### Cannibalistic

Beware of the girl who isn't afraid of mice. A husband's authority could never scare her.

Claus Spreckels' daughter, who recently married against his wishes, deeded back to him $2,000,000 of property in order to win the man of her choice.

Several young women in Chicago are said to have perfected an organization for the purpose of substituting a five year marriage contract for the present matrimonial regime.

### Telephone Business Increasing.

The vogue of the bicycle may be marvelous, but to us it seems that the popular use of the telephone is something even more remarkable. The ratio of calls to subscribers averages not less than six per day on the other side of the water, while the average here may be safely put, for more places, at twelve per day per subscriber. There is, it appears also from recent statistics, a rapid increase in this country in the number of subscribers. Seven years ago the ratio of telephones to population in cities numbering from 40,000 to 100,000 was about one to every 200. Now it is said to reach from 1 to 50 and 1 to 100, averaging 1 to 75. Moreover, this increase is likely to be more than maintained. The recent competition in many places has greatly stimulated the use of the telephone, and a factor for development in places like New York, where no competition exists, is the measured system, which enables everybody who really needs an exchange system to get it cheaply. In this connection, while speaking of telephone growth and prosperity, it is worthy to note that the Sunset Telephone Company is teaching its operators the art of telegraphy. This may or may not have some relation to the expiration of the American Bell-Western Union contract next November. Meantime, the Western Union Company, owing to the steady reduction of its income, is understood to be reducing its force of operators in the larger cities, in some cases to as large an extent as 50 per cent. This diminution of income may also explain the nonissuance of the company's statement of test office receipts. One item of income, however, ought to be much larger, and that is the one representing the revenues on the submarine cables, due to war scares and crazes. We begin to suspect the cable people and the ammunition vendors of working up a new call to arms whenever the old one peters out.—Electrical Engineer.

## TWO SWORN STATEMENTS

**Of Interest to Suffering Humanity—Well-Known People Testify to the Merits of a Popular Remedy.**

*From the Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have brought joy into the home of G. N. Bensel, of 303 Hennepin avenue, the well-known Minneapolis decorator and painter. For over ten years Mr. Bensel was afflicted with scrofula in an aggravated form, causing running sores to continually form on the back of the neck and extend up into the hair, and to-day he is cured and happy—twice happy, we might say, for his daughter, who is now 14 years of age, had the terrible nervous affliction known as St. Vitus' dance, and has also been greatly improved by the use of Pink Pills.

In relating his experience to a Tribune reporter, he said:

"I have had the annoyance nearly twelve years, combined with not a little suffering from scrofulous tumors on the back of my head and neck. I tried many remedies without receiving the relief desired. A friend induced me to use Pink Pills for Pale People. I know these females, and all forms of weakness. They pills are a good thing for scrofula; you can see for yourself by the dry marks and red spots left on my neck, where formerly were eruptions that emitted matter and the vilest humors of the blood. Now they don't even itch, and I believe that I am practically cured.

"I want to tell you about the great benefit my daughter, who is now 14 years old, also received from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. For two years she had St. Vitus' dance and we did everything we could hear of to relieve her, but have never found anything that equals Pink Pills. She has used four boxes and is nearly cured. We have great faith in them and will continue their use whenever afflicted.

(Signed) "GEO. N. BENSEL."

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of September, 1896.

T. E. ANDREWS, Notary Public.

This is to certify that I have had a very favorable experience with Pink Pills for Pale People. Have suffered more or less for seven years with inflammatory rheumatism and neuralgia pains, sometimes unable to walk for three weeks at a time, and in one instance had such intense pain in the stomach and around the heart that I thought each hour for three days that it would be my last. Having seen articles in the papers about your Pink Pills, I concluded to give them a trial, and have used ten boxes with marvelous results. Have felt better the past month and more free from pain than for many years. I shall continue their use.

(Signed) "ETTA PIPER."

2721 Penn avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1896.

T. E. ANDREWS, Notary Public.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Glass bricks will be used in the construction of a Newport, R. I., building.

Miss Lillian McAllister has declined an invitation to become an assistant in the observatory of Columbian university. Miss McAllister graduated in June from Vassar, and is now teaching French and mathematics in the Nute Endowed High school in Milton, N. H.



### Labor and Industry.

Immense quantities of cotton are being shipped from San Francisco to China and Japan, where it will be made into cloth by the native workmen.

Female dock laborers are regularly employed at a London wharf. They work 8 hours and bear men's burdens.

Employes of shipbuilding concerns in many parts of the globe are profiting from the epidemic of war ship construction that has struck half a dozen countries simultaneously.

### Millions of Cook Books Given Away.

There is one large house in this country that has taken business on its turn and means to ride in on the rising tide. Alive to the signs of better times and to the best interests of the people, they are now circulating among families a valuable publication known as THE CHARLES A. VOGELER COMPANY'S COOKERY BOOK AND BOOK OF COMFORT AND HEALTH, which contains very choice information on the subject of cooking. Receipts for the preparation of good, substantial and dainty dishes, prepared especially for it by a leading authority, will be found in its pages. Much care has been taken in its preparation and distribution, with the hope that it will be just the thing needed for housekeepers, and just the thing needed also for the care of the health and household. As a Cookery Book it will be invaluable to keep on hand for reference.

It also contains full information in regard to the great remedies of this house, which provide against bodily ailments, especially the Master Cure for Pains and Aches, St. Jacobs Oil.

To give some idea of the labor and expense of this output, more than 200 tons of paper have been used in its publication, and at the rate of 100,000 a day, it has taken several months for the issue.

The book can be had of druggists everywhere, or by enclosing a 2c stamp to The Charles A. Vogeler Company, Baltimore, Md.

## VICTORIA HAS SHELTER.

**The British Queen Owns 600 Houses and Many Acres of Land.**

The announcement that Queen Victoria is to leave, by will, Osborne house to one daughter, the lease of Abergeldie house to another, and Balmoral, the royal residence in the Highlands, to the Duke of Connaught, recalls the fact that the man who would devour this particular widow's houses must make an uncommonly full meal, says the New York Sun. It was discovered a few years since that the Queen owned 600 houses in various parts of England, not only royal residences, but rent-yielding property, and that about 6,000 houses had been built by crown lessees on building leaseholds held by the queen. She then had also rents from markets and tolls from ferries, besides the proceeds of mines and other works upon her property or the crown property.

She had large estates in Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, and Berks, valuable lands in the Isle of Man and in Alderney, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Of the New Forest there are 2,000 acres of absolute and sixty-three acres of contingent crown property. Her Majesty enjoys income from the forest of Dean, from several other forests, and from rich properties in and about London.

Osborne, on the Isle of Wight, and Balmoral, in the Highlands, are the private property of the Queen, and are maintained out of her own income. But she has the use of a few royal palaces beside, and these are maintained by the nation at an annual expenditure ranging from $2,500 to $50,000. The Queen is in the occupancy of Buckingham palace, Windsor Castle, the White lodge at Richmond Park, and part of St. James' palace. The remainder of the last named palace is occupied by other members of the royal family.

Other royal palaces maintained as such, although not in the occupancy of the Queen, are Kensington palace, Hampton court, which, according to a recent estimate based on the statistics of eight or ten years, costs the nation on the average over $70,000 a year; Kew palace, Pembroke lodge, the Thatched cottage, and Sheen cottage, Richmond Park, Bushy house in Bushy Park, and Holyrood palace. The Queen, when she visits the continent, has one great house or another, with whatever repairs and refurnishings are necessary, to fit it for a temporary royal occupant, although for all this she pays out of her own income. Bagshot house, Gloucester house, and Clarence house are palatial dwellings occupied by various members of the royal family.

The Queen has four rather old-fashioned yachts on which she makes her sea journey, although the oldest of them probably is used seldom or never. The four cost originally about $1,375,000. The newest is of 1,890 tons displacement, and cost a trifle over $500,000. It costs annually about $65,000.

A narrow belt is strictly passe. The ceinture should be a broad girdle of velvet or satin.




## MIRROR SET INTO A GLOVE

A mirror on the palm of a glove is the latest novelty. With its assistance its owner is enabled to be sure that her bonnet is on straight, and also that her curls are in perfect order. She can likewise ascertain if her bow is at the most becoming angle at the proper time. All these things and a hundred others, important from the feminine point of view, she can find out on the street without attracting the attention of passers-by, with the aid of this simple contrivance. The inventor of this device has so arranged the little looking-glass in the palm of the glove

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as not to interfere with the shutting of the hand. He has likewise taken the precaution of putting it in the left-hand glove, so that when its owner shakes hands with a friend it will not be observed. It is not the fair sex alone that will find this ingenious contrivance useful. Men are quite as vain as women, so the latter claim, and will be seen by any observer to look at themselves in every mirror they pass on the streets.

### A Boy's Essay on Girls.

"Girls is a queer kind of varmint. Girls is the only thing that has their own way every time. Girls is of several thousand kinds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands other girls, if she want you to do anything. Girls is all alike one way; they are all like cats. If you rub 'em the right way of the hair they'll purr and look sweet at you, but if you rub 'em the wrong way they'll claw you. S'long as you let a girl have her own way she's nice and sweet, but just cross her and she'll spit at you worse nor a cat. Girls is also like mules; they're headstrong. If a girl don't want to believe anything you can't make her. If she knows it's so she won't say so. Girls is little women if they're good, and if they ain't good then, nor when they get big, they're she-devils. That's what father said mamma was once, when she fixed a hot flat-iron in the chair so he'd set down on it, 'cause she was mad at him. Brother Joe says he don't like big girls, but he does like little ones, and when I saw him kissing Jenny Jones last Sunday and told him what he'd said he said he was biting her, 'cause he didn't like her. I think he hurt her, for she hollered and run, and there was a big red spot over both of her cheeks. This is all I know about girls, and father says the less I know about 'em the better off I am."

### Balm for the Complexion.

Both as a healing lotion and as a cosmetic, milk juice of the lettuce has long been highly esteemed by French women. Lettuce cream of absolutely wholesome character may be made as follows: Pour a quart of boiling water over half a peck of the full-grown outside green leaves of several heads of lettuce. After the lettuce has stood a moment, drain off the water and chop the lettuce fine. Put it in a clean towel and wring out all the juice that can be extracted—only the dry pulp will be left in the towel. Put this juice in a small saucepan of bright tin and boil it down for two or three minutes. There should be about three tablespoonfuls of the green liquor. Set this aside. Procure half an ounce each of white wax and of spermaceti and four ounces of oil of almonds from a thoroughly trustworthy druggist. Put the materials in a large cup and set the cup in a pan of boiling water. The water should reach to the same depth as the materials in the cup. Let the wax and spermaceti slowly melt into the oil. Stir it occasionally. When the mixture is perfectly smooth and no lumps remain, add the lettuce juice and stir the mixture thoroughly. Let the cream cool in the pan that you intend to keep it in. Set this jar in cold water while it is cooling. If the cream is not a delicate green when hard, melt it and add a few drops of French vegetable green. These colors cost about 25 cents a bottle, and will keep a long time if they are corked carefully. No balm is more healing to a complexion that has suffered rough usage from the winds of midwinter.

### No Longer "Not at Home."

Perhaps it is merely a fashionable whim, perhaps it is a wave of sincerity and common sense which dictates that the venerable polite fiction "not at home" is out of date. The woman of society now sends word by her servant that she is "much engaged," thus protecting her own conscience and that of her maid. The well-bred visitor will accept this graciously, knowing from experience how impossible it often proves under existing circumstances to set aside pressing duties for the chance caller. Formal visiting is now limited to afternoon hours as less liable to conflict with necessary appointments of daily life. The latchstring of hospitality still remains out for close friends, who drop in at all times according to impulse and convenience.

A fine line of courtesy leads the visitor not to offer her card to the servant, but to inquire if Mrs. Blank is receiving. If answered in the affirmative, asks if she will see Mrs. S——. If in the negative, then the card is left as evidence of the call. Cards are in a measure falling into disuse, the English method of announcing guests being very generally accepted in the best circles of society, a pasteboard only being left when the lady is out or not receiving.

### Household Words.

Under this heading the New York Sun offers the following:

Lemme be.

D—— that collar button!

Did anybody see my hat?

Now I lay me down to sleep.

No, you can't have any more cake.

Oh, mamma, Willie's pinching me.

Say, John, ain't you boys up yet?

Who the deuce carried off that paper?

Where's that half dollar I gave you last week?

Yes, dear, $10 will do, but $15 would be better.

Oh, papa, make Dick quit calling me names.

Come on to your dinner before everything gets cold.

Come, now, it's time for you young ones to be in bed.

Don't forget to order a load of coal sent up right away.

Good gracious, how much money do you want, anyhow?

No, I shan't have any young man coming to see you until you are out of school. So there.

But, my dearsh, you sh' know I had engashment at th' office till sho late I cou'n't poshibly come.

### Physical Training.

An authority on physical training for women gives the following directions for securing the best results, which naturally must be modified by individual characteristics and circumstances: "Sleep nine hours out of the twenty-four, bathe in cold water, exercise five minutes daily, drink a cup of hot liquid before breakfast, spend half an hour every day in outdoor exercise, make the best of bad bargains, and always keep your temper."—Womankind.

### Decoration for Dinner Table.

### Skirts and Sleeves.

The latest cut in skirts has comparatively no flare around the bottom; yet is fairly wide and fits very closely around the hips, with all the fullness at the back.

Paneled skirts are seen on some of the newest evening gowns, and these serve as a foundation for elaborate embroidery in jeweled designs, or for the fashionable braidings in Russian style.

Brussels net or the wide open, coarse Russian fish net, made over a changeable silk in some brilliant hue, is much in vogue for evening wear. The skirt is finished with a full ruche of the same material at the hem and another at the knee.

A fancy of the moment is to wear long sleeves with the low-cut bodice, a boon to women whose arms are not their strong point. The most striking novelty is the long, transparent sleeve of net or chiffon, gathered very full in mousquetaire fashion.

The simple leg-o'-mutton sleeve has developed wonderful possibilities in the hands of the skillful modiste. Finished at the wrist with a flaring, open cuff, and slashed to the elbow and filled in with gathered lace the effect is novel and charming.

Plaid velvets are much in vogue for house wear, and the woman who does not own a blouse or tartan velour does not consider her indoor wardrobe quite complete. These are made decidedly loose, a la Russe, and are belted with the inevitable jeweled girdle.

For evening wear, sleeves resemble miniature lamp shades for ballet skirts, as they are made of frills and tulle and stand well out from the arm. Some are draped close up to the shoulder, and so form a sort of butterfly effect, decidedly chic and becoming.

The very latest mode in skirts is the graceful Spanish flounce, a most becoming style to the tall, slender woman, and that brings up the query why do most fashions seem better adapted to the "daughters of the gods divinely tall" than to the petite morsels of femininity?

Among the most elegant materials for dinner gowns is the lovely miroir velvet, which falls in graceful, clinging folds, and has a sheen and luster all its own. Whole costumes are made of this effective fabric, which, when trimmed with fur, seems peculiarly appropriate for winter wear.

The greatest devotee was Buddha, "The Light of Asia," "The Indian Christ." So powerful was the influence of this remarkable character over the human race that to-day it is estimated Buddha's followers number 480,000,000.

British institutions have received a severe shock by the recent conviction of a beadle of the Bank of England of larceny. He had been thirteen years in the service of the bank and was employed regularly at the banquets of the lord mayor and the city companies, where he filched plate undetected. Unfortunately he stooped to stealing from the army and navy stores, when he was caught and the treasure of plate he had collected during nine years from sixteen companies was discovered.



Petunia continues to be a very popular color, the pinkish rather than the purple tones of the flower being favored.



Calling gowns of velvet are often trimmed with fur, and most unusual combinations, such as silver fox and mink, sealskin and chinchilla, are seen on one gown.



If the figures could be obtained, it would probably be found that every insurgent killed in Cuba costs Spain his weight in gold.



The question of a century celebration of the death of Edmund Burke is being mooted in Ireland.



Beerbohm Tree has fixed upon Saturday, February 27, for the opening of his new Her Majesty's theater in London.



Colonel W. B. Hale, formerly general passenger agent of the Wabash road, dropped dead on the streets of Columbia, Mo., of heart failure.

Whitman Hardy shot at his rival, Spencer Doctor, at Columbus, S. C., and the bullet pierced the breast of his sweetheart, wounding her fatally.

Thomas and Robert Fennell of Perry, O. T., were arrested charged with harboring Dynamite Dick and Ben Cravens and receiving stolen goods from the Dalton and Doolin gangs.