

Many a man has lost popularity because he could not talk without declaiming.

Several men have already gone crazy over politics, and, only think, the fun has just begun.

A notable thing among politicians is the fact that personal enemies are generally members of the same party.

During the last ten days a Georgia man has written thirty campaign poems and received two offers to go on the stage.

If it proves true that the czar of Russia has no objection to the landing of Greek soldiers on the island of Crete it would seem as if a war between Greece and Turkey were inevitable.

A St. Louis man is playing a great joke on his contrary hens. And anyone who ever owned hens knows that they will not set when they are wanted to, and they insist on setting on anything remotely resembling an egg at seasons when their efforts should be directed to egg laying exclusively.

The work of constructing the coast defenses authorized by congress will soon begin. Preliminary arrangements for carrying out the projects contemplated have been made by General Craighill, the chief of engineers, and one-half of the \$5,000,000 available under the law will be expended immediately under plans already approved.

Some startling information has come from the far east, the announcement being made that Russia has intimated to Japan that she must withdraw from Formosa. The fact has attracted notice that Russia has merged at Vladivostok a strong fleet and 100,000 men and vast stores of war material.

In no more emphatic manner are modern facilities of transportation emphasized than in the safety with which perishable food is conveyed from a great distance. In this particular Australia, South America and the United States are no further removed from Europe than a single province formerly was from the capital of the country of which it formed a part.

A young lady in Muncie who was booked to be married was thrown into violent hysteria for fear "something might happen." The physicians were powerless to aid her.

It is said that Li Hung Chang is looking for American money. If that is the case the only suggestion we can make is that he come here and open a laundry.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.



It goes into the can, or is afterwards done, it can hardly be kept in fit condition by the use of water alone, writes C. H. Everett in Wisconsin Agriculturist.

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This health question is a great one for the number of fowls lost every year is incalculable. This means the cutting down of the profits very materially. This in itself is sufficient reason for every progressive farmer owning some kind of an appliance for heating water for the use of the stock.

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WOLF HUNTING.

Great Sport with Hounds and Horses in Colorado.

A writer in the American Field tells of an exciting wolf hunt on a Colorado ranch, with the aid of mustang ponies and two well-bred hounds, Czar and Shirock. It is a rare sport, and one that can be but seldom enjoyed, even in the West, of late years, because the vicious animal that was once the terror of the lonely traveler across the plains is becoming scarcer and scarcer as the years go by.

But Czar led, closely followed by Shirock. On, on, went the wolf. Faster, faster, flew the brave hounds, running with a determination that fore-shadowed the doom of the fleeing beast. Now it turned to the right in a vain effort to elude the swift coming hounds. The ground is smooth and free from cactus, and they are within 100 yards of their game.

FIRST USED

In England Over Two Centuries Ago Was Gilt-Edged Paper.

A letter from James I., bearing his sign manual and addressed to Sir John Stanhope, requesting him to pay £200 into the royal exchequer, and dated 24 July, 1634, is written on squared paper. A holograph letter from Lord Cranborne to his father, the Earl of Salisbury, Lord High-Treasurer of England, and dated Paris, 18 February, 1638, is written on cut and gilt-edged paper (the first example of this process in my collection).

An interesting illustration of the use of gilt-edged paper in this reign is afforded by the original accounts for stationery supplied to the Princes Charles and James in the year 1641. These documents are signed by Bishop Duppa, the tutor of these Princes, and certified for payment by the Earl of Essex.

Government's Camels.

The British Government is the owner of about 25,000 camels, the greater number being in India, where they are kept in reserve at the commissariat depots to meet various requirements, such as the carriage of stores to out stations and camp equipages of troops changing quarters by line of march.

The Rights of Friendship.

It is night. Herr Awkward steps upon a gentleman's toes. "I beg your pardon, sir," he cries. The Gentleman (an old friend of Awkward's)—"Oh, don't mention it." (Recognizes Awkward.) "Oh, it's you, is it? You—fool, can't you see where you are going?"

In Paris there are over 1,000 professional fortune tellers.

IN WOMAN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Serving Warm Weather Meals—Hints Growing Narrower—Pretty Gowns for This Season of the Year—Interesting to the Sex.



THE MATTER OF breakfast and lunch during the heated term, when the very thought of eating until the cool of the evening is annoying, is one that puzzles many a business woman, who finds that it is difficult to do good work when she has forced herself to partake of the usual breakfast of meat, rolls and coffee.

GOWN FOR A BRIDE.

(From Godey's.)



Color Combinations.

Purple is one of the colors whose various depths of tone combine well, and this being a purple season, that fact is taken full advantage of in many ways.

Gray and yellow are again seen in companionship, and, like green and black, the association always has a refined and exclusive look.

Foulard is increasing in favor in Paris, and probably by next summer it will be universally worn here, although as yet little of it is seen. It is light, cool and pretty and suited to the composition of charming toilets.

When She Wants a Photograph. When the Princess of Wales intends to visit the photographer's she usually arranges that her sitting shall take place in the morning.

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is fitted up as a dressing-room, and here is to be found a maid from Marlborough house, who has preceded her royal mistress with a dressing case containing all toilet requisites.

Bernhardt's Wealth of Hair. Bernhardt, who has really the most remarkable personality of any living woman, will not exercise, and hates fruit unless she happens to feel in a mood for eating it, and still she has a handsome head of hair, and this, the health doctors say, is quite remarkable, in view of the fact that fruit and exercise make beautiful hair.

The Summer Mode.

Notwithstanding all persistency to the contrary, the skirt is getting narrower, and this is synonymous with saying that it is to be trimmed; tucks

and volants with narrow lace belong to the light batistes and muslins; ribbons, braids in application, borders, etc., to the heavy stuffs. The stiff skirt disappears, and with it the folds; it is simply pleated all around, the pleats forming a point in the front breadth.

A remarkable feature is the preference for small jackets on the waist—principally the zouave jacket, reaching barely to the waist line. The little sleeveless jacket harmonizes either with the skirt to contrasting sleeves and front parts of blouse, or else it consists entirely of lace of embroidered



fabric, of batiste or gauze with volant edge. The supplement is the corset or ribbon belt, which must stand in full contrast to the costume; for instance, black to blue or green, white to gray or brown, ruby to black or white.

Looking Backward.

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