

HAVING A PURPOSE.

We can well imagine times when the necessity for applying ourselves is very real and very stern; when we can derive but little comfort from our position, and when we are likely to pose as martyrs rather than as soldiers ready for the fray. But all that comes before the light of reason and understanding breaks through the darkness and makes things plainer than they have ever been. It is good to have an individual purpose in life; what that purpose is lies within our own breasts.

How much of a man's income should be spent for rent? Benjamin C. Marsh, of New York, executive secretary of the committee on congestion of population, told the Citizenship class of the South Congregational church of this city that no wage-earner should pay more than 20 per cent. of his income for rent, says the Boston Globe.

It is not clear from the annual police report exactly what relation exists between the number of arrests for carrying concealed weapons and growth of the habit itself. The largely increased number of arrests may indicate keener attention to the evil on the part of the police rather than any material increase in gun toting.

The west can outdo the east, when it sets about it. That Oriental ball in San Francisco threw the famous Hyde ball in New York into the shade, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin.

A man in Philadelphia who some years ago befriended a tramp to the extent of one dollar has been left a fortune by the grateful nomad. But this need not cause a rush of sympathetic benefactors towards the wandering Willie faternity under the delusion that this case is the rule and not the exception.

A western court rules that a bulldog is a "weapon." More accurately, it would seem, a projectile of great muzzle power at rather short range, but whose velocity generally beats that of the pugnacious intruder when the bulldog is turned loose.

One of San Francisco's wealthy club men was shot to death because he smiled on his wife and her chauffeur. He seems to have lacked an understanding of San Francisco etiquette.

"Tattoo" Veil



Photographed by Underwood & Underwood, N. Y.

Here is one of the latest veils worn by fashionable society women, with the novel "swirl" on one cheek. These veils carry every conceivable design from an alligator to a rosebush, and give a curious tattooed effect to the wearer.

WOMAN HAS CLEVER SCHEME

Possible Accidents to Costumes, No Matter What Their Color, Are All Provided For.

At one of the debutante teas the hostess, a woman noted for her fastidious dressing, tore her gown so badly that repair was necessary. A friend accompanied her to her room to sit and chat while the mending was going on. The maid brought out a sewing case filled with needles threaded with silks and cottons of all colors. It took but a moment to select the required color and the repairs were quickly made.

GOOD COMBINATION.



The effectiveness of black and gray, shown in a gown of gray cloth allied to black panne and black Spanish lace.

Dainty Dresser Cover.

For a dresser cover, take three embroidered handkerchiefs, sew a row of insertion around each one; then join them together, and put a narrow lace around all; line with any preferred color of cambric, tacking at each corner so it can be easily removed for laundering.

BLACK AND WHITE COSTUME

Idea That Really Never Has Lost Favor Comes With New Versions of the Mode.

Black and white costumes, it seems, have been revived, though probably few have ever been able to discover that they were in need of any such process. A smart new version of the mode may be seen in a suit consisting of a white linen skirt and a black taffeta coat, in Russian blouse style, which is adorned with white linen buttons and buttonholes bound with white linen.

The Living Room.

In choosing chairs for the living room the individual requirements of the members of the family should be remembered, so that when the family is gathered together there will be a comfortable spot for each member.

The curtains, too, should be chosen in accordance with the needs and desires of the family.

On the other hand, the room will probably require all the light possible. A happy arrangement is often made by having upper and lower curtains. Such saak curtains are made in two tiers and hung on two sets of brass rods, so that either the upper or lower half, or both, can readily be drawn aside.

Narrow Belts Smart.

While wide girderlike belts are fashionable, there is something chic and smart about the narrow belt which the former lack.

Black patent leather belts one and a half inches in width are popular. These are decorated with a buckle to match, or one of antique silver. Plain stitched cloth belts to match the suit are also worn.

Suede and leather belts are made in all widths desired, and in every color.

Shoes in Colors.

Every effort is being made to produce novelties. Many colors are being made up into suede shoes—purple, sage green, sea blue, raspberry red. The colored shoes are worn with dresses to match, and with white and black gowns, and colored stockings of these bright shades are worn with black shoes.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Veteran and Bride Face Want for Love



KANSAS CITY.—Expelled from the Confederate Home at Higginsville because they became engaged and were married several weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Starns, both past 70 years old, came to try their future in Kansas City the other morning. The aged couple had just 15 cents when they arrived at the court house to apply for admission to the county home.

She became ill five months ago and I was assigned to wait on her. 'Well, we just got to talking to each other and decided that if younger folks could get married there wasn't any crime for older ones to do the same. I wanted a wife and she wanted a husband and we made up our minds that if we had to be thrown out into the cold world or anywhere else we would get married. I found that my heart was just as susceptible to love as when I was a youth and a whole regiment of Yankees couldn't have stopped us, either.

Times Are Bad for Steamship Barbers

NEW YORK.—Barbers on Atlantic liners are now complaining about safety razors, which have reduced their profits to such an extent that they have been compelled to eke out a living by selling all kinds of notions, from Bibles to chewing gum. In the palmy days barbers were inclined to regard with scorn and to keep waiting the passenger who shaved himself and only came to the shop for a hair cut.

Owing to this decline of business the steamship companies have had to reduce the rents charged for the barbers' shops on their liners, and in some cases they have had to pay as much as \$40 a month to get the professors of the tonsorial art to go to sea. Rene de Sans Souci, one of the most dignified sea-going barbers, said: "Yes, it ees verre sad, triste, eh, for ze artiste of ze cheveux to the sea in old shreeps for many days without making the razor on face to go. I am desole because for the rent and my expenses."

New Plan for Classifying Prisoners



PITTSBURG.—Warden Edward Lewis of the county jail is thinking of applying to Andrew Carnegie in the hope of getting him to donate a library filled with literary classics in order to supply brain food for a number of real "high brows" now in confinement. The prison library has been found absolutely insufficient to supply the requirements of these highly intellectual prisoners, and the prize for having such a select body must now come to this city, in addition to the historic old Charlestown jail of cultured and astute Boston, which has hitherto held the honor over all the cities of the country.

tion that is a wonder. The literary talent and linguistic power of some of these prisoners is simply marvelous, and the strange part of it is how men of such profound knowledge are not otherwise brainy enough to keep out of jail. If the average receipt of such prisoners is maintained it will be a strong argument for the "low brows" side, of whom we have a big population. All told, there are a score of prisoners now doing time in the prison who are able to converse fluently in half a dozen languages.

"Mammy" Takes Son's Garb to Prison

ATLANTA, Ga.—"Dis here's fer my A boy. I hear he's gwine out to de gang ergin," said an old negro mammy the other day at the grill door of the Tower.

She carried an old basket made of splints, which she handed Deputy Sheriff John Suttles as he opened the door. It was covered with a newspaper, neatly folded, which he lifted at one corner.

"Why, what's this?" asked the jailer in surprise as he saw inside a suit of baggy clothes, alternately striped with broad bands of black and white, the uniform of a Georgia convict.

"It's his suit," she explained. You see, hit's dis way: Dat boy allus was overgrown for his age, an' when he just went out to de roads he was pow'ful uncom'f'able 'cause de clothes what he had warn't like what his mammy used ter make. Dey was all skippy in the waist, and de pants was tight. Why, he said he jes had ter pull an' tug every time he put 'em on, and he shirts ain't had no tails at all.



"Den when dey wore out, you see, a speshal suit was made, what fitted him perzactly. After dat he didn't min' so much de work, an' when his time was out dey let him bring it home. Dat's dem. He'll want 'em ergin, I'm sho, an' his ol' mammy will be satersfied about him."

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Unrealized Idyl of a King. King Arthur had just invented the round table. "Can you invent a bureau that a man's wife will let him have two drawers of?" we asked.

Perversity of Nature. His father was busy and had cautioned him not to ask foolish questions, so he said to the boy when he came into the room: "As long as this isn't a fool question, what is it?" "And this is what the boy propounded: "When you've a sore throat, dad, and it hurts you to swallow, why do you want to swallow all the time?"

How He Was Hurt. Sunday School Teacher—And when the prodigal son came home, what happened, Tommy?

Tommy—His father ran to meet him and hurt himself. Sunday School Teacher — Why, where did you get that?

Tommy—It said his father ran and fell on his neck. I bet it would hurt you to fall on your neck!

The Biblical Injunction. A Washington clergyman made a call of consolation upon a woman who had suffered a sad bereavement. "I hope," said the pastor, "that in your bitter trial you have found some ray of comfort from the Scriptures."

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