

The versatile Emperor of Germany is the latest critic of modern journalism. He deprecates especially the lack of preparation on the part of those who engage in the business of molding public opinion.

A man who has been rifling the mail boxes of at least one city has been caught. He was apprehended as he sought to cash a check he had found in his loot.

The cost of being a loyal college graduate is increasing every day, declares the New York Evening Post. In addition to paying for "directories," "booklets," "catalogues," "student publications" and various forms of "iana" there are class dinners to be subscribed for.

A young Pittsburg man who already has \$3,000,000 and is heir to half of \$10,000,000 more has been sent to a sanitarium a physical weak, the result of overwork and strain in attempting to amass more millions.

In London society it is considered the proper thing to play jokes by pouring water or something equally as wet down the back of a friend.

The Montreal bank clerk who stole \$25,000 didn't get away with enough, however, to entitle him to membership in the United States Bank Wreckers' union.

The first fireproof house seen in England was built by David Hartley in 1778. Iron and copper plates were laid between double floors.

A Kendalls, Wis., farmer had his stomach cut out and is well again. He will now begin at once to abuse and overload his digestive tract.

LEADERS OF "SOCIETY"

Men and Women Who Have Dominated the American Aristocracy of Blood and Wealth.

MANY REQUISITES FOR THE POSITION

Mrs. William Astor Had Natural Advantages, but Mrs. Paran Stevens Ruled Solely Through the Force of Her Will—Ward McAllister and Harry Lehr Each Had Undisputed Sway—Look for New Queen.

New York.—The struggles of men and women of America to win the title of society leader in this country, which in this connection is New York, has for years been as bitter and as earnest as any of the intrigues of the old French court.

For a good many years now, ever since the death of Mrs. Paran Stevens, in fact, Mrs. William Astor has undoubtedly been supreme. Lesser lights have shone for a few seasons, perhaps, but their brilliancy has been only that of the planets in the light of the moon.

Had Many Advantages. She came to the position with unlimited wealth, with a stainless name

a coming-out ball, the like of which at that time had not been surpassed. Almost from the day of her marriage she found herself obliged to fight vigorously for her title of social leader.

She Has Been Democratic. In a way, Mrs. Astor has been most democratic. Her power has been absolute, and in the course of her long career she has opened the doors of society to many new families, and has closed them to many who for years had enjoyed such privileges as their right.

requisite in such a fight, she won the position that she selected for herself against the stubborn traditions of a society peculiarly insular in its sentiments and provincial prejudices.

Born in Lowell, the daughter of Judge Reed, she was educated there and in Boston. It was while in a finishing school in Boston that she met Miss Stevens, the daughter of Paran Stevens, the famous hotel keeper.

It was partly through her efforts that the famous Ward McAllister was launched. This man was born in Savannah, Ga. He was of the bluest American blood, but without money.

Later Mr. McAllister took a house at Newport, and at once made himself a power there. From 1872 to 1885 he grew in power, and gained the title of which he was always proud, "the autocrat of the drawing room."

In order to demonstrate his supremacy, Mr. McAllister made arrangements for a New Year's ball, which he carried out with success.

amusing if I were not playing the muffs part in it. "He's laying down," says the stalker. "Below the knobble to the left of the burn."

Everybody is more or less intimately acquainted with the young man who disturbs the peace of a public place without making much noise.

Such a young man strode breezily into the cafe of one of the largest of the downtown hotels the other night. Everybody glanced up at him; most of the employees made haste to ascertain his pleasure and supply his wants.

Neither of Them Hard Tasks. It is as easy to write blank verse of a kind as it is to be virtuous on a desert island.—Westminster Gazette.

Prince Henry, when 79 guests besides the royal party were present. On that occasion everything was framed in a magnificence limited only by faultless good taste.

Now that Mrs. Astor is reaching a period in life when it can hardly be expected that she can endure the nerve-racking strain, the world of society is beginning to speculate about who shall succeed her.

How Mrs. Stevens Ruled Society. Seldom is the force, the irresistible power, of a woman's will, more convincingly exemplified than in the career of the former notable society leader, Mrs. Paran Stevens.

about the horse shows, in which he took great interest as a society function, or about a fashionable private reception. His book, "Society As I Have Found It," was a burning topic during the fall of 1890.

It was he who originated the Patriarchs' balls, dances given at Delmonico's by 50 representatives of New York families, each of whom subscribed \$100.

Ward McAllister died in 1895, looked upon by many as a man who really served a useful purpose in life, and ridiculed by many others. At any rate he was a power and laws that he laid down are still in force.

Harry Lehr Is Very Different. Of all recent men, the one who most closely resembles this former leader is Harry Lehr, although he has neither the intellect nor the social standing of the former. He has been

called the clown of society, and been laughed to scorn in the papers, but however that may be, he is evidently pleasing to society and occupies a unique position.

Where McAllister made his reputation as a skillful organizer, Lehr has made his mark as a freak entertainer. By birth he is a German, the son of a German consul, who went to Baltimore and died, leaving his son penniless.

Mr. Lehr has done many eccentric things which have won him notoriety. It was he who introduced the monkey dinner and carried it to a triumphant conclusion. He was ringmaster at Mrs. Oelrich's circus, and introduced punching bags at the pavilions at Bailey's beach, Newport.

Who Shall Now Be Leader? And now who among the women will succeed to the position still occupied by Mrs. Astor, should she wish to step out? Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has many champions.

Mrs. Ogden Mills has been mentioned, but her feud with Mrs. Belmont is still remembered, and this in itself would be a handicap. Then there is Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

It would seem that whoever succeeds Mrs. Astor will do so more by the logic of events than because of any strong effort on her own part.

young man, who, as developments proved, had almost as much time as money at his disposal, was heard to exclaim excitedly:

"What? Twenty minutes for a large, rare steak?" "It always takes from 15 to 20 minutes for a steak, sir," said the waiter, who was evidently not in the best of humor and who did not appear to care much about his job anyway.

"Twenty minutes for a steak?" repeated the young man; "that's ridiculous." And when the waiter said: "We've a small cold, breakfast steak I can get you right away; Number Four didn't eat the whole of it and the cat wasn't hungry this morning," nobody in the room seemed to care, barring the young man.—Providence Tribune.

Daily Thought. They change their sky, not their mind, who cross the sea. A busy idleness possesses us; we seek a happy life, with ships and carriage; the object of our search is present with us.—Horace.

AROUND THE HOUSE

HINTS AND RECIPES WORTH CONSIDERATION.

Simple Devices That Will Tend to Keep the Hands in Good Condition—Directions for Some Appetizing Dishes.

A housekeeper who has no maid was complaining of her inability to keep her hands in order because of dishwashing, from which, like thousands of other women, she shrank as a most distasteful task.

Some women can never be converted to using such little helps because at first it seems more natural to take the hand, but after perseverance for a few days these little aids will be preferred.

CANNED PEACH PUDDINGS.—Sift two cups of flour with two level teaspoons of baking powder, one-half teaspoon of salt; add one tablespoon of melted butter, two beaten eggs, and milk to make a thin batter or nearly one cup.

VANILLA SAUCE.—Beat the white of one egg stiff, and three rounding tablespoons of sugar, and beat well, then the yolk and beat again, and last three tablespoons of milk and half a teaspoon or more of vanilla.

SPICED BEEF.—Put three pounds of the round of beef into a kettle with water to cover; cook slowly until tender enough to pull apart easily.

PUMPKIN PIE.—To two cups of stewed and sifted pumpkin, add two-thirds cup of sugar, one-half level teaspoon of salt, one level teaspoon of cinnamon, two well beaten eggs, and enough milk to make four cups in all the mixture.

ONIONS WITH CREAM SAUCE.—Put the onions into boiling water and cook ten minutes, change the water and cook until tender. Serve with a sauce made with three cups of flour, one rounding tablespoon of butter, one-half level teaspoon of salt, and cook for five minutes.

WHITE LAYER CAKE.—Cream one and one-half cups of sugar with one-half cup of butter; add slowly three-quarters cup of milk, alternately with two cups of flour sifted with two level teaspoons of baking powder.

Household Hints. The stains of long standing should be soaked in glycerin and then washed in cold water.

A very strong solution of water and alum thrown on a burning object will speedily extinguish the flames.

When making ice cream pack newspapers tightly around the top of the freezer to prevent the ice melting too rapidly.

Select a dozen or so of the smoothest and largest splints from the new broom and lay them away to use in testing cake when it is baking.

Fruit and Nut Rolls. Sift together, three times, three cups of flour, six level teaspoons of baking powder and half a teaspoonful of salt.

The following is a delicious way to prepare winter apples. Peel, quarter and core six or eight apples. Steam or boil until about half cooked.

Restoring Flowers. Good flowers, if not very faded and very dirty, may have some of their pristine freshness restored by steaming and cutting the crumpled edges.

TELLS A STORY OF AWFUL SUFFERING AND WONDERFUL RELIEF.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman street, Columbia, Mo., says: "Following an operation two years ago, dropsy set in, and my left side was so swollen the doctor said he would have to tap out the water.

Treatment of Habitual Criminals. The New Zealand minister for justice has introduced the habitual criminals and offenders bill, which provides that where a person has been twice convicted of a criminal assault or four times of wounding, robbery or burglary, he may be regarded as an habitual criminal and at the expiration of his sentence detained in a reformatory.

In Tenth Century English. Dr. James W. Bright, of the Johns Hopkins university, has completed an edition of the Gospel of St. Luke in the West Saxon. This is his fourth in his series of books in the English of the tenth century. He is also at work on several other volumes.

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H. A. Fletcher, of 69 Blodgett street, Manchester, N. H., is living evidence of the truth of this statement. He says: "I received a shock of an apoplectic character. It was so severe that the sight of my right eye was affected, causing me to see objects double. I was confined to my bed about four weeks, at one time being told by the doctor that I could not get well. When I could leave my bed I was in such a nervous state that I could not sleep at night. I would get up and sit on a chair until completely tired out and then go back to bed and sleep from exhaustion."

"I had been under the doctor's care for six weeks when my sister, Mrs. Loveland, of Everett, persuaded me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I began taking the pills with the result that I soon experienced relief. One night soon after taking them I lay awake only a short time and the next night I rested well. From that time I slept well every night and soon got well and strong. I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a number of times, and my niece has taken them for weak nerves and poor blood and found them very beneficial."

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