

CONCERNING WOMEN

Near the entrance of the Cathedral of Seville hangs a patched and painted crocodile which once served as a princely love token that failed of its mission.

Quite the newest thing in the way of an occupation for women is putting cane seats in chairs. A Boston woman has chosen this unique way of earning money and is making a decided success of it.

Prof. Sarah Bernhardt has, since her appointment, made her first appearance at the conservatoire. She was the object of an ovation, and the female pupils of her class, to whom she will give lessons in dramatic declamation, presented the famous actress with a beautiful bouquet of violets.

Whether or not the queen of Italy approves of the sale of her discarded gowns to royalty-loving Americans appears to be a mooted question. According to one report, these garments are the perquisites of her majesty's head maid, who disposes of them, with the queen's knowledge, at semi-annual sales, from which she realizes about \$5,000.

This spring Aunt Hannah Walker of Poland, Me., will observe her 105th birthday. During the winter she has knitted over a dozen pairs of mittens and stockings.

Mrs. Eliza Burchfield of Canton, O., is ninety-five years old, but in all those years she has had only twenty-three birthdays.

Miss Grace N. Wishaar of San Jose.

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Cal. is the only woman theatrical scene painter in the United States. She was educated in Paris and painted the scenery for three New York theatres—the Fifth Avenue, Manhattan and Herald Square.

The little Grand Duchess Olga, eldest daughter of the emperor of Russia, is probably the richest girl in the world. When she was but a week old the sum of a million pounds sterling was presented to her and invested on her behalf.

Mrs. Hannah A. Currier of Manchester, N. H., is to give her fortune of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a gallery of art in that city at her death.

Mrs. M. J. Ross, mother of Postmaster Ross of Fort Gibson, I. T., has just passed her seventy-ninth year, and she is perhaps the most distinguished Cherokee woman now living.

At least two young women have undertaken the work of training boys and girls for a business career. They are Miss Mary F. Peaslee, of Dover, N. H., and Miss L. M. Downs of Haverhill.

A little hunting incident, of which Queen Helena of Italy was the heroine, has leaked out some days after the event. She accompanied the king to Castle Porzinan to shoot. The weather was intensely cold, so a big bonfire was built, around which the royal party gathered.

When President Grant's only daughter, Nellie, afterward Mrs. Sartoris, was a miss of twelve years she attended a private school in Washington. One afternoon, says a writer, Nellie's lessons were not learned.

HOUSEWIFE SUGGESTIONS.

Tasty sandwiches have anchovy paste, mayonnaise and minced green peppers as filling.

Add a little milk to the water in which potatoes are boiled and they will when done look very white and tast well.

When the woodwork in a room is being painted it is a good plan to have about three inches of the floor painted with the same color paint, then if ever it is necessary to put a carpet upon the floor which does not exactly fit it, the little space left will not be so unsightly.

Don't use soda when washing china ornamented with gilding for soda will in time surely take off every vestige of gold from the pattern.

A carpet should never be laid on a damp floor, for the latter at once becomes a breeding place for moths.

Linseed oil well rubbed into oilcloth will make it last twice as long. Wipe it off well and let dry thoroughly before using.

To clean an oil painting that is covered with dirt and fly specks wipe all the dust from the painting with a soft cloth. Put a little linseed oil in a saucer, and, dipping a finger in the oil, rub the painting gently. It will require

time and patience, but the effect will repay you. Artists say that in cleaning a painting nothing but the fingers dipped in oil or in water should be used.

The inside of kettles should either be dried whenever the contents have been emptied, or they should be hung up or stood upside down in a dry place. A few drops of water, if allowed to collect at the bottom of a kettle, soon cause spots of rust, and these in time generate into holes.

THE PANAMA HAT.

Where the Best Ones Are Made in the Republic of Colombia.

The Panama hat follows in importance coffee, gold, hides, cattle, tobacco and rubber in the order named and is carried on in the departments of Cundinamarca, Tolima, Antioquit and Sant-ander, in the republic of Colombia, but mostly in the last named department, where it is the breadwinner to more than one-half of its population.

Panama hats are made with the veins of fibers of a palm leaf, the tissues of which are scraped off or combed in much the same way as hemp. The palm (carludivoca palmata), called locally "jijijapa," is very small in appearance and grows in great quantities on the low and swampy lands of the upper Magdalena. It grows wild, but is also cultivated, although to a limited extent, in the largest hat districts, the palm producing in a little over a year.

The preparation of the fibre after the tissues have been combed off consists of boiling same in water containing salt and lemon juice for the effect of whitening and rounding its surface; this operation takes a few hours. The straw is then exposed to night air for three consecutive nights, after which it is ready for use. The material employed in the making of a hat is marketed at from 15 to 40 cents (equivalent thereof) a hat, according to the fineness and whiteness of the straw, the youngest leaves generally giving the best quality.

It takes a woman four days to make an ordinary hat, eight days for a good one and as much as fifteen days for the finest hat made in Colombia. The salary of the peasant woman employed in the making of a "jijijapa" hat is reckoned at ten cents a day, including her food, which can be calculated at ten cents additional.

The best hats exported from Colombia are those called "Suaza" made in the city of that name in the department of Cundinamarca. The next in order are the Antioquenos, made in the department of Antioquia. Then follow the ones made in the department of Santander, called respectively, Zapatoea, Barichara, Bucaramanga and Giron, from the various cities where made, and varying in quality and price in the order named. But the Zapatoea, although the most expensive from Santander, are supposed to be of less duration.

The best Suaza hat exported costs on the premises \$5, and the cheapest from that place \$1; the Antioquenos one degree cheaper, the cheapest of all being those from the department of Santander, which range from 50 cents to \$2, according to the quality. Indeed, some panama hats, made at the rate of one a day, sell for less than 50 cents, but these are made exclusively for home consumption and in no way exported.

Elbow gloves usually look as though the garter had come unfastened.

There is frequently very little to a "mysterious" person after the mystery is explained.

Notice of Petition.

Estate No. 224 of Margaret Merriman, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of John J. Ledwith as administrator of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein, on May 3, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated April 3, 1907. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

Estate No. 2212 of Ida A. Beck, deceased, in county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is October 15, 1907, and for payment of debts is May 15, 1908; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on July 15, 1907, at 2 p. m., and on October 15, 1907, at 2 p. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

Dated March 11, 1907. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate No. 2217 of Annie W. Sidwell, deceased in county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is November 1, 1907, and for payment of debts is June 1, 1908; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on August 1, 1907, at 2 p. m., and on November 1, 1907, at 2 p. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

Dated March 18, 1907. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned have formed a corporation, the name of which is Big Four Transfer company; principal place of transacting business is Lincoln, Nebraska; nature of business is drayage, storage and transfer business including buying, selling and dealing in merchandise and real and personal property; the capital stock is \$15,000.00, of which \$3,000.00 is to be issued before commencing business, all stock to be fully paid up before issued; corporation to commence November 28, 1906, and to terminate January 1, 1906; the affairs of the corporation to be managed by a board of directors from whose number shall be elected a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer; the undersigned incorporators to be the first board of directors.

Dated this 4th day of March, 1907. HARVEY E. PIM, THEODORE C. SCHMIDT, KASPER GOLDSTEIN.

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