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Flies.

Mankind is learning rapidly which of the myriad kinds of living things are friends and which are enemics Peats that ruin crops are zealously studied and fought by the farmer, but some pests that endanger human life. are tolerated because their ravages are not visible to the unscientific eye. It took brave experiment to discover that the mosquito is a deadly enemy of man, and a long campaign of education was necessary to prove the fact to the public. The rat, being odious and a destroyer of property, was moreeasily proved to the public to be a disease-bearing scourge. The International Association for the Scientific Destruction of Rats, founded in Denmark, is not a fantastic society, as is attested by the work in San Francisco and other cities against this creeping vehicle of bubonic plague. The mosquito and the rat have "got to go." And so has the house fly, which, far from being only a buzzing nulsance, causes thousands of deaths a year. During the civil war it was found that flies carried gangrene. This early discovery has been explained by the later knowledge of disease-germs. The fly is attracted to all kinds of flith; his feet are barbed brushes which pick up dirt; and his track across the food we eat is a path of pestilence when seen beneath the microscope. He is the "principal agent in the spread of typhoid." The increase of "summer complaints," intestinal diseases, is not due to hot weather-the human body easfly adjusts itself to mere temperature -but largely to the increase of flies from May to August. The tradition of the relation between filth and disease is sound; and the clean housekeeper has always fought flies with screens and fly-traps. These old-fashloned defenses are still practical. In addition, says the Youth's Companion, the keeper of horses should screen his manure pile and spray it with creosote or chlorid of lime. To allow flies on food is to run risk of disease; to allow files to breed in or visit poisonous matter

"Doing Time."

is to endanger one's neighbors.

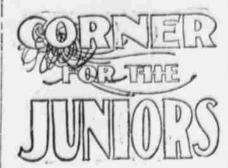
It has been shown that "doing time" in penal institutions can be made to serve a most salutary purpose provided the violator of the laws who thus explates his offense employs the time to proper advantage. In the newer conception of the intent of punishment, which includes encouragement to reformation, the convicted culprit who wishes to lead a better life will be helped to co so. More than that, he will be taught in ways of self-dependence, and he may even have the opportunity of turning to account such inventive genius as he has been favored with. This is shown by the experience of a man who has just been pardoned out of a Maine prison after having served 19 years of a life sentence. During that time he has perfected a device to be attached to a sewing machine, and now he has gone to New York to receive \$100,000 offered by a big concern for the invention. Prison life should not be cultivated as a means of material advancement, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, but the facts in this case show that a convict who goes about the matter in earnest and with persistence can do much to redeem his past and to make himself useful to society.

New times, new manners, in religious practices as in other things. A church in East Orange has arranged for holding Sunday services for the benefit of automobile parties. The exercises will take place in the open air and on the church lawn, those officiating standing on the church steps, while those who attend may group themselves about in any way they please. It is also announced that smoking may be permitted during the services, although the church will draw the line at furnishing the cigars. The outdoor service appears to be regarded in some quarters as the natural accompaniment of outdoor exercise,

Automobiles have now been legally barred from Bermuda, the governor having signed the bills prohibiting the running of motor cars in the island. Evidently the speed maniacs have been getting on the islanders' nerves and creating a prejudice which has resuited in the present drastic legislation. It seems so hard for the modern spirit to use a good thing without abusing it, especially in the matter of sports.

If there is really a shortage in beef we hope that science, which so often ,has been kidnaped and made the unwilling handmaiden of shady business enterprises, will not be called on to work up sawdust and old iron scrap into beefsteak.

Mr. Peary is said to be contemplating the discovery or the south pole as soon as he has gained the north one. He has not yet announced what he plans to do when he has located both



A POLITE BOY.

Case Where He Carried Out His Instructions Too Literally.

A small boy, whose chief fault was that he would interrupt his elders. had been repeatedly corrected by be ing told dally that he should say: "At your convenience, mamma, I have nomething to tell you." His sister, Lisi Cipriani, relates, in "A Tuscan Childhood," the results which ensued from the care with which he followed be made with a half-emptied reel of instructions in one instance.

One day toward the end of the season my mother had taken Ritchie and me to the baths at Leghorn. The baths are built on piers and rotundas into the sea. We have no tide at Leghorn, and these plers are connected by bridges. Before the autumn storms begin the boards are taken away, so that only two long wooden beams and the railings remain.

There was absolutely no danger in walking across these bridges on the beams, as we could have all necessary support*from the railings, and it was great fun.

I had crossed one of these bridges quite a distance from where my mother and some friends were sitting. When I started to return I forgot that the boards had been taken away, and from the reel, causing the latter to walked splash into the sea.

the elephants stayed outside, but when the princes came into the schoolroom all the other boys threw themselves flat down with their faces to the ground-it was forbidden for any one to stand or sit in the presence of the

Dr. Marks found this state of things very inconvenient, and put the matter to the princes. They talked the situation over, and made up their minds what to co.

"You fellows may get up," one of the princes said. "You need not be

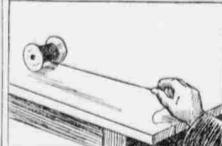
"After that," says Dr. Marks, "we had very little difficulty on the score of eliquette.

"The king took the greatest interest In the education of his sons, and they were among the most diligent and affectionate pupils I ever had."

EXPERIMENT IN DYNAMICS. You Can Get a Spool of

Cotton to Do. A most interesting experiment can

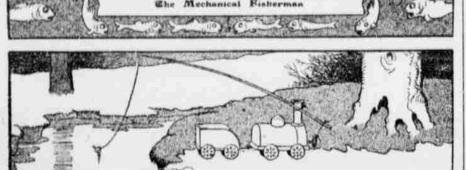
cotton. If such a reel be placed on a

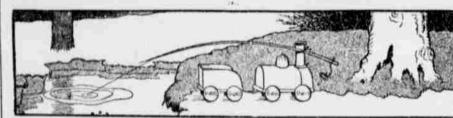


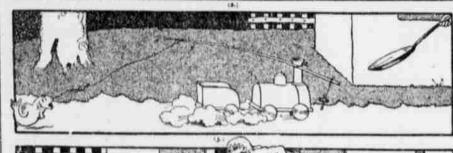
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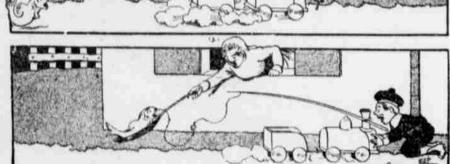
table with a length of cotton coming from the under side, and if the cotton be pulled gently, as shown in the accompanying drawing, it might be supposed that the thread would unwind roll away from the hand. The oppo-Ritchie, who was standing by me, site effect, however, is produced-

THE FAST POND-TO-PAN EXPRESS ROAD









1. The express waiting for its finny passenger to give the order to start. 2. The order given, the key of the engine released, and the train started. 3. The fish on his journey from pond to pan. 4. The landing at pan .- London Sketch.

cern of what would happen to me, to my mother. Taking off his cap, greater rate than the pulling hand. the little fellow stood politely beside her for some time, waiting till she had finished a rather long story she was just telling. Then he said:

"Mamma, at your convenience, have something to tell you."

"What is it?" said my mother, approvingly, for she appreciated that her efforts were being rewarded. "Mamma, at your convenience, Lisi

has fallen into the water." "What!" exclaimed my mother, jumping up. "Has any one pulled her

"I don't know," said Ritchie, very politely, "but 1 didn't interrupt your story, and she can swim."

GOING TO SCHOOL IN BURMAH.

Stir Which the Princes of the Realm Made, and how They Met It.

Shortly after the native college was opened in Rangeon, the head, Rev. Dr. Marks, says in the Church Family Paper that the king of Burmah came to him and asked if he would teach some of his sons. When he agreed, the king asked: "What ages do you like them at?"

"From 12 to 14." The king turned to one of his assistants, and commanded:

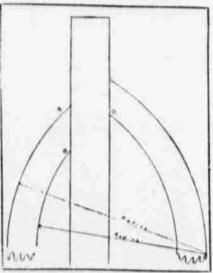
Bring all my sons between 12 and 14 to me."

Nine princes came in. Four came to school the next day, each riding an elephant, and with two golden umbrellas. Each, also, was escorted by 40 soldiers. Afterward the whole nine came. So there were nine princes, nine elephants, 18 golden umbrellas, and 360 soldiers.

instead of taking the slightest con- the reel rolls toward the hand that pulls the thread, winding up the latter rapidly crossed the bridge and ran as it comes, the reel traveling at a

> CURIOUS OPTICAL ILLUSION. A Case Where the Eye Cannot Be Trusted.

> At first sight it appears that the lines A and B would not join correctly to C and D without deviating from their proper course, and so not form a perfect arch. This is not so, however, says the Strand Magazine, for if



Looks Are Deceitful.

the lines are continued they will meet at the points for which they were intended.

The Difference.

Q.-What is the difference between a big-game hunter and a tree? A .- One shoots bears, and the Unlike Mary's lamb, Dr. Marks says, other bears shoots,

STYLISH JACKET SUIT



Though extremly simple in cut and outline, this attractive little tacket suit developed in white Irish linen will fill all needs for the midsummer calling costume or church gown, or in fact any occasion where a suit is not out of place. The jacket is a semi-fitted model, with side-front and side-back seams running from the shoulders downward, and giving the long graceful lines to the figure, which are such a feature of this season's styles. The model is a collarless one with wide oddly-shaped medallions of Eattenberg let in at each side of the front and back, and at the lower part of the flowing sleeves; the latter finished with an edging of similar lace. A cotton passementeric ornament crosses the front and holds the jacket in position. The skirt is a fivegored model which is equally appropriate to wear as a separate garment, as well as part of an entire costume, it fits smoothly over the hips, without plaits, tucks or fullness of any description, and falls in a full flare around the foot. Two narrow bands set on as a trimming about five inches apart are made of strips of the material the wide insertion of the Battenberg lace being set between these bands. Both the insertion and bands may be omitted if desired.

For 36 bust the jacket requires four and three-quarters yards of material 20 inches wide, two and a quarter yards 36 inches wide, two and an eighth yards 42 inches wide, or one and five-eighths yard 54 inches wide,

For 26 waist the skirt requires nine yards of material 20 inches wide, four and three-quarters yards 36 inches wide, four yards 42 inches wide, or three and three-eighths yards 54 inches wide; one yard 20 inches wide, half yard 36 or 42 inches wide, or three-eighths yard 54 inches wide extra for bias bands, and three and a half yards of insertion to trim.

Also Considerably Lessens Wear and

Tear on the Nerves.

It is a big boon to be born orderly.

There are some people who have the

desire for neatness, but lack in its

execution. They can put to rights, but

It is easier to be born sloven than

That place for everything rule is a

good one-if you don't forget the

The woman who can find her belong-

ings even in the dark is the one to tie

to-provided she doesn't achieve her

neatness by nagging and everlasting

That some girls' bureau drawers

have a cyclone-struck look may not

argue a lack of orderliness so much as

an overpressure of affairs. It is not

easy when every minute counts to put

things back in the exact spot where

As the bump of order is the greatest

time saver known, it is well, however,

efforts to acquire it. It may take an

extra minute to put things where they

belong, but time is often reckoned by

hours when it comes to hunting them

Orderliness is a good business asset;

the girl who can put her fingers on

notebook at an instant's notice, who is

not on a perpetual hunt for pencil.

eraser and other daily necessities, who

has learned to classify her papers for

casy finding, rarely makes a failure of

Face Touching Up.

uses comsetics with freedom, though

with great discretion and great clever-

ness. Never does she appear by sun-

ight at out-of-door functions with any-

thing approaching the suggestion of

'paint." Yet equally would it be im-

possible for her to appear at the opera er in the glare of a big ballroom with

out a penciling of brows and lips, a

modeling of cheeks and nostrils and

carlobes and a whitening of arms, that

bring her physical points in line and

coloring into harmony with the vast-

ness of her environment and the bril

liancy of the lighting. Recently it has

been the fashion in Europe to preserve

a pallid face, but of late, with the re-

turn of the Greek figure, of apparently

unfettered limbs and unbound waist

cheeks,-Vogue.

of virginal braids and snoods and

At present the fashionable woman

where they don't belong.

one with a wish for orderliness allied

It means such a saving in wear and

tear on one's nerves.

to the habit of misplacing.

not keep it up.

place.

primpiness.

they should go.

her career.

TO WEAR UNDER SHEATH SKIRT. NEATNESS GREAT TIME SAVER.

Silk Knickerbockers Appropriate with the New Costume.

The shops have already brought out all kinds of silk knickerbockers for the new sheath skirt. Some are lined with albatross, some are of taffeta, unlined: others are of old brocades lined with china silk.

They are perfectly fitted at hips and waist line and are held around the knee with an elastic band. They haven't much material in them, or they would make a bad line under the tight skirt.

While the majority never use them for this purpose, they promise to be quite popular for all manner of outdoor wear under short cloth skirts. For camp and country, for ocean

and mountain, those of china silk worn under a short tweed skirt are immensely superior to a petticoat. They give freedom, do not get in the way and are quite cool and light.

Natural colored pongee is an excellent substitute for china silk for knickerbockers to be worn in this way, and some women are having them made of pengee colored linen which go to the tub, to come home fresh and starched, to take the place of petticoats.

When these are worn for outings it is not necessary to wear any other pieces of underwear except the undershirt under the corset, and the corset cover under the shirtwaist.

LIGHT AND DAINTY.



This hat is extremely dainty, being ingenue coffures, the fancy has been made of lace, dotted light blue ribbon to allow the roses to bloom in the and pink roses.

CAN'T BLAME TOMMY MUCH.

-Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

No one who owes any debts has a

How every one envies Father Time:

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season without costing him anything.

right to be in bed after six o'clock in

the morning.



"Tommy, were you fighting with that Carter boy?"

"Yes, maw "Indn't I tell you not to quarrel with

anvone? "Yes, maw; but I thought all bets were off since you quit speaking to the Carter boy's maw."

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Nothing Else to Do.

A well-known doctor who dabbles in literature recently published a poem. Shortly after its appearance he was conversing with a lady celebrated for her wit.

"Well, doctor," she remarked, "so I hear you have taken to writing verse."

"O, merely to kill time." "Indeed! Have you disposed of all your other patients?"-Stray Stories.

Realistic.

The conversation turned on the effect produced on the emotions by pictorial art, when one gentleman remarked:

"I remember one picture that brought tears to my eyes." "A pathetic subject, I presume?"

"No, sir; it was a fruit painting," I was sitting close under it when it dropped on my head."

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