce a drowsy, stupefying effect, but not refreshing the flat and very rolled out landscape, cut up into squares and plots by iron fences, which, however, with its sparse His advice as to eating is somewhat caks standing here and there, was not optimistic. "If a man would only eat naturally and at the proper time and without a classic grace, and thought of not eat too much, he might eat anything the fresh and magic outlines of the Virginia mountains. But the hour was much too early and too drowsy to allow of any expression of dissent. It is an "I never felt so lonesome in my life," old question, that between the scenery eaid a gentleman recently, "as when I of the two worlds. It is simple enough, chanced to be thrown one day with a however, with an obvious answer. Here picule party of deaf mutes. They could | it is primeval and virgin nature; there, understand each other, laughed and car- nature affected by man and art. ried on and had a good time generally,

The difference between European and while I sat like a mummy, apart, look-American trees and woodlands is siging on, but unable to participate in any nificant of this. Early in September an acquaintance took me to look at a re-"One thing that surprised me greatly," markable oak on his place in Essex, he continued, "was to see them indulge which he said had been thought by some is dancing. I had always supposed that persons to be a relic of the ancient Britit was absolutely essential to hear the ish forest. This oak, which was not very rhythm of the music in order to keep the high, threw its powerful arms straight time of a waltz or polka. To be sure, out in all directions over a wide space they had an orchestra on the dancing of ground. Certainly such a tree could barge, and for a time I regarded that as not have stood in an aboriginal forest. peculiar, for few if any of the party There would not have been sufficient sun to produce so great an amount of "After a little thought I solved the leafage, and there would have been no The mutes could not hear the room for such a vast lateral extension.

music, but they felt it, which was just It so happened that only a few months as effectual. To be sure of the matter I before, in June perhaps, I had seen in spoke to the leader of the orchestra, and Tennessee a good deal of a forest which he assured me that my surmise was corwas almost virgin. The trees went rect, and that when he was employed by straight upward to a great height, the the party it was expressly stipulated that boles being clean of branches a long he should bring his biggest bass drum distance from the ground, and the leaf and bass viols. The deep tones were age scant, except at the top, where it re more vibratory than the others, and the ceived the sun. I rode into the middle of this forest. The trees were often so mutes kept excellent waltz time by feeling the vibration of the wood flooring close together that it would have been upon which they danced."-New York hard for a horse to go between them, and my horse followed the bed of a stream which was so shallow that it arcely more than wet his fetlocks, the It is unusual for a person who goes into rhododendrons being very thick on each foreign country after he has grown to adult years to acquire the language of that country well enough to conceal his side of me. Halting in the midst of the level floor of the forest, it was an impressive scene which I found. The pale, alien origin, but there are exceptions. ofty trunks stood everywhere parallel, There is a German in New York, who and with a stately decorum and regularhas been here only six years, who speaks ity, except where, half way up the ad-English without a trace of accent, al jacent mountain side, some tumbling though he never studied the tongue until trees, leaning at angles against their he arrived in America. A professor of surrounding follows, which had arrest-French in this city says that Englishmen

pillars of a ruined temple. It is true that our scenery is not very rich in its associations of human history. This source of interest we have here One of them, who declared that be only to a slight degree. But the landscape has its own history. Is it not well to consider that history? Is not scenery out to look for him. Officer W. J. Sim made more impressive by the study of monds arrested him on the street in the those sublime changes which have pre- afterne pared the world which we see, and may one of the early things in Puck, when not the disclosures of men of science, so far as the unlearned are capable of comprehending them, be brought to the service of the sense of natural beauty?

Another contrast there may be in the scenery of the two lands. There is this to be said of English scenery-it is snit-Not only has intensive cultivation able to the luxury and comfort of English country life. It is appropriate to taught us how to draw a larger return than formerly from a particular soil and the English fleshpots. There are plenty a given surface, but by the selection of of country houses throughout England seeds we have doubled and tripled the in which material comforts are of the best, and which at certain seasons conformation of sugar in beet roots; by like tain much agreeable company of both selections, the production of the potato has been augmented, and we are seeksexes. I had some experience of such a ing, with certainty of success, yet more house in Surrey. The library was excelconsiderable increase in the production lent. For a wonder the weather was of wheat. No less progress is reached in good, the ephemeral British sunshine the production of fruits and vegetables remaining all day on the southern walls and of cattle, to the daily amelioration and really lavish among those flowers of the general condition of the human of the garden you do not know by name. Easily detained by such an existence, This advance has been promoted partyou are not inclined to anything more active than some kind of pleasant reading and are likely to lose your place at such a state of mind the vague, soft asworthy of admiration by the efforts of pect of the Surrey hills was most suitable-two impalpable ranges of hills, alty who labor at the same time for the inluring to the eyes. Essences they seemcrease of their own fortunes and for the ed rather than substance or matter, and unreal, save in their gentle emergood and profit of mankind .- P. E. M. ald coloring. And they were always lying there, quivering as in a dream-a

mirage which did not go away. Whoever has a high and worthy pur-If there is an agreement between Inxwe at heart, whether of truth or duty ury and English scenery, my sentiment or love, and also has the strength and is that, on the contrary, luxury does not courage to work, to sacrifice and to sufsuit our scenery. An iron foundry, strange to say, does no harm. A forge, fer, if need be, for its sake, is worthy of a factory by the side of a pond filled himself pleasure or comfort or ease for with water lilies-I have now in mind the aged parent or sick child. Another the New England landscape-these are gives up cherished plans because they not unsuitable. But a fine house in some way is, and my sense of incongrupendent family. One faces the displeasity extends as well to those mansions are of friends and society sooner than which a friend describes as Queen Anne forsake his principles; another employs in the front and Mary Ann in the rear. all his power in defense of the weak Architecture, both private and public, and against the oppressor. -Philadelphia should be such as is suited to the local requirements and history. A white spire, for instance, marking such a church as New England farmers have built for generations, what an eloquent object in The New Hampshire legislature will a wide and undulating view!-E S. se called upon to consider the doing Nadal in Century.

She Had the Toothache.

the house is to the effect that the day A Philadelphia newspaper is responhas "long since ceased to be religiously sible for this story about a cat. This abserved and has become a nacless reliparticular feline belonged to a dentist of former times." With Fast day cut and seemed to take a delight in watchoff, the list of legal holidays will be ing the doctor operate on his patients Thanksgiving, Labor day, Christmas, One day it was noticed that pussy re Fourth of July, 22d of February and fused to eat and that she often yowled Memorial day-six in all.-Manchester in apparent distress, but no one knew ing, after a patient had left the chair, Rubber Bands Permitted on Postal Cards. Several days ago Dr. W. W. Parker equired of Postmaster Russell whether rubber bands could be used around the amined the cat's mouth and found a and hands with it.-New York Evening new double postal cards. The official swollen gum and an ulcerated tooth. Sun. could not answer the question, and the He promptly extracted the incisor, and physician wrote to the postmaster genpussy immediately began to pur in a Parker has received a reply stating that bands could be used.-Richmond Dis-

AN IMPROMPTU EXCURSION.

How Callahau Stole a Locomotive and Took n Ride.

It was a mad ride Michael Callahan had on an Illinois Central switch engine he stole near the Terminal station, in Chicago, at 4 o'clock in the morning. The engine was old No. 1 and is used for switching cars in Jackson park. It stood south of the Terminal station, with steam up, but without the lamps lighted. The day crew had gone home, and the engine was in the care of a "hostler," James Glessford Glessford was keeping up the fire, and at a o'clock went to the shanty near by to fill his oil can. He had a comoanien, Charley Erieson, with him, and the two were carrying on a lively conver-

Michael Callaban, who came down the track just as the two men were leaving the engine, was struck with a desire to take a ride. He did not know where, nor care, but he had seen engines used a good deal and knew how to handle the lever. So be climbed in the cab stealthily and opened the throttle. Old No. I gave a sudden lurch and was off on the switch for the main track, hardly a quarter of a mile away. While Glassford was busy with the oil can in the shanty Ericson saw the engine move off. He called to the "hostler," who rushed out in pursuit. But the locomotive distanced Glessford at the start and kept gaining rapidly. The man thought of the derailing switch, and, frightened at the aspect of either wrecking the engine there or passing it out upon the main tracks, ran like the wind in pur-

William Kelley, who sits up in the switch tower at Seventy-first street, heard the "crazy" engine rombiling down the track and for a moment considered giving it the open tracks. Then he foresaw the greater consequences of collision beyond and let the wild engineer take his own course. On Callahan brought the swiftly moving



lecomotive. In another instant the denotive, still on its wheels, was cutting and bumping over the ties of the Seventy-first street crossing. The window glass of the cabin was smashed, the headlight was cracked, and flying oil bespattered the mad engineer and the roof of the cabin. Then the wheels cut deep into the sand, and the engine stopped. Immediately Callahan reversed the lever and then pulled it again. He was determined to go

farther. Before Switchman Kelley reached the ed them in falling, varied the universal propriety with a noble confusion, the spot where the locomotive was imprisoned in the sand Glessford arrived. He climbed gray trunks looking like mighty fallen into the cab and dealt the man at the lever a savage blow with his fist. Callahan was knocked off the engine and immediately started away on a run. He succeeded in cluding the railroaders in the dark and went home. Glessford picked up the fugi-tive's hat near the engine and sent police

Callahan said he only wanted a little ride and had no particular destination when started. He says he had been drinking and was not altogether responsible.
William Kelley is congratulating him-

self that in his surprise he did not close the derailing switch. "Had the engine given the customary two toots," he said,
"the switch would have been closed without question. Then the mad engineer would have dashed the locomotive out u branch and headed northward for the city. At Brookdale, only a two minutes' rut ahead, the engine would have crossed the express tracks of the Michigan Central and Illinois Central expresses and the Belt Line. There were trains due each way about that time, and a collision would have been almost inevitable. It was a for tunate deliverance."

The Handwriting of the Lord. What has been called the "handwriting of the Lord" has recently appeared upon the growing corn in a field on the farm of T. B. Turpin, near Somerset, in Pulaski county, Ky. The ignorant and superstitious believe that it is the forewarning of some great event that is to affect all Christendom, and numerous prophets are abroad in the land. The so called "Lord's handwriting" appears upon the broad green blades of the corn and consists of rode outlines of an anchor, the letter N and the figure 8. They are distinctly traced and are visible on both sides of the

lonf. The colored people of Polaski county are fearfully wrought up over the "sign," as they call it. The anchors, the letter N and the figure 8 are construed by some of the most superstitions to mean the coming of another great deluge. The theory is well worked out by the declaration that N stands for Noah, the anchor for the ark and the figure for the period of weeks, months or years, as variously construed, in which the calamity is to come. Gespel songs in which anchors are mentioned are great favorites among the excited folk, and a deep religious sentiment is beginning to pervade the dusky community.

The Gentle Art of Osculation. Elssing is not a crime that it should be

ndulged in only in the dark, says Eugene Field, who is recognized as an authority in such matters. Cows, cowbells, street cars and car gongs have nothing to do with the case; neither have electric lights nor gas illuminations. One does not ki a with his eyes or ears—let him shut his eyes if there be too much light and stop his ears
if there be too much noise. The kies is the principal thing, and from its pursent and comprehension no true man will sufer himself to be diverted by mere environment. So let the heart filling, soul in-spiring, mouth watering industry be purued, but always reverently and magn

English Justice.

In an English police court the other day a poacher, suspected of coming from what was the matter. The next morn- land in search of game, received the same punishment as a farmer who took pussy jumped into the place he had oc- a redhot poker, and, after tearing the cupied and gave a pitiful yowl. Struck clothes off a poor, half witted laborer, with an idea, the dentist carefully ex-

A medical man has found out that disvery contented manner. It may have mal weather has a bad effect upon the been only a coincidence, but it really reasoning powers as well as upon the looked as if the eat knew where to go spirits. He says his deductions made on for relief.