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ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.
Novelties in China and Silver Briefly Described.
Among the most attractive goods displayed for the table is silver mounted china. This includes a choice variety of Doulton salad bowls, Worcester, Minton and other choice porcelain jars and fanciful dishes, such as cracker jars and jam pots, fruit bowls and the like, in silver mounts beautifully decorated.
Decided novelties in table ware are claret jugs of crystal in form of a bird, with silver feet and beak. The association of glass and silver, by the by, is of frequent occurrence now in such articles as claret jugs, salad and punch bowls, olive jars, etc.
Silver water sets are shown in great variety this season, the tilting pitcher representing a very popular style. These sets come in four pieces—tray, pitcher, goblet and slop bowl. In form the pieces vary from straight, angular models to curving shapes of most exquisite outline. Fluted patterns, hammered finish, basket finish and the finest etching all figure among decorations in vogue on water sets.
Silver baskets are having prominence. A fancy at the present moment prevails for these baskets in connection with silver weddings, while gilded baskets figure at the golden wedding anniversaries. These baskets take on a variety of forms and are used for a variety of purposes. A favorite form is the one known as the "Marie Antoinette," which is not unlike a fish basket. Another variety is called the "Boulangier basket," and resembles a military hat, inverted.
For dinner table decoration, there are some pretty little glass globes in red, clear white, and also opaque pink and yellow, the colors softly merging into each other, sold in sets of five joined together, for holding small flowers. Some are arranged in semicircles for the corners, and others straight for the sides of a table.


A Good Dish for Breakfast.
A breakfast dish, good at this season and nice to serve with tender slices of broiled ham, is made with asparagus and eggs. Cut the asparagus in small pieces, season well and put in a buttered baking dish. Beat some eggs, add an equal amount of milk, and have just enough of the liquid to cover the asparagus, sprinkle bread crumbs on top and bake slowly like custard. This is especially nice to serve with tender slices of broiled ham.

Summer Fire Place Decoration.
Tasteful decoration for the fire place in summer is a necessity if a room is to be really pleasing and artistic. That this is difficult to arrive at, witness the old fashioned cascades of yellow, blue, pink and green paper, the balls of muslin or silk ravelings and like contrivances. The newest and most fashionable decorations are fire screens, prominent among which are the Japanese, consisting of a rather high and narrow paper panel framed in bamboo. These show all sorts of curiosities in the way of birds, figures, foliage and the hundred and one quaint devices we are accustomed to look for in Japanese designs. Very large fans have also attained popularity of late years for this purpose, and even the gorgeous paper umbrellas have been pressed into the same service.

PIRE SCREEN OF PLAITED GREEN RUSHES.
The novel screen shown in the cut is made of plaited green rushes, size 29 by 21 inches, and is decorated in drapery of plush or silk tied with bows of ribbon. Attached to the front are two flower pot covers also of plaited rushes, and lined with tin, for the reception of ferns and flowers, the bottom one being the larger of the two. This is a particularly attractive summer screen.
Mirrors represent the most charming of costly fire screens. An exquisite one of English origin shows beautifully painted aquatic plants and grasses upon the glass, the whole enclosed in a framing of delicate coral. Small bamboo stands, arranged with a panel of decorated glass, meet the ideas of many ladies.
Grate curtains, though not entirely new, have gained much favor. As they require only to be made of material that harmonizes with the other draperies of the room, whether it be very rich or modest in character, they are as convenient as they may be pretty.



To Clean Decanters Nicely.
Decanters ought not to be washed with shot, as it scratches the glass. Salt and vinegar or potato parings clean them very thoroughly. These should be put in with warm water and the decanter well shaken and afterward carefully rinsed. It should then be stood up to drain till dry. It is a great improvement to polish glasses, decanters, etc., with a soft leather kept for the purpose before putting them on the table.
The Care of Walls and Ceilings.
The ceilings of most rooms will not need whitening every year, but they will always need sweeping, as well as the walls. No one who has not swept a wall down with a clean duster, firmly pinned on to a broom, would imagine the amount of dust that will have collected in spite of the most tidy housemaid.
Chocolate Blame Mangle.
One box of gelatine dissolved in one cup of milk, three heaping tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate. Boil two quarts of milk, sweeten to taste; add chocolate and gelatine. Pour into molds and cool. Eat with sugar and cream.
Sundry Serviceable Items.
Excellent bath room rugs are made from the large square army blankets. Bind the edges of a red blanket with heavy braid and then work across the ends a bold design in outline stitch.
Willow furniture that has not been stained or painted can be washed with salt and water and a brush. It should be thoroughly dried before exposing it to dust.
Plaster busts may be cleaned by dipping them into thick liquid cold starch—clear starch mixed with cold water—and brushing them when dry.
Claret stains should, while wet, have dry salt spread upon them, and afterwards tipped into boiling water.

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.
INSTRUCTIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.
The Story of Tip, a Clever Fox Terrier. Who Was Not Only a Good Looking Dog, but a Very Intelligent One as Well.
Tip was a clever dog, there is no doubt about that. I will tell you how I found it out. First let me describe Tip. He was a fox terrier, and on the whole there are no cleaner, cleverer dogs than the little fox terriers. Tip had a very sharp nose, it wagged as well as sharp, and seemed able to poke into any place. He also had a long tail, he never allowed it to be cut.

A CLEVER DOG
Well, then, his head it was as pretty as a peacock with a mark on each side, black and tan, and over each eye a little golden spot. Ah, those eyes! Such bright, sharp little eyes they were. Then his ears drooped beautifully, which a fox terrier should at all ways do. His body was smooth and white, he was good looking and he knew it. I had always fancied that Tip was clever by the way he got hold of things from thearder, but more than this, I learned that Tip indulged in serious thoughts, and at times stopped to reason. He had been taught to ring the bell, there was a cord on it at all ways, and when we would say "Ring the bell" at dinner or any other time he pulled the cord and the maid Mary would at once appear.
One day Tip was on the rug snoring, suddenly there was a great noise outside, two strange dogs were fighting. Tip ran to the window and looked out. The window was closed. Oh, what a bother! Tip wanted to go and fight, too, but he couldn't get out. He tried, no use, he ran to the door and scratched. It was shut. He came to me and pulled my sleeve and cried. I pretended not to notice him. Again he went to the window and looked out. He got frantic and raved round the room barking as if wild with disappointment. At last he stopped a moment quite still as if in deep thought, rushed at the bell cord and tugged at it hard, the bell rang. Then he trotted off to the door and stood in front of it. Up comes Mary—she thought she would—and opened the door to ask what was wanted. Tip mean while popped out. Now I call that a clever dog, don't you?

Making Bread.
Kneading it, rolling it, rolling it over, rolling it with fingers and pushing with palms. Light as a feather and sweet as the clover. Crimping with fingers and patting with palms.

KNEADING BREAD
Rolling it, rocking it, turning it over. Pinching with fingers and pushing with palms. Light as a feather and sweet as the clover. Puffing and springing, neat fingers and palms. Turning it, rocking it, rolling together. Cutting it, molding it, fingers and palms: Sweet as the clover and light as a feather. Into the pan with it, fingers and palms.
—St. Nicholas.

Slang Terms for Money.
Probably every country possesses peculiar or slang terms for its circulating coins and notes. In this country, "greenbacks" entirely superseded "United States notes," and in the days of fractional currency every body spoke of "shipplasters," although the designation was neither elegant nor expressive.
Now we say "nickels" for "five cent pieces," but otherwise our coin language is remarkably free from slang.
Great Britain, on the other hand, says Golden Days is full of financial slang. In Scotland the man who flies "kites" is probably not worth a "boodle," which is a purely imaginary coin. In England the same person would not be worth a "mag." A "kite" is an accommodation bill and a "mag" is a farthing. On the race course, where slang of all sorts abounds, one hears talk of betting a "pony," which is £15, or a "monkey," which is £500. A "quid" refers to tobacco, when used by sailors, among indians it means £1. Small gamblers play for "bulls" and "half bulls," which means crowns and half-crowns. Little boys talk of "Joys" when they mean fourpenny pieces. The cab driver expects you to tip him with a "tanner"—that is, a sixpence—while the common appellation of a shilling is a "bob."
From these examples it will be seen that we have a long way to go before we catch up to England—in slang.

Royal Newspaper Publishers.
The dignity of the printer's craft and editorial chair are recognized even by royalty. Dom Pedro, emperor of Brazil, has three grandsons—Dom Pedro, aged 12, heir presumptive to the throne, and his two brothers, Dom Louis and Dom Antonio, aged 10 and 7 respectively. These youngsters are newspaper publishers. They possess a small printing office and machine of American manufacture, and all their leisure hours are taken up with The Courier Imperial, as their paper is called. The three boys are editors, printers and pressmen, and their paper is very fair in reading matter, as well as appearance. The emperor subscribes for the paper and reads it regularly.
An Indiana Schoolboy's Composition.
The following was recently handed in to his teacher by an Indiana schoolboy as a bona fide composition: "The human body is made up of the head, the thorax and the abdomen. The head contains the brain, the lungs and diaphragm. The abdomen contains the bowels, of which there are five, A, B, C, D, U, and sometimes W and Y."

The Leafy Month of June.
Oh, lovely June! oh, lovely June!
Oh, lovely June! oh, lovely June!
Oh, stay, delightful weather!

ON LIFE'S THRESHOLD
How Little Arthur Got Even with His Mother.
Arthur, who is forbidden to speak at the table, had his revenge the other day. As dinner began he was uneasy, and finally said, "Ma, can't I speak just one word."
"You know the rule, Arthur."
"Not one word!"
"No, Arthur; not until your father finishes the paper."
Arthur subsided until the paper was finished, when he was asked what he wished to say.
"Oh, nothing; only Nora put the custards outside the window to cool and the cat has been eating them up."—Harper's Young People.


A Plea for the Dolls.
The good women who are so busy reforming the world have taken up the doll enormity now, and are to make public sentiment too warm for it. "Hamlet" with the Prince left out would be spirited and entertaining compared with a little girl's universe that was doll-less. There is a queer little element of sacredness in the relation between the inanimate pet and the live one that we saw amusingly and touchingly illustrated the other day. A small girl was holding her largest and most beloved doll well outside the window, and her mother protested, saying: "You will drop your big dollie; why do you hold it out there so long?" "I was showing it to God," said the lady, and the mother did not find, for the time, anything more to say. It might be as well to do away with a few other abuses, good women, before dooming the doll.—Boston Commonwealth.

A Reasonable Hypothesis.
One never hears of an event so sad but that some element of humor lurks about it. A little girl who lives on State street near the dentist's office where the shooting affray occurred this week happened to hear the pistol shots and shouts for the police. Reverting it a moment in her baby mind a plausible explanation seemed to dawn upon her, and turning to her father she remarked: "He must have pulled a wrong tooth for somebody."—Albany Journal.

A Seat Phrase.
Children sometimes hit upon a phrase which conveys more than pages in which their elders have striven to set forth things clearly, and an instance was afforded recently by a girl of 6. She had been present while her mother received a call from a neighbor, one of those immeasurably voluble women who are the terror of their friends, and after the caller had departed she said to her mother with the utmost seriousness: "Mamma, I don't think I like Mrs. Blank. She leans words all the time."—Boston Courier.

Sermon by a Little Colored Boy.
A little colored boy in South Carolina made an attempt to write an excuse to his teacher for his absence as follows: "Dear Affectionately Teacher: I'm sorry I couldn't come to school on Friday, but I couldn't cause it rain and dat's de way it go in dis world. If de Lord shut de door, no man can open de door. If de Lord say 'it rain,' no man stop it rain. But de Lord, he do all things well. And you oughtn't to growl about it."—Lowell (Mass.) New Moon.

Sympathy.
Three little boys in a down river town attend the same school. They are but 4 years old and are in the same class. The other day they were called out by the teacher and asked to spell a certain word. They all failed, and one of the little fellows looked up to the teacher and said: "Now, Mr. M., you are in a terrible fix, ain't you?"—Bangor Commercial.

The Whirl of Dogs.

Mrs. Oliphant—In Raggles on the box, Michael! I thought I heard him bark.
Michael—He's not, ma'am. He got unafraid a spell back, an' Oi put him aff fer a bit av a shpin. He'll soon catch up.—Judge.
Not Going Hungry.
Young Mr. Wabash—May I have the pleasure of acting as your escort to supper, Miss Breezy?
Miss Breezy (scanning her card)—Oh, thanks, awfully; I see Mr. Porcino's name is down for the first value in that direction. But you may have the second, Mr. Wabash.—New York Sun.

English as She Is Sung.
Polite Caller—I did not know you were such an accomplished linguist, Miss High-note.
Amateur Soprano—Linguist!
"Yes, what language were you singing in just now, Italian, German, French or Spanish?"
"I was singing in English, sir."—Omaha World.
They Got Something.
Wife—Is that a fact that burglars broke into your bank last night?
Husband—Yes, my dear.
"Did they get anything?"
"Not until this morning. Then the judge gave them three years."—Yonkers Statesman.
A Timely Suggestion.
"Bobby," said his mother sternly, "I punished you only last week for running away, and yet you have done it again today. I don't know what I shall do."
"Why not give up punishing me, ma," suggested Bobby, "it doesn't seem to do any good!"—New York Sun.
Gotham's Paternal Government.
New York Dame—Oh, dear, there's my hair coming down again. I don't see why hairpins can't be made so they'll stay where they're put.
Husband—Well, I'll write to Mayor Hewitt about it.—Omaha World.
An Opportunity Opened.
Those persons who tell the editor "how to run his paper," should apply for positions in Cornell university. A school of journalism is to be established in that institution, and instructors may be needed.—Norristown Herald.

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