

FREE TO TWENTY-FIVE LADIES.

The Defiance Starch Co. will give 25 ladies a round-trip ticket to the St. Louis exposition to five ladies in each of the following states: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who will send in the largest number of trade marks cut from a 10-cent, 16-ounce package of Defiance cold water laundry starch. This means from your own home, anywhere in the above named states. These trade marks must be mailed to and received by the Defiance Starch Co., Omaha, Neb., before September 1st, 1904. October and November will be the best months to visit the exposition. Remember that Defiance is the only starch put up 16 oz. (a full pound) to the package. You get one-third more starch for the same money than of any other kind, and Defiance never attacks the iron. The tickets to the exposition will be sent by registered mail September 5th. Starch for sale by all dealers.

Women's imperfections are known only to their dressmakers.

The Hagenbeck Animal Paradise and Trained Animal Circus on the Pike at St. Louis attracts great crowds every day. There are wild beasts, lions, leopards, panthers, hyenas, bears and tigers roaming in their native jungle together with domesticated animals in perfect harmony. The Hagenbeck trainers present the most thrilling performances of perfect animal training daily in the steel cage of the huge arena. You should not fail to see it. It is the greatest attraction at the World's Fair.

Umbrellas and friends are seldom around in the hour of need.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for the same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you." And it also laughs at you and thereafter refuses to take you seriously.

Grain-Eating Songsters.

Fine voices, it is said, are seldom found in a country where fish or meat diet prevails. Those Italians who eat the most fish (those of Naples and Genoa) have few fine singers among them. The sweet voices are found in the Irish women of the country, and not of the towns. Norway is not a country of singers, because they eat too much fish; but Sweden is a country of grain and song. Carnivorous birds croak; grain-eating birds sing.

Where Most Wheels Go Around.

There is no place in the world where the wagon or cart traffic is equal to that of Newchwang. During the winter months, when the roads are firmly frozen, there are not less than 2,000 carts, each carrying two tons per day, coming to the port, each drawn by from four to seven mules or ponies; some of these carts are from thirty to forty days on the road in order to reach the market.

Longest Convention.

The longest convention in our political history was the Democratic national convention which met at Charleston, S. C., in 1860. At the end of ten days it had accomplished nothing, and adjourned to meet in Baltimore. Even when the majority of the delegates reconvened in the last-named city they needed four days to nominate Stephen A. Douglas.

BACK LICK

Settled the Case With Her.

Many great discoveries have been made by accident and things better than gold mines have been found in this way, for example when even the accidental discovery that coffee is the real cause of one's sickness proves of most tremendous value because it locates the cause and the person has then a chance to get well.

"For over 25 years," says a Missouri woman, "I suffered untold agonies in my stomach and even the best physicians disagreed as to the cause without giving me any permanent help, different ones saying it was gastritis, indigestion, neuralgia, etc., so I dragged along from year to year, always half sick, until finally I gave up all hopes of ever being well again.

"When taking dinner with a friend one day she said she had a new drink which turned out to be Postum and I liked it so well I told her I thought I would stop coffee for awhile and use it, which I did.

"So for three months we had Postum in place of coffee without ever having one of my old spells but was always healthy and vigorous.

"Husband kept saying he was convinced it was coffee that caused those spells, but even then I wouldn't believe it until one day we got out of Postum and as we lived two miles from town I thought to use the coffee we had in the house.

"The result of a week's use of coffee again was that I had another terrible spell of agony and distress, proving that it was the coffee and nothing else. That settled it and I said good bye to coffee forever and since then Postum alone has been our hot meal-time drink.

"My friends all say I am looking worlds better and my complexion is much improved. All the other members of our family have been benefited, too, by Postum in place of the old drink, coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten days trial of Postum in place of coffee or tea is the wise thing for every coffee drinker. Such a trial tells the exact truth often where coffee is not suspected.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



Your Corner



Tucked Sailor Blouse an indispensable adjunct to the wardrobe—Smart Box Eton Adapted for Girlish Figures—Some Approved Recipes.

and set them close together in a dish, to hold them in that shape until they are cool and hardened, then prepare the filling by cutting the strawberries, sweeten with powdered sugar and mix with thick whipped cream. Fill the baskets, and place a whole strawberry on either end. Do not fill the baskets until time to serve, as the cream softens the pastry, if allowed to stand, and the baskets lose their shape.

The Millinery of Summer.

The large and the small hat are in equal favor this season. For semi-dress occasions the small or medium-sized turban or sailor is perhaps in better taste, but the vogue of the wide drooping shoulders in costumes and wraps will undoubtedly make the picture hat more popular than ever.

The blending of delicate pink and blue is a feature of many hats, and in the association not only of small flowers but of ribbons as well is this discernible. Green also is a favored color, and for the hat to complete a green toilette or to be worn with a black or dark blue or a natural-colored pongee or Shantung gown, it is a most attractive shade. Green trimmings—plumes, aigrettes, breasts and ribbon velvet—provide this smart touch when the hat is black, blue, ecru or white. Brown and green is another popular combination.

No form of headgear is more charming than the dainty lingerie hat made in simple "baby" shape out of the finest lace or embroidery, with a large bow of ribbon as its only trimming. These hats have a girlish effect, and to be successful they should be worn only by the youthful and with dainty frocks.—From The Designer for July.

Told in Her Boudoir

Fancy stocks are much simpler than last year.

Turnovers of finest linen are decidedly dainty.

Boas of any sort are not very much in evidence.

A new heavy pongee has an almost shaggy surface.

A favorite braid for voile gowns is the bright-surfaced hercules.

Wreaths of daintiest small flowers done in velvet, especially delicately pale blue forget-me-nots, trim hats.

The latest development of the sleeve frill is the employment of fine lace dyed to match the shade of the gown. Chiffon is also largely used for sleeve frills.

The fashionable decolletage line is somewhat higher this season, for, although the corsage is set lower, it is finished with a dainty tucker of mousseline de soie, chiffon or net.

Pelerine collars slightly draped in front and finishing to a point, leaving the throat free, will be much worn this summer. Another effective collar yoke is a yoke and bertha in one, fitting closely on the shoulders and then falling with a full flare.

Separate Yoke and Collar.

The new plan of the yoke and collar being separate from the rest of the gown is an excellent one, as it permits of their being easily laun-

dered without the entire waist having to be ripped apart, as is generally the case. In the simpler styles of gown this is most desirable, but it is also carried out in the more elaborate ones, and for the same reason that the laundering of any lace or embroidery is a difficult task unless the entire waist is cleaned at the same time. In many such respects fashion becomes more and more practical as time goes on; one reason, however, being that absolute cleanliness and perfection of detail are required in any garment that is to be considered at all smart.

Smartest Facing for Hats.

By all odds the smartest facing for hats to be worn with tailored dresses is that built from narrow lingerie frills. A facing of net is cut to fit the hat, then covered with innumerable ruffles of narrow lace, either gathered or accordion-pleated. Valenciennes lace lends itself best to this sort of facing, and if a vest, collar and half sleeves of lace edged flouncing are worn with the linen suit, the harmonious effect with the hat is very good.

Misses' Box Eton.

Box Etons are essentially smart and suit girlish figures to perfection. This one is adapted alike to the suit and



the general wrap and to a variety of materials but, as shown, is made of natural colored pongee banded with stitched silk and matches the skirt. The wide sleeves are graceful in the extreme and allow of wearing over back and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. The wide sleeves are cut in one piece each and are laid in box puffs that are extended to cover the shoulder seams. A shaped band finishes the neck and the full ones of the season's waists without danger of rumpling, while the extended box plaits give the drooping line so essential to present styles.

The Eton in made with fronts and front edges and both the lower edge and those of the sleeves are faced to correspond.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 2 3/4 yards 21 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 27 inches wide or 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 1 yard of silk to trim as illustrated.

A HANDSOME BLOUSE.



Handsomeness blouses are ever in demand both for the odd waist and the gown. Here is one that suits both purposes and allows many variations, but is shown in pale green messaline satin, with the yoke of tucked chiffon, vest and trimming of Chinese embroidery, on white edged with silk

sard, the deep fall below the vest and those in the sleeves being of cream Lierre lace. To make the blouse for a woman of medium size will be required 4 1/2 yards of material 21, 4 yards 27 or 2 3/4 yards 44 inches wide with 3/4 yards of tucking for yoke, 3/4 yards of a over lace for cuffs and 3 yards of lace for frills.



Refused to Listen.
"Pardon me, sir," began the feminine victim of hard luck, who was forced to solicit alms, as she approached the crusty old bachelor's desk, "but I am a poor lone widow, and—"
"You may as well break it off right there," interrupted the heartless o. b. "I can't use any leap-year proposals in my business."

No, He Wasn't Henpecked.



Mr. Scrapper—Maris, I—I—
Mrs. Scrapper—Take that, you brute, and don't let me ever hear you say that you are henpecked again.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Different Kind.

Johnny—What does conscience mean?
Teacher—It is something inside of you that tells you when you have done wrong.
Johnny—Ma said I didn't have no conscience. But I knew I had. Only, when I felt that way the other day, doctor said it was green apples.—Brooklyn Life.

One Man's Grief.

Smithkins—I met Enpeck downtown to-day. He told me his wife had left him last week.

Mrs. Smithkins—Poor man! I suppose he's all broke up over it, isn't he?

Smithkins—I guess so. When I congratulated him he insisted on opening a small bottle.

Cause and Effect.

Wife—John, do you know that you swore in your sleep last night?

Husband—Did I? It must have been when I had that horrid dream.

Wife—What did you dream?

Husband—I dreamt I was smoking one of those cigars you gave me on my birthday.

His Method.

"Don't you know that it doesn't do the least good to apply abusive epithets to a political opponent?"

"Of course," answered Senator Sordum, "it doesn't do any good. But it assures your constituents that you are trying to do something to earn your salary."—Washington Star.

She Was O. K.



Mr. Knox (3 a. m.)—My dearsh-hic don't be-hic-cross. I've had a hard tug of it.

Mrs. Knox—I should think it would be a hard tug to carry the load you've got.

Too Sanguine.

Edna—And after our marriage I am going to keep a cook.

Belle—You are too reckless, my dear.

Edna—Reckless?

Belle—Yes. You should say you are going to try to keep a cook.

Practice Makes Perfect.

Shoe Clerk—I'm afraid you can't get these shoes on, madam. Suppose you try a size larger.

Mrs. O'Riley—Niver do yez moind, young man. O'll be able t' git thim on after O'l wear thim a toim or two.

Plausible Theory.

Myer—Who was it that originated the saying "the unexpected always happens"?

Gyer—Don't know. Some fellow connected with the weather bureau, I imagine.

Reason Why.

"But you Americans," protested the Englishman, "have no ancestors to whom you can point with pride."

"Well, that is our misfortune rather than our fault," replied the American girl. "Most of our ancestors came from England, you know."

Moisture in Tobacco.

The presence of moisture in tobacco is, the Lancet believes, of some importance to public health, since the combustion of tobacco containing a large proportion of moisture is impeded, while as the generation of vapor is increased, so are the chances of the poisonous principle being carried into the mouth.

A Syllogism That Proves Much.

The famous syllogism of Themistocles was that his infant son ruled the whole world, proved thus:
My infant son rules his mother.
His mother rules me.
I rule the Athenians.
The Athenians rule the Greeks.
And the Greeks rule the world.

United States Fish Catch.

According to the National Geographic Magazine, the total catch of food fishes in the United States and Alaska, as shown by the last canvass, was 1,733,314,324 pounds, valued at 45,531,165. The number of men employed was 214,056, and the capital invested was \$72,261,646.

Of Wide Interest.

Breed, Wis., July 18—Special—Charles Y. Peterson, Justice of the Peace for Oconto Co., has delivered a judgment that is of interest to the whole United States. Put briefly, that judgment is, "Dodds' Kidney Pills are the best Kidney medicine on the market to-day."

And Mr. Peterson gives his reason for this judgment. He says: "Last winter I had an aching pain in my back which troubled me very much. In the morning I could hardly straighten my back. I did not know what it was but an advertisement led me to try Dodds' Kidney Pills. After taking one box I can only say they have done more for me than expected as I feel as well now as ever I did before."

Pain in the back is one of the first symptoms of Kidney disease. If not cured by Dodds' Kidney Pills it may develop into Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism or some of the other deadly forms of Kidney Disease.

Ban on American Dentists.

The Supreme Court of Germany has rendered an opinion that the title of doctor conferred by American dental colleges is not to be recognized in Germany, constituting a violation of the German law against unfair competition and is therefore prohibited to be used. Three hundred and twenty dentists in Germany, who heretofore held the title of doctor from American colleges, are affected by this decision.

Youth a Relative Quality.

Youth has nothing to do with years—the real youth that accepts life and learns from it the lessons which exalt and purify. But it is given to few to carry with them into old age the splendor of the dawn, to retain the old "unconquerable hope" to the end. Those few, however, are the salt of the earth, whether they write, or dig, or sweep crossings.

Learning Russian at Home.

Swallow a white selditz powder, following it with a blue one. Then simultaneously swallow a big drink of water and inhale some finely powdered cayenne pepper. Have a phonograph handy when the trouble starts, and you will have on record the city directory of St. Petersburg.—Baltimore American.

Keep Most of Products at Home.

In the city of Smyrna there are factories that make thread yard, calico prints for head wear, boxes, etc.; there are flour mills, machine shops, carriage and cart factories, and a cigarette factory. None of the manufactured articles, with the exception of carpets, is exported.

Is It Not Worth While

if you travel, on business or pleasure, to get the best service for the lowest rates? Ask the Erie Railroad Company, 555 Railway Exchange, Chicago, for full information. Booklets free describing Summer Tours and the Beautiful Chautauque Lake Region; also Cambridge Springs.

New Value of Aluminum.

A German experimenter, Herr Bernhard, noting the structure of aluminum, decided to try it for putting an edge on fine-cutting instruments, such as surgical knives, razors, etc. He found that it acted exactly like a razor-hone of the finest quality.

More Flexible and Lasting.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Oldest Woman in World.

Madrid claims to have the oldest woman in the world—Maria Nieto, who has lived in three centuries, having been born in 1781. She was twice married and had nineteen children, all of whom she survives.

Occasionally a man marries because he imagines a divorce suit is less expensive than a breach of promise suit.

Cornu Medals.

An influential committee has been formed in Paris for the purpose of striking a medal in honor of the memory of the late Prof. Cornu. The committee includes many members, foreign associates and correspondents of the Institute of France, as well as other leaders in the scientific world. The medal will be in bronze, silver bronze and silver, and the price will be 15 francs, 50 francs and 50 francs, respectively.

Difficulties only increase determination.