FOR FEMININE READERS.

"Why Shouldn't I?" My canary sings the whole day long Behind his gilded bars, Shut in from all that birds enjoy

Under the sun and stars:
The freedom, grace and action fine
Of wild birds he foregoes;
But, in spite of that, with happiness
His little heart o'erflows
"The world is wide,
And the birds outside
In heavy cheer always shide. In happy cheer always abide, —"Why shouldn't I?"

I, too, must dwell behind the bars
Of toil and sacrifice;
From heavy heart and weary brain
My prayers or songs arise;
But all around sad hearts abound
And troubles worse than mine.
If aught of comfort I can bring
To them shall I revine!

To them, shall I repine!
To them, shall I repine!
God's world is wide;
If I can hide
The crowding tears and sing beside
—Why shouldn't I! -Helen M. Winslow.

Nugget Jewelry.

The rage just now is a rough, crusty gold, eighteen carats fine, studded with minute jewels, which stand out like the plums in a Christmas pudding. The chain and ball seems to be the leading style in the novelties sent out by a famous New York fashioner. The chain is very fine and the ball perfectly round, and about the size of an English sugar plum These are attached to ladies' fob chains, an elegant new trifle, and the ends of bracelets, and are also worn as ear-rings, The balls are studded with tiny rubies, or with turquise and diamonds, and many of the chains have fine jewels worked into them. The barbaric but stylish hoop ear-ring has returned in the shape of a semi-circle of nugget gold, and is now in high favor. A new engagement ring is a lover's knot of dead rough gold. A peculiar style of pin is a gold horse-shoe on one end of a wrought-gold nail -good luck. The Langtry bracelet is composed of several strands of fine gold chain, each one ending in a ball pendant gemmed or enameled. The new styles are elegant, and not outre; flower and insect jewelry is entirely passe.

Kate Field Visits Worth.

Kate Field always makes her first visit in Paris to Worth. She says of the great

"He has a large establishment in the Rue de la Paix, where 400 young women stitch, stitch, stich, not at all in poverty, hunger and rags. His employes number 1,200 in all, and, during the Commune, when nobody ordered dresses or anything else, Worth provided for seventy of his work-women, though he, too, suffered for want of decent food. It is queer that the leaders of fashion should come from a country that is accused of having no taste. Worth is English, born about sixty years ago in Lincoinshire. Once upon a time he was a clerk in Marshall & Snellgrove's shop in London, and at abitity from his mother, who pos-

ed exquisite taste. ou must not judge Worth by all the dresses made by him, as I used to do. If a woman insists on having a fussy, fur-blowed costume, Worth is obliged to make it, however disgusted he may be.
"My life is anything but a bed of roses,"
he said one day. "What I have to endure from some women is simply incredible, when it is remembered they call themselves 'ladies.' A person sailed in are china bisque and the other decora-one day and gave an order, saying, 'I tions white glazed china. From the pe-She didn't mind the any customers. sarcasm. She didn't understand it. What do women come to me for if they don't like my style? That's what they pay for. Why don't they make their own dresses if they know so much about it?

"Another lady said, 'You make my cousin's dresses, and I don't approve of them, Mr. Worth. 'Neither do I, madam,' I answered. 'If your cousin likes colors mixed up, I can't help it. If you have a more cultivated eye than your cousin, I congratulate you.''' That's the way Worth talks to people. It doesn't make the least difference who they are. He says exactly what he thinks, and consequently he is very original and very amusing.

Fashion Notes.

Sashes and belts are coming largely into fashion.

All skirts fall flat in front, and are puffed at the back.

in price than ever before.

Kid gloves deteriorate with long keeping; the kid spots and becomes tender with age.

New Parisian waterproof cloaks are of a material, which looks very much like mouse-colored velvet; it is inside like plain, smooth India-rubber always used for garments of this kind, and makes a very handsome garment.

Elaborately beaded or braided jerseys are very much worn this autumn over skirts of bison cloth, tweed and vigogne. The newest deaigns in braidwork resemble rich passementeries, being wrought in close, elaborate patterns.

In spite of considerable opnosition bustles are becoming larger every day, and have become more like crinoline than like "tournures." They consist of a skirt which falls flat in front and has springs all the way down the back. Around the skirt is a flounce.

A fancy of Worth is the use of double sleeves, one of which represents a puffed lersleeve with a wristband. He has resorted to the former fashion of

match the vest and lower skirt of the

In London a visiting gown in stonecolored vicuna, with a narrow waistcoat; cuffs and foot kilting of a deep red; skirt quite plain, trimmed with rows of red and gold-mixed braid; drapery falling in a point in front and long folds at the back, braided all over with leaves of the braid, with princess bodice, is strictly

The Isles of Shoals.

During the troublesome times before and subsequent to the revolution that Isles of Shoals, off the coast of New Hampshire, were the resort and hiding places of the freebooters who haunted the northern coast, and these silent rocks, if they could speak, would tell many a tale of bloody cruelty and gloomy wrong. The pirates used to come here to divide and hide their booty, and melt up the silverplate they captured from the colonists along the coast.

For a long time it was supposed that bushels of doubloons was buried in the gaping crevices of the rocks, or the little caves that have been eaten out of the ledges by the restless tide; but the place was thoroughly searched by several generations of fishermen, and nothing more valuable than a rusty cutlass or a bursted blunderbuss was ever found.

The grandames tell how Captain Kydd came here often, "as he sailed, as he sailed," and there are legends of other pirates quite as fierce and free as he.

There are eight of the islands, the smallest being as large, or rather as small, as a city building lot, and the largest containing only a couple of hundred acres—nothing but bare, lifeless rocks, carved by the incessant waves into strange grotesqueness, and covered by no vegetation except low clinging vines and the New England blueberry. Four of the islands are inhabited, the largest, the Appledore, bears a hotel and a few cottages. Star Island has another hotel and a small settlement of fisherman; a third has a few fishermen's huts, and the fourth has a bold, white lighthouse springing from its crest. They were discovered by Captain John Smith, the friend of Pocahontas, who in 1614 explored the New England coast in an open boat, and spent some time here in making repairs and resting.

On Star Island stands the only monument erected in America to Captain John It is a rude affair-a prismaticshaped shaft of marble, upon a pedestal of sandstone, inscribed at length with the record of his valorous deeds, and some cyclopedias say he is buried here, but that is a mistake.

The Biggest Vase in the World. It has been left to a well-known firm of English potters to produce a china vase that is not only the largest in the world, but is also a beautiful work of art. The chief feature of the vase is a ins globe representing the earth, which is supported on a pedestal rising from a square plinth and surmounted by a figtwenty-five years of age set out for Paris with a few pounds in his pocket. Brains were his only capital. That the man is a genius in his profession is as evident as the multiplication table. He inherited the multiplication table. He inherited the multiplication table with the multiplication table. The second table with the multiplication table with the multiplication table. The second table with the multiplication table with the multiplication table. The second table with the se which more cupids are seen busied in the pursuits typical of the four seasons. The subjects are separated by brackets, on which are other figures emblematic of the seasons. The pedestal contains a splendid frieze, on which are represented as many as sixty cupids occupied in rural work. The plinth supporting the whole is ornamented in keeping with the gen-etal design. The color of the globe is a subdued green called celadon, the figures don't like your taste, Mr. Worth; I want destal to the top of the figure of Ceres 'Madam,' I replied, 'you the vase is eleven feet high, and the tyou want, but I am quite diameter, including the ornamental figsure if I had your taste I shouldn't have ure, is six feet four inches. Notwithstanding its massive proportions it is elegant and chaste, the design, which is realized that his failure was gumplete.by Mr. L. H. Jahn, being in the Renaissance style and thoroughly artistic. The figures have been modeled by the distin-guished French sculptor, M. Carrier, and the whole has been constantly superin-tended by Messra. Brownfield & Sons. Before the vase left their works at Cobridge for the international exhibition at the Crystal Palace it was allowed to be inspected on one day only by the workpeople of the potteries district, and 25,-000 persons availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing it. The vase cost £3,500—Cassell's Magaine.

Bread From Acorns. Among the Indians scattered along the foothills of the Sierras, says a correspondent, the acorn is a favorite article of diet. The process of converting this bitter nut into bread is curious. Under the branches of a grand old pine I found them at work. They had shucked and ground Ready-made white dresses are cheaper in the usual manner a large mass of the acorn meats. A number of circular vats had been hollowed out of the black soil, much in the shape of a punch bowl. Into these were put the acorn pulp. At hand stood several large clothes baskets filled with water, and into these they dropped hot stones, thus heating the water to the required temperature. Upon the mass of crushed bitterness they carefully ladled the hot water, making it about the color and consistency of cream. Not a speck appeared to mix. A buxom muhala stood by each vat, and with a small fir bough stirred the mass, skilfully removing any speck that floated upon the surface. The soil gradually absorbed the bitter waters, leaving a firm, white substance, of which they made bread. asked to taste it, at which they said something in their language, and all laughed. I asked again, and after more laughter I was handed a small particle on a tig leaf, and found it sweet and palata-They began to remove it, and so adroitly was this done that but a small portion adhered to the soil. They spread it upon the rocks, and in a short time it was fit for use. This, I am told, they making the sleeves of different material mix with water, put it into thin cakes from that of the corsage, having them and bake before the fire.

OUR VILLAGE BELLE

She was our village belle, Hear me tell How she flirted with the teacher And the single village preacher And the swell.

She said she was eighteen. Was I green! Sev'ral slender streaks of gray That through her hair did stray Could be seen.

II.

III. And to church she often went, Most intent On all the preacher said, And at his prayers her head Low she bent.

Then she'd glance across the aisle At the style That the village swell would fling, And she'd think to win a ring And his pile.

And then behind her fan She would scan The teacher's jealous look, As his face rose o'er his book, Thin and wan.

VL But she wed none of these three Woe is me! For my father wooed another And I have a second mother, It is she!

-Peter Penniless, in Life,

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

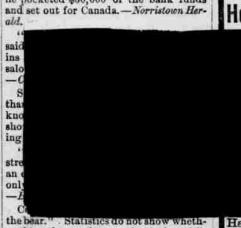
Headlines-wrinkles. Ode to women-All the joy and much

of the misery in the world. Doctors, as a rule, do not have much to say about cremation. The work of the doctor ends with the death of the patient .- Picayuns.

"Yes," sighed Amelia, "before marriage George professed to be willing to die for me, and now he won't even get his life insured in my favor."

"We are lost," the captain shouted, As he stumbled down the stair; "I've just been looking for ard, And I see a canai boat there."

"Money goes a great ways nowadays," observed a New York bank cashier, as he pocketed \$50,000 of the bank funds



er this refers to the growl of the girl's father, or to the great hugging act .-New York Journal.

"Why," he pleaded, "our very circumstances bind us together; our similar tastes, our friendship, long acquaintance
" "Yes," she replied, "even age could
bind us together." "What age, dearest?" he asked. "Mucilage," answered she, gluemily. A minute later, as he paste up and down the room alone, he

Some Definitions.

Jealousy: The homage paid by inferiority to merit. Anger: The reaction of others' faults

upon ourselves.

Consolation: Ridding ourselves of sympathy when it becomes burdensome.

Charity: A service that the receiver should remember and the giver forget.

Forgiceness: The gift that only you can bestow upon your enemy.

Fashion: A decree that enhances beauty, but makes homeliness the more

conspicuous. Coquette: The mirror that receives all

images, but preserves none.

Money: To the wise a convenience, to the fool a necessity. Death : The dealer who sweeps in the

bone chips.
Success: The veneering that can hide all baseness. Sleep: The thief that robs us of our

time, giving us health in exchange. To-morrow: The unborn.
Yesterday: The dead.
Mankind: Pieces in a game of chess

played by Destiny. Carefulness: The core of economy. Music: A master-key that turns the wards of the heart.

Clouds: The curtains of light, as sorrows are of joy.

Temptation: The test of soul.

Women: Never perfect. Who'd have

the night all stars?

Conversation: The idle man's business and the business man's recreation. Stars: Jeweled beads in the rosary of

Fool: One who shows his folly and doesn't know it. Wiseman: One who knows his folly and doesn't show it.

Critic: A censor who revenges his own failures on other's successes. Philadelphia Record.

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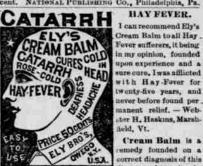
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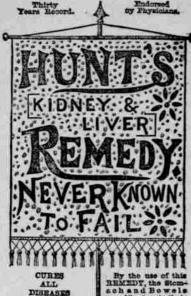
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