

Miss Virginia Penny.

Miss Virginia Penny led the way in opening the doors of general industry to How They Are Guarded and Counter women workers half a century ago, de-Guarded In European Courts. voting time and money to the object for years, with no compensation except the the many thousands of women in the of- would be an impossible feat would savor fices, shops and other places of employment in our cities is indebted to Miss Penny, yet she is living in New York in however, such an instance is unknown. old age without the usual comforts of In the entourage of every embassy there life! The writer suggests systematic re- are one or more private detectives who lief through the women's clubs and sim- are invariably gentlemen of official or mililar bodies.—Minneapolis Spectator.

They Touch but to Adorn.

Women touch nothing they do not adorn. The cigarette was an humble little wad of tobacco wrapped in tissue Since women have taken to smoking, the cigarette has become decorative, æsthetic and frivolous. Ladies' cigarettes, as they are called, are now sold tipped with petals of violet and rose. They are of the finest Turkish tobacco and put up in brown, silver edged, cardboard boxes. Hand painted cigarettes have not yet been introduced.—New York Sun.

### Bables and Voting.

The working of woman suffrage in New Zealand is developing a new phase of practical politics. At a recent election a feminine committee was appointed to look after babies while their mothers went to the polls to vote. The onespolitics has been made maliciously prom- a duplicate key. inent by the masculine foes of woman suffrage. The women of New Zealand have solved the problem.-New York Press.

### Worked Out Her Taxes.

Mrs. Mary Walker of Atlantic City recently applied to the city council for per-mission to work out the amount of her Precautions are carried to such an extaxes in doing city work on the streets in company with her husband. The request was granted.-Cape May Corre-

### A Question of Fair Play.

We do not believe there is any justice in one-half of our people making laws for the government of the other half. So long as women are subject to our laws they should have a voice in making them.-Lincoln (Neb.) New Republic.

### POOR INDEED!

The prospect of relief from drastic eathartics for persons troubled with constipation is poor indeed. True they set upon the bowels, but this they do with violence, and their operation tends to weaken the intestines, and is prejudicial to the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is an effectual laxative, but it meliber gripes no enf ebles. Furthermore it promotes direction and a regular action of the liver and the kidneys. It is an efficient barrier against and remedy for malarial complaints and rheumatism, and is of great benefit to the weak, nervous and aged. As a medicinal stimulant it cannot be surpassed. Physicians cordially recommend it, and its professional indorsement is fully borne out by popular experience. Appetite and sleep are bo h improved by this agreeable invigorant and alterative. The prospect of relief from drastic cathartics able invigorant an 1 alterative.

Poet—Has the editor read the poem I left here yearer av? Office boy—I guess so, sir; he's sick abou today.

### THE GENUINE AND THE SHAM.

Every good thing has its host of imits tors; every genuine article its counterfeits. The imitators always choose the most valuable and popular article to counterfeit, so that when they claim their sham to be equal, or as good, or the same as "So and-So's," the public may depend upon it that "So-and-So's" article is the best of the

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To abstract a paper or steal a dispatch from one of the embassies is not by any enjoyment of doing good. Every one of means an easy matter. To say that it of exaggeration, for in these days of scientific burglary there is nothing impossible under the sun. Up to the time of writing, itary rank. Notwithstanding, papers of comparatively infinitesimal importance are environed with the same precautions as others of untold value. The documents which is held by the embassador or min-ister only, the latter taking all responsipaper. Simplicity could go no further. bility and acting as charge d'affaires in the absence of the former.

Dispatches do not remain long at the embassies. At a given date, the length of which varies according to the respective distances of the countries represented, a special messenger is sent to fetch them. A weekly call is made at the British embassy, but at the American and foreign ones naturally a longer interval is allowed

The messenger from the foreign office brings a bag which is fastened with a patent lock and cannot be opened except by the key in possession of the embassador or the charge d'affaires. When the bag is cleared of its contents, the return dispatches which the embassador sends to his government are placed in it and carefully concealed. It is then closed and returned to tion as to who will take charge of the the messenger, who conveys it to the minchildren if the women take part in active ister for foreign affairs, who opens it with

> If the documents are of special importance, they are not intrusted to the ordinary messenger. Some one in the immediate entourage of the embassy takes charge of them instead. No one is allowed access to the chancery office in which they are placed, and visitors are only received

> tent at several embassies that if a secretary cannot personally ask for instructions from his hierarchical chief he is obliged to inclose his queries in a special locked box, which can only be opened by the duplicate key at its destination, and the replies are returned in the same manner. It the rule in each embassy that the dispatch box can only be handed to one of the secretaries and must never by any chance be given into the custody of a stranger.

Sworn translators are now only employ ed in certain embassies where the diplo matists do not speak or understand French. Even the Chinese legation has now dispensed with a sworn translator, as the first secretary invariably speaks and understands the language perfectly.

There are other precautions to be ob-served besides those concerned with the possible confiscation of papers. There is the fear of indiscretion in those intimately connected with the legation to be guarded against, and for this reason members of the diplomatic service are debarred in nearly every instance from marrying any one not of their own nationality. Prince Bismarck made this the rule in Germany, and there are very few exceptions to it. If a diplomatist is retained who is married to a foreigner, he is carefully transferred to any country but that of his wife, the reason being that there are still a few ladies who fail to act up to the old maxim that "discretion is the better part of valor."-London Tit-Bits.

### A Cheap Fur.

A noted painter related to a circle of friends the following amusing story of his fur lined overcoat, a splendid Nerz, with immense collar and cuffs: "I was once engaged to paint the portrait of the wealthy but stingy banker, X-, who had pre-viously bought some of my pictures at ridiculously low prices. I was not in the best of humors, for all the time I was painting away at his stolld features he was trying to get me to take something off the price agreed upon, and he did it in such a way as to make it difficult to refuse him. Besides, I hate chaffering. This time, however, I contrived to get the best of the bargain. Of course he wanted to be painted in his fur. As I did not require his presence while painting the upper part of this garment, I proposed that he should send it to me—my servant would put it on and sit in his stead. This was done. I completed the picture, and when he came to pay he insisted on having his discount. Then all the little maidens stand in a But next day I wrote to him: 'I am sorry row while some one tells a story about I cannot return your fur coat just yet, as unluckily my servant, who sat in it, has had an attack of smallpox. The fur is being fumigated and will be at your disposal tomorrow.' By return of post I received the following note from the banker: 'Very awkward! Whatever you do, don't bring the fur to my house.' On the same day I went out with the fur coat for the first and bows at the wrong time, her bonnet time. It fits me admirably. Of course my is turned round so that it covers her face. servant never had the smallpox."-Gar tenlaube.

### FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Stray Kitten. A pretty little kitten.
With cost of downy white,
Out on the doorstep lying,
Was found the other night, And tender hearted Lily, Who heard poor pussy mew, Brought her right in and warm As well as she could do!

Ah, soon the tiny stranger Its gray eyes opened wide And started softly purring At watchful Lily's side,



Who filled a great big saucer With bread and milk so sweet That soon the hungry pussy Began to sup and eat!

If pussy won't go straying
From Lily's welcome door,
She never will be hungry
Or homeless any more,
And she can play with dolly,
For Lily says she may,
And stretch on the plazza
Ev'ry sunshiny day.

—Annie M. Toohey in Christian at Work.

An Oriental Story.

An eastern king was once in need of a faithful servant and friend. He gave notice that he wanted a man to do a day's work, and two men came and asked to be employed. He engaged them both for certain fixed wages and set them to work to fill a basket with water from a neighboring well, saying he would come in the evening and see their work. He then left them to themselves and went

After putting in one or two bucketfuls one of the men said:

"What is the good of doing this useless work? As soon as we put the waare all inclosed in an iron safe, the key of ter in on one side it runs out on the other."

The other man answered:

"But we have our day's wages, haven't we? The use of the work is the master's business, not ours." "I am not going to do such fool's

work," replied the other, and throwing down his bucket he went away.

The other man continued his work till, about sunset, he exhausted the well. Looking down into it he saw something shining at the bottom. He let down his bucket once more and drew up a precious diamond ring.

"Now I see the use of pouring water into a basket," he exclaimed to himself. "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been found in the basket. The labor was not useless, after all."

But he had yet to learn why the king had ordered this apparently useless task. It was to test their capacity for perfect obedience, without which no servant is

At this moment the king came up to him, and as he bade the man keep the

ring he said:
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such ability that one could almost doubt that it was the work of a girl only 12 years old-and she blind and deaf-if The Companion did not give assurance that she did it entirely unassisted.

The picture here presented is a late one and shows Helen Keller at work on her typewriter, with which her life story was written. Her signature, which is also reproduced herewith, was the one affixed to the article in The Companion, and it is the first she ever wrote with a

### Rose Malden.

The rose maiden game is a pretty way to entertain the guests at a girl's birthday. To play the game prettily there must be a quantity of paper roses-one for each little girl. The roses must be California roses, which are as large as a

little girl's head. When the little guests are all assembled, each little girl gets a rose, while one of the older people present help her take out the inside leaves and to fit it over her head as if it were a bonnet, out of which her face is becomingly peeping. row while some one tells a story about the garden flowers. Whenever the red roses are mentioned, the little girls wearing the red rose bonnets bow their heads deeply, and when the white roses are mentioned the white rose maidens do the same. And so on through all the colors, If a little rose maiden makes a mistake and bows at the wrong time, her bonnet -Philadelphia Press.

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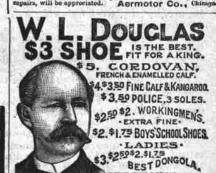
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