#### AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

What It Costs to Send Cable Messages to Various Parts of the Globe.

The charges for cable service are so outrageously out of proportion to land service that inexperienced persons are staggered. Now a ten-word message, with its direction and signature, costs only \$1 to San Francisco, and, counting the address and signature seven words, not less than \$117.98 to Aspinwall, and yet the distance is about the same. The American cable companies are not responsible for these terrific still in its infancy. rates, for they have to charge the rates prescribed by the governments or companies they connect with.

Now, to send anywhere across the Atlantic it costs, first of all, 12 cents a word. That is the rate to Great Britain, Ireland, France and Germany, but you have got to add to this 8 cents a word to send to Algeria via Marseilles, \$1.70 a word to Aden via Bombay, 14 cents to Bulgaria, \$1.20 to Cape Verde Islands, \$2.05 to \$2.50 to various points than anywhere else, the tariff to Colombia being \$6.68 a word, Ecuador cities.

Some people think the present rate to Great Britain high at 12 cents a word. There are some interesting facts connected with cable charges. York and London during August, Septwenty words of not more than one making eigarctte cases and frames of canal. hundred letters. Twenty words now opera glasses. Bookbinders use it, and cost \$2.49. Then you had to pay for the lettering on lead pencils is fredown to \$50 for twenty words of 100 any ink. letters, and since that time it has come an interesting table:

18% three months	100 00	20 words	100 lett
195 to 1807	50 00	2) words	1. lett
186. to 1864	15 00	1) words	50 lett
1868 to 1-69		10 words	
To June, 1839	10 00	10 words	
18:9 to 157)	7 50	19 words	*****
1970 to 1871	19 00	19 words	
157! to 1574	10:10	10 words	
1872 to 1873	1 0)	a word	
1873 to 1874	1 00	a word	
One month, 1876	1 50	a word	
			12 000014

Then the rate came down steadily to 75 cents, 62 cents, 50 cents, 40 cents, 25 cents, and finally to 12 cents, making the rate for ten words with directions about one-third what it used to be to San Francisco. - Boston Herald.

## THE SUMMER BOARDER.

Some of the Pleasant Reflections In Which He Is Apt to Indulge. Where there are no mosquitos there

are apt to be bed-bugs. The prettiest boarder is always

mashed before you get there. The boat always capsizes when you

have your best clothes on.

A smile from the landlady's daughter has protracted many a vacation.

The religious girl doesn't miss going to church as much as she had thought. Never lend to the young widow whose funds did not arrive when ex-

The old maid may be near-sighted. but she doesn't miss much that is going

The mother always likes to go to the place where you have asked her The landlord who can interest his

bearders in farming soon has his crops gathered. The landlord who doesn't call his

well a mineral spring must get his milk very cheap. It is generally a long ride to the

The landlord's pretty daughter will

to catch. taken is generally already filled with much the fashion, as it can be drawn the landlord's.

It is always the cat belonging to the tarnish. next house that catches the boarder's

canary bird. The man who telegraphs home for more money is probably spending it on

some one else. The timid boarder who never gets

an increased appetite. Unless you want to make an enemy

at the place before.

to carry the basket.

daughter to bring them home.

to get into the hammock unless her pretty stockings are in the wash.

happier.

to eatch any .- James Jay O'Connell, in Judge.

Charles II., fetched \$1,775 at a recent sale in England. At the latest previous sale a similar coin had brought only \$1,125. A sovereign of Edward VI.'s time brought \$525, a 50-shilling piece of the Cromwell era \$760, and an Oxford crown \$585. A penny of Ethelbald brought \$230, and other old pennics

#### USES OF ALUMINIUM.

Facts About a Substance Which Has Keen

Called the Metal of the Future. Aluminium, the commonest, the hardest, the lightest and the most durable of metals, is yet of recent discovery, comparatively speaking, and but little used. Thousands of dollars have been spent in the metallurgy of this metal, without, apparently, any very satisfactory results; and though vast strides have been made within the past few years, the use of aluminium is

down steadily. By looking over the this city at \$15 a pound, and the alloy tons to make the voyage. Now we --What this country wants," said tie a piece of thick paper over the can; will be even lower before long.

> in the forms of alloy, which seem des- stated that the exports from Great Brit- that in the crowd the conductor had moved. tined to take the place of steel, iron ain for the use of foreign steamers is overlooked him, and he dropped off -Salt Fish: Boil in plenty of water size from that of a three-cent piece to being far greater than that of steel. 000 tons, while if we took into consider- covered. -Buffalo Express. propeller screws, it not being affected Aluminium iron holds its color, gives a of the country. Iron may be set sort to dreaming for the recovers of ing the saucepan occasionally. finer grain and prevents sand holes in the casting. Alloyed with zinc, copper and nickel it has a pale, yellow tint, while with 5 per cent. aluminium and the rest copper it takes a rich yellow similar to brass. These alloys are used for harness, or wherever a yellow metal is desired. They are rapidly taking the place of brass, being far less apt to tarnish and much more easily cleaned. The new steamers now being made in England are being fitted with this metal in preference to any other. There would also seem to be a large field for it in the manufacture of that two tons per annum per inhabmusical instruments that are now made of brass.

The alloys are also used in small household articles. Agents for an English firm show samples of almost every article necessary for table use -castors, cups, spoons, knives, forks, nut-crackers, tea-pots and candlesticks-in an alloy that closely resembles silver. silver are that it is cheaper, and does not tarnish easily nor corrode, and the advantage over plated silver is that it is the same metal all the way through, there being no outside plate to wear house that is only a few minutes from off. And it has been suggested that cooking utensils be made of one of the alloys, as it is not acted upon by acids. nibble at any bait, but she is very hard An attempt is to be made to introduce it into the manufacture of the fancy The house where no children are braids and dress trimmings now so out into a fine, thin wire and does not

> In fact, it seem as if it might be used wherever metal is required, in whatever manner, whether for beauty, lightness, strength or durability .- N. Y. Mail and Express.

## A DEGRADING VICE.

Effects on Its Victims.

enough to eat is apt to attribute it to The Greed for Wealth and Its Terrible It is one of the marked characteristics never ask a boarder if he has summered of greed, that there is no satisfying it or allaying its cravings. You may The homely girl can never get enough gorge a greedy man until he is ready swinging or boating, but she never likes to burst, until not another morsel of food can be forced into his craw, and The cows are always a long way of he will still be in distress because he when you go out with the landlady's can hold no more. And so of the man whose only thought is to increase his The pretty boarder never uses a chair wealth; the more he gets the more he wants, and the less serupulous he becomes as to the means by which his You may think yourself very shrewd ends are to be accomplished. At the to discover that the fresh milk and veg- outset a man who is eager to get rich etables are purchased in the city, but will have some respect for the rights of the knowledge won't make you any the others, and will hesitate about grinding money out of his fellow men in dishonest ways, but with increase of The man who goes to a place where wealth he grows less and less scrupugood fishing is announced is apt to lose lous as to how his gains are to be faith in human nature when he finds secured, until at last he will allow no that none of the country boys ever try man's rights to stand in his way, and will unhesitatingly compromise honor, decency, and every principle of justice than be checked in his ambition to be--A silver crown piece, known as come more and more wealthy. When "the petition crown," of the reign of greed is allowed its own way it will continue to gain a firmer and firmer hold upon a man until it drives from his breast every feeling of sympathy, love and compassion for his brother man; it will sap him of his strength to resist the assaults of avarice, and will shrivel up his soul until none of those manly virtues which raise man above the brute can find lodgment in his

#### THE BLACK DIAMOND.

Almost Incomprehensible Magnitude

of the World's Coal Industry. The total production in the world is put at 420,000,000 tons, of which Great Britain does 160,000,000, the United States 120,000,000, and Germany 75,-000,000 of tons. The production in the United States is divided between thirtyone States and Territories, the largest, of course, being Pennsylvania, which last year gave us 34,000,000 of anthracite, and 30,000,000 of bituminous. In Aluminium, the metallic base of money value the output in the United alumina, and "the metal of the future," States is safely \$50,000,000 in the as it has been called, is a whitish markets where used. This is greater metal much resembling silver. Very than the value of the gold, silver, cotlittle of it is made in this country, the ton, and petroleum produced in our largest quantities being made in En- country. The first mention of the disgland, Germany and France. The covery of coal in the United States is by pure metal is very difficult to work, Hennepin, who mentions finding it in and can not be soldered, consequently Illinois when on his travels from the it can only be used to a limited extent great lakes to the Mississippi, at or where it can be riveted, or employed near the place now known as Ottawa. in solid pieces, and this renders it only Father La Salle does not take much in China, \$2.61 to Corea, 10 cents to suitable for making certain pieces of stock in many of the reports of Hen-Denmark, 24 to 66 cents to Turkey, 5 jewelry and articles for table use or for nepin as put down in his discoveries, cents to Switzerland, and so on. It ornament. When chased or made to but the result has shown that in this hereafter. They're too honest."— to the detriment of the ripening fruit. look dull or frosted it quickly soils, instance, at least, the truth was recordbut a watch case simply polished will ed. It is is put down as a "cole" mine. wear for twenty years without change | Colonel William Byrd, in his history of \$5.86. Peru, from \$3.35 to \$5.45, and or tarnish, even if touched by acid. A Virginia, tells of its discovery in that Uruguay \$2.71. You can get an idea Broadway jeweler shows some very State in the year 1701, being found in the rates to China and Australia. It diamonds. A set of after-dinner coffee although it was not until 1780 that it costs \$4.05 to send to Northern Aus- spoons has a repousse design on the was worked for sale and use. Anthratralia, and only \$2.05 to \$2.50 to Chinese handles and gilded bowls. They are cite was used during the revolutionary very handsome and are much lighter war at Carlisle. It was transported than silver spoons of the same size, from Susquehanna, from the vicinity of his wife, "did you open that can of districts whose only knowledge of a pen Bangles are also very effective when mercial venture, however, it was not of course," he growled: "what do you who can give more hard, sound comaluminium, had shoes made for one of 1825 by the Schuylkill canal, and in opening it with prayer."-Life. tember and October, 1866, was \$100 for his favorite horses. It is used for 1829 by the Delaware and Hudson

The pure metal may be purchased in her fourteen days, and she used 600 remainder of the voyage. - Occan. old cable company's tariffs we can find at 8, but it is expected that the price have the Etruria, with a burden of the man who talks politics on the street it will answer the purpose of the tin But the chief uses of aluminium are making the trip in six days. It is their obligations." Then he noticed and one is sure it can be quickly reput down for 5,000,000 of tons. Now, will gain." Bobby was silenced, but most active agent for rendering the we call domestic consumption, and said, "grandma is a good deal older free to be assimilated by vegetation, from careful estimates and statistics than you are."-Christian Advocate. which have been gathered it is seen itant is about the average consump-

tion, particularly in the larger cities. ever stop to consider what is meant by sands of people. They were there long that phrase? Just fancy, if you can before the present occupant took posgrasp the idea, that last year we mined session, and are estimated to be from 120,000,000 of tons in the United States sixty-five to seventy-five years old. The alone. This is a large tonnage, and diameter of the largest is fully four feet you hardly know what to make of it. and the height over sixty feet, while The advantages that it boasts over One million of tons would represent the bodies of all rise like well-rounded been corn and oats. This is the usual a string of gondola cars, twenty-five pillars symmetrically formed for forty rotation in this section of the State. tons each, forty in a train, and a feet or more to the well proportioned thousand of such trains. They would but not wide-spreading tops. Recently the land is manured with barn-manure stretch across this continent running Mr. Saunders disposed of three of them either plowed under or put on the only a mile apart. It is, no doubt, to the Southern Pacific Company for autumn before. The last is the best difficult to grasp the idea of this ornamentation of their spacious grounds way. If a farmer has barn-manure it quantity magnified 120 times. If you surrounding the Wolfskill station. The can do so then you have some idea of work of removing the first of these the extent and magnitude of our fuel stately trees has been successfully acconsumption in the United States. complished, requiring the carrying one thinks of getting a good crop of What is it worth? We can best answer along of a body of earth ten feet this question by giving the value at square and six feet deep, attached to the initial point of production, as the and surrounding the roots. The apprice varies with the distance from the paratus for removal is similar to that mines. Taking the 34,000,000 tons of used in transferring buildings, and anthracite coal produced last year, at when the tree was properly placed a value of \$2.50 a ton, would be a fair upon it in an upright position it was basis, and the 85,000,000 of bituminous moved along without the use of guy at \$1.25 per ton. It takes an army of ropes to steady it until its place of de-273,000 persons merely to produce and posit was reached. A well is situated prepare this commodity for the mar- between where this tree stood and two in a firm and compact soil. The roots ket, to say nothing of those who are others known as the twins, and the engaged in the traffic after it has been roots of the trees penetrated the well produced—along railways, at shipping Los Angeles E press. points, in the yards, etc. It is safe to say that 90 per cent. of the selling price at wholesale is made up of wages paid. The main source of supply of hard coal is found in five counties in the State of Pennsylvania, there being detached base in three other counties of the same State. The general area of country in which this fuel is found does not exceed 470 square miles. There are five principal railway lines centering in these districts, which afford distributing facilities to all parts of the United States. The average and sometimes it is fully an hour beannual increase in the production has fore its leaves resume their natural been at the rate of 5 per cent. per condition. Another curiosity in the annum within the last few years. plant world is a peculiar kind of weed although at times it has jumped to 10 which grows in the Arkansas valley. all the soil if he wants to get a good per cent, per annum. The distribu- It is shaped like a bell, and varies in tion made is in proportion of 60 per size from one foot or less in diam cent. to Pennsylvania, New York, and to five or six feet, some New Jersey, 20 per cent. to the New England states,, 10 per cent. to the Western States, and the remainder is distributed to Canada, to the Southern States, the Pacific coast and some little to foreign parts .- F. E. Seward, in Coal Trade Annual.

> -Three years after the landing of the English colonists at Jamestown, Va.,

### PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-A man is judged by the clotices that he wears at business and a woman in the ball room .- Merchant Traveler. I them.

-It takes philosophy to make a man happy in this world. If he can't get philosophy a couple of hund; ed thousand dollars will generally do. -Journal of Education.

-A cynical man says that there are two occasions when he would like to be present. One is when the gas company pays its water bill; the other is when the water company pays its gas bill .-Texas Siftings.

-It is said that in some parts of Africa there are birds with bills a yard in length. Those who believe in the plumbers in transit.—Barlington Free

-Employe-"Square & Co. of Peoria write that a mistake of \$20 was made they inclose a check for the amount." Employer-"All right, send a receipt; this purpose, as they require for their but we must look out for that firm development a large quantity of sugar.

-Joseph Cook writes that every that he remembers ever to have seen. - | cured for hay. Boston Transcript.

-"What in the world, John," asked

-Mr. McDude-"What a wonderful thing is space, Miss Ethel! The im- ment." It is only within a few weeks that the mensity of it quite fills my brain." semi-centennial of ocean steam naviga- Miss Ethel (sareastically) - "So I twenty words anyway. During the quently made of it. It also makes very tion has been held. In 1838 the steamer should imagine, Mr. McDude, from the time and labor in getting it off when latter part of 1865 the rate was cut excellent pens, and will not corrode in Sirius, of 700 tons register. 1,340 tons nature of your conversation." And a first opened, do not put it on again even burden, arrived at New York. It took blizzard stood between them during the lightly, because the probabilities are

the remainder can be credited to what only for a moment. "Well, ma," he soil mellow and setting the plant food

## Enormous Palm Trees.

place on San Pedro street have long tion of the soil." What is a million of tons? Did you been a source of admiration to thouat a depth of twenty feet or more. -

# Curiosities of Plant Life.

In some parts of Nevada is a curious

plant called the "Angry tree." It is a native of Australia, and somewhat resembles the century plant. Its name is due to its apparent vexation at being disturbed. When transplanted each separate leaf stands up in a different direction, like quills on a porcupine or hairs on the tail of an angry cat. At such times it gives forth an unpleasant odor. like that of a rattlesnake when teased, ing as fall as a man. When the ese balls snap of their stems and go min-bling over the prairies with every gust of wind. They present a very strangeappearance, and in the distance hunters have mistaken them for bisons. Often they come bounding along in hundreds upon the hunters, who are

compelled to crowd upon the ground to

### FARM AND FIRESIDE.

-Sheep do better on short pasture. as they graze close to the ground. by the clothes that she does not wear | Tall timothy or clover does not suit

-When grain or geass is ready for the barn, house it at once. Every boiled. day it remains in the field it loses in value .- Rural New Yorker.

-A poor tool on the farm imposes a tax upon the user every day it is employed, often greater in a year than the whole price of a good tool.

-Trail tomato vines on trellises, and they will not be weighted to the ground by the fruit. More air and warmth tion to preserve order in that city than will reach the tomato, and rot is often avoided.

-Honey is said to be a remedy for transmigration of souls will at once insomnia. It should be eaten freely jump to the conclusion that they are on bread immediately before retiring. The sleepless should be willing to try

so sweet a remedy. -An eminent botanist says that the best time to prane vines is while the in the footing of their last bill, and grapes are ripening, and that the young shoots should be selected for

-It is a fact, confirmed by experience the world over, that clover used man should spend one dollar on mis- in a rotation where other crops are sions for every five dollars that he well manured will return to the surface of the difference in rates by comparing pretty rings in this metal set with what is known as the Richmond basin. this is the strongest argument for much plant food otherwise lost to vegespends on himself. Fogg says that soil, through its decaying roots, as economy in one's personal expenses tation as is removed when the top is

-There's many a little tough, driedup, weather-beaten farmer in the back which is certainly a recommendation. Wilkesbarre, in flat boats. As a com- tomatoes with?" "Can-opener, of is the one which confined its swine, made of this metal. Mr. George Loril- any moment until 1820, when the first s'pose I opened it with?" "I thought, mon-sense hints on practical farm The first cable tariff between Now lard, appreciating the lightness of coal was sent by the Lehigh canal, in from the language you used, you were management in an hour's talk than one of these theorists could by the devotions of a year's space in his "depart-

-If the cover of a tin can of baking powder be so tight as to require much 7,718 tons and using 2,000 tons and car, "is men who are not afraid to meet cover in keeping out the air and dust

and other metals where they are ex- 7,000,000 tons annually. At New York the car a block away from his destina- a piece of salt fish that has been in posed to heavy work, its tensile strength alone the ocean steamers take on 1,250,- tion for fear the error would be dis- soak for at least twenty-four hours. When sufficiently boiled to allow of it. The chief alloys are copper and anti- ation the vessels on the rivers, the in- - A Waterbury woman massed \$1,000 pick out all the flesh in small flakes. mony, but alloyed with brass it gives land lakes, and the coast, we might her husband sent her to put in a safe and put it by. Slice very finely a out a clear, ringing sound when struck make the sum total 10,000,000 tons. place, and instead of advertising her couple of onions, fry them in salad oil and makes an excellent metal for bells. The railway companies of the United loss in the local papers she went to bed till they begin to color; add tomato Aluminium bronze is used in making States furnish the next largest con- and dreamed where her money was con- sauce, a dash of pepper, and the codsumer. It is stated that 22,000,000 of cealed. This may be cheaper than ad- fish. Let the whole simmer on a very an old lady as she stopped at a stall in by water, and neither does it corrode. tons are used annually by the railways vertising, but if everybody was to re- slow fire for a couple of hours, shak- the market and admired a basket of

fact, there are few kinds of soil which

## CULTIVATION OF WHEAT.

Colonel Curtle System of Rotation and Method of Manuring.

I have raised thirty-five bushels of winter wheat to the acre by the following culture. The previous crops had Sod ground is plowed for the corn and is put on the surface and harrowed in with the wheat, and if he has none, commercial fertilizers are used. No wheat without some extra fertilizer. In my own case a heavy coat of barnmanure, made during the summer, was put on and well harrowed in. The wheat was sown broadcast, and as the land was a clay-loam it was not rolled, as it was not necessary for securing the needed compactness of soil. If the land is mellow and light it is always best to roll it, as wheat will do better take a stronger hold and the plants will not rise up so readily when pried by the frost. In the spring, if the ground is baked, crusty and hard, it should be gone over with a square toothed harrow.

In my crop, no extra work was done. After the wheat had been harvested, the land was plowed, manured and sown with flat turnips. The weather being very dry, the turnips did not come up soon enough to make a good crop. Enough wheat came up to make it an object to let it grow, and in this way a good crop was obtained of volunteer wheat. The best way to prepare the ground for a good crop of wheat, is to make it rich. Barn manure is the best. The so-called "phosphates" will do, in the absence of the other; but the wheat-grower on old lands must enrich over sod, or land in a high

proved by using sev-eds of a commercial on such land the eral hund fertilizer Any old sod land may be fi theat by plowing in July and several harrowings. This is a shorter cut than the old method of summer-fallowing, in which our fathers had so much faith, and by which they and being hart St. Louis Glate grew good crops of wheat -P. D. Cur-

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

-An analytical chemist, of Cincinnati, for sanitary purposes advocates the boiling of milk before using, and says his own five-year-old daughter has never drunk a cup that has not been

-There is a man in Atchison who builds an addition to his house every time a daughter gets married, in anticipation, he says, of the time when she will bring her husband and children home to live with him.

-San Francisco claims it takes less police force in proportion to populait does in New York. Philadelphia, Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore or Cincinnati. Yet the original population of that city came from every portion of the world.

-A Philadelphia man one day swallowed his teeth while eating fruit at a street stand. It took a button hook, a policeman and a file of men, with power to win any tug of war in the country, to dislodge the distressing impediment from the man's throat. The policeman did the best preliminary work with his vigorous thumping of the victim's back, though the crowd grew loud and indignant over what seemed an outrage. They did not know the gentleman had bitten off more than he could swallow.

-In the course of a funeral sermon in Stringtown the other day the colored minister made frequent use of the Scripture, "the quick and the dead," and every time he used it he would cast his eye toward the doctor in the case, against whom he had a grudge, anyhow, and say "the quack and the dead." This was nearly as bad a twisting of the meaning of the text as that of a border newspaper which alluded to the survivors and the victims of a lurid bar-room pistol matinee as the quick and the dead, respectively.

-A Maine fishing schooner recently caught on the Georges Banks, on a halibut trawl, a queer fish. It weighed seventy-five pounds, and is described as being "about as large as the top of a hogshead, and almost as broad as long." When first taken from the water it was of a bright red color and marked with silver spots, varying in that of a silver dollar. After the fish had been out of the water a while, the red became purple, except on the fins. which retained their vivid hue. The fins, three in number, were small in proportion to the body, and the tail was short and broad.

-"What b-e-a-u-tiful peaches," said early peaches. They were covered down as the next largest consumer. It lost articles it would be pretty rough -It does not appear to be generally with pink gauze and looked very temptis safe to say that 14,000,000 of tons on the newspapers. - Norrisville Herald. known, even among farmers, "that the ing. The old lady bought the peaches were used in making pig-iron in the -"Ma," remonstrated Bobby, "when value of lime as a fertilizer depends al- and took them home. The next day United States last year. The product I was at grandma's she let me have two most entirely on condition and com- she appeared again at the stall and tion of coke in the United States is set pieces of pie." "Well, she ought not position of the soil to which it is ap- showed the stallkeeper a small piece down at 9.000,000 of tons for last year, to have done so, Bobby," said his moth- plied. If any injurious acids exist in of pink net. "Do you keep that kind and this would represent 15,000,000 of er. "I think two pieces of pie are too the soil it may neutralize them by of veiling for sale?" she asked. The coal. Gas-making in the United States much for little boys. The older you forming a new compound which is suit- stallkeeper told her that he did not. is another large consumer and might be grow. Bobby, the more wisdom you able for plant food. Again, lime is the "Well," she said, "when I got them peaches home they were small and sour and green, and I thought if I could get some of that stuff that made while it is itself a direct plant food. In them look so pretty and plump in the basket I'd wear it myself. If it would are not benefited by a coat of lime more improve me as much as it did the The huge palm trees on the Saunder's or less heavy, according to the condi- peaches folks would think I'd found the Elija of life."-Detroit Free Press.

## ANCIENT ROMAN WOMEN.

They Were the Property of Their Husbands and Had No Rights.

In the early stages of Roman history there is reason to believe that the Roman wife was completely under the control of her husband. The Roman idea of a family made the father a despot, with power of life and death over his children, who could do nothing without his consent. This was the case in regard to the male children, even after they had reached a considerable age. Women, according to the opinion of the early Romans, were always children. They required protection and guidance during their whole life, and could never be freed from despotic control. Accordingly, when a Romangirl married, she had to choose whether she would remain under the control of her father or pass into control, or, as it was called, into the hands of her hus-It is likely that in the early ages of

the city she always passed from the power of her father into the hands of her husband, and the position she occupied was that of a daughter to her husband. She thus became entirely subject to him, and was at his mercy. Roman history supplies many instances of the despotism which husbands exercised over their wives. The slightest indiscretion was sometimes punished by death, while men might do what they liked without let or hindrance. "If you were to catch your wife," was the law laid down by Cato the Censor, "in an act of infidelity you would kill her with impunity without a trial; but if she were to catch you she would not venture to touch you with her finger, and, indeed, she has no right."

Wives were prohibited from tasting wine at the risk of the severest penalties. The conduct of Ignatius was praised, who, surprising his wife in the act of sipping the forbidden liquor. beat her to death. The same sternness ion, will usually bring appears in the reasons which induced me of the Romans to dismiss their wives. Suspicious Gallus dismissed his because she appeared in the streets without a veil. Antistius Vatus dismissed his because he saw her speaking secretly to a freed woman in public, and P. Sempronius Sophus sent his away because she had ventured to go to the public games without informing him of her movements. - Contemporary