#### SIMPLICITY BEST.

A PLEA FOR GRACEFUL ARCHI-TECTURE IN DWELLINGS.

Profuseness of Ornamentation One of the l'aults of This Generation - Happily the Abuse Is Gradually Disappearing in Plans for the Puture.

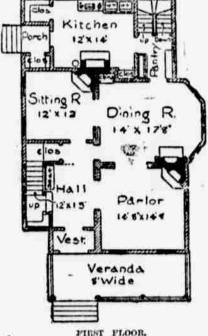
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One of the greatest faults in American architecture, although happily it is more to be noticed in the buildings of a past generation than those of the present, is a too profuse use of ornamentation. It bespoke a low state of public taste. The most glaring instances of this fault are to be seen in the houses that were creeted in the Into '60s and early '70s, with the French roofs, their hideous and obstrusive iron window sills and their ginger-bread work everywhere. Even buildings put up purely for business purposes felt the effect of this impulse, for this was the period of iron fronts that did not show a foot of plain flat surface. At this day there is coming, even if slowly, a general recognition that the best and most imposing effects in architecture are provided by simple and chaste designs. In house building the external ornamentation may safely be left to the competent architect. When one of these offend, it is usually because a particular patron objects to too much plainness and wishes to carry out his own fancies.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

Crnamentation may be beautiful in tiself, and when applied to architecture may not offend the eye at the first glauce, and yet as one lives within its presence, grows tiresome and ereates resentment. If one builds a house and its general lines are strong, he should insist, before everything else, on a freedom from petty details of ornamentation. There should be no tawdry cornices, flimsy brackets and spindle work. In design these may seem attractive, and may be deemed necessary to cover bare spaces of stone or wood; when they are in place, however, they prove a torment to the eye. In the matter of interior finish the same rule holds good. There cannot be but general regret at the passing of the honest handiwork in wood. The workman was an artisan, if not an artist, and he rarely sinned against good taste, everything being in keeping and general harmony of design. One must be chary. Now in the use of machine work, mouldings and carvings are practically turned out by wholesale without regard to its particular use or location, and they frequently clash with themselves and surroundings. There should be plain casings and door panels and no



base boards if elaborate best effects are to be tained; in particular, one should guard against ornate mantels and the "built in corner" cabinets glittering with glass or mirrors. Plain wells give the best background for pictures. and artificial fillments virtually kill one's furniture, no matter how handsome it may be. The passing of the style of ornamental plaster work is matter for congratulation. A simple centre piece for the chandelier in a large room is permissable, if it is unobtrusive, but even this is not necessary. There is no longer any need for plaster cornices. These gather dust and dirt and consequently become unhealthy as well as ugly. The modern method of paper banging covers the break between ceiling and side walls,

the old time cornices. There is a less need for the warnings over ornamentation at this time in as much as popular taste is steadily moving in the direction of rich and simple effects. Every year brings a notable improvement in architectural

and furnishes an artistic substitute for

We illustrate an attractive residence and describe its principal features as follows:

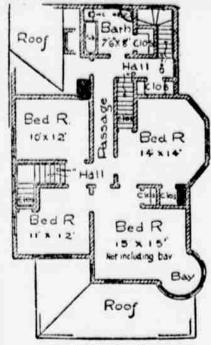
General Dimensions: Width, through sitting-room and dining-room, 31 ft. 8 ins. ; depth, including veranda, 53 ft. Heights of Stories: Cellar, 7 ft. 6

ins.; first story, 9 ft. 6 ins.; second

story, 9 ft.; attic, 7 ft.

Exterior Materials: Foundation, stone; first story, clapboards; second story, gables and root, shingles.

Interior Finish: Hard, white plaster; plaster cornices and centers in parlor, dining and sitting-rooms. Double floor in first story with paper between finished floor, soft wood, Trim in hall and vestibule, quartered oak. Main staircase, oak. Panel backs under windows in parlor, dining-room and sitting-room. Picture molding in principal rooms and hall of first story. Chair rail in diningroom. Bath-room and kitchen, wains-



SECOND PLOOR. coted. Interior wood-work stained to suit owner and finished in hard oil. Colors: Clapboards, seal brown.

Trim, including water table, corner boards, cornices, casings, bands, veranda posts and rails, outside blinds, rain conductors, etc., chocolate. Outside doors finished with hard oil. Sashes, Pompei an red. Verauda floor and ceiling and all brickwork, oiled. Wall shingles dipped in and brush coated with light sienna stain. Roof shingles dipped in and brush coated dark red stain.

Accommodations: The principal rooms and their sizes, closets, etc., are shown by the floor plans. Cellar under the whole house, with inside and outside entrances and concrete floor. One room finished in attic; space for two more. Attractive main staircase. Sliding doors connect hall and parlor, dining-room and sittingroom. Attractive circular bay in sec-

Cost: \$3400, not including mantels, range or heater. The estimate is based on New York prises for materials and labor. In many sections of the country the cost should be less.

Co-Operative Building Plan Associa-

#### IT KILLED HER. Peculiar Notion of a Woman Who Feared

"A very sad affair," remarked one of the mourners on the way home from the funeral, says the New York World. 'death is always sad.'

Burglars.

"Of course; but it was particularly so in this case. Perhaps you didn't know the deceased as well as I did. She was one of the best women that ever lived, but all her life she was the victim of a strange terror."

"You don't say so," commented the man.

"Yes," went on the melancholy mourner, stroking his beard reflectively. "She had an idea that she was going to be murdered by a burglar who han hid himself under her bed. She allowed the impression to grow upon her, and in course of time she became a monomaniac on the subject. All the doors and windows in her house were coubly locked and barred, and every night for thirty years the last thing she did was to look under her

"But didn't her friends try to do anything to get her out of her morbid condition?" inquired the man, growing interested.

"Everything they could think of." answered the mourner. "Why, the last thing they did was to buy her a folding bed to sleep in."

"That surely cured her of her insane fear about a man under the bed."

"You'd think so," returned the mourn; "but that's just where you make a mistake. She hadn't been steeping in that folding bed a week before the thing collapsed one night and smothered her."

# Buffalo Found.

Several weeks ago Dr. J. B. Taylor, the wealthy Texas stockman, sent three experienced cowboys and frontiersmen in search of the herd of wild buffalo which were discovered in Brewster county two years ago, and have been seen several times since then. The hunters have just returned from their character of any object at which it trip, which they state was a success. They found the herd of buffalo, numbering about eighty head, in a remote section of Presidio county. The animais were trailed by the hunters from | all." the Carmen Mountains, in Mexico. Now that the exact location of the herd is again known, it is Dr. Taylor's intention to start with his expedition, which has been organized for several months, and round up the animals and place them all on his ranch in Tom Green county.—San Antonio correspondence.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

Foreigner-This may be a free country but I don't see that the freedom has any effect on the people. Such a patient, meek, subdued lot of humanity I never saw in my life. I should think a free-born American would act as if he were monarch of all he surveyed.

Native-Wait until you see a passenger car brakeman who expects soon to be a conductor.-New York Weekly,

### IMPORTANCE OF THE LIBRETTO It Is the Most Important Part of an

Chinera. must provide himself with a good libreito, says the Fortnightly Review. On this we should say roundly the whole fortune of the piece depends, A good libratto will make amends for bad music, but good music will never make amends for a bad libretto. If the libretto is light the maste need not necessarily be flimsy. Indeed, we can promise the composer that he may indulge his most recondite vein at times without danger and throughout the opera may write his very best and most valued music. The libretto will correct him when he is inclined to prose and become tedious. It will keep him from tripping; it will be his salvation if he has any theories. Whatever he does the opera will succeed—only provided that he has a good libretto. In the second place he must ed with 150,000 pearl shells, which he provide himself with a good libretto. The best music in the world, which sounds elegant and even sublime in the concert-room, if by any means it could be transmuted into the music of the theater, would fall flat and meaningless if linked with a bad libretto, so inextricably are the two intermingledso important is a good libretto to the composer. In the third place he must by all means provide himself with a good libretto, for without it he can do he he no money invested in them. nothing. In the fourth place he must do the same, and, having obtained the libretto, he has only to sit down and write the very best music which training and his genius admit of, and with all sizes, the average cost of each a good libretto his opera will be a suc-

#### PARADISE FOR CRIMINALS. Live in the Open Air in Comparative

Freedom. A correspondent writing from Italy

gives some interesting details of the treatment of prisoners on various Italian islands he visited while on a trip in the Mediterranean, says London Tid-Bits. Each of these islands contains several hundred prisoners, who are locked up every night at sunset, released at daybreak and locked up again from midday until 2 o'clock. During the night no prisoner is allowed to be absent under any circumstances, but at midday those who work on farms at a distance from the prison are allowed to remain out by special permission of the director. During these free hours the prisoners can go anywhere they like on the island and can engage in any work offered them by the townspeople or farmers. Any infraction of the rules of ordinary life around them or of their prison is punished by seclusion in special cells. The government furnishes physicians and medicines, a summer and winter suit of clothes to each prisoner every year and allows him fivepence daily in money for his food and other necessaries of life. Danger of escape is prevented by a squad of soldiers-one to every ten criminals-and a swift-sailing felucea, manned by marines. On account of the cheapness of labor the islands are so highly cultivated as to "Yes." replied the man at his side, resemble gardens. The correspondent adds: "As for the prisoners, the open air makes them the healthiest of any criminals I have ever seen. There is no sign in their faces and bodies of that prison blight which strikes every visitor to ordinary jails."

## SCIENCE TOO SLOW.

Discovery of Cat Language Not Likely to Be of Much Use.

"We live and learn," said the ordinary man, according to Black and could either mew or purr or spit or leave it alone. It now seems that I've there together. done an injustice to the beast's vocabulary. Prof. Marvin Clark, I'm told, has been studying the language of cats and has discovered 600 'primitive words.' " "Of which" the mere boy said, "599

are either biasphemous or improper." "The professor doesn't say so and I don't see how you found it out."

"I ree this professor says that cat language bears a resemblance to Chinese. It's rather rough to insult a fallen and vanquished nation that way."

"Well, if there's anything in it," the ordinary man remarked, "it would account for the Chino-Japanese war in a novel and perfectly satisfactory way. But really, when one comes to think of it, it is much easier to believe that cats talk than that monkeys talk. Cats and owls both make sounds exactly like the sound of a human voice. Given a churchyard, a dark night and a white cat and you have all the materials of a ghost story.'

"It's a pity," the journalist said, that discoveries of this kind cannot be turned to some practical use. Why don't they discover the language of the horse? It would make driving much easier if you could tell the animal exactly what was wanted and explain to it verbally the perfectly innocuous might be likely to shy."

"Ah!" said the eminent person. "Be fore that discovery arrives we shall have the auto-cars and no horses at

## They Would Not Lay.

A good story is told about a clerk in a Mechanicsville, Pa., store, It seems a chasers. This large oval pearl you country damsel entered the store in which the clerk was at work. She carried some live chickens with their feet is no question but that the Torres fishtied, and she placed them on the coun- eries produce the finest pearls to be is noted for his polite manners, but he bring the highest prices." is not always grammatical, and he smilingly asked: "Are you sure they will lay there?" "Oh, no, sir," she stammered, "they're all roosters."

## Finnnigan Got in Trouble.

Ben A. Bore-I'm very sorry Miss Tooker is out; you won't forget to is very interesting. mention that I called? Flannigan-No. indeed: I'll run right upstairs now and tell her.-New York World.

# THE PEARL INDUSTRY

First and ferement the composer is THE ONLY FARM OF THE KIND ON EARTH.

> King of Gem testers Employs No Less . "If the slacres are high and rugged finance when he grows up, says the Than 1,500 Men. Including 230 it indicates that the water is diep and New York Mall and Express. Wall Small Scale:



AMES CLARK of deep for them. Queensland, Ausand the owner of biggest pearls, the only pearl-shell is at the Occidenshell farm is stock-

collected from the deep-s, a waters. He believes that he can grow pearls and shells. It is a new thing. Nobody There is a constantly growing demand on a tour of the world to investigate the various pearl fisheries.

He has all the facts and figures converning them on his finger-tips. He is much interested in the extensive pearl fisheries in the Gulf of California, but, of course, only in an abstract way, as

The king of pearl fishers employs no less than 1,500 men and 250 vessels. Of the army of 1,500 men, 250 are skilled divers. The vessels used are of being £600.

"I have been fifteen years engaged night. "My fisheries are in the Torres straits, in the north of Queensland. I began on a small scale, and have given

edge of the Torres straits. The water is shallow, for it is only in that kind of water that shells can be found successfully matured. Any experienced pearlfisher can tell at a glance from the surrounding shorts whether or not be has the best fishing ground.

Skilled Divers Began Business on a cold. The shells do not attain the afreef office boys are about as shrewd streatest size there. Resides this it is and wide-awake youngsters as an be hard on the divers in going down so found, but for the moment the one in

"Where the shores are low and retralia, the king of ceding and the water warm, there are the pearl fishers to be found the finest shells and the

"I ship my shells to London in my farm in the world, own vessels. The shells are used for It proved to be an advertisement from scores of different purposes now, and a cigarette company and contained a tal, announces the there is a greater demand for them package of five eigarettes, samples of San Francisco Call. each year. They go to London in my a new brand, and a postal card ad-Mr. Ciark's pearl- vessels by hundreds of tons.

> and Paris mainly. The catch every year runs roughly speaking from \$200,-000 worth up to almost five times that. long enough to ascertain that for a certainty.

"It is because of this that I am now trying to make pearls and shells on my own farm, which I have established and stocked by a portion of what I have caught

# A QUEER EXPERIMENT.

Photographing the Splash of a Drop of Mercury.

Prof. Worthington has been studying a curious phenomenon for twenty years says Knowledge. The splash of in pearl fishing," said Mr. Clark last a drop occurs in the twinkling of an eye yet it is an exquisitely regulated phenomenon and one that very happily illustrates some of the fundamental the pearl fisheries my close attention properties of the fluid. The problem during all these years. My experience that Prof. Worthington has succeeded has led me to the belief that with in solving is to let a drop of definite proper intelligence in the selection of size fall from a fixed height in compar-

#### SCHOOLTEACHER KILLS A LION



Miss Edna Booker is the heroine of the door. To reach it she had to pass the Rockies. She is the school teach- the lion, who had dropped the antelope er of the village of Midland, and she and growled ominously as she aphas just performed a deed of heroism proached. The gun was empty, so she which, according to western editors, had to reach her desk again to load it. Titanism, but it has been caricatured cannot be too highly commended."

followed the child to school each day aim and pulled the trigger. and waited patiently about until the

class was dismissed. the teacher and her children were at work. Suddenly there was a commoup to see the little animal in the clutches of a large mountain lion.

shotgun which hung on the wall near World.

In the meantime the lion sprang to-One of Miss Booker's pupils had a pet wards the group of children. The antelope which, like Mary's little lamb, brave young woman followed him, took

The recoil of the old gun knocked her over, but the charge had done its One day last week it lay, as usual, work, for the lion's head was blown alscreaming down the road with the tion, and the startled children looked in the school-house, where they found the lion dead and the teacher safe, but in a nervous collapse.. They ex-White. "I always thought that a cat With shricks of terror the tots ran to pressed their enthusiasm in typical the most distant corner and huddled western fashion. Procuring a chair, they placed the girl in it and carried The teacher did not for a moment her and the dead lion through the town lose her nerve, but started towards a with wild cheers.-From the New York

> a place, one can raise pearls and pearl | ative darkness onto a surface and to ilshells as easily as one can raise oysters, but, of course, to do this you must know how. I started a large pearl-shell farm three years ago, and have stocked it with shell, which I obtained in many instances far out at ocean, in the deep water. To grow shells successfully, according to my experience thus far, the water must not

> be too deep. "There is one thing I am sure of, and that is that no matter how many pearls are produced, the supply can never equal the demand, and therefore there is no danger of any combine among the pearl fishers of the globe. It is for the purpose of finding out all I can in regard to the pearl fisheries of the different parts of the world, that I up the rays in pairs. Thereafter the have now set out on this trip. 1 keep pretty well informed in regard to the pearl fisheries in all parts of the country. Your great fishery in the Gulf of California is the biggest one on the American continent, and is practically the only one, excepting that of he Gulf of Mexico, below the gulf.

"The pearls that are grown in the Torres straits are all of the color you see here. This beautiful silver pearl which you see on my seart is a good Illustration of the kind we produce.

"There is only one color, in fact, and that is the most desired among purmay think something abnormal in its way, but we get many of them. There The clerk who waited upon her had. The market shows that. They

> Mr. Clark is a man of medium height and middle age. He is said to be a multi-millionaire and to have acquired his colossal fortune since he began pearl-fishing a few years ago. He has a reddish beard, a clear, gray eye, and a quiet, confident way of talking that

"My pearl-shell farm," he continued, 'occupies a stretch of water ten miles long and about five miles wide on the as you please. - Le Petit Liegeois,

luminate it by a flash of exceedingly short duration at any desired stage, so as to exclude all the stages previous and subsequent to those thus selected. The many illustrations in this volume testify to the accuracy and beauty of his work. The curious results of a splash of a drop of mercury from a height of three inches upon a smooth glass plate are particularly interesting. Very soon after the first moment of impact minute rays are shot out in all directions on the surface with marvelous regularity. From the ends of the rays droplets of liquid split off. The liquid subsides in the middle and soon afterward flows into a ring. The ring then divides in such a manner as to join whole contracts till the liquid rises in the center, so as to form the beginning of the rebound of the drop from the plate. Immediately the drops at the central mass rises in a column, which just falls, itself to break into drops. He photographed no fewer than thirty successive stages of the splash within the twentieth of a second, so that the average interval between them was about the six-hundredth of a second. Remarkable are the splashes of water drops falling about sixteen inches into milk, but more beautiful are the dome forms when the height is fifty-two

## A Sop to Cerberus

inches.

Grosbinet has a violent discussion with a gentleman who has called him a

porcupine. "Withdraw that expression!" howled Grosbinet, "Never!"

"I'll call you to account for it." "As you please,"

Grosbinet (simmering down)-Come, now, you really must withdraw comething." "All right," said the other, "I'll with-

draw 'upine.' And Grosbinet walked off as content OFFICE BOY'S "CHANCE."

A Scheme That Might Make Him .

Napoleon of Cigarettes. One of the big stock brokers downtown has an office boy who promises to become a genuine Napoleon of question bears the pains. He has discovered how to get something, and lots of it, for nothing.

A package came through the mail for his employer this morning. The broker, after opening it, tossed it to the boy. dressed to the company. The accom-"The pearls are marketed in London | panying circular stated that the company had decided to introduce the brand in this way and requested the recipient to write on the back of the postal card the names and addresses of ever attempted it before. Mr. Clark is for them. I have been in the business five friends who smoked eigarettes and mail it. Cigarettes would be sent to them and it didn't take the boy long to guess that each of the five recipients would be asked to send in five new names. This was an endless chain scheme with a vengeance, the youth decided, and offered up a most brilliant prospect for him.

He promptly grasped the opportunity. First, he filled in his own name with the office address; next another name with his own home address in Brocklyn, and then three names he managed to invent with the same street number address as his firm's. This done, he mailed the card and left word with the janitor that if any letters or packages came addressed to the three individuals for whom he had invented names they were to be deliv-

ered to him in the office.

At this point he was assured of twenty-five eigarettes, and he began to figure out the method by which he would obtain the 125 cigarettes that would result later from the first batch. When last seen he had not made up his mind whether to make use of some of his office boy friends as consignees. He did not want to give the scheme away, yet he could not exactly see how he could carry on such a wholesale business as promised to result without assistants. He was murmuring: "Five times five is twenty-five five times twenty-five is 125-five times 125 is 625-five times 625 is-" when the bookkeeper sung out to him to start in

## Celtie "Titanism."

and deliver stocks.

In his book on "The Study of Celtic Literature." Arnold showed that one of the qualities which the English people admire most in some of their poets is the very quality which, above all others, is the distinguishing characteristic of the Celtic bards, and that Ossian in particular is saturated and per-

vaded with the quintessence of this To denote this characteristic trait. trait of Celtic poetry Arnold used the word Titanism. No one has defined in the saving, "The Celtic mind seems always sailing nowhere under full sail,"

Those who wished to know the full meaning of the word were recommended to discover it by devout study of Byron and Keats. "And where did they get it?" asks Arnold. "The Celts," basking in the sun at the door, while most to pieces. The pupils ran he answers, "are the prime authors of this vein of piercing regret and passtory, and in a short time men were sion, of this Titanism in poetry. A famous book, Macpherson's 'Ossian,' carried in the last century this vein like a flood of lava through Europe. · · · Make the part of what is forged, modern, tawdry, spurious, in the book as large as you like, there will still be left a residue of the very soul of the Celtic genius in it, and which has the proud distinction of having brought this soul of the Celtic genius into contact with the genius of the nations of modern Europe by it. Woody Morven, and echoring Lora, and Selma, with its silent halls, we all owe them a debt of gratitude, and, when we are unjust enough to forget it, may the Muse forget us."-Macmillan's Magazine,

## TEMPERANCE.

The extent to which brewers control the retail liquor business of New York was manifested under the Raines liquor tax law, May 1, when one brewer filed application for 700 certificates, another for 300, and another for 150, a total of 1,150, aggregating in money \$920,000

The Southern Baptist convention, in session at Chattanooga, passed, by a large majority, resolutions condemning the retention of church members who "make, sell, or drink spirituous liquors, or rent their property for the use of liquor dealers.

The prohibition convention has nominated the following ticket: For president, Joshua P. Levering, of Maryland; for vice-president, Hale Johnston, of Illinois. The free silver plank was rejected, and the candidates were placed upon a "narrow-guage" platform, embodying merely the principle of prohibition and even omitting the woman-suffrage plank which has been a feature of its platform for years past. The broad-guage element has formally seceded.

St. George vineyard at Fresno, Cal., boasts of the largest tun for holding wine to be found in all the world. The great tun at Heidelberg castle, in Germany, holds 49,000 American gallons, while the St. George tun holds not less than 79,000 gallons, or thirty car loads.

H. H. Boyd, a druggist, was convicted in the district court at Larned, Kan., lately, of violating the prohibitory law on three counts, fined \$300 and sentenced to ninety days in fail, The case will be appealed.

The general conference of the Methodist Protestant church adopted very strong resolutions on temperance.