### Woman's Delight.

**Bows of braid,** sewed only on one edge to represent tucks, trim some of the cloth skirts.

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A new sable cape is made with the stripes placed horizontally, so that the dark stripes run around.

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### Pointed Paragraphs.

The bone of contention usually has but little meat on it.

Full men and empty pocketbooks will be in evidence Christmas.

Peace on earth and good will toward all of Uncle Sam's pensioners.

Children look upon the Christmas toy dealer as a man of rare gifts.

The ruler of a nation, like any other ruler, should always be straight.

It is better to give a Christmas box than to receive one from a pugilist.

### To Make Carpets Last.

Good carpets should be brushed daily with an ordinary sweeper, and once a week with a common broom.

The oftener a carpet is taken up and shaken the longer it will wear. The dirt that collects underneath grinds out the threads. This is also true of matting. Matting should be swept with a brush, and occasionally washed with salt and water.

Tea leaves should be pressed tightly after they have been used and put aside to sprinkle over the carpet just before sweeping and prevent the dust from flying and soiling the furniture and paper.

While air and light are necessary to the well-being of the members of the household, it is not necessary that the sun should be allowed to stream across bright carpets, fading their delicate colors.

### Peach Pie.

Bake a shell of dainty puff paste, filling it with rice to prevent its rising in bubbles, or shaping it on the outside of a pie dish. When the shell is done put in a half-inch layer of stewed and sweetened peaches, to which three chopped kernels for every eight peaches cooked have been added. Fill up the crust with uncooked peaches, the ripest and sweetest to be had. Add sugar enough to sweeten them well, and set the pie in the oven for about three minutes to melt the sugar; then set it cream before serving.

### Chili Sauce.

Forty large ripe tomatoes; eight large white onions; six green peppers; sixteen tablespoonfuls of brown sugar; eight of salt; nine and a half cups of vinegar; a teaspoonful each of ground ginger and cloves; one grated nutmeg and a tablespoonful and a half of cinnamon. Scald the tomatoes and remove the skin. Then cut in pieces; chop the onions and peppers fine; put all together in a kettle and boil an hour and a half. Bottle and cork tightly and keep in a cool place.

### Knocked Out.

It knocks out all calculations of attending to business in the right way for a day when we wake up in the morning sore and stiff. The disappointment lies in going to bed all right and waking up all wrong. There is a short and sure way out of it. Go to bed after a good rub with St. Jacobs Oil and you wake up all right: soreness and stiffness all gone. So sure is this that men much exposed in changeful weather keep a bottle of it on the mantel for use at night to make sure of going to work in good fix.

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Jeweled butterflies and Louis IV bows are fads of the moment, being much worn in the hair; also on the corsage.


Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Millinburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.


The forests of the United States cover one quarter of the entire country, and over $1,000,000 of timber is cut every year


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## To MOTHERS.

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*March 8, 1897.* Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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### FEET AND CHARACTER.

**What the Pedal Extremities Reveal to One Who Knows.**

The person who had his character read by the palmist must now go to the first cousin of the chiropodist in order to learn whether the markings on the foot agree with the prognostications of the hand.

According to the adepts, a small instep denotes religious temperament, while, if it is high, it suggests self-consciousness. If arched, it indicates a love of luxury, while, if it is thin in addition, it not only demonstrates the desire for approbation and applause, but the possession of honor and lofty ideals. A thick, heavy instep, which the bootmaker would describe as rather high, is the mark of the individual who is capable of great exertion continued over a long time, the instep, in fact, of the worker.

The heel is another of the great diagnostic points. If it is smooth and round, and without any prominent outlines, it declares the individual to belong to that common-place order, which never achieves any distinction, and who, though pleasant enough in his or her way to live with, is yet devoid of any special talent. If it is small it shows that the owner is capable of going heart and soul into any work which he undertakes.

Long toes suggest artistic capacity, just as do long fingers of a certain shape, while short toes indicate selfishness. If they are crooked as well as long, they demonstrate the possession of good common sense and no little business capacity, while toes separated by a distinct interval, in spite of the compression to which fashionable of great exertion continued over a long boots compel them, are indicative of emotion. If they curve downwards, they indicate an amiable turn of mind, and different portions of them denote different characteristics, as do the so-called "mountains" and "valleys" on the palm.

In addition to all these characteristics, the markings on the sole must be carefully considered, for they may modify certain other peculiarities. It is impossible, however, to lay down any laws for self-guidance in these minutiae, but the broad facts will no doubt furnish a sufficient stimulus for further investigation at the hands of the wise women of the world; for they must be indeed wise who can read, as in an open book, character which may be formed by the constrictions of a fashionable boot.

Whatever else may be done, however, it is safe to say that great toes which are pressed out of the straight line, and which are, therefore, in hideous contrast with the beautiful feet of Trilby, bespeak an egregrious vanity in their possessor, and proclaim a belief in the proverb, which states that "to be beautiful one must suffer." This, however, was the old-fashioned idea which it is hoped the vogue of Mr. Du Maurier's heroine will have done a good deal to counteract.

### Shoestrings.

Shoestrings are made not only in enormous numbers, but also in very great variety. There are factories devoted solely to their production.

They are made principally of cotton, but also of calfskin, porpoise hide, silk and mohair. There is an elastic shoestring made of a combination of rubber and cotton and a tubular cotton lace that has a linen cord running through it. In shape shoestrings are made in a solid round braid, of cord twisted like rope, of flat braid and of tubular braid. These are all made in various sizes.

Flat braids of the kinds used for fine shoes are made in width ranging from fourteen to twenty-four lines. In colors they are made to match all the various shades of leather used in shoes.

Most shoestrings are still made with the tips of the kind that are clamped on, but the use of the spiral wire is increasing. These are made in lengths ranging from three-quarters of a yard to two yards and a half. The longest laces are used for women's bicycle boots. Before the introduction of the bicycle the longest shoestrings in regular use were a yard and three-quarters long.

There is a shoestring a yard long that can be sold two pairs for a cent with a good profit; there are shoestrings sold at 5 cents a pair on which the profit is proportionately less. Shoestrings are sold at various prices up to 20 cents and 25 cents a pair, depending upon material, quality and length. A great many shoestrings are given away. Silk shoe laces are used mainly for lowcut shoes. There are half a dozen factories in this country producing nothing but porpoise-hide shoestrings, used mainly for brogans.

Formerly many millions of the shoestrings annually consumed in this country were imported, chiefly from Germany. Pretty much all of the cheap shoestrings used here, which include rather more than half of the total consumption, were made here; of the better grades about half were imported. With the adoption of the recently enacted tariff laws in this country the importation of shoestrings has practically ceased.—New York Sun.

### Insurance Against Want in Age.

The report of the Berlin office for the insurance of working people against want in illness or old age shows that the number of recipients of old-age annuities between 1891 and the end of 1896 was 1,350, and the total amount received by them was 532,962 marks. The annuities given on account of disablement due to other causes than old age were 3,423, and the total expenditure on this account 433,812 marks.

### Crime in Germany.

In the period 1882 to 1884 the criminal record in the German empire increased 22 per cent., or 12 per cent. more than the population.

### Pointed Paragraphs.

It is a wise fish that can read between the lines.

Gabriel will play the last trump in the game of life.

It's a poor article that can't get a testimonial of some kind.

Love levels all things with the possible exception of a some kind.

The iron grip of proverty is apt to make a man's clothes look rusty.

Straws in the hands of the small boy show which way the cider barrel is.

### Cold Consomme.

To prepare cold consomme, chop and pound a fowl and put it into a jar with three pounds of minced beef gravy. Add to it a cleansed calf's foot, a carrot, an onion, six cloves, six peppercorns, salt to taste, and pour on two quarts of cold water. Cook for four hours by standing the jar in boiling water. Strain, season and pour into small cups to cool.

### Snow Cream.

Beat the whites of three eggs to a froth; add gradually three rounding tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Beat until very stiff; flavor with one tablespoonful of sherry and half a teaspoonful of vanilla. Add gradually half a pint of whipped cream, measured before whipping. Stir it in very carefully and serve immediately in glasses.

### Old-Fashioned Johnny Cake.

One pint yellow corn meal; half cup of flour and one and a half teaspoonfuls baking powder; one egg; two tablespoonfuls of sugar; half a teaspoonful of salt, one cup of milk. Bake in a well-buttered square pan.

### Kitchen Economy.

A stationary wire soap dish attached to the side of the scrubbing pail will prevent bits of soap wasting in the water.

Some heavy unbleached muslin should always be placed over the flour barrel, under the lid, to keep out dust and insects.

Soft soap, made from half a pound of hard soap and two quarts of boiling water, is more economical for laundry purposes than ordinary washing soap.

A variety of bags in assorted sizes, labeled and fastened to the pantry door to hold kitchen towels and dish cloths, prepared and ready for use, is a feature in kitchens where the cook's convenience is attended to.

The yolks of eggs dry almost as soon as they come in contact with the air, but if dropped at once into a cup of cold water will keep in good condition in the refrigerator for three or four days.


### CHRONIC RHEUMATISM.

*From the Industrial News, Jackson, Mich.*

The subject of this sketch is fifty-six years of age, and actively engaged in farming. When seventeen years old he hurt his shoulder, and a few years after commenced to have rheumatic pains in it. On taking a slight cold or the least strain, the trouble would start and he would suffer the most excruciating pains.

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### Atchison Globe Sights.

A mob always draws the line at a lynching.

The man who loses his shadow gets ahead of the detective.

Tight shoes might be properly classed as articles of hard-wear.

Beauty draws more than an ox and is easier to get under the yoke.

The wire-workers' union should embrace politicians and telegraph operators.

The small tumbler is responsible for many of the slips attributed to the cup.

### Plotke's Plot.

The football players of Chicago will be apt to kick goal from the field, with Podgy Plotke in the role of pigskin.—Keokuk Constitutional Democrat.

If Alderman Plotke of Chicago were a member of the Georgia legislature, he would lead the rush line on antifootball legislation.—Nashville Banner.

Chicago alderman cannot be accused of being reformers, but one of them introduced an ordinance to prohibit football playing.—New Orleans Picayune.


## BEWARE OF MORPHINE.

**Mrs. Pinkham Asks Women to Seek Permanent Cures and Not More Temporary Relief From Pain.**

Special forms of suffering lead many a woman to acquire the morphine habit.

One of these forms of suffering is a dull, persistent pain in the side, accompanied by heat and throbbing. There is disinclination to work, because work only increases the pain.

This is only one symptom of a chain of troubles; she has others she cannot bear to confide to her physician, for fear of an examination, the terror of all sensitive, modest women.

The physician, meantime, knows her condition, but cannot combat her shrinking terror. He yields to her supplication for something to relieve the pain. He gives her a few morphine tablets, with very grave caution as to their use. Foolish woman! She thinks morphine will help her right along; she becomes its slave!

A wise and a generous physician had such a case; he told his patient he could do nothing for her, as she was too nervous to undergo an examination. In despair, she went to visit a friend. She said to her, "Don't give yourself up; just go to the nearest druggist's and buy a bottle of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It will build you up. You will begin to feel better with the first bottle." She did so, and after the fifth bottle her health was re-established. Here is her own letter about it:

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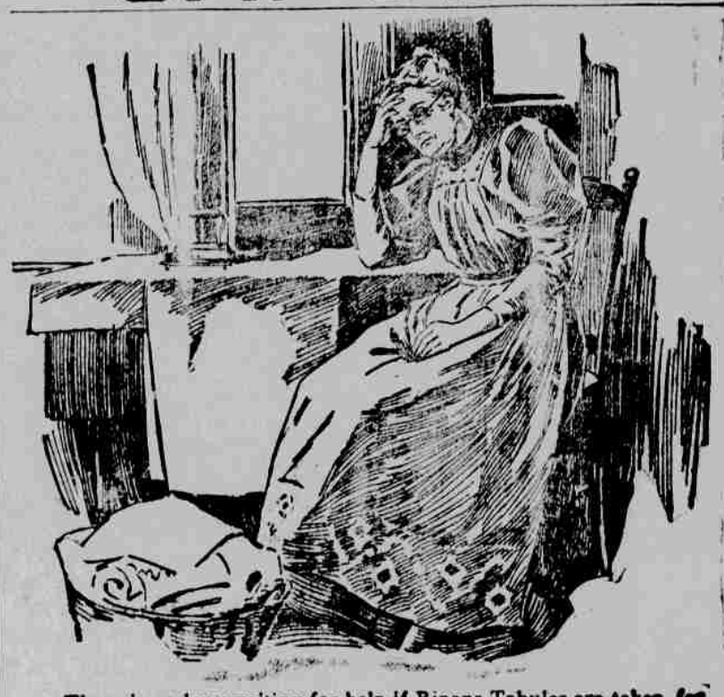

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