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HOW TO USE FLORENCE KNITTING SILK. Nematuck Silk Co., Florence, Mass. The title sufficiently indicates the object of the pamphlet. Every girl and young lady wishing to know how to use this silk should have a copy.

Through the kindness of the Publisher, Forbes Company, Boston, Mass., we have received a package of Christmas cards entitled "Raphael Tuck and Son's Royal Academy Christmas and New Year Cards," so called from the fact that many of the designs were made especially for this house by members of that body. These cards are not only real gems of beauty but contain some of the finest specimens of art in this line of work that it has been our good pleasure to see for some time. The publishers have our thanks for these beautiful cards. Address, Forbes Company, Sole Agents for U. S., 181 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.

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The New Voyage of Life.

Few people but will realize the startling truth shown in the engraving accompanying the advertisement of Rev. T. P. Childs in this number of the *CHRISTIAN HERALD*. Truly our present civilization battles with disease from the cradle to the grave. Unseen dangers surround us on every side, a slight cold or cough neglected may bring us untold miseries; Catarrh, Bronchitis, Consumption, with Death in the near future.

To many it will be a matter of surprise that CATARRH is very frequently mistaken for CONSUMPTION, the symptoms in each being much alike, especially in the earlier stages. No one who recognizes in his own system, or who has friends or relatives with any of the symptoms so accurately described, should fail to send a statement of the case to Mr. Childs. There may be hope even in very desperate cases.

The discovery of his cure for Catarrh has attracted great attention. Leading men everywhere, publicly state that Child's treatment has cured them or their families of Catarrh or Throat difficulties—among them clergymen, physicians, lawyers, merchants, bankers and business men. All who have personally investigated the facts, are satisfied that Mr. Childs has discovered a certain, positive and permanent cure for Catarrh, that when properly used never fails even in the most desperate cases.

Catarrh is generally many years in gaining a foothold in the system, and attacks so many parts of the body that it can not be cured by any one remedy or by a single application. It requires remedies that will meet the disease wherever it is located, and fight it inch by inch until a complete victory has been obtained. Rev. T. P. Childs has treated and cured thousands at their own homes never having seen them. In a thoroughly honorable and characteristic manner he publishes the name and addresses of some he has cured, that any who desire may inquire of the patients themselves what Child's Catarrh

Specific has done for them. He gives his own experience after fifteen years of relief from the dread disease. No doubt many of our subscribers will find their own cases stated with startling clearness.

None need feel any hesitancy in placing their case in Mr. Child's hands for treatment. We would call special attention to the advertisement, and request a careful perusal of the facts as set forth.

Many who do not receive our paper would doubtless be very thankful, should our readers call the attention of such to the advertisement of Mr. Childs. Catarrh and Consumption are the twin enemies of the race, and any means of relief is a heaven sent blessing. Childs Catarrh Specific may be relied on as an effective and certain cure, and you may recommend it to your friends with every confidence.

Scientific Miscellany.

—Prof. Dufour has presented a new and interesting proof that the earth is round. The images of distant objects reflected in the Lake of Geneva in calm weather show just the degree of distortion which a careful mathematical calculation would predict on account of the shape of the earth.

—During a total eclipse of its surface the moon assumes a copper red color, which gradually fades away as the eclipse progresses. Mr. W. Mattieu Williams accounts for this curious phenomenon by supposing that the illuminated portion of the lunar surface, lacking the protection of an atmosphere, must be made red hot by the sun's rays. Only a thin layer of the moon's substance is so heated, and when the sun's rays are withdrawn it rapidly cools, causing the fading away of the red color when in the shadow of the earth. If his hypothesis is correct, Mr. Williams believes that the surface temperature of the bright side of the moon must be about 600 degrees. Of course the dark side must be intensely cold, so quickly does the heat pass into space after the sun disappears. On the whole, the moon must be an uncomfortable world.

—Microscopic vision has separated ruled lines as fine as 113,600 to the inch, but, according to Prof. Rogers, the evidence that finer lines than that have been resolved under the microscope is not conclusive.

—Dr. Constantine Fahberg recently described to the German Technical Society a new substance which he estimates to possess from twenty to thirty times the sweetness of cane sugar. To chemists the new body will be known as "anhydrosulphamin-benzoic acid."

—Mons. Toussaint has shown experimentally the serious dangers of eating meat nearly raw as is now so generally done. If the meat is unsound, the germs of disease must pass into the system. The most frequent and dangerous malady with which animals slaughtered for food are affected is consumption, and even if the animal is only slightly diseased persons eating the uncooked meat are liable to infection. The raw juice pressed from a slightly affected cow's lung was used to inoculate rabbits and young pigs, and all the subjects died in a short time from the disease. The experiment was repeated with a portion of the juice which had been partially cooked, and the result was the same. Only thorough cooking was found to effectually destroy all the infectious germs.

—Recent evidence seems to indicate that under certain conditions, vegetable matter may be converted into coal in a much less period than many geologists have believed to be necessary. At least an approach to such conversion has been discovered in some of the mines of the Upper Hartz, in Germany, where some of the timbers originally used as supports have been transformed into what appears to be a genuine lignite, brown coal. The time occupied by the process cannot, it is believed, have extended beyond four centuries—a very brief period compared with that usually assigned to coal formations.

—It has been shown by Prof. Loomis that more rain falls on the eastern than in the same latitude on the western side of continents. This is true everywhere except in the higher latitudes. Thus the average rainfall at San Francisco is only from a half to a third as great in quantity as in the east of Pennsylvania; and the same or even more striking difference may be found by comparing Morocco with the Chinese coast, and the west with the east coasts of South Africa, Australia and South America.

The simple precept, Seek the truth, respect the truth, speak the truth, and believe the truth, is one without which no character can be perfect; and it is one which will make a character for a man, though he never read a line of theology, never listened to a single sermon, never entered the portals of a church.