PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT

SIGNS PRESIDENT'S NAME



A Washington woman signed the name of Theodore Roosevelt 80,000 times to public documents in the year 1908, and will probably write that of President Taft as often in 1909.

This unique office of autograph substitute, or as it is officially termed "special secretary" to the president, is now held by Mrs. Margaret Wilson Young, a daughter of Ohio and a woman of great personal distinction and charm. Mrs. Young comes of old colonial stock, being a great-granddaughter of Gen. Stokely, one of the officers in Washington's staff during the revolutionary war.

It was this Stokely who equipped at his own expense and personally commanded a regiment at Brandywine.

Previous to her appointment as special secretary, which was made in January, 1908; Mrs. Wilson occupied an important position in the post office department at Washington, where she was auditor of New England accounts of the fourth class postmasters. She had hitherto made a specialty of mathematics, auditing and bookkeping, but these prosaic acquirements have not prevailed against an inborn sense of the artistic. Her delightful taste in form and color is so well recognized that the government bas frequently called upon her to select the furnishings of public buildings in different parts of the country, notably at Louisville, Ky.

No attempt is made by Mrs. Wilson to copy the signature of the president in signing his name to public documents, and no resemblance whatever existed between hers and that of the late chief executive, which last, as some joker has said, with a grain of truth, "looks as if it had been written with a big stick

While the signature writing is an important detail of public business regarding land, it is not one requiring much mental work-only a tremendous outlay of patience.

The appointment of women to this office dates back to the administration of President Arthur, when, through the influence of the president and other officials, the Forty-eighth congress passed a law creating the office for "one female clerk to be designated by the president to sign land patents at a salary of \$1,200." Prior to that time a male clerk had filled this place at \$1,500 a year, having his business office at the White House. Since the appointment of women the work has been transferred to a cosy apartment in

YOUNGEST BRITISH ALDERMAN



England's youngest alderman is the Hon. Neil Primrose, son of Lord Rosebery. Although but 27 years of age, he enters upon the political career as alderman on the London county council under curious conditions. He has been left \$750,000 by a great-aunt, Miss Lucy Cohen, on the proviso that he goes into politics. He is thus literally following in the footsteps of his father under circumstances which should make success more than assured. With such a sum behind him, and with the backing that he will receive from Lord Rosebery himself, there is no reason why the honorable Neil should not cut a big dash and make his impress on the fortunes of his country, as the political almanacs

Younger sons in England fare rather badly as a rule, as the eldest brother inherits most of the property. Lord Dalmeny, Neil's senior brother, is the heir of his father's vast landed estates, consisting of nearly 35,000 acres in various parts of England. It was because of his practically disinherited condition that his great-aunt left him the big sum in her will. He has also been left her splendid town mansion in Great Stanhope street, near Park Lane, which will be the rendezvous for his political advisers and the home of his future activities.

It is quite unusual for a London politician to attain to the honors and responsibilities of such a position as alderman under his fortieth year, but the and clasped to the side of the bag. son of Lord Rosebery evidently has a very strong pull in city circles. He is After the regular supply of small pura direct connection of the Rothschilds, and perhaps this accounts for a good | chases has been made and the accudeal. Personally, he is a handsome young man with regular features and fine | mulated samples threaten to overeyes. He is said to be a good politician ,and to possess quite a lot of the tact | flow and burst all bounds the extenfor which his father is distinguished. What is much in his favor is the fact sion side is unclasped without even that he is a hard worker, despite his wealth and position. Though a graduate opening the bag, which becomes twice of Oxford, he does not put on any "side" when fraternizing with the so-called its original size. Indeed, it would lower orders; and he has been very highly praised by the English press as a public speaker. At Oxford young Rosebery was not distinguished for any it, in its extended condition, a onespecial attainments, figuring only third in his classes. He was immensely night bag, for if the finest of night popular even among his schoolmates.

The Hon Neil is a well-known sportsman, and is said never to have missed an important race meeting in England. He is also a good boxer and fencer and enjoys seeing a boxing match and even taking part in one-of course, privately among his friends.

MAKING OHIO A "DRY" STATE



Wayne B. Wheeler is the man back of the remarkable campaign that is transforming Ohio into a "dry" state, county by county. A year or so ago the idea that liquor could be practically driven out of the state by the ballot box would have been laughed at. But to-day nine-tenths of the state is "dry," and the balance is still debatable ground. Very few of the counties in the state have voted "wet" majorities, and elections have already been held in the majority of counties.

Just what led Wayne B. Wheeler into the anti-saloon fight is not a matter of explicit and satisfactory record. He declares it was the love of his fellowman-saving and excepting only the saloonkeeper and his friends and sympathizers. Others insist that the lure of the

main chance beckoned to Mr. Wheeler-that he found the position of state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league had better financial rewards than almost anything else he could do. There have been league officials moved by such inducements elsewhere.

Be all that as it may, however, the fact remains—the cold, dry fact—that under Wayne B. Wheeler's leadership the league of Ohio is carrying on the most remarkable and successful war of extermination against liquor that the world has ever seen heretofore. His connection with the organization began before he was out of college, back in 1893, and has been continuous since. If he were not an anti-saloon leader, he might be a lawyer, so far as qualifications and personal preferment are concerned.

TEACHING SOUTHERN FARMERS



Seaman A. Knapp of Louisiana is the man who is helping the United States department of agriculture to make successful farmers out of the men of the south who have been unsuccessful or indifferent farmers heretofore. He is teaching them, through the medium of what is termed the Farmers' Co-Operative Demonstration work, how to get the very best results from every acre of the land that has heretofore been called upon to produce only a small part of its possibilities. Mr. Knapp and his corps of as sistants are proving to the southern farmer that the acre which has up to this time given him a third of a bale of cotton will, worked according to modern methods, make that crop a bale and a half. And the farmers are profiting by his teachings.

Knapp has some of his own experience to back up his arguments. Some years ago he bought up a big tract of the great swamp belt facing the Gulf of Mexico. He paid four cents an acre for the land. He drained it, planted it to rice, and to-day the same land is valued at \$200 an acre. And the work of reclamation of the swamp lands is progressing rapidly.

Lady Paget on Tips. Lady Aruthur Paget, at the magnificent dinner given in her honor by Fredrick Townsend Martin at the Plaza, talked of American extravagance. On the subject of tipping she maid:

"Tips here are thrice as big as they are in England or France and five times as big as they are in Italy. And you tip people that abroad we never think of tipping. You tip, in fact,

every one in sight. If not-"
She smiled and resumed: "A man's wife said to him:

"'What about this yard-long golden hair on your dress coat?" "'It must have come from the

porter at the banquet hall last night, my dear.' 'Ridiculous! The porter wouldn't

put a long hair on you!" "'Ah, but he would, though. You see, I forgot to tip him for calling me a taxicab."

If you imagine that this is a cold, unsympathetic world, tell people you have a cold and listen to their sug-

Two Ball Gowns



The gown at the left is of lilac tulle made up over white liberty. The ow neck of the corsage is bordered with a ruche of tulle, lined with a soft silver ribbon. A similar ruche, but wider, forms the skirt trimming.

The little tucker is of white mousseline de soie. The scarf is of the same, starting at the left side of the girdle and fastening at the right shoulder. The other end is fastened at the left shoulder and again at the waist with a paste

The wide corselet girdle is of lilac liberty. On the front of the corsage is a shower bouquet of pink roses.

The other gown is of black tulle, embroidered with corals, trimmed with a fringe of corals, and made up over white liberty. The revers are of white liberty, edged with pink velvet, and over these are little pointed revers of em-

The chemisette, or tucker, is of white mousseline de soie or tulle, trimmed with lace insertion; the knot is of black liberty ribbon. The little close-fitting similar stock now regularly arriving they are closed by the matting tosieeves are finished with the coral fringe and ornamented with knots of the black ribbon

The long tunic skirt is slashed open over the underskirt of white liberty.

EXTENSION TO SHOPPING BAG. HERE IS PRETTY NIGHT DRESS

idea of Practical Value That Will Be Welcomed-Idea Capable of Development.

A novel shopping bag is made in exquisite leather with the usual clasp and handle, but having an added length that when the shopper starts out with her bag empty is folded up hardly be straining a point to consider dresses were used and the daintiest of traveling helps they could all be got in without a doubt.

A look at these leather shopping bags will show the clever woman how the idea could be developed in broad sash ribbon for a fancy work bag that would hold little or much in the way bag the buttoning up of the extension up in a fine quality material. side would have to be rather complete would be required to hold the wide, drawn up at the neck and set to a soft ribbon in place.

Skirt Buttoned to Corset.

coat is to button it to the end of the corset. In this way it does not interfere with the fit of the skirt over the hips and back, and gives a better figure. This is especially welcome news to the woman with large hips who is trying every trick to make them look small even if they are not.

Ordinarily buttons are not used, as they would show through. Glove clamps are used instead. These can parent materials. be bought at the shops, as they come by the yard and can be sewed to corset and petticoat without expert tones, or from lawn or mercerized maknowledge. The petticoat is cut off | terials. at shoe tops or anklets, according to the kind of skirt it is worn under.

To Make the Arms Plump.

The best way to overcome scrawny right angles to the bcdy, holding the utilized. muscles very taut; clench the hand and draw up to the shoulder, using as weight. Repeat until the arm begins to get stiff.

Massaging the arms with hot olive order. oil for 15 minutes night and morning will also help to make them plump.

MAKES A PRETTY TRIMMING. Nothing Better Than the Popular

The girl who is never without a serviceable shirtwaist frock of fine checked gingham can give hers an ar-

on specially prepared bias bands. All ing. This is especially true of low sorts of conventional designs are used, shoes.

ored silk and the dark squares with pasted. This renders the heel com-

used, or if much work is done, regular crochet silk will be found cheaper. The knots must be firmly made and all must have the same number of

This is a pretty idea for a simple of embroidery. In making the ribbon night dress. It would need to be made

Insertion is laid on in a pretty pat--three enameled buttons at least tern in the front; the fulness is then narow band which is edged with lace. The sleeve is drawn into a narrow band, covered with insertion to which The new trick in wearing a petti- a frill of soft lace is attached. Materials required: Five and one-

alf yards 36 inches wide, six yards insertion, 11/4 yards lace.

Princess Slip Useful.

The wardrobe of nearly every girl will boast of a princess slip this summer. It will prove an exceedingly useful garment and is designed for wear with frocks of net and sheer trans-

It will be fashioned from flowered silk, soft messaline in all the pale

It is cut on long graceful lines and fits the figure snugly. When worn exclusively with net or mousseline frocks for evening it is usually made with elbow sleeves and a low rounded neck. arms is to practice tensing exercises | But when worn with day frocks long many times daily. Stretch the arm at tight sleeves and high neck may be

There may be a plaited or gathered flounce finishing the skirt put on with much force as if lifting a heavy a heading of heavy lace insertion, although in these days of scanty skirts a deep hem would probably be more in

> The slip is fastened down the back with small flat crochet buttons.

French Knot to Add Distinction to Gingham Frock.

tistic and distinctive touch by trimming it with the French knot so popular this season. Any one who can make a French wear. The shoe rides up at the heal knot can do this simple embroidery and a painful blister occurs, which efeither directly on the frock itself or fectively cripples one for the time be-

which can be copied from books on cross-stitch embroidery, or even bead- cut a few inches from a piece of old ing natterns. The one essential is that the light squares are worked with a dark-col- can be either tacked into place or

A heavy twisted embroidery silk is the felt sole.

It is also important to work them all in the same direction, that is, bring the needle up at the same corner in each square and take it down in the diagonal corner every time. Hold the thread taut with the left hand after the twist is made and the needle is being pushed through the material.

To Prevent Chafed Heels. Women with narrow heels frequent ly have trouble with ready made foot-

To prevent it with your next pair velvet, or get a bit of velvet ribbon to fit between the heel and the shoe. It white or a light tone of the shades fortable without lessening the size of the shoe, which is the disadvantage of

"Good Luck" Belt Buckles. Belt buckles in silver, in Japanese characters, which signify good luck and long life, are exceedingly good

A SERIOUS PERIL TO **NURSERY AND ORCHARD**

Brown-tail Moth Imported Into New York From Anglers, France, Causes Alarm to Department of Agriculture.

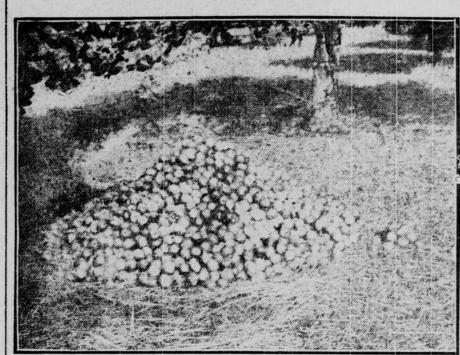


Fig. 1. Sprayed three times.

Picked harvest.

The nursery, orchard and forest in- | add the caution that the caterpillars

Damaged by Wormy, 15 Curculio, 5

terests of the country are menaced now found in the nests are in many just now by an imported danger per- cases very minute creatures that only haps comparable with the foot-and- an entomologist with a microscope mouth disease in animals, and un- can satisfactorily pick out. Our picdoubtedly destined, like that plague, ture is copied from one of the publito be shut in and stamped out by the cations of the Massachusetts board of vigorous and enlightened methods of agriculture, which gives also this dethe present day, says a writer in the scription of the winter nest: Country Gentleman. We refer to the | "Each web is composed of a tenaci-

brown-tail moth, which has made ous silk hibernaculum, inclosing leaves havoc for years in eastern New Eng- from which the epidermis has been land, but was not found elsewhere in consumed, although the outer leaves the United States until a fortnight on the web may not have been atago, when living caterpillars of the tacked. The webs are firmly attached creature, in their winter nests, were to the twigs by stout bands of silk. discovered in a shipment of apple, Almost invariably the web commences pear and cherry seedlings and quince where the egg cluster was deposited, out and does me out of a job!" stocks received by a New York dealer and remains of it can usually be found from Angiers, France, and possibly ex- on or in each web. Exit holes some isting in nobody knows how many times remain open on the webs more of the hundreds of boxes of throughout the winter, but as a rule in the United States from the same gether of the web under the influence country. So far as this state is con- of rain. The web consists internally cerned, the instant attack that was of numerous layers of silk, inclosing a made on this invasion by the state de- great many small, irregular silk-lined partment of agriculture has undoubt- chambers, which are often connected. edly ended all danger of distribution and contain from six to fifty larvae.



Fig. 2. Not sprayed. Sound, 773

59.83%

entomological authorities of all the

Picked harvest.

Wormy, 461 35.68%

from this particular source; and the The usual number found in the chambers is about a dozen each. The larvae states of the union having been noti- are also often found in the galleries fied of the discovery, it is to be sup- in the web. The lowest part of the posed that vigilant watchfulness will web is usually full of fine black exeverywhere be exerted, with the re- crement, and the castoff skins of the sult of preventing any general out- first molt occur in many of the chambreak. Nevertheless, country resi- bers."

Damaged by

Curculio, 58

6.98%

dents everywhere should be apprised | Of course it is understood that these of the possibilities of the case, and nasty nests are to be looked for only should consult the nearest entomolo- on imported stock. The figure in the gist immediately in the event of dis- center of the illustration has no bearcovering anything like the winter nest ing on the case in this country at of the creature on imported plants of present, except in eastern New Engwhatever name or nature, the moth land; and we have faith to believe it having a wide range of feeding. We will not be necessary to study it elsegive in this article engravings where. Still, there's no knowing; and which may be serviceable, but would forewarned is forearmed

To Make Concrete Cistern.-Cistern

floor four inches thick as the cistern is

very large. Material will be: Cement.

13 barrels; gravel, 13 yards; sand, one

yard; concrete, mixed eight parts

gravel to one part cement. Mortar

for plastering side walls should be

mixed two parts sand to one part ce-

Money is accumulating in New York

city more rapidly than at any time in

the last two years. Banks are receiv

Propagating Cactus.-Lobster claw cactus may be propagated by using the better ripened wood, taking the cuttings at the joints. Root these cuttings in sand, but have the sand a little dry, not wet as with most other cuttings. Keep them in a warm place while the roots are forming.

The insects around the roots of your palm are, I think, white fly mentioned in an answer to F. E. B. If they never fly above the surface of the soil, they may be a white midge that often infests the soil of house plants. If so, ing much faster than they are paying, use lime water as recommended in and good investments are being dili-

in some mysterious way assist the

roots in taking up food from the soil.

If these bacteria are not present in

kind of bacteria are supplied and the

inoculation of soil and root is success-

ful the plants will show extra vitality.

for applying to the fields that are be-

ing seeded with clover. Last season

300 farmers reported that their al-

falfa crops had been benefited by the

there was no gain. With alsike clover

Cultures containing these bacteria

gently sought in every direction. Inoculation of Clover.-Clovers do finding that the culture had improved not always grow as readily or as vig- the crop. With red clover the results orously as might be expected from the were not so favorable only 55 per cent richness of the soil. In recent years having noted a gain. Peas and beans it has been discovered by scientists showed still less benefit from the apthat the growth of plants of this class plications. As the work is still in its infancy it is probable that better re-(clovers, peas and beans) is dependent to some extent on the presence of sults will be obtained as the methods small nodules or bunches on the roots. of application are better understood. These nodules contain bacteria which

ment.

Building a Wire Fence.-Often, when building a wire fence, it is necessary to cross a small ravine or depression the soil the clovers will be likely to in the field. In such cases it is some make poor growth-indeed alfalfa may times a puzzle how to anchor the post not make any growth. If the proper in the lowest place, so that it will not "pull out" when the wires are tightened. The accompanying drawing shows a good method of solving the problem. A wire (doubled to secure have been sent out to farmers from strength) is stretched from the bases the Ontario Agricultural college for of the two posts near the ravine edge, the past four years, with directions over the top of the lower post.

Plain-Spoken Women.

It would be of advantage to us if we could dispense with all that verbiapplication while 140 reported that age, that frothy flood of polite utterances which are only too often used. the reports were equally favorable and substitute a little plain speaking over 66 per cent. of the experimenters in their place.-The Gentlewoman.

CALAMITY THAT DWARFS ALL.

Troubles of the Grown-Ups But Bubbles Beside Tragedy That Harrowed Boy's Soul.

People talk of calamities-the drop of a few points in some stock, the crash of a runaway horse, the bursting of a water pipe, the cook leaving just as the company arrives, a fellow getting mad and trading at another store, an editor writing the word 'damn," the loving helpmeet running into a dash of rain while out in her richest plumage, the lawyer losing a plain case which he took on a contingent fee-we say people talk of calamities like these, and they fall back into unspeakable anguish, but they are all the mere foibles of disappointment compared with what we saw the other day, which was this: A small boy built a kite out of sticks and tissue paper, and it had a long graceful calico tail, and he brought it forth to sail it in a sunny breeze. What a realization of great hope was there when he held up that thing of beauty to catch the first palpitating beams of the morning! How his heart thumped with delight! Away goes the kite, borne on the sweet breath of the morning-up, up it goes, and now it sails and soars, as if it transfigured some happy dream-but look, lo, there is a flurry and a dart and down it dashes on a malignant tangle of telephone wires, and a boy's soul is harrowed with despair. That's what we call real calamity. All the others are bogus.-Ohio State Journal.

HIS LUCK.



"Why didn't you come around earlier? The snow is all melted away." "Dat's just my luck, lady. Every time I feels like workin' de sun comes

Too Literal. "Well, yes," said Old Uncle Lazzen berry, who was intimately acquainted with most of the happenstances of the village. "Almira Stang has broken off her engagement with Charles Henry Tootwiler. They'd be goin' together for about eight years, durin' which time she had been inculcatin' into him.

as you might call it, the beauties of economy; but when she discovered. just lately, that he had learnt his lesson so well that he had saved up 217 pairs of socks for her to darn immediately after the wedding, she 'peared to conclude that he had taken her advice a little too literally, and broke off the match."-Puck. Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years

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