From Harper's Bazar.

Probably one of the dreams of fair women is to remain fair-seeing the power of beauty in the world, they would be foolish were it not so-and a fact of their knowledge, not a part of their dream, is that the first requisite of beauty is a fine skin. This is something that has been recognized by all women since they first learned that beauty was something desirable, and those who have not been so fortunate as to possess a fine skin have done their best with one article or another to procure it or to counterfeit it. Painting has been a device among savages from time immemorial, and probably long before the time when Jezebel "painted her face and tired her head," or, as the old Hebrew have it, "put her eyes in painting. women used what barbaric help they could as a customary part of their toilet —customary as the robe itself. But far from giving a fine skin, the practice only simulated one, and gave them, when the mask of color was off, but a vellow and tarnished surface, as it has given all their daughters who follow their habit to-day, some being so silly and reckless, some notably among the demi-monde, as to use a little mustard on the cheek, although they must be well aware of the stain it leaves almost inef-

Than the human skin, physiologists teil us, there is nothing in the world more complex, more perfect, and more With the touch of velvet, the most delicate sensitiveness, the love- light. A few evenings ago a wellliest tints, it is vet elastic and strong enough to protect all the wonderful me left on the doorstep of a well-to-do chanism of muscle and nerve and bone citizen, Mr. Newcomb, of Providence, it, then, without some injury?

but perhaps there has been no period in incantation has been thought to have coachman died. She immediately left been nothing more than an invention by Cairo and fled North. The babe will be a skilled herbalist of a system of vapor tenderly cared for, and the mother's in- frequent visits to the War Department, baths, which took the rheumatic stiff. structions will be faithfully carried out. where he was in the habit of going to ness out of the advanced in years, and -New York Express. lent fresh bloom to the skin of the cheek of youth.

With the ancients, we are told, the bath was always the first and chief refreshment offered the guest, and its value was well appreciated, not only as be too highly recommended. Being a comfort, but for its curative power to very strong; they will live through any the dilapidated skin. That empress treatment; but study their peculiarities, who never traveled without a train of and manifest willingness to gratify them, 500 she-asses, that she might have her and they will grow without stint. Many morning and evening bath of their milk, houses are too hot for them, as indeed meant to have as good a skin as care they are for their owners. Neither peocould maintain. The practice of rub- ple nor plants should have the temperabing fragrant oils well into the skin, a ture over 60° Faherenheit. Take care and part of the old bath, doubtless did a not enfeeble your ivies by watering or good deal to preserve its lustre and undue heat, and you will see they will strength, the friction assisting in shed-not seem to mind whether the sun ·ding the waste substance, and arousing shines or not, or what direction you all the secretory organs of the skin, the train them. Indeed, so much will they oil allaying irritation. A celebrated do themselves to render a room charm actress of this century, noted for the bly being absorbed during sleep by means of the animal heat. To-day a gentle use of diluted glycerine does all that fragrant oils, asses' milk, and the flare of

action of the sunlight; for the cheek the sides, indeed any way your fancy which knows only the light of cellar or dictates. You need not buy the beaudungeon loses all its carmine, and be tiful but costly pots the flower dealer comes as bianched and etiolated as the will advise; common ones will answer plant grown there; and even the people every purpose, for by placing in each, who habitually frequent north rooms two or three sprays of coliseum ivy, in acquire a pallor which is lost upon a month's time no vestage of the pot itchoosing those of a southern exposure. self can be discovered through their The secret of the worth of cleanliness thick screen. The English ivy growing lies in its removal of decaying particles over the walls of the building, instead of that exude from the body, and that may promoting dampness, as most persons have lodged on the skin from the atmos- would suppose, is said to be a remedy phere or from contact with any unclean for it, and it is mentioned as a fact in substance; and as cleanliness cannot be the Paper Hanger's Companion, that in had without rubbing, both wet and dry, a certain room where damp had prevailthe friction which is a portion of the ed for a length of time, the effected parts process stimulates every gland and ves- had become dry when ivy had grown up sel and duct to do its utmost. Water, to cover the opposite exterior side. The indeed, is useful in a great measure as a close overhanging pendant leaves premedium of this friction, except in cases vent the rain or moisture from penetratof extreme soiling, as, for instance, a ing to the wall. Beauty and utility go had been put. coal-heaver's face at the end of the day, hand in hand in this case. which would probably need friction

shed its shining coat of blackness. But when a good lather of soap-suds, with plenty of water and rubbing, has once removed dirt, dry friction will probably keep the body clean and the skin fair for a long and healthy period; and when it is hard to obtain water, or when the chill of it cannot be borne, rubbing with a salted napkin or a crash towel, or with a knitted mitten of coarse pack-thread, will be found to set the blood spinning, and give as rosy a cheek as a daily dip in the ocean will; although, in order to be on the safe side, one will always keep up a respectable acquaintance with the great mother of all things - water. Fifteen minutes a day is not much time to spare for the sake of keening so won derful a set of organs as the skin's in repair, and of brightening every household picture by a pink cheek and chin and a white forehead; and if all persons were once convinced of the added beauty they would receive by the use of these fifteen minutes, we think the American complexion, so radiant in youth, so tawny by and by, would be maintained till a latter period of life than it now is, and the beauty of the race be much increased-increased, since not all the lovely lips of Lalage, the locks of Nega's hair, glowing eyes, or perfect outlines, are of so much use in the effect of beauty as the roses and billies of a satin

A Sad Story.

A sad story of the vellow fever

scourge in the South has just come to

dressed babe, about one year old, was

beneath it. Penetrated in every direc- who found it there upon answering a tion with sudorific clands, arteries, veins sharp ring of the door-bell. It had a and pores, it as constantly renews itself tiny gold ring on its finger, and a gold as time and injury waste it, and by its necklace, with a gold dollar attached, means a large portion of the bodily im- around its neck. By the side of the inpurities is thrown out of the system fant-a girl-was a complete outfit of with the perpetual desquamation of the richly-trimmed clethes. A letter was outer cuticle. Anything so minutely de- also found, in which the heart-broken for more admirers of such becoming rai- and cavities called "blow holes." Those propriety of such a finale to a grand veloped and so perfect was not made for mother who had left it there stated that ment; the tea-gowns have descended to who had attempted the production of and successful exhibition is very much nothing; and the student soon finds that the skin is not merely necessary for pleasant appearance, but absolutely necessary fever in New Orleans, and that she field to existence—how necessary is evident to Cairo to escape the plague, with her has come in a habit of lounging, which a great deal of investigation,—that it from the fact that if the whole body that both were attacked with the is certainly of most doubtful grace. was from other causes. I will not deshould be coated with a varnish, and no fever in that place, and recovered, though other injury inflicted, death would enter the writer felt as though she was losing clasped above or behind the head, thus the difficulties he encountered. People assortment of parlor suits in silk, rep. sue before many hours. When the her memory, and would soon be a raving often liberally exhibiting the arm by the called him a lunatic, and his friends deterry and hair-cloth coverings-made in checks are coated with a substance as maniac. It appears that she had known falling back of the loose sleeve; feet and serted him. His shop was burned a workmanlike manner, and the lowest impermeable as varnish, can they endure Mr. Newcomb and his family, and in ankles are lavishly displayed, as dainty down and he had no means, but he held prices consistant with good work. Bed-Naturally as soon as the delicacy and would lose her identity, she had made ardent spirits recline in estentations relity of obtaining a piece of chilled iron and pine, from \$400 down to \$25 per importance of the functions of the skin up her mind so give them the babe, as pose on various sofas. It is considered which he could use for a mold-board, suit, consisting of bedstead, bureau and were recognized, one would imagine that she knew they would be good to it. She the thing to suit the action to the attire, He finally concluded that these soft mirror, washstand, table, two chairs, it would be an object of special care; urged them not to look her up, as she and exhibit it in the supremacy of case. spots and blow holes as they were called, rocking chair and towel rack. This the history of civization and semi-civil- train, "there to die unknown." She it is voted a bore to dress again for din- moulding sand, and, therefore, he in- in the knock down for the trade, also an ization when the skin has been negleted signed himself Mrs. Josie 'Hall. Mr. ner; that meal is partaken of in the easy vented a chill into which he could pour immense stock of carpets and oil-cloths. as it is at present. Bathed and oiled Newcomb was greatly affected, for he masquerading attire, and, as a not un hot water, and thus drive out the moistand anointed daily once from head to had known the lady's family, which, he matural sequel, there is a prompt ad ure from the sand after the mold was foot, now it is a question with many if said, stood high in the South, Mrs. Hall journment to the smoking room and a made. After a great many trials he Morrison streets, Portland, Oregon. it has the yearly washing, not to speak of a weekly one. In most ancient religions bathing formed a part of the cere lowing day, dated at Providence, she monial worship, as in the purification of having written it before the city, which the Jews, and in the forced ablutions of simply gave instructions for the care of the more modern Mohammedans, who, her offspring. Two days after the re-when water cannot be had, now evade ceipt of the letter a telegram was rethe requisition by the use of sand; and, ceived by Mr. Newcomb from Boston, indeed, if they performed the sand ab- stating that Mrs. Hall was in a dying ting on deck, he saw an axe in a socket lution faithfully, and not as an idle rite, | condition at a hotel in that city. He its friction would doubtless be nearly as immediately started for Boston and ar- it at an arro's length at the extremity of sanitary as that of water and towels. rived in season to receive the dying wo-The bathing, however, of the old re- man's instructions. She begged him to ligious was instituted for purposes of be good to her child and to send her recleanliness and resulting health by their mains to New Orleans for interment. astute founders, beauty probably being She left some money to pay her funeral unconsidered; but when we go to the more expenses, and also for the care of her barbarous peoples, and to the Egyptians, child. The remains were forwarded to Indians, Greeks and Romans, we find New Orleans. A letter received from the bath used to soften and supple and the latter city throws some additional enliven the skin quite as much as for its light on the sad affair. Mrs. Hall, it luxurious pleasure. The famous process appears, while deranged with graef, had of rejuvenation with which Medea was fled from the city in her father's carsaid to boil her patients in her caldron riage, accompanied by a faithful coachwith herbs and under all sorts of wild man, and went to Cairo, where the

Ivy in the Room.

The use of English ivies for the pur

pose of decorating rooms is becoming more extensive every year, and canno

stroy the skin before it Soldiers are paid in fight money. jug not that ye be jugged.

The Tea-gown.

London World. Ladies who, a few years ago, would have considered the idea appalling, calmly array themselves in the glorified dressing-robe known as a "tea-gown," and proceed to display themselves to the eves of their admirers. The reason, perhaps, is not very far to seek. Certain adventurous dames who determined some years since, on the invasion of man's stronghold, the smoking-room, arrayed themselves for conquest in bewitching robes de chambre. Their less enterprising sisters, not quite daring to follow them to nocturnal extremities, were unwilling to be defrauded of the opportunity of adding another weapon to the arsenal of the toilet; hence the origin of the tea-gown. Of couse, it in no way resembles the dressing-gown of utility. It is of elaborate design and infinite cost. It is worn for about an hour in the day; and yet, on a countryhouse visit of more than a week, the same must on no account be exhibited more than twice, if, indeed, so much may be allowed. It is absolutely useess, and utterly ridiculous; but this is habille; and so great is the force of as- Mr. Coffin said:

Lincoln's Strength.

Few were aware of the physical strength possessed by Mr. Lincoln. In muscular power he was one in a thousand. One morning, while we were siton the bulwarks, and, taking it up, held the helve with his thumb and forefinger, continuing to hold it there for a number of minutes. The most powerful sailors on board tried in vain to imitate him. Mr. Lincoln said he could do this when he was eighteen years of age and had never seen a day since when he could not. It occurred to me when reading the details of the plot that terminated in the death of the President, that his abduction, which was at one time proposed by the conspirators, would have resulted disastrously to those who should have had the temerity to undertake it.

The plan proposed was to waylay the President at night, during one of his read the telegraphic dispatches during the time of important military movements, and where he would often remain until a late hour, returning alone through the grounds of the White House. A half a dozen men were to seize and carry him off; but had they attempted it, they would probably have found that they had met their match; for he had the strength of a giant. Judge Sweet, of Chicago, who was an intimate friend of his, save that he has seen him dash into a crowd where two powerful men were fighting, and taking each by the collar, hold them out at an arm's length in the most helpless and ridiculous position.-General Viele in

FASHIONABLE GALLANTRY. - In that had long plagued him. The rules of good fellowship clearly required that every one of the company should lose a tooth. They remonstrated but in vain: and each gentleman present successviely put himself into the hands of the operato which their frie idship and gallantry with a medical student.

The Patent System.

How It is Annually Saving the Country Hundreds of Militons of Dollars.

The Senate Committee on patents, in the course of its investigation preliminary to the report of the new bill for the codification of the patent laws, has discovered many new and important facts connected with the extension of the patent system in the west. Mr. C. C. Coffin, the well-known writer, under the none de plume of "Carleton," was specially charged by gentlemen interosted in patents to make a tour of the western country, and to direct his inouiries to various points. - such as, what benefit has accrued to an inventor from a patent; what benefit to the public; what royalities have been paid for the use of a patent; how much of time, labor and expense an invention has cost; what it costs to introduce an invention to the public; what grounds of complaint there are against the present law; and what modifications of the law are desired. THE OLIVER CHILLED PLOW.

He visited the entire northwest, and not the worst that may be said about it. discovered the last invention in plows It is, to all intents and purposes, a des- in the Oliver chilled plow, of Indians,

sociation that the conversation is "Mr. Oliver was a manufacturer of exceedingly apt, nay, almost certain, to common plows. He began at South become dishabille as well. The gentle Bend in 1855. He saw that the deman in houses where tea-gowns prevail mand of the farmers was for the plow relieve themselves of their shooting at that would have a mold-board of hard

has come in a habit of lounging, which a great deal of investigation,-that it the sale of tickets was enormous. the letter she stated that, fearing she slippers are rested on the fender; more on to the idea that there was a possibil- room suits in walnut, ash, marde, spruce was going to New York in the midnight In some very Bohemian establishments was the result of moisture in the house carries some 1,500 cases of chairs

> This was the first step. Then he discovered that there was some gases in the metals. He started upon another line of invention, to have some device connected with the chill, by which the gases could escape. This was accomplished by ventilating grooves, in the chill face. Through those two inventions he has produced the present chilled plow. He uses Lake Superior iron, and, when he can procure the Salsbury ore, he makes a mixture of that with the Lake Superior iron, and thus obtains an exceedingly hard, and tenacious metal-one which will resist the wearing, and one which will also not be easily broken. Through those two inventions he has been enabled to produce this mold-board much more cheaply than the cast-steel plow can be produced. Instead of raising his price above all other plows in use, when he made his inventions, he said to himself "I will put these plows so cheaply that they shall come into universal use," His patent was the first one that was ever issued from the patent office for the manufacture of chilled plows. There never had been a claim put in before him. He has taken out eighteen patents as the improvement has gone on. He brought out his first plow in 1870. He had been studying upon it for many years, but only after a long period of time (not actively engaged in experi ment all the while, but he had been turning it over in his mind for a quarter of a century) was he enabled to bring out his plow. If you were to visit his works you would find 400 men employed in the manufacture. He sent out 50,000 plows year before last year. There are 200,000 in use. His orders thus far indicate, he stated to me, about

A HEARTLESS SURGEON,-The fol age of gallantry, the reign of Charles II., lowing from the Popular Science Monthly it was customary when a gentleman will not be credited by many of the fair ing that we would rather have an un drank a lady's health to throw some part sex: Many of the ills and diseases prevcolor and softness of her beautiful hands, slept with them wrapped in the thin scale of fat which is to be found inoff your tiny entry from your parlor to does not seem to stop here, for his com-be arched or curved like those in the panions were obliged to follow him in done away with much of the household drawing rooms of your richer neighbor ! this proof of his veneration by consum- dradgery to which women were formerly Buy a couple of brackets, such as lamps | ing a similar article, whatever it might | subjected, and the result is in many for the burning of kerosene are some- be. Sir Charles Sedley, dining at a cases want of sufficient occupation for times placed in, and screw them in the tavern, one of his friends, perceiving needed bodily exercise. The fruits of Cleanliness, after all, is the sovereign sides of the door. Put in each a plant he had a very rich lace cravat on, named this state of things are strikingly exhibspecific for a clear and charming skin, of English ivy, the longer the better; the lady to whom honor was to be done, ited in certain observations made by the then train the plant over the top, against and then made a sacrifice of his own late Dr. Robertson, a Manchester surcravat; Sir Charles and the rest of the geon, who, in his practice as a specialist company were all obliged to follow his for women's diseases, found that in example. Sir Charles bore his loss with women who themselves performed all great composure, observing it was a their household work there is no trace good joke, but that he would have as of certain complaints; that these comgood a frolic some other time. On a plaints begin to make their appearance subsequent day, dining with the same in women with one servant, become party, Sir Charles drank to some more pronounced in women who have beauty of the day, then bidding the two servants, or worse still with those waiter to call a dentist, whom he had who have three servants, and so on. previously placed in the adjoining room, He showed statistically that the deaths made him extract a carious tooth which from childbirth were four times greater

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