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What Can Be Accomplished With a Hairpin in the Hands of a Woman.

The proof of a boy's mechanical skill is usually what he can do with a jack-knife; the proof of a woman's is what she can do with a hairpin, says an exchange.

Few women take naturally to ordinary tools. They use hammers in a gingerly and ridiculous manner, or they pound their fingers with them; they put blunt-pointed nails along side instead of across the grain, and then wonder why it splits; they use screw-drivers principally to pry open boxes, and they think wire-pincers were made to crack nuts with. But they know how to manage a hairpin.

"A lady," said an observant gentleman, the other day, "always opens a letter better than a man. A man tears off a corner, and then pulls the envelope more or less to pieces in getting at the contents; but a lady draws a hairpin, inserts one prong at a corner, and rips open the edge as neatly, easily, and quickly as if the tool were made for that purpose.

With the same tool she can, and frequently does, button her glove, and occasionally her boots. She cuts the magazine with it. She twists it into clasps for broken jewelry. She uses it to suspend plaques. She employs it to draw corks, and also to snuff candles. She inserts it in windows to keep them from rattling, and to brace back shades that incline to tumble down. She succeeds with its help in turning the hasps of windows from the outside when obliged by accidental lock-out to burglarize her own house. She arms herself with it when traveling, to keep disagreeable neighbors at a respectful distance. She files receipts upon it. She pins up notices to the milkman with it. She even bends it roughly into the form of an initial, and hangs it in the keyhole of her intimate friend's lock, by way of a card, when she has forgotten her card-case, and the family are out.

The fan has long been regarded as the object most suggestive of the Spanish women. Ladies of other countries are famed for their graceful or skillful use of other dainty, family feminine articles. But if we were asked to select the thing most truly representative of the great American girl, we would name without hesitation the neat, the ingenious, the inexhaustible, the magic hairpin.

An important use of the hairpin has been overlooked in the above, viz.: loosening up the soil in the window garden without injuring the delicate roots of the plants. We know of no instrument which makes so good a "spade" for this purpose as the "inexhaustible" hairpin.

Chicago's Mouth for Pie.

According to the statistical fiend Chicago eats 300,000 pies a day, which, placed edge to edge, would make forty miles of pie. Three men and eight girls can make 3,000 pies a day. The ovens are kept running day and night. There are nineteen standard kinds of pie, but apple takes the cake. It leads everything else in winter, and in summer sells steadily, though of course not so largely after berries come in. It is lucky for the manufacturers that it is so, as their profits are larger on apple pie than on any other that they make. In winter, mince stands next to apple. Americans eat more pie than foreigners, but the men from New England take the lead in eating pie. Pie and milk is their favorite lunch. A Chicagoan was heard to say the other day: "Aw believe pie is good brain food. Mr. Emerson was quite fond of it, you know." Pies can be made for about seven cents apiece in quantities.

Daniel's Evening at Home.

A correspondent wants to know when Daniel Webster wrote his celebrated dictionary. Daniel dashed the dictionary off the same evening that he extemporized his celebrated reply to Hayne. The two were afterwards set to music and sung by William Cullen Bryant in his minstrel show.—[Omaha Republican.

THE PLANTS OF THE GUTTER.—After a study of eleven months, Dr. Hugo Winnacker, of Gottingen, has found that the vegetation of the stones of street gutters consists of green algae and fungoids. The algae are harmless and even beneficial, for they grow over the fungoids and at their expense, and help to keep them down. Most of the fungoids appear to be harmless, but some of them may be dangerous disease germs, to be freely distributed by the wind when dry; and, as it is difficult to distinguish their qualities, the growth of this class of plants should be prevented as far as possible. The characrer of the gutter vegetation may be different in different cities.

"Bring me quail on toast, waiter." "Sorry, sir, but we're all out of quail." "What?" "Yes, sir; very sorry, sir." "That's strange." "Yes, sir; but since the war was made on the English sparrows quail have been very scarce, sir."

The bashful man always holds a "flush."—[Whitehall Times.

Various Notes.

Brass is seriously affected by mercury, copper is less affected, and iron is not affected at all.

The best as well as the cheapest way of using pennyroyal to get rid of fleas, is to use the herb itself; the oil, of course, cannot be used where the inconvenience attending it would be greater than the evil to be overcome.

According to the American Journal of Pharmacy, Hagar recommends the following in case of painful dentition: Chloroform, ten drops; tincture of Spanish crocus, half a drachm; honey, half an ounce; glycerine, one ounce. To be rubbed on the gums to allay irritation.

The process of curling feathers consists in heating them slightly before the fire, then stroking them with the back of a knife, when they will curl.

The increase in strength due to seasoning of different woods is given as follows: White pine, 9 per cent.; elm, 12.3 per cent.; oak, 26.6 per cent.; ash, 44.7 per cent.; beech, 91.9 per cent.

Shoe-dressing: Gum-shellac, half a pound; alcohol, three quarts; dissolve, and add camphor one and a half ounce; lampblack, two ounces. The foregoing will be found to give an excellent gloss, and is especially adapted to any leather the surface of which is roughened by wear.

In filling up cracks in walls painters experience a great annoyance from the rapidity with which the ordinary plaster of paris and water "sets." A remedy will be found in using vinegar instead of water. Mix the same as if water was used, and the result will be very much like putty; the plaster will remain plastic for about half an hour, finally becoming perfectly hard.

For the sharpening of tools, instead of oil, which thickens and smears the stone, a mixture of glycerine and spirit is recommended. The proportions of the compositions vary according to the class of tool to be sharpened. One with a relatively large surface is best sharpened with three parts of glycerine mixed with one part of spirit. A graver having a small cutting surface requires only a small pressure on the stone, and in such cases the glycerine should be mixed with only two or three drops of spirit.

Dr. Jellinek has found that a drop of cocaine extract produces anæsthesia of the larnyx, a point of the utmost importance in diphtheria and other grave throat-diseases. Dr. Schrotter made use of the cocaine a short time back in operating on an old polypus. The operation was performed with complete success in five minutes.

The smell of paint may be taken away by closing up the room and setting in the center of it a pan of lighted charcoal on which have been thrown some juniper-berries. Leave this in the room for a day and night, when the smell of the paint will be gone. Some persons prefer a pail of water in which a handful of hay is soaking. This is also effectual in removing the odor of tobacco-smoke from a room.

A clergyman in Central Illinois is reported to have startled his flock a few Sundays ago by the announcement: "Remember our communion services next Sunday forenoon. The Lord will be with us during the morning services and the Bishop in the evening."

Oriental Opinion.

Professor Kanny Loll Dey, the famous medical expert of India, on whom the Empress conferred the order of "Companion of the Indian Empire," besides elevating him to the rank of Rai Bahadoor, publishes an official opinion that the new discovery,—Red Star Cough Cure—is free from opiates or poisons, and that it marks a new departure in medicine, and that he prescribes it with wonderful effect. It only costs twenty-five cents.

Fogg speaks of the government warehouse as "Purgatory," inasmuch as spirits are there held temporarily in bond.—[Boston Transcript.

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