

LOVE'S MESSENGERS.

A bunch of violets, purple tinged, Tied with a ribbon white...

Women Who Write.

I know not only one but several cases in New York alone where young women are making a good, yes, an excellent, livelihood with the pen.

Cover Your Water Pipes.

An instance of the success attending the covering of pipes for conserving heat occurred quite recently, in which a residence was fitted with a complete system of hot water supply pipes on a scale sufficiently large for a good boiler in a five foot kitchen range.

The best material for covering pipes is hair felt. Hair is a poor conductor of heat, and is unsurpassable for this purpose, especially as it is so easy of application.

Wisnann's Man Baptized. The negro Sankuru, who has been Maj. von Wisnann's companion and servant for many years, was baptized a few days ago at the parish church of Lauterberg.

Women's Tastes in the Choice of Salads. The cleverest women of my acquaintance are those that have come to approach men's tastes in matters gastronomic.

Sophomore Tricks at Yale. Tales of college pranks at Yale would seem to grow old, but the students continually find something new with which to amuse or startle the public.

Watermelons in Winter. How is this for climate? Lee Lothrop, whose ranch is situated a short distance from town, brought to this office a monster watermelon, just plucked from the vine.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, ex-president of the National Woman's Relief corps, is in attendance on the Pennsylvania legislature, to help secure an appropriation for the Brookville Soldiers' Home.

Tolstol's niece has prepared an edition of "War and Peace" for the blind. This edition will be printed entirely in raised letters, and each copy will contain about 7,000 pages.

Fish in Small Ponds in Winter.

One of the incidents of a hard and long continued frost is the suffocation of fish and eels in small ponds where no thoughtful person has broken holes in the ice to permit the aeration of the water which is necessary for the continuance of fish life.

There are several instances of conger eels being washed ashore in great numbers during the continuance of severe frosts, their air bladders being tightly distended.

Peril in Double Lighting Fixtures. "There is a good deal of danger in these gas and electric light fixtures," said a practical electrician to me the other day.

The other day two actresses came mightily near being suffocated in a Pittsburg hotel through the double fixture trap. When they went to bed one of them tried to turn out the electric light.

A Girl That Cries Glass. The physicians and oculists of Findlay, O., are greatly puzzled over the case of Jennie Sutton. From the right eye of the girl fifty-four pieces of broken glass were taken by Dr. T. C. Fritch.

Two Dead Men and One Dead Hog. Wednesday Mr. Wash Tetter went out early in the morning to look after his stock, and about 10 or 11 o'clock his horse returned home without him.

Only Thoughts. Sanso (in dining car)—What are you thinking about? "Rodd—I've just been thinking that if by any process of evolution one of these waiters should develop into a bird, what a terrible bill he would have!—Harper's Bazar.

AN ODD GHOST STORY.

SHAWLEY, THE GROCER BOY'S SPIRIT, BRINGS TROUBLE.

Miss Kingsley Scared the Child, He Fell and Died—Now She Sees the Little German in Every Boy That Brings Her Groceries—A True Story.

Miss Emily Kingsley, a most respectable maiden lady, who lives in a dainty little flat on Throop avenue, near Hancock street, Brooklyn, is being pursued by the outraged ghost of a German grocery boy.

Fifteen months ago Miss Kingsley was living in a flat on Madison street, Brooklyn. Most of her supplies in the provision line were drawn from a corner grocery in the neighborhood and delivered by a little German grocery boy.

One day, while the poor lady was suffering from a particularly bad state of nervousness, "Shawley" came thumping up the stairway with a big basketful of potatoes for the Kingsley household.

Miss Kingsley, grimly observing that it served him right, bounced back into her sitting room. As for "Shawley," he lay wonderfully still for a German grocery boy.

So he left it where it was, and still with that queer pain which almost made him cry with every step, he slowly walked back to the store.

Miss Kingsley, who is a thoroughly good hearted lady, was inexpressibly shocked. And then came the "hunt." Not at midnight, nor even after dark, but in broad daylight.

The doctor found that his patient was suffering from hysterical mania, caused by incessant worrying over poor "Shawley's" death. In this state it was not unnatural that she should imagine herself haunted by the appearance of the other grocery boys, who generally resemble one another as closely as two peas in a pod.

The manufacture and consumption of silk umbrellas is steadily on the increase in this country. To see a cotton umbrella in use in the large cities is about as rare an occurrence now as the sight of a silk umbrella was thirty years ago.

While the majority of the silk umbrellas in use are made of a texture of silk and cotton, the increase is in the consumption not only of all silk umbrellas, but also of the very highest and finest grades.

One of the umbrella manufacturers of this city says he believes that the day is not far distant when a well dressed American will not be seen on the street with a cheap, shabby or clumsy umbrella, but will deem a fine, close rolling, natty one as such a personal requisite as a good looking hat or coat.

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