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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, except showers in north portion. Washington—Light showers. Idaho—Showers and warmer.

GIDDY GIRLS' CLUB.

What is in many respects the most curious club on record has just been organized in New York. It is composed of women—in which there is nothing odd. The novel feature, however, is due to the requirement of admission to membership under which an applicant to establish eligibility must prove that she is at least ninety years of age.

PACKAGES DON'T GO.

There is now good reason for persons with bundles to be afraid to go home in the dark in New York. Indeed Police Commissioner Bingham has issued an order to his minions of the law instructing them to arrest all persons seen carrying bundles late at night.

SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE.

Many noted people have been seriously inconvenienced and worried by silly superstitions. President McKinley often declined to make public engagements and postponed signing public documents on Friday.

ace or anywhere that Queen Victoria happened to be staying.

A beautiful Persian kitten was once presented to her by a little girl whom she loved very dearly, but it was never taken into the Queen's apartments. Lord Roberts will decline any invitation if he finds that there is a black cat in the house to which he is invited.

Emile Zola was an extremely superstitious man. His whole life was hedged about by all sorts of omens and signs. He used to carry a bit of coral as a talisman against the perils of thunder, fire and flood and a bloodstone to make him wise and courageous.

The czar of Russia does not dare to rise in the morning without having on his finger a ring in which is imbedded a bit of the true cross. He once stopped a train on a journey, when he discovered that he has forgotten this ring, and sent a messenger on a special train back to St. Petersburg for it.

"THIS IS MY 66th BIRTHDAY."

Henry Jones, the well known author, was born in New York, April 15, 1843. In his eleventh year his family went abroad, and for several years he attended school in Switzerland and France. In 1860 he returned to America and entered the Harvard Law School.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1728—John Montgomerie, the new colonial governor, arrived in New York. 1754—The first theater in Philadelphia was opened. 1813—The fort at Mobile was taken possession of by the Americans. 1821—Joseph E. Brown, 24th governor of Georgia, born in Pickens county, South Carolina.

BLACK HAND LETTER.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The police are searching the district known as "Little Italy" to find the author of an alleged black hand letter received by Samuel Salvatori. The letter was written in Italian and demanded that \$500 in cash be handed over by him last night on pain of a violent death.

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NEW YORK'S NEW BRIDGE FORMERLY OPENED

STRUCTURE COMPOSED OF \$20,000,000 WORTH OF STEEL AND STONE.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Twenty million dollars worth of steel and stone is today just beginning to bear across East River the human load for which eight years have been spent in fitting it. Now that the last rivet has been put in the giant cantilever skeleton of the Queensboro Bridge and the first foot has been set across its huge expanse, New York is becoming proud of the task which has taxed its purse and patience through several administrations.

HIGGINS TO HUGHES

While Hughes is struggling to break the bonds of the bosses up at Albany, veteran political observers in this city are today recalling the last visits and talks of the late Governor Higgins here, which plainly foreshadowed the present trend of events. No man in the public life of the state ever came closer to those who enjoyed his company at the old Albermarle Hotel than did Higgins, whose visitations were a frequent feature of Amen Corner society.

STARTLING SOUNDS

Even the noise of Roosevelt's send-off has been forgotten in the roar of dynamite from the explosion of the Hoboken viaduct which is still ringing in the ears of New Yorkers today. If an earthquake or volcanic eruption had struck Manhattan Island, it could have caused scarcely less commotion than did the report of this accidental blast as it boomed out in the dead of night.

FIGHT FANS

More New Yorkers are mad for the excitement of the prize ring today than ever flocked to the fights when this game was legitimized hereabouts ten years ago. To see the polite little bouts which crafty promoters are now holding before a dozen gilded clubs, thousands of fight fans are beginning to pay heavy prices and cry in vain for real action.

NATIONAL RIFLE MATCHES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—In the report of "Rifle Shooting in the United States for the year 1908," which has just been issued by the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice, much space is devoted to the National Rifle Association of America which is a central body un-

der which military rifle practice in civilian, National Guard and other clubs is conducted. The two organizations work in conjunction and harmony but are differently constituted and perform different functions though the membership is much the same. The National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice is composed of twenty-one members headed by the Assistant Secretary of War as President. They are appointed by the Secretary of War and serve without compensation.

The National Rifle Association is a voluntary organization which has many forms of membership, including life and annual members and organized rifle clubs, both military and civilian. It receives no aid from Congress and is dependent for its revenues on dues, life memberships and donations by persons wishing to become patrons or benefactors. Life memberships cost \$25 and annual memberships \$2, while a gift of \$500 gives the rank of patron and \$1,000 that of benefactor.

FOR WOMEN AND THE HOME.

When mixing starch the addition of a little turpentine will be found to produce a splendid gloss on collars, cuffs and shirt fronts.

A soft chamois case, made to roll up, and having inside little pockets that button over for rings, pins, etc. is the most convenient and portable kind of a receptacle for jewels.

Salt is useful when mixed with vaseline to cleanse hands that have become grimy through house work. Rub the mixture well into the hands, and then wash them thoroughly with ordinary soap.

Do not be afraid to attempt the cleaning of your white veils, either chiffon or lace. Wash them well with soft water and castile soap, and then pin them to a pillow to dry. They will be ready to come off soon, looking fresh and new.

When velvet has been wet and become spotted, hold the wrong side over steam and while it is damp, draw the wrong side quickly over a warm iron. It takes two to do this well—one to hold the iron bottom up, the second to draw the velvet across it.

You can rub the hair off the arms with a piece of old-fashioned pumice stone. Be careful not to rub too hard or you will take the skin off. The hair on the arms may be kept so close to the surface of the skin by this method that it cannot be seen.

The leaves of house plants should be kept as free from dust as the bric-a-brac of the room. This applies to all plants, and not only the palms, rubber plants and others with smooth, glossy foliage. Plants breathe through their leaves and if these are choked up with dust the plant soon languishes.

To clean black woollen dresses add a tablespoonful each of powdered borax and ammonia to a half gallon of warm water. Dip a piece of black

SUMMER COTTAGE FOR PRESIDENT TAFT

IS A PLEASANT BUT MODEST PLACE AT WAVERLY, MASS.

WAVERLY, Mass., April 15.—The cottage which President Taft and his family will occupy as a summer residence here has long been one of the show places of this section of New England. The house, which is two stories and a half, occupies a commanding position on the shore front and is surrounded by spacious lawns and luxuriant greenery.

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in this and go over the dress carefully. Rinse and then fold evenly while still wet and wrap it in a cloth. Press on the wrong side with a hot iron before the material dries.

The shine may be taken out of broadcloth or other heavy woollen materials by sponging them with ammonia. Five drops of ammonia in a wine glassful of warm water, a small fine sponge and plenty of patience are necessary. Dampen the cloth a little and rub it hard. Hang to dry out of the dust. It may be repeated indefinitely. This treatment will not injure the color of the fabric.

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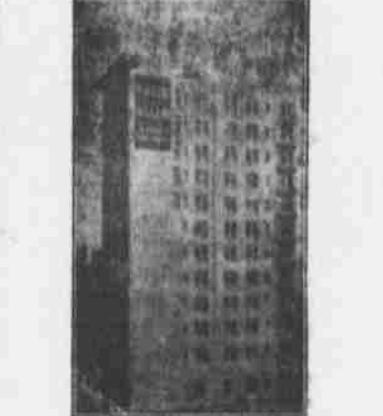
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