

HINTS ON LINEN.

Suggestions Which Will Be Particularly Acceptable to Lovers of Fine Sheets.

Linen sheeting comes in various qualities, widths and makes. There are Irish, Scotch, English and German linens, each having its points of excellence and its more or less ardent supporters.

Linen may be very fine and yet very heavy, the threads being round, firm and closely woven, or they may be heavy and strong, but more loosely placed, making a thicker but not as durable an article as the finer woven grades.

The special novelty in linen sheeting is a thick, fine twilled goods, a regular linen satine, which is by far the most elegant fabric of the sort ever brought out.

In making sheets it is well to allow a little more than the regular two and one-half yards in length. Most of the best housekeepers add to this from one-fourth to three-eighths of a yard, this being often the length after the hems are done.

However much the fabric may be drawn it will come straight after laundering, provided care is taken in hanging the sheets upon the line, and vigorously shaking and snapping them both before drying and while they are yet damp.

It is well to hem the corners by hand, over-seam the ends of the hems very firmly, and then stitch the hems on a lock-stitch machine, running around the ends of the hems to the doubled edge of the cloth.

Hems should be about two inches wide upon the end at the head of the bed, and about three-fourths of an inch wide for the foot end.

INFANTS' CLOTHING.

Materials Used in the Making of Long Dresses, Christening Robes and Wraps.

English nainsook, which is heavier and more serviceable than the sheer French nainsook, is now used for infants' dresses, and the trimmings are hem-stitching or drawn work, feather-stitching, which is also called brier-stitching, embroidery and lace.

The decline of rifle-shooting is attracting much attention among military men in New York. Ten years ago thousands assembled at Creedmoor to witness the international matches.

edged with the narrow Valenciennes edging, and this frill may be standing or turned over, or it may be doubled and turned both ways. The sleeves are slightly gathered at top and bottom, and have a wristband of tucks and a frill in keeping with that in the neck.

The christening robe is an elaborate garment with lengthwise rows of Valenciennes insertion alternating with embroidered insertion to form a robe front the entire length, and also the whole waist and sleeves.

The long cloaks made for infants this season are of cream white Oriental flannel, or of soft and fine white cloth, with lining of quilted silk very warmly wadded.

Flannel wrappers for young infants are made with a yoke, and the fineness is added to this in French gathers in two clusters in front and back. The edges of the yoke, collar, sleeves and the front are needle-worked in scallops in white silk, and tiny bees are wrought on the flannel, or else there is a border of vines and rose-buds.

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Indisputable Proof.

"The teacher wanted to box my ears this morning," remarked Johnny Fizzletop.

"The man who will invent a connection for bell-ropes which will not break glass can make a fortune," said one of the attaches of the car department of the Pennsylvania road to an expressionist.

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THE TYRANNICIDE.

Something About the First Vessel Built for the American Public Service.

Some years ago, in the course of official duty, I was obliged to visit Salem, Mass., and during my stay in that quaint old town I was fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of an old gentleman whose ancestors had all been connected more or less actively with the Continental army or navy.

"Lieutenant, you are something of a student in naval history, and should be able to answer my question. Can you tell me anything about the first engagement—naval, I mean—that occurred in the revolutionary war?"

I pondered, thought of the "Gaspard" affair, discarded it from my brain and finally acknowledged that he had the best of me. Thereupon he said: "The Massachusetts State cruiser Tyrannicide was the first vessel built for the American public service, and her commission was signed by John Hancock.

The action lasted seven glasses, and her commander and several men were killed. Mr. More, sailing-master, was wounded and his limb amputated. Mr. Collingain, midshipman, died from his wounds. The Dispatch was terribly cut up, both in hull and spars, and the Continental brig had to take her to New York, it being July 10.

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Throughout, the Esquimaux has a double suit of his reindeer clothing, except upon the hands, where the mitten is seldom duplicated, although occasionally done in the coldest weather.

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A SEAMAN'S YARN.

Sensations of a Man Who Got Into the Embrace of a Devil-Fish.

"We were lying about half a mile off the beach at Barbados, overhauling the standing rigging," said James Gillis, able seaman, "when the mate ordered John Webb, an apprentice boy, and myself into the yawl, which had been covered and brought around to the port side, that some painting might be done just abaft the mainmast.

"What's wanted below there?" called the mate as he leaned over the rail, having heard Webb's cry of alarm.

"I-I saw something go under the boat, sir."

"O, you did. Well, if you bawl out again you'll feel something go under your jacket."

"I began work again, and had been at it only three or four minutes when the yawl heaved away from the ship two or three feet, and at the same instant the boy screamed out again.

"The devil-fish had outwitted himself. He had gone under the ship and fastened to her bottom or keel, and as soon as he began pulling on us, he of course pulled the yawl close against the ship's side.

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INTERESTING RELICS.

Discoveries Made Fifty-five Feet Below the Surface of the Earth.

S. A. Harrison, of the firm of Harrison and Green, railroad contractors, has in his possession several specimens which will be of much interest to antiquarians and naturalists, which were obtained under rather peculiar circumstances.

At a depth of from thirty to thirty-five feet, on the side of the hill sloping toward the Little Sioux valley, the workmen in digging the cut discovered what Mr. Harrison believes to be the marks of eleven teepee fires.

Further along in the cut was found what appeared to be the remains of an old structure, the nature and purpose of which could not be determined.

About five hundred feet from the "lime-kiln" was found another trophy. At a depth of fifty-five from the surface the workmen discovered, pointing diagonally across the course of the railroad track, the trunk of a black walnut or ash tree, about a foot in diameter.

Twelve feet of the protruding timber was cut off, and the remainder was left imbedded in the side of the cut. When the axes of the workmen cut into the tree, the wood was apparently sound, but when it had been subjected to the action of the air, the water with which it was soaked evaporated and the wood gave evidence of extreme rotteness.

Still another find was made in this extraordinary railroad cut. The bones of some large animal, in a badly decayed state, were discovered and were thrown out on the dump-pile with no care or thought of saving them.

The question of particular interest in connection with these discoveries is: What were the circumstances under which the skeleton and tree, which of course were at one time on top of the earth, became buried so far beneath its surface?

Some Misused Words.

Acoustics is always singular. Cut bias, and not cut on the bias. Allow should not be used for admit.

Bursted is not elegant and is rarely correct. Almost, with a negative, is ridiculous. "Almost nothing" is absurd.

The burden of a song means the refrain or chorus, not its sense or meaning. Bountiful applies to persons, not to things, and has no reference to a quantity.

The Chinaman of Newark, N. J., are anxious to become American citizens. Recently they held a meeting and appointed a committee to go to Washington to see if something can't be done by which they may be permitted to take out naturalization papers.

THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

—Oliver Dalrymple states that he will put in 31,000 acres of crops next season in Dakota.

—A large whale fishery is being established on the west end of Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

—Farmers of Kansas say that the acreage of fall wheat will be greater this year than ever before in the history of the State.

—There are 4,008,907 farms in the United States, Illinois having the largest number, 235,741, and Rhode Island the smallest, 6,216.

—Labor is in demand in shops and mills supplying railway appliances. The railroad companies are the heaviest buyers of products of iron and steel and lumber, and their orders at the present time are at least double the volume at any preceding date.

—The invention of the valve motion for the steam engine is credited to a boy. The power loom was the invention of a farmer's boy who had never seen a factory and had no tools but a jack-knife, and whose father broke up the first model he made.

—Persons who are undertaking to raise carp in artificial ponds must be careful to keep other kinds of fish as well as aquatic animals and turtles out of them. During the past summer the young carp in many places have been destroyed by the above named creatures.

—Peanuts of good size and quality were raised this year in New York, Ohio and Southern Michigan. The yield was not as large as in the Southern States, and there is little promise that the crop will be a paying one for the market.

—A large building has just been completed near the Housatonic track, in Canaan, Conn., for the manufacture of granulated milk. This is a new process invented and patented by Robert Ellin, the milk being preserved in granules appearing not unlike white granulated sugar.

—Two of the largest castings in the world are said to be at Nara and Kamakura, Japan, the one at the latter place being forty-seven feet high, and the other at Nara being fifty-three and three-fourths feet from the base to the crown of its head.

—A new metal, called by the inventor, Albert Assman, of Rahway, N. J., "Assayme," is produced by a special treatment of tin. It has all the good qualities of the latter, can be pressed into any shape, or cast into statuary, or used for plate ware of any description.

—Women are so fond of trimmings and finery that they even have their tempers ruffled once in a while.

—Some men are so penurious that they keep everything they get hold of, except the Ten Commandments.

—You can get a pretty good idea of a man's character by noting how he acts toward his poor relations.

—A Burlington girl, who is a great talker, says that it is better to be engaged in conversation than not at all.

—He (at the beginning of the third act)—"How spiky the play is getting." She (who sat alone between the acts)—"I should say so!"

—Polite passenger (in street car)—"Will you take this seat, madam?" Madam—"Thank you." Polite passenger—"Pray don't, madam. I'm subject to fits."

—Let a parent teach his child to obey, and he will give him the most precious lessons that can be given to a child. Obedience is the grandest thing in the world to begin with.



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