The Commoner.



#### Violets

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- O, quaint, wee violet, modest flower, Breathing perfume from your lowly bower,
- Your favor I woo; and my heart doth sing
- When you smile at me, in the early spring.
- I'm a simple bard, but you've touched the heart
- Of a conquering sovereign-Bonaparte.
- How many times is first love guessed When a lover pins you on his sweet heart's breast;
- Your merry nodding and cheerful face Teach of true love in an humble place.
- And the lover trusts you his love to bear
- And lay on the heart of the maiden fair.
- Though a rock, like a sorrow, your way withstood,
- You trusted your Maker, and lived for good.
- Though skies were black, and snowflakes fell,
- You bring the message that all is well.
- Violet, you're queen, 'til the spring is done;
- sun.

-Chas. H. Wallis.

## Must Wives Be Self-Supporting?

men to marry them unless they are here in the intimate associations, self-supporting. This is the startling which we should render to parents deduction made by the United States and esteemed friends, and lack of harbureau of labor in its last report. The mony grows from inconsiderateness of marriage rate among women who each for the other as to taste, marked work and among women with money preferences, dislikes, and sources of is much higher than among women amusements and pleasures. No one dewho are neither workers nor rich, and liberately chooses to be an unlovely, the disproportion is annually increas- ungracious elderly and old person; but ing. statisticians, have opportunities to start young. If your aim is to have marry and generally speaking all perfect comradeship and an atmosworking women have equal opportun- phere of harmony in the home, you ities, but the women who must depend must respect the likes and dislikes of on servants to do household work others. A small discourtesy or conand on their husbands to supply all tention may lead to a bitterness that the household income are being driven would rankle long. Only a principle from the matrimonial field. Fewer is worth contending for, and even than one-half of them marry now, and then, we must remember "Blessed are the percentage is steadily diminishing. Nine per cent of the married women of the United States work for wages apart from the performance of their household duties. Twenty-three per cent add to the the household income by taking boarders. More than one family in five has its children at work. More than 20 per cent of the earnings of the average American family comes from the labor of the wife and the children. The old type of American who supported by his own earnings his wife and his children, whose home was his own and who occupied an independent place in the community, is disappearing. Marriage is becoming more and more a commercial partnership where the man and the wife pool their earnings, or a fashionable festivity where the fortune of the wife added to the income of the husband maintains a social establishment until divorce doth them part .--- New York World.

what more costly than the muslins, pretty. The elbow sleeves make a maton."-V. C., in Practical Farmer. feature of the season, and are much in vogue for all occasion of dress .- Ex.

### Small Concessions

Those of us who are so blest as to have learned the wisdom of keeping our tempers sweet, have reason to hope and believe that we are not irritating elements in the home life, but No flower surpasses you, under the privileged helpers. The longer adult er than you can make it. members of the same family live together, the greater becomes the necessity for tolerations and concessions, in order to keep the home life sweet. American women are ceasing to find It is harder to observe that courtesy, the habits can not be changed at will; All rich women, according to the to be lovable in old age, we must the peacemakers."-Selected.

come thick and fast in May and June, the did for several years before he nothing is prettier than mull and the reached his majority; but when it fine sheer lawns and muslins. The comes to affairs of the nation, any Philippines have sent us some new hand may drop the ballot-if the hand things, among them a very charming happens to belong to the semblance pineapple gauze that is quite simple of a man. The average man is in his enough to be correct, is exquistely prime from fifty to seventy, and some beautiful, and has the merit of being fine intellects last many years longer uninjured by dampness, while it does than that, but in the majority of cases, not rumple readily; but it is some- the limit is reached before seventy. "Another limitation (or qualificaand such of these as Persian lawn tion) should be sobriety. It is rathand organdie are quite smart enough, er humiliating to a proud, pure-minded, and are in by far the more general intelligent woman of undoubted busiuse. Good taste advises that trim- ness ability to watch the reeling sots mings be kept simple, and that if lace who, on election day, get together to be used it be of an inexpensive sort; make the laws she must obey, knowbut this fact does not detract from ing, too, that even in their 'sober beauty, for there are many lovely senses,' they know absolutely nothing laces shown that are quite suitable, of the merits or demerits of the queswhile the embroidered muslins are of tions before the people, or the fitness themselves very beautiful. Dotted or the unfitness of the candidate for Swiss, with ruches of the material, the place; simply voting as they are with chemisette of tucked lawn, is told, in the dumb, dull way of an auto-

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"An Adventurer."-For the information desired, write to the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. D. G .- The formula for rose perfume was given some time ago. Your druggist will sell it to you cheap-

Francis.—Hand embroidery is much used on the newest shirt waists; the designs are wrought in linen threadwhite thread for white.

A. H.-As there have been published several recipes for yeast-making, I am at a loss to know which you want. Can you specify?

Essie .- There are many books and pamphlets published on etiquette. Ask your book dealer for the names of several good ones.

Needle-Worker. - Any magazine

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enough to take the wear off the goods. Anxious Adie .- It is claimed that olive oil, taken in teaspoonful doses, before breakfast and after supper, will clear the complexion of the sallowness due to torpid liver. The oil is palatable. It can be had of your druggist, or, perhaps of your grocer. A teaspoonful of granular phosphate of soda in half a glass of water is recommended to be taken before breakfast, The best plan would be to consult your physician, who will be a better adviser than I am.

# Sunbonnets and Tub-Hats

The sunbonnet girl is to have a great vogue, this season. From the wee tot just commencing to walk to the grown up "girl," who, perhaps has youngsters of her own, tub-hats and sunbonnets will be worn for various occasions. The outing trunk will not be well equipped if there is not plenty of headwear of this order, which may go to the laundry with the summer gown and other accessories. For wear with shirt waist suits there will be all sorts of dainty creations to suit even the most fastidious. One of the prettiest shown is made of cut-out embroidery on a jaunty shaped wire sailor foundation. This frame is covered with soft, white mulle to disguise the fact that a frame'is a necessity. Upon this the circular embroidered crown is lightly tacked, and the embroidery brim adjusted, after which the folds of ribbon with a bow at one side are tacked into position. Two eighteeninch squares of cut-out embroidery will make the hat. Fold the squares and make the corners round; then cut a circular piece from the center for the crown; edge this piece with embroidery, and edge the brim with embroidery slightly shirred. One piece is, of course, tacked over the other underneath between the top of the crown and the joining of the brim.

These tub-hats are made of embroidery, India linen, mulle, pique, lace, pongee, and many other fabrics that lend themselves to such uses, and are variously trimmed with embroidery, lace, ribbons, flowers, silks and velvets, which, if unwashable, may be removed before the hat is sent to the

**Commencement** Gowns

For the Commencement days, which

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## "Limitation of the Franchise"

thought. In view of the wide-spread carefully with a little sweet oil. interest and discussion which the Thanks for kind words. views of Dr. Osler in regard to elderly men have awakened, it makes very oil or kerosene such as is used for good reading. Here it is: "We insist lamps; it is odorless and of a greenthat the male can be too old to vote, ish tinge; can be got of your druggist. just as he can be too young. A man Do not use highly scented soaps. In gets too old to pay poll tax, or to be most cases, the perfume is used to impressed into military service; the cover up the poor oil or fat. parson gets too old to preach; the teacher too old to teach; the doctor directions for its use will be on its too old to practice, and so on, down label. (2) Try the "bland soap" recthe list. Yet no man is adjudged to ommended in another column. (3) be too old to vote, no matter how Read "Toilet Soaps" in another col- satisfied with the benefit received, you can send failing his mental or physical powers umn. may be. The right of franchise is one which needs for its use the most careful preparation, the clearest brain, the vor. Linen collars are worn, but are tality; yet no man seemingly gets too lacy rivals. The bishop collar, under old to hand in his vote, and the older its various names, is the favorite. he is the surer he is to be a party slave, and the louder he denounces all who do not vote as he does. In bound with braid, or not. The braid

which publishes fancy work patterns can give you the names of books furnishing directions for doing the various lace and embroidery stitches. Not expensive.

Emma S .- Get a book, or better. take a magazine devoted to physical culture and massage. If you can take a few lessons, do so. I am not informed on the subject.

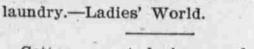
Mrs. J. C. B .- You can wash the dress in gasoline with perfect safety. Do not rub; just "sozzle" up and down, until clean, rinse in clean gasoline In a recent exchange we find the and hang to dry without wringing in

C. S .- Crude petroleum is not coal

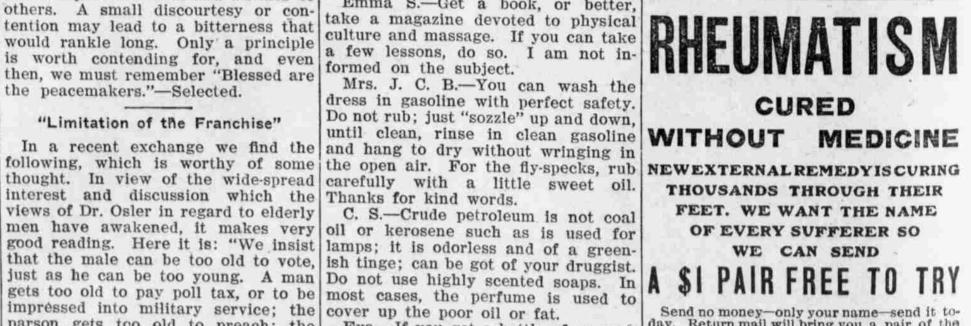
Eva .--- If you get a bottle of cement,

S. M .- Stock collars of lace are still much worn, and promise to retain fa- ful little Drafts greatest integrity, the strongest men- neither so pretty nor so cool as their curing cases of 30

whether the bottom of the skirt is matism through the great pores of the feet and family and church affairs, his opinion is very serviceable, and will preserve has no weight, because it is under- the lower edge of the skirt. If used, it stood that he is in his second child- should be a fine silk or mohair braid, hood, and his mental powers are sewing it so that the merest edge is weak; he does not know as much as seen below the edge of the skirt-just son, Mich.



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