### Mr. Coon's Warm Drive

"One hundred square miles of desola tion. Millions of acres of burned tim ber land," is how C. H. Coon, of New York, briefly describes the burned district of Wisconsin. Mr. Coon has just returned from the district recently de vastated by fire, and he says a person who has not visited that part of the country since the flames swept over it can form no conception of the desolation there. Mr. Coon was at Eagle river when the fires started with a fishing party, and remained in the country un-til last week. He tells of a narrow escape he had from perishing in the flames when near Lake Content:

"We became so used to the fires and smoke that not much attention was paid to the situation," said he. "We went about our business just as if nothing unusual were going on. I was returning from the lake one day with a fine string of walleyed pike when I found myself with my two ponies and cart between two fires. The wind was blowing a hurricane, and I thought my time had come. I could not get back to the lake, as escape that way was cut off. My only chance was to get to the wide creek, but in order to reach it I would have to drive through burning timber a distance of 100 yards. I did not have much time to debate the matter, and was soon dashing through the flames. applying the whip freely to the ponies.

"Unlike most horses they did not hesitate when the' burning underbrush was reached, but dashed madly on. I held my handkerchief over my mouth and nostrils, not daring to inhale the smoke and heat. Finally the creek was reached and the ponies plunged into the stream, and as I was minus eyebrows, hair and whiskers, and my clothing being on fire, I, too, threw myself into the water. For two hours the ponies and I remained in the creek before it was safe to venture out. During that time we were almost suffocated with smoke and heat. Nearly all the hair was burned off the horses, and I was kept busy while in the creek putting out charred cinders that fell upon the bodies of the ponies and into the wagon."-Chicago Tribune.

### A Dancing Girl's Request.

Every year, when autumn approaches, Queen Victoria has her trunks packed and goes a pilgrimage to the shrine of the late John Brown at Balmoral. The quiet life which her majesty is generally leading becomes then absolutely dull and greatly exasperates her suite. From the windows of her royal apartments the queen can glance at the white marble if you must say something make your monument on dear John's tomb, and all her time is devoted either to the memory of the "ever lamented" or the faithful servant who managed to crawl up to tlemanly; if there is a mistake, the usher such a high place in her royal affections.

Once in a while, however, the dullest of all the crowned-heads in Europe feels dull herself. Last year the parson of and knowing her weakness for everytenant's daughters, who could dance the yourself. reel better than any girl in Scotland.

The young lady was ordered to appear before her majesty the following day. When ushered into the queen's presence her majesty said, "I hear you can dance the reel well; dance.'

There was nothing left for the young lady to do but to dance and she did it so gracefully that her majesty's severe face almost took a pleasant expression.

After the performance was over she asked the girl if the queen could do anything for her.



### How to Hang Small Pictures.

A novel way is to have the lower right hand corner of the upper picture overlap the upper left hand corner of the next lower, and so on for as many as you wish to hang together. Three, however, look better than more with this arrangement. The plan can be reversed, of course, and the slant be toward the left and downward as well as to the right. Naturally the space and adjoining objects are to be considered.

How to Give a Dinner at a Restaurant. First, friends, never ask your guests what they are going to have." Order it yourself. You can, however, ask if your guests have any preference; for instance, in ices. Endeavor to find out before hand what they prefer, or if they have any antipathies. Aim to order those things that are peculiar to the sea-Never speak to the waiter in a loud son. Shellfish should be placed before tone. you alive before cooking for your inspection. If the dinner is given in a large dining room be careful to seat the ladies so they will command a good view of the room. A prevailing form of dinner at the restaurant in New York during the winter is (first) deviled crabs with olives or celery, or both; (second), lobster, a la Newburg, with potatoes au gratin; (third), broiled chicken with one or two vegetables; (fourth), a salad, lettuce preferred; (fifth), ice cream, cake and small coffee.

### How to Prevent Neuralgia.

An excellent way to prevent neuralgia is to plunge the sides of the head-behind the ears-in cold water immediately on waking every morning. A great number of nerves are concentrated at those points, and the shock hardens them, thus materially assisting the system in warding off neuralgic troubles. This simple practice will save many an hour's pain.

### How to Behave in a Theater.

Do not crush at the box office window; you will only disturb the temper of those who are before you, and you cannot get your ticket or tickets one second earlier. Do not talk to your friend from the moment the curtain is raised until it falls: remarks in a whisper. Do not quarrel with a person if you find him occupying your seat; endeavor to be polite and genwill remedy it without attracting attention. If you do not like the play or per-formance, do not mutter your displeasure aloud; leave the theater at the end Balmoral, who is a daily guest at the of the act; other people may enjoy what royal table, seeing her majesty so bored, you dislike. Always remember that those who are sitting behind you desire thing Scotch, spoke to her of one of her to witness the performance as well as

### How to Ask a Favor.

A favor should never be asked unless securing it be an absolute necessity. Never ask a favor from a stranger or an acquaintance unless some business or other circumstance morally entitles you to assume that you are justified. When you really need a favor go to friends; if they are true they will grant it. Friends fice for all. Two young Englishmen have are often proved in adversity. It is a safe rule never to ask a favor unless you believe you can, in some way, reciprocate it. When you do ask do it confi-

### Widowed Domestics

The manis for getting married which besets so many domestic servants often results in their finding themselves either widowed or deserted in the course of a few years, with a number of young children to provide for. They are generally both able and willing to return to domestic service, but that way of earning a living is barred to them by the necessity of looking after their incumbrances at home. Knowing of many such cases, a benevolent gentleman down in Lancashire proposes the establishment of homes which would take care of the children, the mothers contributing toward their support in proportion to their own earn-

The author of this scheme of relief believes that it would be gratefully accepted by the mothers as a most welcome change from the unceasing cares which now make up their daily lives. At the same time it would benefit socity by increasing the supply of women servants, a want which becomes more pressing every year. As a further help toward that object it is proposed that all the girls admitted into the homes should be specially trained for domestic service in its several departments. This would enable them to go out into the world at a comparatively early age, and to help their mothers instead of taxing their scanty resources.

The main difficulty of realizing the scheme, which certainly has a taking look, is in raising the funds. In the nature of things the homes would not be wholly self supporting, even if the expenses were cut down in all possible ways. It would be necessary, therefore, to supplement the income derived from the mothers' contributions by subscriptions collected from the charitable public, and one hesitates to advocate another appeal to that incessantly solicited quarter.-London Globe.

## Child and Caterpillar.

It is a pretty illustration of the eternal feminine to see little Herzchen, two years old, over a caterpillar. The child when she sees the caterpillar on the walk straightens back her skirts with her two hands, moves backward quickly a couple of steps and screams at the top of her voice. Nobody pays any attention to the scream, as it is recognized as her peculiar way of announcing that she has discovered a "yurm."

Having uttered this scream, Herzchen advances a step, puts her hands on her knees, and looks down earnestly at the caterpillar. Then she screams again. Then she bends over closer to the crawling creature. Her eyes have perceived beauty in it. She suddenly reaches forward, picks it up, holds it on the palm of one hand, and studies curiously the row of bright blue spots down each of its sides and the golden yellow streak along its back.

Beyond all doubt these caterpillars, when fully grown, are beautifully robed creatures. Herzchen brings the worm nearer and nearer to her eyes, till it almost touches her face, gloating over it with a sort of curious fascination. Then she lays it carefully down on the ground, looks at it an instant longer, utters another scream, piercing, bloodcurdling. and runs away .- Boston Transcript.

### BacHelor Life in Singapore.

Many of the white men in Singapore keep bachelor quarters, and one description of a bachelor's bungalow will sufa one story rambling house among some cocoanut palms, covering a lot of ground and open on every side. Enter in and sit. Leave your pith helmet at the door, and

### Ginseng in Commerce

The trade in ginseng is a revival of one that formerly existed. In the autumn of 1716 Pere Joseph Francois Laftan, a Jesuit father, who had arrived in the country in 1712, and was stationed at the Sault, above Montreal, discovered the plant. He had been in Quebec in 1715, and there saw a letter of Pere Jartoux, who had seen gin-seng in Tartary in 1709, and who gave a description of it. Lafitan inquired about it from the Indians, and examined the country to find it.

At this time it was worth its weight in gold at Pekin. A company was formed to export it to China, Japan and Tartary. The price at Quebec was from thirty to forty sous or cents per pound. At first any one was allowed to sell it, but as its value increased the company exercised its monopoly rights, and in 1751 undertook to exclude all others from the trade. As the demand increased the care with which it was obtained and prepared was relaxed. It was gathered out of season and imper-fectly dried in stove ovens. Even in this state it brought twenty-five livres per pound.

In 1752 ginseng of this character to the value of 500,000 livres was exported. In 1754 the value of the export had fallen to 33,000 livres. A quantity sent to La Ro-chelle remained unsold, but finally found its way to China, where its inferior quality gave the Canadian article a bad reputa-tion; the demand fell off and the export ceased.-J. Jones Bell in Popular Science Monthly.

### A Gold Mine on a Roof.

Three thousand dollars for an old tin roof would be a pretty steep price, but the man who gets the battered roof from the old Tabernacle church at Broad street and South Penn square, which is now being torn away, for that sum will be in great luck. Some years ago the paint was scraped off the old roof and yielded \$5,000 in fine gold. It is almost certain to yield as much this time. The gold comes from the mint.

When gold is being coined a consider-able quantity of it volatilizes with the smoke through the chimney, and as soon is it strikes the air it falls. Much of it falls on the roof of the mint, so much of it that the officials save even the water that falls upon it during a shower. All the drains rom the roof are connected with large vats in the cellar of the mint. Before the wate finally gets to the sewer it is strained through many blankets and sleves which retain the gold.

Notwithstanding all these precautions the gold that is annually washed into the Delaware from the mint is worth thousands of dollars. Every particle of dirt swept up about the mint is carefully stored away with the washings from the roof, and once every year it is sold to the highest bidder, as it cannot be used at the mint. -Philadelphia Record.

### Hard on Boots.

Western Shoemaker-I don't see how ou wear out your boots so fast, considering that most of the time you are on horseback.

Cowboy-Wall, I'm a light sleeper, sort o' restless, you know, an' I guess kick around a good deal.-Good News.



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The young lady first hesitated, but suddenly replied. "Indeed, your majesty. you can.

"What is if?"

"Give me Mr. Gladstone's head on a oharger.

Casting a severe glance at the girl the queen turned round and said: "Dear child, I will willingly give you the charger, but Mr. Gladstone's head I cannot. It is a long time ago he lost it."-New York World.

### Columbia River Salmon

The catch of salmon is still light, but is improving slightly, which is considered a very good indication that there are plenty of fish outside. The fish being caught are unusually fine, averaging thirty-five pounds in weight, and running nearly all of the same size. Fishermen say that as soon as the water in the river begins to fall the fish will commence to pour in, and there is a chance that a heavy run may swell the pack to at least somewhere near the usual proportions.

Mr. James Hawthorn says he commenced fishing last year on May 10, and this year he began on April 10, a month earlier, and now he has only eighty-five cases more than he had at this time last While the salmon are swarming Year. at the mouth of the river the sea lions and seals are having a picnic .- Portland Oregonian.

#### Library for Omaha.

what may be done in regard to a contest of the trees with a paint brush. of Byron Reed's will, his bequest to not alone kills the insects' eggs and pre-Omaha for a public library and museum vents their attacking the trees, will probably be promptly carried into causes the trees to look particularly effect by mutual agreement of all par-tics interested. The gift is a generous one and possesses features of peculiar value. The real estate alone is probably not worth over \$30,000, but the collection of coins is rare and almost unmatched in this country. Certainly there are not more than two or three collections in the United States that are more in the mucilage. This will strengthen perfect or more valuable. Fifty thoutions in the United States that are more sand dollars would be a moderate valua- as will also the addition of a drop or two tion to place on this result of years of of glycerine. But care must be taken careful selection and thousands of dol ars expended .- Omaha World-Herald.

#### Salmon Plenty in the St. Cruix.

Sixteen salmon have been taken at the Union Mills pools in Calais the past week, and a greater number have been hooked and lost. Those brought to the gaff range in weight from nine to thirteen pounds. The river is now full of salmon. It is the greatest run since 1885. Any one who wishes to kill a salmon with the rod can do so now. Banger (Me.) Commercial.

dently and fearlessly-a faint heart usually fails in this as in other things.

### How to Prevent Cabbage Odors.

When you boil cabbage put a good sized lump of stale bread in the water. This will absorb the noxious gases and prevent the offensive smell.

### How to Select Fish.

The simplest way to discover if fish is in good condition and fresh is by the color of the gills and smell. Fresh, sound fish have bright red gills and smell sweet. Stale fish, which are yet sound, have dull colored gills, but smell all right. Unsound fish always smell bad. In a sound fish the eyes are prominent and the fins erect or stiff; in unsound fish the eyes are sunken and the fins hang and are flabby. It is always well to see that your fish is perfectly fresh, for no food is so rich in disease germs as unsound fish.

### How to Preserve Fruit Trees.

Fruit growers are constantly annoyed by the inroads of insects of one kind or other, which destroy the fruit and injure the tree.

Here is an excellent recipe for the prevention of the insect sconrge and the preservation of the trees: One pound each of suet, quicklime, snuff and sulphur; mix all well together and put them into a vessel containing four gallons of soapsuds and wine. Let the mixture stand for two or three days and then (in Feb-It is gratifying to learn that no matter ruary each year) apply it to every part This but

### How to Improve Mucilege.

Almost all mucilages become so dry and hard after a time that papers, etc., which have been cemented by them to polished surfaces crack and fall off. To prevent this dissolve a little brown sugar not to add too much of the latter, as it prover" and glided from the false calves would prevent the mucilage drying sufficiently

### How to Remove Fish Odors.

A difficulty is often experienced by housekeepers in removing the smell from cooking utensils in which fish has been fried or beiled. Place some redhot cinders in the pan or pot, upon them pour some boiling water and move the cinders around for a minute or two, when it will be found that all smell or taint of fish will have disappeared.

"Now, one of the bachelors says: nice." And before the visitor can answer return. he calls out, "Boy!" when from some un-

foreseen screen or crack a China boy ap- writes: "I have been troubled with attacks of pears and gets the order.

powdered ice, and then the host goes on and asks the guest to take champagne and port and sherry and cognac and a julep, and-1 can't go on. There were

more, but I really forget the names. This is hospitality in the orient. There quiousness spoils them, let alone the question of ruining their stomachs by so

many liquor concoctions. - Toronto

Globe

An Introduction to Samuel Rogers. On a certain day we went to call at Mrs. Procter's with our father. We found an old man standing in the middle of the room, taking leave of his hostess, nodding his head-he was a little like a Chinese mandarin with an ivory face. His expression never changed, but seemed quite fixed. He knew my father and spoke to him and to us, too, still in this odd, fixed way. Then he looked at my sister "My little girl," he said to her, "will you come and live with me? You shall be as happy as the day is long, you shall have a white pony to ride and feed upon red currant jelly." This prospect was so alarming and unexpected that the poor little girl suddenly blushed up and burst into tears. The old man was Mr. Samuel Rogers, but happily he did not see her cry, for he was already on his way to the door .- Mrs. Ritchie in Macmillan's Magazine.

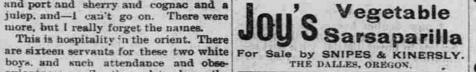
### A Narrow Escape.

A flash of lightning struck a beautiful young lady at a southern watering place, but, strange to say, without any disastrous consequences. The lightning first grazed the well padded bodice of the young lady, slipped over the upholstered hips, tore off a plait of false hair which hung down her back, entered the "im into the heels of her high boots, through which it passed into the ground. Thus the fair maiden escaped all injury, and only her artificial teeth chattered through fright at the suddenness of the thing .-Berliner Tageblatt.

Storks never seem to have been common in Italy. Apparently the two great routes of migration are by Spain and north Africa, or Turkey, Asia Minor and Palestine, and though a few fravel over Italy none stay there to nest

ormanenes. It is not only appropriate; it is wouldn't you take a gin fizz? It's very sonal lose at intervals will forever after prevent an elsolute cure. After a course of it an occa-Jno. M. Cox, of 735 Turk Street, San Francisco,

sick-headache for the last three years from one to In a few moments he returns with a three times a week. Some time ago I bought two long glass filled with "gin fizz" and bottles of Joy's Vegetable Sursaparilla and have only had one attack since and that was on the second day after I began using it."



## A Revelation.

Few people know that the bright bluish-green color of the ordinary teas exposed in the windows is not the nat ural color. Unpleasant as the fact may be, it is nevertheless artificial; mineral coloring matter being used for this purpose. The effect is twofold. It not only makes the tes a bright, shiny green, but also permits the use of " off-color " and worthless teas, which, once under the green cloak, are readily

worked off as a good quality of tea. An eminent authority writes on this subject: "The manipulation of poor teas, to give them a finer appearance, is carried on extensively. Green teas, being in this country especially popular, are produced to meet the demand by coloring cheater black kinds by glazing or facing with Prussian blue, tumeric, gypsum, and indigo. This method is so gen eral that very little genuine uncolored green tea is offered for sale."

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