NORTH PLATTE, - - NEBRASKA

Living Up to Youth. "How do you keep so youthful?" somebody, says a London correspondent, recently asked King Edward VII. Thereupon his majesty is alleged to have replied: "The secret is, to surround yourself with a younger generation than your own, and to live up to it." The story may not be authentic; for royalty, even when genial and popular, does not permit itself to be catechized in any such tactless, free-andeasy fashion. But the king might have made the reply truthfully; and it is a true saying, whether he said it or not. Two Americans of 60 odd, friends in earlier years, met after long separation, and one, who was an old man and admitted it, said, almost freifully, to the other, "Why are you so young?" The other, who had been for half his life the head of a public school, looked toward the splendid building that sheltered a thousand boys and girls. "With that great wave of youthfulness beating up against me all the time, how can I grow old?" he answered. The schoolmaster would have been warranted in using the words attributed to the king. Encompassed by youth, and glad to be so, he "lived up to it." That would mean, perhaps, says the Youth's Companion, that he clung to his early enthusiasms, including many which aging men might term illusions; that, while he thought and spoke sincerely, he kept a generous belief in others; that he refused to brood over the past, made much of the present, and looked always hopefully toward the future. For living up to youth means cherishing its spirit; and upon the spirit of youth Time hesitates to lay a withering hand.

Not a Meddlesome Commission.

The first hearing of the Commission on Country Life, held at College Park, Md., served to dispel some erroneous notions as to the purposes of that body. Prof. L. H. Bailey in an address explained that the commission has no idea of "investigating" the farmer, The design is not to go about inquiring officiously and offensively into matters which are really of a private nature, but to get at facts which can be useful and valuable to all concerned. For some reason, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, there have been attempts to create the belief that the commission is likely to be meddlesome and unduly prying. Nothing could be farther from the intention, and a statement by way of explanation from a man of Prof. Bailey's character and standing is quite sufficient to set matmost successful teachers of practical the greater that hatred. farming in the country, and those associated with him on the commission are workers along the same line. The result of the commission's efforts cannot fail to be highly valuable to agriculturists.

Lately an educational expert stigmatized American women the laziest in the world, and as bringing up their children in the same path of slothful avoidance of all trouble and effort. Now a western man, speaking at a meeting of a patriotic society, declares that the women of the day have deteriorated, and that few would follow their husbands into privation and danger, as did the wives of the pioneers of American history. It is easy to make these wholesale, superficial charges and the ease, apparently, is making it a fashion, but the men making them would find it hard to prove them. The women of the nation, as a whole, are as womanly and as wholesome as they ever were. If the contrary were the case, this country would not to-day be occupying its proud position among the nations of the world, for every nation is what its women make it. It is time to call a halt on these reckless seekers for relief, regardless of truth.

One of the teachers in the Vevay schools the other day asked her class the origin of the word stateroom, as applied to berths on steamboats. Not one in the class could answer the question, and we doubt if there are many people who could. The word, says Vevay (Ind.) Reveille, originated with the newspapers many years ago. At that time a magnificent steamer was built and 35 sleeping rooms were made alongside the cabin. At that time there were 35 states in the union. and a room was named for each state. Later the state of Texas was added to the union, and the sleeping apartments set aside for the officers of the boat was dubbed "Texas."

The English suffragettes are now about to organize a cavalry troop among themselves, being tired of walking and believing that when mounted they will have an advantage over the police in their suffrage parades. If they don't watch out parliament and the cabinet will be captured bodily by these aggressive ladies yet.

A Parisian metallurgical engineer claims to have perfected a process of and can be trimmed with a little cot buttoned all the way down the front welding copper to steel wire so as to ton lace. make a non-corrosive coating.

Evening Dresses



Soft ivory satin is used for the first costume shown. It has an empire skirt, set in small tucks at the back, and up front is trimmed with gold embroidered galloon; the galloon is also carried across the front for about 20 inches, then ends under the deep cross-fold that is continued all round. The bodice is cut with kimono sleeves gauged on the top of arm; the square neck is outlined with the galloon, so are the sleeves and the bands into which the puffed sleeves are gathered. The folds of gold tissue which finish the top skirt are drawn through a gold buckle at side of front. Materials required: Seven yards satin 42 inches wide, 6 yards galloon.

14 yard gold tissue 18 Inches wide.

The second is in pale mauve silk. The skirt is trimmed with lace insertion, the bodice is trimmed with insertion, and has a tucker of net drawn up with baby ribbon. A breadth of silk ninon of a darker shade of mauve is edged with ball fringe, and draped round the top of the high-waisted skirt, and falls in long sash ends behind.

Materials required: Fourteen yards slik, 9 yards insertion, 3 yards ninon 20 inches wide, 3 yards fringe,

DO YOU FEAR GROWING OLD?

Remain Lovable and Keep the Mind Alert to the Times.

The future is not half so creepy to the girl "standing with unwilling feet where the brook and river meet," as it is to that same girl when she reaches "the between age" and finds age staring her in the face.

Every woman hates to grow old, and the more vital has been her life, the ters right. Prof. Bailey is one of the more filled with joy and popularity, ing may arrange them according to

It is not pleasant to picture oneself friendless, lonely and not wanted they also need a support. The wall is around; to feel one's hair and eyes and teeth get the worse for wear, and know that however tight your grip. youth refuses to be held.

An old woman who is lovable never yet lacked love: the trouble is that so many of us forget to keep lovable. We grow sour, or discontented or captious and then blame our lack of friends on our years.

The woman who need not fear grow ing old is the woman who keeps alive to the times, whose mind is alert to the best in the world to-day rather than raking over the past; who does not worry, therefore does not "fuss," whose aim is a young heart and in achieving it forgets to fret over wrinkles and bodily age.

MODISH COIFFURE.



In this illustration is shown the new and fashionable arrangement of the hair. It is slightly parted in the front and drawn softly to the back, where there is a loose psyche knot formed of puffs and around which is fastened a band of velvet or satin ribbon.

What It Means to Be Smart. Dress is the keynote of the situation at country house parties. A smart child's hair. woman is expected to make as many alterations as a quick-change artist at a music hall. She wants tailor-made gowns, shooting and motoring suits, smart frocks for luncheons, dainty dresses for tea and splendid costumes

pearance.—The Tattler. Domestic Crepe Blouses.

for dinner; and no gown, whether day

or evening, must make a second ap-

Since the popularity of white cotton crepe for everyday blouses a domestic cotton crepe for 15 cents a yard has been brought out. It is not nearly as good style as the Japanese article, but, as the other is expensive, this serves as a good substitute. It washes well

HARD PILLOWS ON DIVAN.

Should Be Arranged So as to Support the Softer Ones.

Every one does not know that a wide divan is made more comfortable by having at its back two huge, hard pillows that will support the softer ones

It is usual to heap up a great variety of these extra soft ones on a large divan so that anyone sitting or reclinone's comfort.

These are needed, it is true, but usually too far back from the front edge of the divan to serve. The two large pillows made of the material which covers the divan are not only comfortable, but artistic.

They may be stuffed with excelsion into coarse muslin or ticking, then covered with the chosen fabric. They look better with a heavy cord around the edging.

If the end of the divan is against the wall as well as its side, a third pillow may be added to give an added framework to the little pillows.

This is not an expensive trick, but if a housewife ever tries it she will never let the divan go without this art of its equipment.

Gray and Pink Veils.

Even on inclement days the girl of to-day wants to look her best. She does not wear any old hat and frock for fear of rain, but she dresses herself from head to foot in a costume built for the weather.

It is now her custom to save her good and expensive fish net veils for dry weather, so on wet days she wears a close face veil of deep rose pink chiffon and over this a thin veil of gray sewing silk.

These are snugly pinned over her hat, covering the trimming, and neatly tucked into place at the nape of the neck and at the top.

Hint for Washing Hair.

To avoid tangling the hair when washing it, first separate it into two parts by running the comb from the forehead straight down the back of the head. Then divide each of these parts into two and make four small braids instead of one large one. When the washing is done, if each braid is taken out and combed by itself there will be few, if any, tangles. This is an especially good idea in washing a

Baby Carriage Robe.

These little affairs are made like pillow covers, with a flap at the top that overla, 3 the front and closes with a small button. The flap is scalloped, embreidered and also finished with a monogram. The other portion is left quite plain, or a simulated hem is outlined with a white briar stitch. Being made in this shape it can conveniently be used at times to hold small articles of infant clothing.

Princess Business Gown.

The smartest of broadcloth princess gowns are being shown for business wear. They are made perfectly plain, and have long buttoned sleeves.

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Interesting Bits of News Gathered at the National Capital.

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W ASHINGTON.—It was generally known that divorces in the United States were getting more numerous each year, but nobody was prepared for the surprising statement made in a census bureau report that one marriage out of every twelve in the country terminates in divorce. Yet such is the case, as shown by the bureau's figures.

The statistics are the result of careful gathering of figures in every state in the union, the period covered being from 1887 to 1906. The last set of national statistics on marriage and divorce covered the period from 1867 to 1886. The present set of statistics, taken in conjunction with the former one, therefore, gives a view of the marriage and divorce question for the past 40 years.

The total number of marriages recorded for the 20-year period from 1887 to 1906 was 12,832,044. The total number of divorces for the period was 945.625.

For the period of the first investigation of the subject, from 1867 to 1886, the total number of divorces was 328, 716. At the beginning of the 40-year period covered by both investigations there were in this country 10,000 divorces annually; at the end of the period there were 66,000 annually.

The divorce rate per 100,000 popula-

population was \$1 in 1870 and 200 in 1890. "This comparison," says the bulletin, "indicates that divorce is at present two and one-half times as common, compared with married population, as it was 40 years ago."

The Dakotas, which have a national reputation as divorce states, prove, on analysis of the tables, to be nowhere. either in total number of divorces granted or number of divorces per 100,000 of population, as against other states.

In discussing the relation of divorce to population, the bulletin says: "An increase of 30 per cent. In population between the years 1870 to 1880 was accompanied by an increase of 79 per cent, in the number of divorces granted In the next decade, 1880 to 1890, the population increased 25 per cent. and divorces 70 per cent., and in the following decade, 1890 to 1900, an increase of 21 per cent. In population was accompanied by an increase of 66 per cent. in the number of divorces. In the six years from 1900 to 1906, population, as estimated, increased 10.5 per cent, and divorces 29.3 per cent.

"It thus appears that at the end of the 40-year period divorces were increasing about three times as fast as population, while in the first decade (1870 to 1880) they increased only about two and two thirds as fast.

"Divorce rates appear to be much higher in the United States than in any of the foreign countries for which statistics relating to this subject have been obtained."

Two-thirds of the total number of divorces granted in the 20-year period covered by this investigation were granted to the wife. Children were retion increased from 29 in 1897 to 82 ported in 39.8 per cent, of the total in 1905. The rate per 100,000 married number of divorce cases.

Ethel Roosevelt Mourns Loss of Lemon



THE strenuous life is not for Lemon, a small bull pup, whose habitat, until recently, was the White House. Lemon noticed a door ajar the other morning while roaming the White House, looking for excitement, and has not returned.

Though his name might not indicate first dog in the land and he beat it.

ed her loss to the police. Instanter a the rash act."

general lookout order was sent to every district in the precinct, and by nightfall there was not a dog on the streets of Washington. In the collection held for identification was every species of canine from a mangy mastiff to a flea-bitten fice, but none answered to the name of Lemon.

Various motives, if a dog may have a motive, may be assigned to Lemon's abrupt departure from the Roosevelt household. He might have had a vision of a small bull pup swinging to the port side of a lion in the wilds of Africa, and his master's voice shouting "sic 'em Lemon."

Again, he might have dreaded the it, Lemon is a puppy of class and time when he would reach the proper caste. But for all that he's a dog and | age to be harnessed to one of Master the sight of his vagabond brothers Archie's carts, or be matched in a romping in the streets, dodging auto- main with the household cat, or wear mobiles and snapping at horses' heels an empty can attached to his tail. disgusted the Lemon with being the However, Lemon's motive for running away is purely speculative, for it is

Lemon is the property of Miss Ethel | not given in the police report, and his Roosevelt, debutante elect, who report- mistress "can attribute no cause for

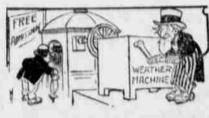


W HEN it comes to diplomatic maneuvering to accomplish their designs the officers of the navy can give pointers to the Russians and the could not be proven, but there is a Japanese. As an instance the case of the hospital ship Relief may be cited. It will be remembered that last winter President Roosevelt made an order that the Relief should be com- a ship. manded by a medical officer. The men at the navy department were amazed that a doctor should be given command of a vessel, but there was no appeal from Mr. Roosevelt's order. The Relief was detailed to accompany the fleet on its trip around the world. Letters from men who are with the The Relief has everything else beaten."

Naval Officers Experts in Diplomacy The story is that the Relief has been burdened with woe ever since the cruise began, and that every officer of the navy, except the doctors, is tickled to death that this is so. The line officers who didn't approve having a doctor as their commander have found many ways, the story goes, of making life miserable to the men in charge of the hospital ship. Of course the suggestion of a service conspiracy to this end would be resented and sub rosa intimation that something very like a cabal has been formed with the purpose of proving how much a doctor doesn't know about running

Wherever the fleet has been the Re-Hef has usually limped along behind the procession. She has had trouble getting supplies, getting coal, getting consideration of all kinds. It always just happened this way and nobody in particular was to blame. It is hinted that when the fleet returns sugfleet have been received here telling gestions will be made in many quarof the sad experiences of the hospital ters that the cruise has demonstrated ship and her commander. In describe that nobody is competent to manage ing these experiences one writer pref- a war vessel who is not an accredited aced his letter as follows: "The Re officer of the navy. In other words, lief is the most unpopular institution that the experience of the Relief, with in the navy. There is no exception, a medical officer in command, has been a hopeless failure.

Weather Kiosk to Be Placed on Street



N interesting experiment is about A to be conducted in Washington. If it meets with success it will be exof a few days there will be opened at one of the busiest points on Pennsylvania avenue a weather kiosk similar other places in Germany. The object windows of the klosk will be copies of | readings.

the daily weather charts, forecasts is sued by the weather bureau, maximum thermometer and theronograph for recording temperature and rain gauge. There will be no barometer for it is the wish of the department that only meteorological facts in their simplest form shall be shown.

Officials of the weather bureau be-

lieve there will be great public inter-

est in their new scheme. If their hopes are realized similar kiosks will be erected in about 15 cities in the tended to other cities. In the course course of the next five or six months. Among other things expected of these kiosks is that they will ruin the reputations held by many cities of the to those now in use in Berlin and United States, especially Washington, for excessive summer heat, many recof the agricultural department in ords of this kind having been estabbringing about this innovation is to lished by inaccurate thermometers besupply meteorological information in ing hung outside stores and other popular form. Behind the curtained buildings not conducive to correct TO CURE A COUGH

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CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTION.



Mrs. Thrifty-Well, if you're thirsty I'll give you a glass of water to

Weary Willy-I dare not touch water, mum. I've got an iron constitution and it might rust it.

Why Joyner Left Home.

"Are you ready to receive the obligations?" asked the most upright supreme hocus-pocus of the Order of Hoot Owls.

"I am," said the candidate, firmly. "Then take a sip of this prussic acid, place your right hand in this pot of boiling lead, rest your left hand upon this revolving buzz-saw, close

your eyes and repeat after me-" Early next morning shreds of Joyner's clothing were found upon the bushes and trees all along the road to Pottsville, 30 miles distant, and at Scrabbletown, 69 miles away, he was reported still headed west .- Judge.

The juryman who toward the end of a very long trial wished to know what the terms "plaintiff" and "defendant" signified is not alone in his ignorance. A writer in the Philadelphia Press tells of a man whose coat had been stolen. He had charged a suspicious-looking individual with the

"You say this man stole your coat?" said the magistrate. "Do I understand that you prefer charges against him?" "Well, no, your honor," replied the plaintiff. "I prefer the coat, if it's all the same to you."-Youth's Compan-

A Natural Cause.

"I think," said the smart child, reflectively, "that Hungary must be the most human-like of all the nations." "Why so, my child?" asked the fond

"Because," the smart child answered, "it is governed by its Diet."

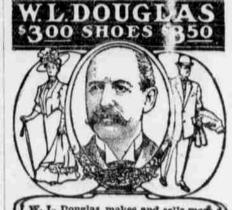
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