

Ours is the foremost country in the world in the reclamation of its arid land. To the untraveled easterner the extent of the irrigation of western lands under direct government supervision is unknown.

Workmen in demolishing an ancient house situated in the Rue de Strasbourg, opposite the old Mont de Piété at Nantes, have made an interesting discovery which is likely to attract considerable attention.

The defendant in a case before Judge Bacon, who objected to being described as a gentleman, may be commended on his refusal, to be labeled with a term which even Sir James Murray is shy of defining.

Two of the rare dollars of 1804 have been found. It is affirmed that only four of these coins are in existence, and numismatologists attach great value to them.

Radium has also come down among the other necessities of life, a grain of it having recently sold for \$72,000.

A veterinarian on Long Island refused to take an anaesthetic for an operation because he wished to watch it that he might get surgical points.

The meanest man has been found in New Jersey. In a quarrel with his wife he took the false teeth from her mouth and kept them, saying he had paid for them.

Fashion decrees that men must propose on their knees hereafter, says an esteemed contemporary. Fashion is a "dame," all right—or is she a damsel?

Prof. Garner says his female chimpanzee has a vague moral sense. And that is the sort that some folks in high society have.

It has been a banner hunting season in northern Michigan, the returns showing 5,000 deer and 20 hunters killed.

There are 800 varieties of chrysanthemums, but no one seems to know why there are so many.

Saloon Sermon

Not All Drink Merchants Black as Painted

By SAM BURNS

THE saloonkeeper of tradition, as pictured by the average temperance lecturer, is a coarse person who sends his victims down to death, doom and perdition by dispensing rum, not to mention the more popular mixed drinks, which, by the way, the lecturers never mention.

He doesn't apply strict business principles to the sinful work, as one drink merchant recently was alleged to do.

At the bar of this man's place two customers leaned one day not long ago. One was a transient. The other dropped in every other day or so and presumed to address the proprietor by his familiar handle of "Bill."

"See that poor fellow that just went out," whispered the more or less regular customer to the transient. "On his last legs, isn't he? Well, would you believe it, that man was sent to the bad by liquor bought here.

All this was shocking to the transient. The regular customer departed, but the other remained, determined to make an investigation. He called to the barkeeper.

"Say," he called. "What is the name of that old wreck who was in here a few minutes ago?"

"His name?" said the man behind the apron, plainly puzzled. "How should I know his name?"

"Isn't he an old customer of yours?" demanded the visitor.

"I should say not," declared the barkeep. "It's the first time I ever saw him in my life, and I've lived in this neighborhood twenty-one years. I took pity on the old scoundrel and poured him out one to send him along."

The drink mixer's air was convincing. The visitor departed brooding on the beautiful sermon that had been knocked to splinters.



Land of Beauty and Thrifty People

By S. CASPARIS

As I am a native of France my declaring it to be God's country will be pardoned. I am thinking of the beauty of the land and the thrift of the people.

In France and Germany the state intervenes between the employer and his workmen and the rights and obligations of both are clearly defined.

American wage earners are not now getting sufficient remuneration for their toil. Their wages, in view of the enormous advance in the cost of living necessities, are pitifully inadequate.

How a man can do more than live on \$1.50 a day, with a family to support, is a profound mystery. He can never hope to save enough to buy a home.

Revive Dignity of Domestic Service

By CAROLINA DRESCH

The dignity of domestic service will be revived just so soon as the housewives learn the much-neglected lesson that the girl who works in the home is not a menial and should not be treated as such.

Why is it that a well-to-do wife may perform her household duties without lowering her dignity, while when the same work is done by a so-called servant it is considered menial labor?

There are many intelligent, capable girls who realize that the wages for housework are good, and that the work is not so nerve-racking as in the office and store.

Treat your servant with kindness and consideration if you would have faithful service.

New "Flexible Hats"



SOME inventive designer of millinery, taking note of the strong points of the oriental turban, and seeking for something new, brought forth the new flexible hat of velvet.

The "ding-a-ling" hat is a pointed cone of velvet with a rolled up rim next the face. It is guileless of wire except for a single small shirring wire inserted about the brim edge.

For those who cannot wear this jaunty (not to mention somewhat rakish) little bit of new millinery any number of new designs have been and are being invented. One of them is shown here.

Odd effects in trimming are sought for these odd hats, and many of them, for the street, are untrimmed. They need a finishing touch, however, but it must be just a touch.

A soft turban of velvet and fur with fur buckle, is partly flexible. There are no wires except in the brim, which is very cleverly draped with velvet.

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DRESSING GOWN.



Flannel or flannelette are materials most suited for making a gown like this for present wear. It is quite a simple pattern slightly shaped in at waist; the deep collar may be faced with the same or some contrasting color.

The fulness of the sleeves is drawn in at the back by a short-braided strap pointed at each end; the waist-band which draws in the fulness is also braided; the pointed ends are hooked over.

Material required: 7 yards 40 inches wide. Slips of Italian silk with messaline ruffles make the best petticoats for every day wear.

HAVE REGULAR MENDING DAY

Surprising Results Will Be Effected if a "System" is Put into Operation.

There is nothing on earth like system, and nowhere do you realize this more than in matters of dress. The tiny hole in your stocking, that you might have mended in two minutes, grows into an undarnable "run"; the rip under the arm in your new blouse extends alarmingly; nothing that must be mended stays where it is put.

The other point to remember is always to have your sewing implements where you can get them and in perfect order. Do not wait until the very moment for mending to find that you are out of white thread or that your needles are rusty.

Very effective is the banded trimming of cut steel beads outlined on either edge with two rows of fine jet beads.

Silver on black tulle, steel beads on bleu de nuit (a dark blue) and coral on pink or blue, are some of the beautiful combinations used.

For evening there is a great demand for brocades, crepe de chine and all supple weaves that lack luster, but abound in wonderful colors. Dainty linen gift handkerchiefs for women have delicately-hued borders. Some of these, with lace-work centers, are highly expensive.

The Modest Model. The late Julia Ward Howe, though a woman of very good appearance, was extremely modest. "She once posed for me," said a Boston painter the other day. "But she hesitated a long time before consenting. To urge her on I said: "Don't be afraid. I'll do you justice, madam."

Not Just Off the Shelf. Little Marget has the childlike trait of curiosity, especially in regard to the age of her elders. "How old do you think I am, dear?" counter-queried the spinster aunt to whom the child had put the impertinent query. The little girl considered earnestly before replying: "Well, I don't know, Auntie Alop, but you don't look new!"

INSIDE HISTORY. Some Self-Explanatory Letters. Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 7, '11. Dr. E. H. Pratt, Suite 1202, 100 State St., Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Doctor: "Owing to some disagreement with magazine several years ago they have become quite vituperative, and of late have publicly charged me with falsehoods in my statements that we have genuine testimonial letters.

"It has been our rule to refrain from publishing the names either of laymen or physicians who have written to us in a complimentary way, and we have declined to accede to the demand of attorneys that we turn these letters over to them.

"I am asking a few men whom I deem to be friends to permit me to reproduce some of their letters over their signatures in order to refute the falsehoods.

"We have hundreds of letters from physicians, but I esteem the one that you wrote to me in 1906 among the very best, particularly in view of the fact that it recognizes the work I have been trying to do partly through the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'

"I do not sell or attempt to sell the higher thought which is more important than the kind of food, but I have taken considerable pains to extend to humanity such facts as may have come to me on this subject.

"In order that your mind may be refreshed I am herewith enclosing a copy of your good letter, also a copy of the little book, and if you will give me the privilege of printing this over your signature I will accompany the printing with an explanation as to why you permitted its use in publication in order to refute falsehoods, and under that method of treatment I feel, so far as I know, there would be no breach of the code of ethics.

"I trust this winter weather is finding you well, contented and enjoying the fruits that are yours by right. "With all best wishes, I am, Yours very truly, C. W. POST.

Dr. Pratt, who is one of the most prominent and skillful surgeons in America, very kindly granted our request in the cause of truth and justice.

Chicago, Aug. 31, 1906. Mr. C. W. Post, Battle Creek, Mich.

My Dear Sir: "I write to express my personal appreciation of one of your business methods, that of accompanying each package of your Grape-Nuts production with that little booklet 'The Road to Wellville.' A more appropriate, clear headed and effective presentation of health-giving auto-suggestions could scarcely be penned.

"Grape-Nuts is a good food in itself, but the food contained in this little article is still better stuff. I commend the practice because I know that the greed, and strenuousness, the consequent graft and other types of thievery and malicious mischief generally can never be cured by legislative action.

"The only hope for the betterment of the race rests in individual soul culture. "In taking a step in this direction, your process has been so original and unique that it must set a pace for other concerns until finally the whole country gets flavored with genuine, practical Christianity.

"I shall do all that lies in my power to aid in the appreciation of Grape-Nuts, not so much for the sake of the food itself as for the accompanying suggestions.

"Visiting Battle Creek the other day with a friend, Dr. Kelly of Evanston, Illinois, while I was consulting with Mr. Gregory, my friend visited your factories and came away greatly amazed, not only at the luxurious furnishings of the offices generally and the general equipment of the place, but with the sweet spirit of courtesy and kindness that seemed to fill the air with a spiritual ozone that was good to breathe.

"The principles expressed in the little booklet, 'The Road to Wellville,' I well know are practical and they work in business of all kinds, including sanitariums, as will be fairly tested before time is done. "I know you will not regard this letter of appreciation as an intruding one. It is simply the salutation of good fellowship to you from a man who, although he has never seen you, feels drawn to you by the kinship of thought. "The only thing that makes a man live forever in the hearts of his countrymen and his race is the good that he does. Your position in this respect is an enviable one and I wish to extend my congratulations. Yours respectfully, E. H. PRATT.

