Still a Mission to Perform. It seems the new ways of getting through and over the Alps by railways and tunnels have not wholly done away with opportunities for the "pious monks of St. Bernard" to show hospitality and even to extend help in a crisis. There are still venturesome souls who disregard the injunction to "try not the pass" and who brave the dangers of the trip through ice and snow, and sometimes they fall victims to their temerity and have a close call before they are rescued by the monks and the dogs. It appears from statistics on this subject that last year not less than 1,300 persons, snowbound and exhausted, were cared for at the institution maintained by the monks, and numbers would have perished but for the succor provided. A considerable portion of those thus helped represented tourists, including American and English travelers, though more than a thousand were poor peasants or tramps making their way over the mountains because they lacked means to go in more costly fashion. But all had the same care at the hospice, and none was under obligation to give in return anything more than conscience and the state of finances suggested. There is a box at the door in which all offerings may be deposited, but there is no solicitation from any visitor, rich or poor. And the chances are, says Troy Times, that the majority of the thousand were unable to give even a small pecuniary return for the service so readily and mercifully extended

When the immigrant officials at Ellis Island learned that Charles Papernini, late of Italy and now an aspirant for future citizenship in the United States, was 90 years of age they hesitated about admitting him because of a possibility of his coming on the public for support. They began to look for his visible asset, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. In the first place, he was strong and vigorous. In the second place, he carried a goodly sum of money concealed about his person. In the third, he had eight sons and four daughters, all earning good incomes in this country. Also 35 grandchildren, a number of whom are in business, supporting themselves and their children. Also nine great-grandchildren, who are also candidates for future citizenship.

A concerto, explains the New York Evening Mail, is a symphony wherein one instrument is given persistent prominence; in other words, an exd instrumental solo with orchestral accompaniment, often taking three-quarters of an hour to perform. It is the deification of a single instrument-the highest achievement its player can attain. A concerto is to the pianist, violinist, or 'cellist what grand opera is to the singer. It is a tonedrama in three acts-energetic, tender, then climatic. There are brief intermissions between these three "movements," and during these pauses the player receives applause like a "star"-bowing and smiling-until again the baton raises, the orchestra starts in, and the performance goes

When dueling was an actual factor in the social order of this country it had many worthy and notable exponents, including no less distinguished personages than Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Alexander Hamilton, De Witt Clinton, Stephen Decatur, and others of the same type; but nowhere on this continent was it so much an established institution as in that peculiarly romantic old city of New Orleans. It was woven into the very fabric of the life of the community, and many a crumbling tombstone in the antiquated Creole cemeteries bears grim and silent witness to the fact, though to understand the situation more clearly one should breathe, so to speak, the atmosphere of the period.

With which eye do you wink? This is a question which Sir James Crichton-Browne of London has asked in a circular sent out to many hundred persons in an effort to learn whether ambidexterity is prevalent. Sir James announced the other day that about 60 per cent of the replies were from persons who can wink with the left eye only, 30 per cent. from those who can wink with either eye, and nine per cent. from those who cannot wink at all. This is printed purely as a matter of scientific information, for it is written that "a naughty person . . . winketh with his eyes."

Not many women would be able to make the record which Mrs. Frank Woodward of St. Charles, Mich., has established. Within a few years she has earned from the state \$2,970 for shooting wolves. She and her husband live in a lumberman's shanty near Ontonagon, Mich., having moved there to benefit Dr. Woodward's health.

The simplified spelling board has incorporated under the laws of New York, the said laws being formulated in the customary style of spelling.

The American forces in Cuba will ioin the Spaniards in erecting a monument to Gen. Vera De Rey, who was killed in action at El Caney on July 1, 1898. The general fought stubbornly to maintain a hopeless position, and was killed while trying to extricate the remainder of his command.

When a young woman to whom an gave his seat in a crowded New ork street car said "thank you" he

New York.-After all is said and done when gossips, lawyers and courts are finished-perhaps it has been left for Mrs. Louis G. Meyer to solve the great problem.

The problem is: "How may one keep a husband

Mrs. Meyer's solution is:

'Make him sign an agreement to be have." That is what Mr. Meyer has done. From this time forth it really seems as if there will be peace in the Meyer mansion. If there isi't, it will be because there isn't any efficiency in legal documents. Mr. Meyer has signed one-he has written his name down to certain premises and stipulations. If he doesn't keep them, there will be trouble surely.

Louis C. Meyer is a rich man. His wife is an extremely handsome woman. They were married some years ago. Everything went perfectly smoothly until there came into their lives a very attractive and altogether good-looking young woman—Mrs. Kathryn Conrad Fuller Harkness thrice married.

The rest of it is quite a long story, but the present status of the whole thing is that Mr. Meyer has signed the foregoing statement.

Document Is Unique. Was there ever another agreement

between man and wife like it? The Meyers have been married for 18 years. Mrs. Meyer is handsome, 40 years old and devoted to her husband. They live at Broadway and Ninety-sixth street. Mrs. Harkness doesn't own up to nearly as many years as 40, and she has much to commend her in the way of looks and fig-

She met Mr. Meyer something over a year ago.

Now Mr. Meyer, if court records may be believed, was somewhat susceptible. So was Mrs. Harkness. At any rate, Mrs. Meyer called up her husband on the telephone at his office one fine afternoon. For a reply he asked his wife to come to the office. She came. There she met for the first time Mrs. Harkness.

The police court records tell the rest of the story. Mrs. Harkness and Mrs. Meyer came to what seemed real blows. There was occasion to call a policeman, and Mrs. Harkness was arrested upon Mrs. Meyer's complaint.

There were bits of finery upon the floor of the Meyer office and a few hairpins and feathers. If it had been Cherry Hill instead of Fifth avenue it would have gone down on the Tenderloin station house records as just a plain fight. Mr. Meyer was only a spectator to the affray.

Predatory Beauty Fined.

Mrs. Meyer seemed to have the upper hand, because Mrs. Harkness, who gave her name as Miss Jennette Wynne, of No. 119 Rue de la Paix, Paris, was fined.

But let Mrs. Meyer tell the story as she tells it now, triumphantly showing the agreement which makes her the victor in this strange conflict between man and wife:

'It was on the afternoon of February 9." said Mrs. Meyer. "My husband had not been home for ten days. I called him up and asked the reason of his absence. He said if I would come to the office he would explain. He was repentant, he said, and wanted to be forgiven. I went to the office, and while we were talking this woman came up.

"She came in and asked me what business I had with my husband. She even had the effrontery to order me

"After the trouble I went to the home of Mrs. Harkness. There I met her mother, Mrs. Keogh, and her sis-

ter, Mrs. Ball. Made Plea to Rival.

"I went down before them on my bended knees," said Mrs. Meyer, "and I begged them to prevent this woman from ruining my life. But they were deaf to my pleas, and this woman must have laughed at my humiliation. But"-and the wife drew out a bundle of crumpled documents and shook them emphatically-"I have at last prevailed. These letters and papers were found in the hotel where that woman was with my husband. There is quite a little gus's and weird poetry

Mrs. Meyer showed what she had found. Here was one:

"A Dawn Letter, 5 A. M.

"Darling: When I meet you face to face I either act like one dumb or talk too much. In your absence, I realize myself, nothingness. In doing so, I know that all you give me is sweet.

"I have never asked you for anything but impossibilities-impossibili ties breathe no defeat, yet to-day in the coldness of the dawn, I can say to you that defeat is not ours.

"Convey, impress, impart all that you wish to carry-yourself.
"Digress, delay, disgust-just me. "Play—pay—praise. NIGGER."
. Much "Gush" Revealed.

There is still more poetry, also signed with the pet name "Nigger." It

runs this way: "I still remain in your life as I came into it—that and no more,

With the Festive Grippe



rhyme—they show but one little letter difference between us. I am-I remain, yours. NIGGER."

"My husband," continued Mrs. Meyer, "met Mrs. Harkness at the Victoria hotel and became infatuated with her. When I first knew of this my hair was dark brown, without a streak of gray in it. Now it is

"When I went to the mother of this Mrs. Harkness and pleaded with her, she asked me why I did not get a divorce. I told her that I never would get a divorce, and I never will. I am going to stay by my husband now and nurse him through his trouble. I do not care what happens to the other woman. I am glad she was injured as she was in the auto accident. She deserved it.

Spent Money on Charmer. "My husband is a rich man, but I never asked him to spend money on me the way he did on Mrs. Harkness. Why, he allowed her to spend \$140 a week just for hotel bills. And here is a sheet of an expense account I found among my husband's papers.

" '\$200 received. " '\$153.90 hotel.

"'\$10 left with mamma.

"'Philadelphia expense: "'\$200 received.

"'1 Gown \$100. "'1 Gown \$65.

"'1 Waist \$28. " '1 Matisse \$15.

"'Pair corsets \$12."

"But I love my husband and he loves me. I had divorce papers prepared, but he begged for another chance. I am going to give it to him. holds good.

"Breath and death-they savor of But he has now got to live up to this agreement.'

Now just at the moment Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Harkness are really in a bad way. The agreement between the Meyers would not have been made public had it not been for the accident which has laid up both he and Mrs. Harkness, as well as William A.

Mr. Feigelstock took out Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Harkness in his automobile a few days ago. They were running downhill in Bronxville, near the fashionable hotel Gramatan, when the chauffeur mistook the road, and, instead of curving off to the right, he took a stone wall, with disastrous results.

Mr. Feigelstock was badly injured. Mr. Meyer had his leg fractured and Mrs. Harkness' hip was broken.

All three were taken to the hotel: the accident was reported to the police and printed in the Newspapers. Mrs. Meyer, then at Atlantic City, read the news-her husband was badly hurt and so was "Mrs. Louis G. Meyer." Now, Mrs. Meyer wasn't hurt at all, and so the indignant wife started out to find out who was.

To her anger she discovered that it was the same woman who had tried to arrogate things to herself in the Meyer office. Hence this novel agree-

Mrs. Meyer kept at her husband's side; she found him suffering grievously. She had him taken home. Mrs. Harkness was transferred to Dr. Bull's sanitarium in East Thirty-third street. Mrs. Meyer did the rest and arranged for the agreement. It still

Agreement Signed by Husband and Wife.

"Whereas, (Ada E. Meyer, of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, "Whereas, (Ada E. Meyer, of the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, has commenced an action which is now pending in the supreme court against her husband, Louis G. Meyer, for an absolute divorce, in which action the summons and a copy of the complaint were duly personally served on the said Louis G. Meyer within the state of New York on the 15th day of December, 1906, together with a copy of affidavits and notice of motion for an allowance of alimony and counsel fees in said action, returnable December 24, 1906; and, "Whereas, The said Louis G. Meyer, feeling repentant, is desirious of being forgiven by the plaintiff and of having opportunity for reestablishing himself in his wife's affection and favor, with a view of th reafter renewing their marital relations, and said Louis G. Meyer does hereby promise and agree with his said wife, Ada E. Meyer, as follows:

"I. That he will in all things hereafter treat his wife kindly and in a proper manner.

"I. That he will in all things hereafter treat his wife kindly and in a proper manner.

"II. That he will hereafter abstain from all relations of every name and nature, both social and otherwise, with Mrs. William Harkness, and will not hereafter have or maintain any improper or social relations with any other woman or women, but will at all times conduct himself in a loyal, honomble and proper manner, as would be fitting the husband of the said Ada E. Meyer.

"III. That he will hereafter, commencing this day, pay to his said wife the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) on Friday of each week on account of her support.

"It is further mutually understood and agreed between said Ada E. Meyer and Louis G. Meyer that for three months from this date hereof, which is the period of time contemplated in this agreement by the parties hereto as a probationary period within which said Ada E. Meyer may determine whether or not she can hereafter impose trust and confidence in her said husband and take him back unconditionally as her husband; "" that each shall live his own life in his own way, " and that in the event that the actions and conduct of the said Louis G. Meyer shall at any time during said period of three months or at the termination thereof be unsatisfactory to the said Ada E. Meyer " it is agreed on the part of the said Louis G. Meyer that his said wife may proceed with said cause of action for divorce.

"LOUIS G. MEYER,"

IN GRIP OF CONSCIENCE.

Retribution that Follows Lapse From Virtue's Path.

"Thus doth conscience make cowards of us all," wrote Shakespeare. It cannot be known how many there be who would feign tear themselves away from the gnawings of conscience and go hence who are held as in a vise by their conscience. How many men who are struggling in the quicksands of vice who would extricate themselves if they could without having the world know of their inner lives? Companions in vice -aye, there's the rub; if a man knows and no other does, then he might settle the matter himself, but should he determine to do right how many are there with whom he has asso-ciated who would point the inger of scorn at him and ask: When didst thou get to be better than I? How is a public official who, by some hook or crook, has been elevated to a position in which he is expected to bring criminals to justice, going to discharge the duties of his office when he knows that divers criminals know that he has been a partner with some of the very criminals who may be arraigned for a violation of the laws? With his own life of sin and shame constantly staring him in the face. now can he muster courage sufficient to take hold of others and ask for the judgment of the law and of justice against the offenders? The man who goes into such a position with such a record is like a man engaging in a contest that requires strength and skill with both hands and feet tied, and also blindfolded. Fear of what may be told that he wants kept secret

ever so honest in his desires, ever so earnest and ever so sincere, but conscience tells him that others know of his shortcomings, and thus he is too cowardly to do that which he would like to do.-Knoxville Journal and Tribune:

Wisdom of Methuselah.

My son, wouldst thou flatter women? I counsel thee, avoid generalities. say not unto her, Thou art fair, my love, thou rejoicest my heart with thy

2. But let thy words be definite: go thou into details, and it will cause her much joy.

3. Say unto her, Lo, thy nostrils are proud, they show thy caste; and thine ear is like unto a seashell, it is far too little. How cunning are the tips of thy fingers, and the line of thine eyebrows, naught can excel.

4. For she knoweth her points; good and bad knoweth she them all. from the greatest unto the smallest. Thou canst not teach her.

5. Her mirror instructeth her. lo she knoweth her fame. Ask her and she shall tell thee, that thou mayest contradict.—Smart Set.

Mikado Fond of Night Rambles. The emperor of Japan, who recent y celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday s fond of night rambles. He is famous for his activity, and he is said to be the busiest man of his empire At night, when everybody is asleep-and in the country of the chrysanthe mums they go to rest early—the miksdo often leaves his palace, and, with his hands in his pockets and a cigar in his mouth, wanders through the streets of Tokio in order to make sure that everything is quiet in the capital and that his royal subjects sleep the is what gives him pause. He may be sleep of the just.

commission and destroys your appe-tite. The grippe is the most unfeeling and thoughtless of all diseases. Where The grippe is the most vicious of sable for its host as possible. It puts ing certain organs or certain portions of the human frame, and letting it go sleeps not by day. Nor will it let its your best linen towels to clean its shoes, and takes especial delight in not known, but everyone is aware leaving its dirty linen about for you to when it gets there, that it has come to pick up. It assaults you from the stay, It takes of its things and puts its trunk in your best room. It seems away at your head until you can stand to scorn, and when you are alone it mocks your greaning. Of all diseases to pe on an indefinite leave of absences it no longer; it runs up and down your

Modern Lover Proves Himself Equal to Heroes of the Past.

EXAMPLE OF TRUE CHIVALRY.

There was a moment of profound silence. He was the first to speak. "You are richer than I am," he faltered, with emotion. She bowed her head, replying noth-

ing. But now the true nobility of his character manifested itself. "Yet for all that I am no better

than you are!" he cried, and folded

And when, her conscience accusing her, she tried to tell him that not only her father but four of her uncles were Pittsburg millionaires, he sealed her lips with kisses, and would hear nothing.-Puck.

THE REORGANIZED NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The new Board of Trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company. chosen by the policyholders under the Armstrong laws, has taken charge of the company's affairs and has begun the work of reorganization.

In choosing the principal officers of the company, the Board has adhered to the idea that a life insurance company should be managed by life insurance men. The new president is Darwin P. Kingsley, a college bred man of good New England stock, who has been in the company's service in a variety of capacities for a period of nearly twenty years. In the parlance of life insurance, he "began with the rate book" and has advanced step by step up to his present position.

The first vice president of the company is Thomas A. Buckner, who has served the company for more than a quarter of a century,-indeed has never had any other business connec-

Associated with these men are others long trained in the company's service, each an expert in his own department of work. Wm. E. Ingersoll, who has for many years had charge of the company's great business ir. Europe, is one of the second vice presdents, and will continue at the head of the company's office in Paris.

Rufus W. Weeks, who has been in the company's service for nearly forty years, ranks next to Mr. Buckner as vice president, and continuous as chief actuary of the company.

The policyholders have expressed their belief in this company in no uncertain terms. The upheaval in life insurance within the last two years has resulted in a great deal of misunderstanding and policyholders, alarmed on matters which were not very clear to them, have been disposed to give up their contracts at a heavy sacrifice. This has not been true in the New York Life to any great extent. The company had \$2,000,000,000 insurance on its books when the life insurance investigation began, and while the laws of the State of New York now do not permit any company to write over did), the company's outstanding business still exceeds \$2,000,000,000.

Policyholders generally will be still further reassured by this action of the Board, as it places at the head of the company to protect their interests men of thorough training and unexceptionable character.

Good for Evil.

One Sunday a teacher was trying to illustrate to her small scholars the lesson, "Return good for evil." make it practical she said:

"Suppose, children, one of your schoolmates should strike you, and the next day you should bring him an apple—that would be one way of returning good for evil."

To her dismay one of the little girls spoke up quickly: "Then he would strike you again to get another apple!"

At the death of a much-loved pasor some years ago the vestry of a prominent New York church resolved to place a tablet to his memory in the vestibule of the church, tells Harper's Weekly. In due time the tablet appeared in its place, where it still remains. It has caused not a few smiles; for, after reciting a list of the former pastor's virtues and labors, it closes with the quotation: "Now the people of God have rest."

But, They Had Not. At a political meeting the chairnan asked at the end of the candidate's speech whether "anny gintle

man has anny question to ask?" Some one rose and propounded an nquiry mildly critical of the prevailing political belief. A politician behind raised a club and struck him to the floor. The chairman looked round and asked quietly: "Anny other gindeman a question to ask?"

DOCTOR'S FOOD TALK Selection of Food One of the Most Im-

A Mass. doctor says: "Our health and physical and mental happiness are so largely under our personal control that the proper selection of food should be, and is one of the most im-

portant Acts in Life.

portant acts in life. "On this subject, I may say that I know of no food equal in digestibility, and more powerful in point of nutriment, than the modern Grape-Nuts, four heaping teaspoons of which is suf-ficient for the cereal part of a meal, and experience demonstrates that the user is perfectly nourished from one meal to another.

"I am convinced that the extensive and general use of high class foods of this character would increase the term of human life, add to the sum tetal of appiness and very considerably im-rove society in general. I am free to on the food, for I personally now of its value."

Nuts food can be used by abes in arms, or adults. It is ready cooked, can be served instantly, ither cold with cream, or with hot vater or hot milk poured over. All sorts of puddings and fancy dishes can be made with Grape-Nuts. The food is concentrated and very economical, for four heaping tenspoons are sufficient for the ceresi part of a meal. Read the little book, "The Road to





Fashion would seem to have the | black satin and at the other with a blues, and yet to suffer no depression | fluffy feather, soft, downy and light. therefrom, but indeed, to welcome every girl with red hair should wear them with gay enthusiasm. Every a hat of this colored blue. shade of blue is worn and many are combined in more or less happy union. tumes shown in our large illustration. Distinctly happy was the alliance of The figure on the right reveals a dress a blue voile gown of deep China blue of the finest ninon, trimmed with thick with a peacock blue hat wreathed lace and tassels, and the hat is of with blue roses, the costume being crinoline straw with a panache of completed by blue kid gloves taking feathers at one side. It would look

almost a royal tone.

with a blue serge dress and a black sult was pre-eminently satisfying. tie, wash-leather colored gloves must | But I am forgetting that other illusbe reckoned as superlatively attract- tration, which expresses a costume deive; and talking of blue serge, I will signed for dress outdoor occasions, return to the popular craze of blue, held across the front with coral butand note with much satisfaction that tons set in gold, fine lace forming the the blue serge dress looks extremely well when crowned with one of the commend me to the well hung ninon hats of the new bright blue, which skirt!! The hat you will see is may best be described as China blue trimmed with a monster bow with a strong dash of peacock in it, of ribbon, and in the tying of the ribtrimmed at one side with a rosette of | bon is there much art.

To turn to consideration of the coswell either in a biscuit color or in I hate colored kid gloves. I do not pale gray, I should say, although I think there is any garment upon own to a friend who has determined which fashion could smile which has to copy it in dull light pink, and I the power to arouse in me such ire note parenthetically that all shades as the sight of brightly colored kid of dull light pink are receiving considgloves, and yet I have been informed erable attention, while I remember on reliable authority that the colored with gratitude a costume made of this kid glove is upon us, and that we are ninon with the ninon worked into \$150,000,000 a year (which is about to welcome in turn blue gloves, green rosettes and tassels, bearing a bodone-half the New York Life formerly gloves, violet gloves and mauve ice of Japanese outline, with a vest and the under sleeves of very fine We have no mean choice between ivory net. Crowned with a crinoline the various tones of biscuit, almond hat of brown encircled with brown and wash-leather, and, by the way, leaves and pink and red roses the re-

vest, and ninon the skirt. For grace

SOME SUMMER STYLE

ent season's styles is the marked ten- tight-fitting, fashion at once throws



Simple Afternoon Dress.

dency to abolish any definite line of the figure. The ideal line is long, undulating and undefined; and if by any dian farmers own their own farms.

One of the peculiarities of the pres- | chance a bodice seems more or less over it some loose coat or floating draperies, which give the required suggestion of mystery. This is exemplified in the accompanying sketch, which represents a simple afternoon dress for the present moment, when the weather is too doubtful to permit of our sallying forth in muslin. The skirt is of foulard, a deep cream ground besprinkled with large violet spots, the trimming consisting of two waved bands of quilled satin ribbon of the same color as the violet spots. With this is worn as bodice a shirt of fine lawn with a double frill of lace down the front, and a low-cut waistccat of violet satin. The desired loose outline is given by the quaint little short-waisted sac coat in deep cream taffetas, the same shade as the foulard, which is trimmed with bands of coarse cream silk braid and tassels. into which a thread of violet is worked delicately, the violet note he ing accentuated by the turned-back cuffs, which are of violet satin like the waistceat. This original dress is completed by a big mushroom hat in cream straw, covered with a mass of bows in violet satin ribbon.

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How the Gems Rank.

In the gem kingdom the ruby, the diamond, the emerald and the sapphire constitute "the big four," and take precedence—and in the order named of all other precious stones, says the New York Tribune. The pearl is of course not a stone. It has a standard of its own. The expert test of the gem is its color, its degree of clearess and its perfection of cutting Upon the last depends its brilliancy. In the diamond the "brilliant" cutting holds first place. The other tones are out altogether differently they are crystallized in different systems-in fact they differ in another respect, the diamond being a min-eral carbon, the finer ruby (the oriental) a variety of corundum, the emrald a variety of beryl and the sapphire a colored variety of corundum.
What is technically known as the "step cut" is an essential to bring out

New York's Wamen Dentists There are only 16 women dentists

he fire of the last three.

Civilization in China. The new law on strangling seems to have met the fate of other Chinese laws-been put by for a more convenient season-and the curious crowds were glutted with the usual horrible killing by the sword on the 14th. This was a young man, and, instead of using a sword, a long pole was used with a knife attached.-Shanghai Mercury.

A Small Boy's Answer.

At a country school in Ercland it s said that one of the examiners in a general exercise wrote the word 'dozen" on the blackboard and asked the pupils to each write a sentence containing the word. He was somewhat taken aback to find on one of the papers the following sentence: "I dozen know my lesson."

New York's Railway Tracks. New York city has more miles of street railway tracks than any other city in the world. If its surface, elevated and subway systems were in one straight track it would be 1,020