

THE ROSE.

Very close to death he lay. The keen eyes were waxing dim. And he heard the whisperers say: "Time grows very short for him."

Pension Frauds.

"There are more tricks practiced in the procurement of pension than in the whole of the other departments," said a pension office examiner the other night.

"The great bulk of them are colored cases. Not that colored people are given to fraudulent practices, but many of them are easier victims to designing lawyers, and it is less difficult to personate a dead negro than a dead white man."

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The Cattle Business.

A correspondent familiar with the cattle business of Wyoming, writes the Denver Tribune some interesting facts about that great industry in that territory. He says:

Stock is looking remarkably well and the beef cattle are very fat. Large shipments are being made daily from Laramie City, Cheyenne and Pine Bluffs to Chicago to market. Some one makes the prediction that when the western country commences its shipment of beef in the fall, Chicago will receive from 40,000 to 50,000 per week.

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Keeper of Madam's Secrets.

The lady's maid with the white cap is more prominent actresses have maids, and nearly all leading society ladies have them, also. One of the most noticeable results of foreign travel is the acquisition of the lady's maid. These maids are often maids-of-all-work and occupy the dual position of maid and companion or confidante.

There is a great difference in ladies' maids, according to their nationality. The foreign ladies' maids, French, Swiss or English, seem subservient or deferential, and it may be added, sympathetic.

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One movement with a feather duster may be enough to poison both you and your neighbor—to inoculate you all with typhus, cholera or cholera—strange as it may appear.

HOUSE AND FARM.

Pretty mats for ornaments on a marble mantel are made of sections of linen or cotton cloth. They should be long and narrow, and be trimmed with lace across the bottom, and have some pretty design in Kensington embroidery on them.

"How much sugar do I need for a quart can of strawberries or cherries?" is a frequent question just now. The best cooks agree upon these quantities for a quart can of fruit: For strawberries, eight ounces; for cherries, six ounces; for raspberries, four ounces; for plums, eight; for currants, when ripe, eight ounces. These fruits all require good, thorough boiling to prevent fermentation.

It is economy to be seriously considered when the baby is to be put in short clothes, the best dresses a mother can purchase are the long, ready-made dresses. Cut them in two pieces, make a yoke and sleeves for the lower part, and put a full or some narrow edge on the bottom of the other piece, which has the ready-made yoke and sleeves. In this way she will have two pretty dresses at much less cost than if two short ones were purchased.

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Instead of a feather duster take a cloth and wipe away the dust instead of stirring it up. In short, wipe—never dust!—Exchange.

Ruskin says no couple should marry until they have courted seven years. This would lead one to think that Ruskin runs a soda fountain.—Boston Post.

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