HOW TO CARE FOR THE HANDS.

Bales For Sceping Them White and At-

The first thing to do is to try to keep hands smooth. Be careful first of soap. Select the kind which best agrees with the skin and always use it. As water is more or less hard, keep a Ittle covered box of powdered borax on your washstand and put a pinch or two your basin before washing your hands. If obliged to come in contact with coarse litchen sosp, you will want a more speedy remedy than the glycerin lotions. The vinegar cruet will supply this. Pour a little on your hands and let it dry in Lemon juice is better if equally convenient. Glycerin and rose water will eventually restore the skin to softness and whiteness.

Now to remove stains or discolorations. ▲ few grains of chloride of lime in warm water will whiten the hands almost immediately. Gowland's lotion persistently used will make a cure for grinny, ingy looking skin. As it is very expeneive and sometimes hard to get, the following is the formula: Jordan almonds (blanched), 1 ounce; bitter almonds (blanched), 2 to 3 drams; distilled water, one-half pint. Stir and add gradually to the strained emulsion bichloride of meroury, 15 grains of the coarse powder, which has been already dissolved in one-half pint of distilled water. Dip a cloth in this and wet the hands with it night and morning.

Always remove rings before using this, as there is mercury in it. Don't wash the hands in hot water or put them in it if not compelled, but wash always in warm water if possible. Wipe carefully, and with the towel pushaway the flesh from the lower part of the nail, leaving the little half moon visible. Don't point the nails or use colored salves for polishing. Cut nails with curved scissors.

Why Are "Crypts" So Called?

The word is derived from the Greek and means to hide, a crypt being an un-derground chamber, hidden as it were under a church. In the earliest times of Christianity worship was necessarily in the catacombs in Rome. It became customary afterward to use the tombs of the martyrs as churches, and thus crypts are supposed to originate. Churches were then built over the tombs and fitted as

Why Are "Dogdays" So Called? Properly speaking, the "dogdays" last from the 3d of July to Aug. 11. Dogs are then popularly supposed to go mad, but it is a mistaken notion, besides being unthe in fact. Dogs are, strange to say, less liable to rabies then than at other times. "Dogdays" is a translation of the "dies caniculares," the 20 days which precede and 20 which follow the ing of Sirius, the star, which the Romans called "Canicula," or the "little The ancients considered this star have an evil influence and sacrificed S brown dog to it in order to appease its rage. Of course it is known that in the course of time Sirius will rise in midwiner instead of midsummer.

How to Make a Good Lip Salve. Rose salve is very useful in winter to

sep the lips from chapping or cracking. To make it mix 8 ounces of oil of all all and monds and half an ounce of alkanet. Let them stand in a warm place and strain. Melt 14 ounces of white wax and half an ounce of spermaceti with the oil; stir it until it begins to thicken and add 12 drops of attar of roses. How We Use the word "Rodomontade."

"Rodomontade" means bragging and comes from Rodomont, king of Sarza or Algiers, in Borardo's "Orlando Inamorato" and Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso." This word is a most unjust imputation him from whose name it is derived. Rodomont was famous as the lover of Doralis, princess of Granada, who afterward eloped with Mandricardo, king of Tartary. In a quarrel he challenged Rogero at his wedding and was killed, but there was nothing in either the challenge or the fight to judge him as an eastern Bob Acres—all talk and no courage to fight.

How to Make Furniture Polish One pint of linseed oil, half a pint of gin, quarter of a pint of turpentine, one unce of butyr of antimony (poison) and a quarter of a pint of vinegar. Put se ingredients into a wine bottle and hake well. Rub briskly on the furniture with a flannel.

How the Atlantic Ocean Got Its Name. This ocean is supposed to have received as name from the fabulous island of Atlantis, which the ancients believe was situated in that ocean. This is first menloned by Plato, in which description Atlantis appeared as a large island lying of the Pillars of Hercules in the Atlantic sen. The Canary islands were supposed some to be the remains of the old Atlanwhile others believed that the vast ishand may have been the new world. It may also have been given the name Atgreat Atlas mountains of Africa.

How Dyspoptics May Find Pleasant Relief. Dyspepsia may be got rid of by the persistent use of the juice of the pineapple. There are medicinal properties of the highest order in this form of the fruit. In throat diseases and in diph-theria it has seldom failed to give relief.

Colery can be kept a week or longer by aret rolling it in dark brown paper; then uning it in a towel and laying away in cool, dark place. Before preparing it or the table place it in a pan of cold waer, and let it remain for an hour. Thus hopt, the celery will bleach to a consider-able extent and be finer than when first



No. 412.-Riddle-Me-Rec. My first is in claret, but not in wine; My second is in railing, and also in line. My third is in needle, but not in pin. My fifth is in ale, but not in beer. My sixth is in table, but not in chair. My seventh is in fron, but not in steel.

My eighth is in salmon, but not in cel.

My whole is a handsome, popular flower,
Which often grows o'er a shady bower.

No. 413 .- Pictured Word.



No. 414.-Numerical Enigms. My whole, a word of 11 letters, is "being

My 3, 8, 9, 11, 19 is a girl's name. 1, 8, 7 is a domestic animal. 7. 8. 6 is a name for a sailor. My 9, 8, 7 is a plaything. My 4, 2, 5, 7 is a part of the body. My 10, 8, 3, 11 is crippled.

My, 3, 8, 7, 11 is a companion. No. 415. - Central Acrostic.

All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When rightly ed and placed one below another in the order here given, the central letters will spell the name of a popular American novelist of early date.

Crosswords: 1. Greater in number, quan tity or extent. 2. Easily broken. punctuation mark. 4. Cheerless. 5. Covered with fine particles. 6. Having great height. 7. A fresh water fish. 8. A law or rule. 9. To crush into small fragments. 10. A masculine name. 11. Honorable fame.
12. Ghastly pale. 13. Having a low price in market. 14. A beverage. 15. Extending far and wide. 16. A proportional part or share. 17. A military station where stores and provisions are kept. 18. A whim or fancy. 19. Perforates.

No. 416.—Proverb Puzzles. 1. A hopeful proverb may be made from the letters which are contained in the following words:

2. A very well known proverb may be formed from the letters which are contained in the following words:

No. 417.-Word Building. I-1. A letter. 2. An article. 8. Hurried. 4. An East Indian plant. 5. To filter. 6. Provoking. 7. Moving swiftly, 8. Trampling. 9. Impeding.

II-1. A letter. 2. A preposition. 3. To clear of seeds by a machine. 4. Accumulation. 5. Texture. 6. Classing. 7. Boasting. 8. Traveling on foot. 9. A kind of grouse which chiefly inhabits the northern countries of Europe, Asia and America.

No. 418.-Rhomboids. Across-1. Untrue. 2. Spruce. 8. Part of a flower. 4. Even threads of metal. 5.

A boy's name. Down-1. A letter. 2. An article. 8. To lay over. 4. To boil slowly. 5. A name. 6. A measure of length. 7. Gone before. 8. A note in music. 9. A letter. Across—1. An iron pipe used in forges.

2. A first appearance. 3. The base of boracic acid. 4. A chemical sait. 5. To pre-

Down-1. A letter. 2. A boy's name. 8. A film. 4. Black. 5. Gloomy. 6. To carry. 7. A snare. 8. A musical note. 9. A letter.

No. 419.-Diamonds.

1. A consonant. 2. To transport. 3. Swift. 4 A sharp pointed instrument. 5. A consonant.

1. A letter. 2. A little boat. 3. To sink by bending the knee. 4. A species of prim-rose. 5. Extremely cold. 6. To drive away.

No. 420.—Arithmetical Puzzles.

If 60 gallons of water in an hour's time fall into a cistern containing 200 gallons, and by a pipe in the same cistern there run out 45 gallons per hour, in how many hours will it be filled?

2. There are two numbers whose sum will be 37 and their difference three. Find the

No. 421. Animals, Fish and Birds.

1. A thin cloth. 2. A worthless person.

8. A liquid, and a term of endearment.

5. To fuse ore.

6. Before dawn, a place of rest and

heavy wind. 7. To perforate.

8. One who gathers, and a letter. An engine for destroying ships.

10. A heavy cloth. 11. To stretch.

12. Part of a chicken, a letter and a river 18. A papal edict, and part of a cask.

Nature's Ways. The potato slyly winks its eye. The cornstalk pricks up its ears. The cabbage nods its he The beet gets red in the face

onion grows stronger. The fruit tree groans under its lo The wheatfield is shocked. The rye strokes its beard. The forest trees get their trunks ready es

to leave next spring. The beanpoils are rattled.

The cucumbers are in a pickle.

The river gently murmurs, "I'll be

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 404.—Transposition and Acrostic realsu—I. Bombay. 2. Rhone. 8. Esthe Breslau-1. Bombay. 2. Rhone. 3. Esther.
4. Silesia. 5. Loire. 6. Alexander. 7. Ural.
No. 405.—Connected Diamonds: I-1. R.
5. Put. 3. Ruier. 4. Ten. 5. R. II-1. R.
6. Cap. 3. Raved. 4. Pea. 5. D. III-1.
R. 2. Ram. 3. Raged. 4. Met. 5. D. IV
-1. D. 2. Ers. 3. Dress. 4. Asa. 5. S.
No. 406.—Puzzles in Figures: 1. Tom, 19
pards 2 feet 9 inches. Fred, 9 yards 3 inches. A A, 17. B, 84. C, 39. No. 407 .- Illustrated Rebus: Se

worth a realm (cents-eye aw earth-air elm) No. 608.—Anagram: Undetermined. No. 608.—Behanded Words: 1. S-t-ala. S Flace the stems in cool water, sprinkle the bade themselves with the same; then in a dark, cool room. The cells is best. They will thus keep fresh by several days, yet not perceptibly at Wheat & Clover, & Cots, & C

SHE WAS TOO SLOW. While She Thought of Revenge Her Lever

Practiced It. She was a literary young woman, and she had quarreled with her literary lover even more flercely than was their wont. Her dearest friend, coming in on the morning of the third day to hear all about it for the

"Yes, it is all over," she sighed, "and I can never be happy again. Why, I haven't even curled my bangs for two days, and

when I found three typographical errors in my poem on 'Sorrow' I didn't even write to the editor about it."

"He never was half good enough for you."
said her friend consolingly. "Tom said so

only yesterday."
"What else did he say?" demanded the literary young woman. "Not that anything matters to me now."

"He said that you were as pretty as a picture and that you write a great deal better than Dick ever dared to."

"Did he really? By the way, is my hair frightfully out of curl?"

"Not at all, only you look pale."
"Of course. My heart is broken. What else did Tom say?"

"That he saw Dick driving with Laure Briggs the day before."
"He did, did he? Well, Laura Briggs can have him if she wants him. I'm sure

I don't," and she burst into tears. "Of course you don't. And Tom wanted to know when you would publish another of your delightful stories,"

"Did he, indeed? I think a great deal of Tom's literary judgment—much more than I do of Dick's. He always criticises my stories. But I'll get even with him." "How? Do tell me."

"I've a letter here from the editor of The Weekly Lollipop asking for a story, and I intend to take Dick for the hero, and make It so like him that everybody will recognize him and just hold him up to public scorn."

"Oh, what a genius you are!" "Yes, and I will even make use of his let-

"How perfectly splendid! Begin right away. Don't mind me." "I will. By the way, here is the last num-

ber of The Lollipop. I haven't read it yet. It may amuse you."
"Thanks. Oh, I see it has one of Dick's stories in it."

"Indeed! I'm surprised that they published it. Nobody cares to read his work, I'm sure. Just let me look at it, will you?" A few moments later there was a loud cry, and the literary young woman sprang to her feet, upsetting the ink bottle as she did so.

"The wretch, the brute, the monster! she cried wildly.
"What is it? Oh, what has he done?"

"He has made me the heroine of his story and used every letter that he ever wrote me in it!"-Chicago Tribune.



Young Man-What did your pa say when he heard that I had kissed your sister? Little Girl-He said that was encourag-

They Matched.

Wagleigh-Bagleigh had a curious adventure the other day. He got into the middle of a field when he found that an angry brindle bull stood in front of one gate while a healthy Jersey cow guarded the other. He didn't know which to face.

Tagleigh-I suppose the cow proved to be the most harmless. Wagleigh-No; it was a toss up between the two.-Brooklyn Life.

Childish Simplicity.

Little Emilietta committed some triffing offense for which, as a punishment, she was put by her mother in a corner of the dining room. In a few minutes, when she had

ceased crying, she slowly lifted her eyes, and heaving a deep sigh said: "Now, come; do come and kiss me, mother dear. I forgive you."-Piccolo Illustrato.

"Why did you shoot this man?" "In self defense," answered the police

"Why, he was running away from you." "I know it looked so. But I was afraid he was going around the block to attack me from behind."—Washington Star.

"Jawley was at the club last night."
"Was he? Did be talk?" "About half the night."-Harper's Besar.

A Long Session.

"I'd hate to be in your shoes," said a weman as she was quarreling with a neighbor.
"You couldn't get into them," sarcastically replied the neighbor.—London Tit-litta.

The Growth of a Milliner's Bill. Before her showcase drawer she knelt, And took therefrom a "shape" of felt Which cost her half a dollar. Next she unwound a quarter yard Of velvet from the dollar card, And started sewing very hard in quite a fit of choier.

twenty-five cent flower next he took, and, still appearing vexed. She stitched the three together To pattern once did she refer, She told a girl to bring to her A forty-five cent feather.

a ornament of jet she got-And lace that cost a quarter.

And in a little hour or two

Her work was done, and she was through

Creating that nice bonnet new

For some man's wife or daughteri

And then she smiled a happy smile. To think how milliners begulle.
Their sex about a bonnet.
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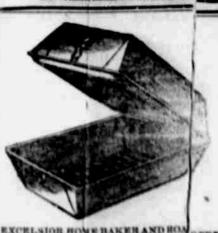
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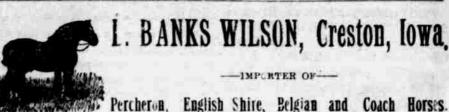
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CHRISTMAS



'HE man who said 'There's nothing sure in the world but death and taxes " might have given a pleasant aspect to this philosophy by noting that Christmas was coming, too, and pretty regular at that,

The rise and progress of Christmas in this country is a very interesting subject of investigation, as showing the diverse character of America's early settlers and the peculiar elements concerned in the development of the features of our present holiday season. The Virginia settlement was cradled in poverty and was too deeply concerned with the problem of existence to celebrate any thing. In New England the life of the Pilgrim Fathers was so hard that statutes were easily cuarted forbidding the celebration of Christmas, largely on the ground that the day could not be spar d as a time of abstinence from work A compromise was finally made, however that only those who worked on that

day should have anything to eat during the twenty-four hours It was by the Dutch and Germans who settled in New York later that Christmas was first recognized to any notable extent in early times. The Dutch and English brought the Yule log to the Christmas fireside, but it was the Germans, with their old Druidical traditions, who introduced evergreens and planted the first Christmas trees on this continent. Then St. Nicholas, the early Christian patron saint of the young, and Santa Claus, the kindred patronsaint among the Dutch, began to be invoked for blessings. Other elements in the population gradully became interested in Yuletide and the Christmas tree,

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