LOUP CITY, . . NEBRASKA Journalism of To-Day.

The versatile Emperor of Germany

ism. He deplores especially the lack of preparation on the part of those who engage in the business of molding public opinion. To obtain recognition in the ministry, the law, medicine, or even dentistry, years of application resulting in tangible evidence of proficiency are required. This, he thinks, is as it should be, but in journalism, he asserts, a lad of 20 may sally forth, notebook in hand, make a collection of baseless rumors, and forthwith proset the world on fire. The Emperor is not the only one who cherishes this delusion respecting the method of making newspapers. Even in this enlightened country, many otherwise well-informed persons regard with a species of awe the smart young man seeking an interview. They behold in him one who possesses mysterious power and authority. As a matter of fact, remarks the North American Review, he is only a gleaner of wisps of information, which in common with thousands of others find their way into the winnowing machine. The man behind, unseen by his majesty and fellow-critics is the editor. It is his intelligence and judgment, hardened in the most severe school of mental development known to civilization, that determine what shall or shall not be given to the public. No other profession requires so perfect a combination of undoubted integrity, alert intellectuality and dispassionate mental balance; nor, In this country at any rate, does any other calling possess these qualities in so high a degree.

Meanness of Theft. A man who has been rifling the mail

boxes of at least one city has been caught. He was apprehended as he sought to cash a check he had found of the moon. Mrs. Astor has been in in his loot. The fellow deserves a long reality the balance wheel which has sentence, for in this peculiar form of kept the social machine moving steadcrime there is a contemptible meanness absent from some petty offenses. To steal a letter with money or a check within may be no worse than other forms of larceny, but there are concomitants that add to the gravity of the act. The mail thief does not discriminate. With access to a bag or box, he takes whatever packets come to hand, and those that are worthless to him he casts away. The letter that never comes may lead to the tragedy of broken friendship. It may impair credit. In it there may be some message of priceless import. Happiness and prosperity may have depended upon its safe delivery. About all these things the thief has not a care. Missives perhaps more precious than their weight in gold are to him rubbish. In destroying them he may be doing a greater actual harm than in diverting negotiable property. Everybody is interested in the safety of the mails-no less than others those who never intrust to them anything but written words. When a letter has been properly stamped and deposited, says the Philadelphia Ledger, the sender has a right to be secure in the belief that it will reach its designated place and not be rifled by a wretched thief. If such a thief is caught the necessity of making an example of him is obvious. Compared with him, the ordinary pickpocket seems almost a desirable element of society. He is the lowest type of criminal vandal.

The cost of being a loval college graduate is increasing every day, declares the New York Evening Post. In addition to paying for "directories," "booklets." "catalogues." "student publications" and various forms of "-iana" there are class dinners to be subscribed for, class dormitories to be built, class professorships to be endowed, prizes, scholarships, fellowships and library foundations to be established. There is also a moral as well as a financial drain upon the resources of the alumnus. He has to remain faithful even though his college slays him. He must be ready to approve the policy and even the speeches of his college president. He must praise the curriculum. He must "root" at games and races, however languid his interest in them; must defend the ineffective stroke of the crew, errors on the diamond and on the gridiron and at last must send his sons to be educated where he was educated himself, even if in his judgment some other college would be better. Unless he does all these things with enthusiasm he is thought to be a churlish fellow without "college spirit."

A young Pittsburg man who already has \$3,000,000 and is heir to half of \$10,000,000 more has been sent to a sanitarium a physical wreck, the result of overwork and strain in attempting to amass more millions. What fraction of reason is there in an effort of that sort?

In London society it is considered the proper thing to play jokes by pouring water or something equally as wet down the back of a friend. Even Newport has not reached this advanced in Outing. stage of civilization.

The Montreal bank clerk who stole \$25,000 didn't get away with enough, is certain that the deer will be feedhowever, to entitle him to membership in the United States Bank Wreckers' and to these, after the first prelim-

The first fireproof house seen in England was built by David Hartley in 1778. Iron and copper plates were laid between double floors.

A Kendalls, Wis., farmer had his omach cut out and is well again. He will now begin at once to abuse and verload his digestive tract.

LEADERS OF "SOCIETY"

Is the latest critic of modern journal- Men and Women Who Have Dominated the American Aristocracy of Blood and Wealth.

MANY REQUISITES FOR THE POSITION upon a strong personality that upon any inherited position.

duce and publish articles which may Mrs. William Astor Had Natural Advantages, but Mrs. Paran Stevens Ruled Solely Through the Force of Her Will-Ward McAllister and Harry Lehr Each Have Had Undisputed Sway-look for New Queen.

> New York.—The struggles of men a coming-out ball, the like of which of society leader of this country, which in this connection is New York, has riage she found herself obliged to for years been as bitter and as earn- fight vigorously for her title of social est as any of the intrigues of the old leader. The first contest came with French court. In the endeavor to be Mrs. William Waldorf Astor and reacknowledged by the so-called Four sulted in a feud which is history. Hundred as the local head of gay Then came the scandal in connection functions, millions of dollars have with her eldest daughter's husband, J. been spent, plots and counter-plots Coleman Drayton, resulting in a dihatched, and finally such sensational- vorce. But the Waldorf Astors sided ism resorted to as have made the with Mr. Drayton in the dispute, and names of Ward McAllister and Harry so another contest was started, in Lehr known. Each succeeding year which, as in the first, Mrs. William Ashas seen some new candidate enter tor was the victor. It was the bitterthe field for the coveted honor, and ness resulting from this that sent each year has seen new exploits which William Waldorf Astor to England, have fairly taken the breath away where he has remained ever since. from the great mass of people who look on and laugh or wonder.

For a good many years now, ever since the death of Mrs. Paran Stevens, in fact, Mrs. William Astor has undoubtedly been supreme. Lesser lights have shone for a few seasons. perhaps, but their brilliancy has been only that of the planets in the light ily, if at high speed. Of all who have held her position, she has undoubtedly

Had Many Advantages.

and women of America to win the title at that time had not been surpassed.

Almost from the day of her mar-

She Has Been Democratic. In a way, Mrs. Astor has been most democratic. Her power has been absolute, and in the course of her long career she has opened the doors of society to many new families, and has closed them to many who for years had enjoyed such privileges as their

"I am always willing," she once said. to admit to my list and to my house people who, if they are not old New Yorkers, have now a right to position, and who are presentable and agreeable members of society, but I must first be personally convinced that they pos-She came to the position with un- sess these qualifications, and, at the limited wealth, with a stainless name same time, I must decline to drop any-



and ripe judgment. Gracious, big- one from my list ever entitled to be hearted, and of warm sympathies, she upon it, save only when they have diswith brilliant successes.

Before her marriage to the wealthy

has won the respect of the social honored their position. Loss of forworld over which she has ruled tune is no disgrace, and owners of rangements for a New Year's ball, through storm and stress for almost good names should not be asked to for- which he carried out with success. He half a century. Her life has been filled feit the last, at least, for any such William Astor she was Miss Caroline family afflictions to retire from so-

For a few years she was forced by Schermerborn, daughter of a Knicker- ciety, but when she chose again to death his word was final on all matlebut in New oYrk, her father gave famous function was the dinner to icism carried weight, whether uttered any strong effort on her own part.

SCOTCH GUIDE A-SPYING.

Natives Have Eyes That Can Rival the Telescope.

Never shall I forget that humiliating experience-spying against men who had practiced it ever since they were breeched or kilted! I had carried a first-class telescope upon a thousand hills in the west, and had never learned to use it, says a writer

The hill opposite is a huge "face." with a westerly aspect. As the wind blows stiffly from the southwest, it ing or lying in the sheltered spots, inary survey, our glasses are direceted. I see nothing, and unwisely

"Yon's a shootable beast, Davie,"

"Yiss," says Davie, laconically. Treel that I am ignored as a duffer, and ask humbly that the shootable beast may be pointed out to me. A dialogue follows, which I might find ert island.-Westminster Gazette.

amusing if I were not playing the muff's part in it. "He's laying down," says the stalker. "Below the knobbie to the left o'

the burn." I count ten knobbies to the left of the burn-and say so. "Ye'll be seeing a black hag, sir?"

"Yes-half a dozen." "Take the line o' the white stone." "Which white stone?" "The one near the black hag. Ye'll to attract attention, and he conveys

no mak' oot, sir. We'll be getting the impression that he rather expects "But I will make him out," I object,

and finally after an exasperating ten Usually he is the son of wealthy minutes I see a vague something upon parents and he has considerably more which I can put neither horns nor hair. And this, I have been assured, mental ability. is a shootable beast. In a word, these men have seen a stag nearly a mile into the cafe of one of the largest of the young man.-Providence Tribune. away which they can define to be over the downtown hotels the other night. 14 stone (clean) and therefore worth Everybody glanced up at him; most stalking!

It is as easy to write blank verse of a kind as it is to be virtuous on a des- saucers and cutlery and arrange pre- ject of our search is present with us.

est approach to the American salon to during the fall of 1890.

Now that Mrs. Astor is reaching a co's by 50 representatives of New period in life when it can hardly be York families, each of whom subexpected that she can endure the scribed \$100. The honor of being alnerve-wracking strain, the world of so- lowed to subscribe was eagerly sought ciety is beginning to speculate about after, while an invitation was a passwho shall succeed her. Many of the port into the best New York society. old leaders are being recalled. From a review of their lives it would seem that, after all, the title depends more served a useful purpose in life, and

How Mrs. Stevens Ruled Society. Seldom is the force, the irresistible power, of a woman's will, more convincingly exemplified than in the ca-

the royal party were present. On took great interest as a society functhat occasion everything was framed tion, or about a fashionable private rein a magnificence limited only by ception. His book, "Society As I HINTS AND RECIPES WORTH CONfaultless good taste. It was the near- Have Found It," was a burning topic

which the royal visitor could have It was he who originated the Patriarchs' balls, dances given at Delmoni- Simple Devices That Will Tend to

was complaining of her inability to Ward McAllister died in 1895, looked keep her hands in order because of upon by many as a man who really upon a strong personality than it does ridiculed by many others. At any rate he was a power and laws that he laid housekeeper, looking at the reddened down are still in force.

Harry Lehr Is Very Different.

Of all recent men, the one who the most closely resembles this former reer of the former notable society lead- leader is Harry Lehr, although he has er, Mrs. Paran Stevens. Unaided by neither the intellect nor the social any of the agencies ordinarily thought standing of the former. He has been



position that she selected for herself laughed to scorn in the papers, but serving, against the stubborn traditions of a however that may be, he is evidently society peculiarly insular in its sentipleasing to society and occupies a stewed and sifted pumpkin, add twoments and provincial prejudices. unique position.

a social campaign unequaled in the and he is a social diplomat. history of America.

From the day Ward McAllister marciety. His first bow to the public was His first social achievement was his meeting with the Prince of Wales in

Became Society Autocrat.

Later Mr. McAllister took a house at Newport, and at once made himself a power there. From 1872 to 1885 he grew in power, and gained the title of which he was always proud, "the autocrat of the drawing room." This distinction he bore without dispute until the Washington centennial celebration, when he quarreled with Mr. Fish about the arrangements for the ball and resigned from the entertainment

In order to demonstrate his supremacy, Mr. McAllister made archampioned Mrs. William Astor in her feud with Mrs. Waldorf Astor, and thereby won the friendship of that leader. Almost to the day of his

SQUELCHED BY THE WAITER.

Disturbing Young Man Found How

Long a Steak Took.

Everybody is more or less intimate-

ly acquainted witht the young man

who disturbs the peace of a public

place without making much noise. He

enters with a careless and vigorous

air of proprietorship that rarely fails

all hands to make way for him and

note his appearance on the scene.

assurance and self-confidence than

of the employes made haste to ascer-

tain his pleasure and supply his

wants. There was a scurry to pre-

liminaries for a feast. Presently the

requisite in such a fight, she won the | called the clown of society, and been

Born in Lowell, the daughter of Where McAllister made his reputaand in Boston. It was while in a fin- made his mark as a freak entertainer. ishing school in Boston that she met By birth he is a German, the son of a Miss Stevens, the daughter of Paran German consul, who went to Balti-Stevens, the famous hotel keeper. The more and died, leaving his son pennilatter was known as the Vanderbilt less. By occupation he is a chamof the hotel business, owning hostel- pagne agent. His accomplishments ries throughout the country. He fell are many; he sings well enough to in love with the pretty chum of his amuse a small audience; he dances daughter, and finally succeeded in well; he leads cotillons successfully winning her hand. The first few years and he is a good story teller. He is of their married life were passed in always willing to make a fool of him-France, and it was not until after the self, if only it will raise a roar of birth of a son and daughter that Mrs. laughter. He chooses designs for and Stevens came to New York, to begin intelligently criticises women's gowns

Mr. Lehr has done many eccentric It was partly through her efforts things which have won him notoriety. that the famous Ward McAllister was It was he who introduced the monkey launched. This man was born in Sa- dinner and carried it to a triumphant vannah, Ga. He was of the bluest conclusion. He was ringmaster at American blood, but without money. Mrs. Oelrich's circus, and introduced punching bags at the pavilions at ried Miss Gibbons, who was possessed Bailey's beach, Newport. He was the of a comfortable fortune, he set about first to take a parrot out automobiling, the task of entering New York so- and the first to do a great many other unusual things. However, he was for his announcement that there were some reason indorsed by Mrs. Astor only 400 people in fashionable society. and from that day has been a fixture. in cold water.

Who Shall Now Be Leader? And now who among the women

will succeed to the position still occupied by Mrs. Astor, should she wish to step out? Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has many champions. She has one of the best houses in New York and lumps. knows how to do many things. She has talent and a grace that captivates. She has the art of manners, and, moreover, has a good brain. She had the opportunity to learn the art of success scientifically from approved models. Year after year, as a girl, she visited the courts of Europe, and the friendships she formed there will stand her in good stead.

Mrs. Ogden Mills has been mentioned, but her feud with Mrs. Belmont is still remembered, and this in itself would be a handicap. Then there are Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

It would seem that whoever sucoocker family which ruled in the old step forward, she assumed her old ters appertaining to good form and ceeds Mrs. Astor will do so more by lays. When Mrs. Astor made her position. Of recent years her most etiquette. His words of advice or crit- the logic of events than because of

> young man, who, as developments proved, had almost as much time as money at his disposal, was heard to exclaim excitedly:

"What? Twenty minutes for large, rare steak?" "It always takes from 15 to 20 minwho was evidently not in the best of

humor and who did not appear to care much about his job anyway. "Twenty minutes for a steak?" repeated the young man; "that's ridicu

And when the waiter said: "We've a small cold, breakfast steak I can get you right away; Number Four didn't eat the whole of it and the cat

wasn't hungry this morning," nobody

They change their sky, not their mind, who cross the sea. A busy idle ness possesses us; we seek a happy sent menu cards and lay plates and life, with ships and carriage; the ob

Frince Henry, when 79 guests besides about the horse shows, in which he AROUND THE HOUSE

SIDERATION.

Keep the Hands in Good Condition-Directions for Some Appetizing Dishes.

A housekeeper who has no maid

dishwashing, from which, like thousands of other women, she shronk as a most distasteful task. An older fingers, with just a suspicion of grime round the nails, offered to buy an outfit for 20 cents that would be of great assistance in preventing the disfigurement. The list included a dish chain for rubbing black kettles or taking off food that had stuck in a saucepan, a soap shaker to prevent handling the soap or accidentally getting too strong a suds, a dish mop, which would keep the hands out of the water most of the time, and a handled sink scraper, with a stiff brush on one side and a scoop on the other, for cleaning the sink and taking up the scraps, a task which in itself does more than all else to make the dishwasher hate her work. She added the injunction to use good soap, and rub all greasy dishes with a wad of newspaper before putting them into the dishwater.

Some women can never be converted to using such little helps because at first it seems more natural to take the hand, but after perseverence for a few days these little aids will be preferred.

CANNED PEACH PUDDINGS .-Sift two cups of flour with two level teaspoons of baking powder, one-half teaspoon of salt; add one tablespoon of melted butter, two beaten eggs, and milk to make a thin batter or nearly one cup. Beat all well, then add the proper stiffness and finish, there will beaten whites of two eggs. Put a be less wear and tear of the goods. spoonful of the batter into buttered and it will be a positive pleasure to cups, then half a canned peach and use a Starch that does not stick to the a spoonful more of the batter. Set iron. in a steamer, cover and steam 20

minutes. Serve with vanilla sauce. VANILLA SAUCE.—Beat the white of one egg stiff, and three rounding tablespoonfuls of sugar, and beat well, the West Saxon. This is his fourth then the yolk and beat again, and last in his series of books in the English three tablespoons of milk and half a of the tenth century. He is also at teaspoon or more of vanilla. Beat hard until smooth, and it is ready to serve at once.

SPICED BEEF.—Put three pounds water to cover; cook slowly until tender enough to pull apart easily. The broth should be reduced one-half. Tear | you back your money. the meat into shreds with a fork, but do not chop, stir in one level tablespoonful of salt, one-half level teaspoonful each of pepper, cinnamon,

PUMPKIN PIE .- To two cups of thirds cup of sugar, one-half level tion in that line and an improvement easpoonful of salt, one level teaspoon Judge Reed, she was educated there tion as a skilful organizer, Lehr has of cinnamon, two well beaten eggs, and enough milk to make four cups in all the mixture. Line a plate with paste, making deep scalloped rim around the edge; fill and bake slowly one hour.

ONIONS WITH CREAM SAUCE-Put the onions into boiling water and cook ten minutes, change the water and cook until tender. Serve with a sauce made with three cups of flour one rounding tablespoon of butter one-half level teaspoon of salt, and cook for five minutes.

WHITE LAYER CAKE. - Cream one and one-half cups of sugar with one-half cup of butter; add slowly three-quarters cup of milk, alternately with two cups of flour sifted with two level teaspoons of baking powder. Add the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs and bake in three layers. Spread a white icing between and over the

Household Hints.

The stains of long standing should be soaked in glycerin and then washed

A very strong solution of water and alum thrown on a burning object will

speeding extinguish the flames. Gruel, when properly prepared, should be but little thicker than cream and should be absolutely free from

When making ice cream pack news papers tightly around the top of the freezer to prevent the ice melting too

Take time to put the blacking pot out of the way in its accustomed place, for thereby will a probable smutting be avoided.

Select a dozen or so of the smooth est and largest splints from the new broom and lay them away to use in

testing cake when it is baking. A varnish for glass is made by dissolving pulverized gum tragacanth in

with a brush very carefully.

Fruit and Nut Rolls.

together, three times, three cups of flour, six level teaspoonfuls of baking powder and half a teaspoonful of salt. Work in from one-third to one-half a cup of shortening. Then mix to a dough with milk. Turn onto floured board, knead slightly, and then roll out into a square sheet about one-third of an inch thick. Brush over the sheet of dough with softened butter, then sprinkle with sultana raisins or cleaned currants, and filberts cut utes for a steak, sir," said the waiter, into several pieces. Roll up the dough compactly and then cut the roll into pieces an inch long. Set these on end

close together, in a buttered bakinglish, and bake about 20 minutes. Steamed Apples.

The following is a delicious way to prepare winter apples. Peel, quarter and core six or eight apples. Steam or boil until about half cooked. Take from the fire and let it cool. Make Such a young man strode breezily in the room seemed to care, barring a sirup of two cups of sugar and half a cup of water. Drop the apples into the boiling sirup for a few minutes or until they become clear. Let cool and serve with cream.

> Restoring Flowers. Good flowers, if not very faded and very dirty, may have some of their pristine freshness restored by steam-

ing and cutting the crumpled edg

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Mrs. J. B. Johnson, of 603 West Hickman street, Columbia, Mo., says:

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not raise my arm above my head. The kidney action was disordered and passages of the secretions too frequent. On the advice of my husband I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using two boxes my trouble has not reappeared. This is wonderful, after suffering two

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Treatment of Habitual Criminals. The New Zealand minister for justice has introduced the habitual criminals and offenders bill, which provides that where a person has been twice convicted of a criminal assault or four times of wounding, robbery or burglary, he may be regarded as an babitual criminal and at the expiration of his sentence detained in a re-

After six convictions for vagrancy a man may be treated in the same way. Discharge from the reformatory will be secured only on the recommendation of the court, while the detained offenders will be made to work and wages will be placed to their credit or toward the support of their depend-

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Wrecked Nerves to Normal Condition and Good Health Followed. The sufferer from sleeplessness too often resorts to habit-forming drugs in order to secure the coveted rest. But sleep obtained by the use of opiates is not refreshing and the benefit is but

temporary at best.

Mrs. H. A. Fletcher, of 59 Blodget street, Manchester, N. H., is living evidence of the truth of this statement. She says: "I received a shock of an apoplectic character. It was so severe that the sight of my right eve was affected, causing me to see objects double. I was confined to my bed about four weeks, at one time being told by the doctor that I could not get well. When I tor that I could not get well. could leave my bed I was in such a nervous state that I could not sleep at night. I would get up and sit on a chair until completely tired out and then go back to bed and sleep from exhaustion. "I had been under the doctor's care

for six weeks when my sister, Mrs. the whites of eggs well beaten. Apply Loveland, of Everett, persuaded me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I began taking the pills with the result that I soon experienced relief. One night soon after taking them I lay awake only a short time and the next night I rested well. From that time I slept well every night and soon got well and strong. I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a number of times, and my niece has taken them for weak nerves and poor blood and found them very beneficial."

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