

**Small Collectors.**  
That the growing desire for the possession of good pictures is not confined to buyers with heavy pocketbooks is fully evidenced in the experience of those who are familiar with the increase of art taste in this community. The most appreciative picture admirers are not those who desire that their possessions shall be known to all men, and the best pictures are not by any manner of means altogether those that are most known to the public, or that are component parts of large and important collections.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to learn about the scores of individuals who, in a small way, have collected a few good pictures for their personal enjoyment and concerning which the public take little notice whatever. There are in New York probably several hundred such small collections of not over half a dozen canvases each that would surprise the community could they be brought out to public view in one large exhibition. One amateur, who makes very little display, has in his possession three pictures only, but these he considers world famous, and may prove pretentious collections. One of his pictures is a curious work by Turner that the amateur picked up in London and that has an interesting history. The picture, that, like many others by Turner, is little more than an experiment in color, represents a grotto with surrounding landscape. It was painted by Turner on a time waster after a dinner at which the artist and his friends were present. The picture was given to the host, and was purchased by the present owner from the family of the original possessor.—New York Star.

**See Nine Blue.**  
On one of the great steamers once a friend of mine was a passenger. There was a lady aboard with her daughter. She was from Wisconsin. She said so often that finally took her word for it that she had seen pretty nearly everything outside of Washington, too. Her daughter had to undergo so many extraordinary scraps of information that she could only say, "Yes, ma," when her mother called upon her to confirm her statements. The old lady had a lovely time, for she poked her nose into everybody's business from the passenger who was sick to the one who was well, and was running the ship as well as the world with her assistance. One day the passer, the captain and several others were sitting around smoking, when the Wisconsin encyclopedia came on deck. As she came up the passer said, in an ordinary conversational tone, with a wink:

"I see Mr. —, of Wisconsin, has been appointed minister to China." "Indeed he has," broke in the lady; "yes, indeed he has, and I am glad of it. I've known him many years, and many and many a sermon I have listened to from him in his own church. He is a splendid preacher."—San Francisco Chronicle.

**Strawberry Plants to Winter.**  
In setting out strawberries, it is well to select ground which is not liable to be raked with sharp winter winds, and where at least a partial covering of snow will not be blown off and the land left bare. The shelter of screens of evergreens within a few rods will be useful. In nearly all localities, sheltered or otherwise, winter mulching is important. Even a thin covering of evergreen branches will afford protection. The strawberries should come out with a fresh and lively green when uncovered in the spring, contrasting with the dull and brown color of the strawberry leaves that have been fully exposed to the sun, wind and freezing. If evergreens cannot be had, chopped cornstalks put on thin enough to partly admit air and light will cause the partial retention of snow, and will afford a good little covering of thin straw does well if free from the seeds of weeds. This covering is to be applied after the ground is frozen, and not removed in spring till danger has past of hard freezing.—Albany Cultivator.

**Ventilating Living Rooms.**  
The question of ventilation is even more difficult than that of heating. It is evident that the air in the room must supply the fire as well as the lungs of the inmates, and unless it is constantly re-enforced from the outside it will become exhausted, and the air of the room will be unfit to breathe, both from the exhaustion of the oxygen and from the exhalations from the bodies of those who live in it. A good way to ventilate is to close the doors between the living room and the adjoining; then in the latter open all the windows until the air is entirely renewed; then close the windows and open the connecting doors. This has been used with success in the case of invalids. Another way is to raise one of the sashes a few inches, and have a strip of wood fitted singly in below the sash. The air will then enter upward between the sashes, and will cause no draught. A hinged pane in one of the windows is an excellent thing, as it also a ventilator set in one of the panes.—Boston Herald.

**A Funeral in Naples.**  
While traversing one of the narrow streets I was fortunate enough to see a funeral service at Naples corresponding to ours. I was sorry for the deceased, but was glad, since there was a corpse, that I was there to see the funeral procession, as it is one of the most curiosities of sights. The corpse is placed in a highly decorated casket on a raised platform, which is carried high over the heads of the eight bearers. Then comes about a dozen of the Brothers of the Misericordia, who are dressed in costumes a white flowing sheet, with heads entirely concealed by the same, save the large holes cut for eyes and mouth—looking like ghosts of the past. After them came about twenty old chaps dressed in black, with huge black hats of ancient make. After these came the relatives and friends, the Brothers of the Misericordia and the solemn old chaps who are hired for the occasion. No funeral in Naples would be complete without them.

**The Telephones in War.**  
It is an interesting fact, which might become important in case of war, that the telephone furnishes a simple and ready means of intercepting secret telegraph dispatches without the knowledge of the operators. All that is necessary is to run a wire parallel with the telephone line, and when this wire is the message is introduced into this wire as the message is sent reproduced in the telephone. The plan is attended by one difficulty, which is that the signals would become a confused medley of sounds if dispatches were submitted simultaneously from both ends of the line. This matter has attracted the attention of the Austrian government.—New York Telegram.

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