Miss Winter's

Real Estate Deal

When Thomas J. Edwards called on

"Tom." she said, "I've found the

about it. I want to see if you aren't

name of the agent. She wanted it to be

Tom stopped as if he had grown sud-

denly faint. "E. Winter," he thought;

but then this was, of course, a man.

One of those amusing coincidences we

hear of so frequently." So he halted

"Yes, my dear," he said, "I see the

"Just remember it, that's all. Now

Miss Reynolds threw open the door

and stepped into the office. E. Winter,

Mr. Edwards entered, and faced them.

real estate agent 1 told you of."

attention to the sign above it.

but a moment.

we'll go in."

sign; but what of it?"

ly did look surprised.

does look it, doesn't he?"

Then she came forward bravely.

"I'm glad to meet you, Mr. Edwards,"

she said, without showing the slightest

"ELLEN," HE SAID, REACHING OUT A

PLEADING HAND.

piness of that pretty young thing."

Winter turned to go down, he came

"Ellen," he said, holding out a plead-

But Miss Winter did not halt for an

instant. She went on down the stairs

and kept on her conversation with Miss

"Explanations of any kind are worse

than useless," she was saying to the

girl. "I always think one had better

cisions accordingly. And there is so

much about a house-end about other

The lease was drawn up and signed.

you, Miss Winter, I'm sure, and you | islands.

and Miss Reynolds said, as the couple

The bill was promptly made out, but

it was sent to Miss Reynolds instead of

must send your bill to Mr. Edwards."

forward and tried to detain her.

Reynolds.

explain."

ing hand, "I want to explain-"

just as much surprised as I was."

great spirits.

HEN Ellen Winter left her came back to the first one they had home in Ohio to come to Chicago with her family she was able engaged to be married to Thomas J. Edwards. Within two years of her arrival fice to-morrow," said Miss Reynolds, in this city almost everything possible when they parted in the city, "if you In the way of misfortune had happened will be kind enough to go out with us to her. Her father had died within a and take another look at the house. few months, leaving the family poor. am sure it is just what we want, and There were the old mother and Ellen's | that we'll take it for a couple of years.' Founger sister Sally to support, and Miss Winter took the burden on her his bride-to-be that night she was in own not overbroad shoulders.

At about the time of her father's death the letters from the Ohio town in thing we want. I went to answer one which she had left her fiance began to of those ads. in the Sunday paper, and come less frequently and to display I was never so surprised in my life as much less arder than before. Within when I got into the real estate office. wear Thomas J. Edwards had ceased I've made another date with the agent



"I THINK TOM WOULD LIKE THIS VERY MUCH."

to write to her, not even sending a final letter in the way of apology or explanation. The engagement was, of-course, ho more than a memory. Only indirectly she learned from her old home that Edwards had left the town and gone to live in some big city, her informant was uncertain in which one.

When necessity made her a wageearner Miss Winter cast about her for some line of work in which she could at the same time make money and preserve her independence. She finally decided to open a real estate and renting office. It seemed to her that a woman should be a better judge of the good qualities of houses offered for rent, and that prospective tenants might in time swindle on a deal in acres." learn to depend upon and pay for her good judgment. In the meantime she avoided notoriety by putting up a sign which read "E. Winter, Real Estate and Renting," and which raised no question as to her sex. Her advertisements were all signed in the same way. and she was often amused by the surprise of people who came into her office to inquire for Mr. Winter, the real estate man. Incidentally, she made a living from the start and soon grew

fond of her work. One day she was sitting in her office when a pretty young girl opened the door and walked in.

"I came to see Mr. Winter," said the caller, "about renting a house in one of the north shore suburbs."

"I am Miss Winter," returned the real estate dealer, with a smile, "and I am, I think, the real estate man you are looking for. Yes, that is my advertisement, and I'll be glad to take you up the road at any time and show you the houses on my list."

An appointment was made for the following morning, and the two women met at the Wells street station. On the train Miss Winter made some inquiries which would assist her in picking out a suitable house for her pretty cus-

"How large a family have you?" she

"Reynolds is my name," supplied the girl, with a blush. "The truth is I haven't any family at all now. I'm to be married next month, and I'm looking for a house for us to live in."

The situation was interesting, and as all the world loves a lover Miss Winter mentally decided to make an extra effort to find a pretty little place for the bridal couple.

At the first suburb they visited Miss Winter had a quaint, old-fashioned house on her list which stood in the midst of big, well-wooded grounds, and which seemed to her an ideal place for the spending of a honeymoon. As they looked it over it was the most natural thing in the world that more should be said about the coming wedding, and particularly about the bridegroom.

"I really think Tom would like this very much," said the bride-to-be, as they wandered about the shrubbery

which surrounded the house. "I beg pardon," said the real estate see for himself and make his own dedealer. "What did you say?"

"I said I thought that Tom-I mean Mr. Edwards-would like this very things-that it is simply impossible to much."

"Tom-Mr. Edwards--" repeated the real estate dealer in a startled way. "I mean the man I'm to marry next month," laughed the girl.

"O, yes; of course," said the real estate dealer. "How stupid of me not to understand."

Then she reflected that the name was to Tom Edwards. The bill was receiptnot an uncommon one. And what did ed, and with it went a little note:

"Miss Winter presents her compliit mean to her, after all? They inspected a dozen houses in ments and asks Miss Reynolds to acnearly as many suburbs, but always cept this little token of good will on her when lying awake at nights.

approaching marriage. Besides, Miss Winter feels that the surprise shown by Mr. Edwards when he found that she is a woman was amusing enough to amply repay her."-Chicago Tribune

NEW STORIES IN LAW. One Lawyer's Exorbitant Fee-How Much the Testator Left.

A lawyer of some distinction, who began practice in a small New England town, says his first client required a deed covering certain parcels of land sold to a neighbor. The deed was drawn in due form, and after its execution the "I'll bring Mr. Edwards to your ofclient demanded his bill. It was \$2. This amount was objected to as a most exorbitant sum for the service ren-

"I told him," says the lawyer, "that to enable me to draw the deed I studied two years in the Laucaster Academy, and this cost me \$200; then I went four years in Dartmouth College, which cost me \$250 a year more, and then i went to the Harvard Law School for another year at a cost of \$500.

"'So you see, Mr. Hines, that to get the necessary education to do this work I had to pay out \$1,700, and yet you think my charge of \$2 is a large one." for te-morrow morning and you're to go

"The man looked at me for a moment with me to look at the house we've sein amazement, and then exclaimed lected. I shan't tell you anything more 'Gosh! What a darned fool you must have been before they begun on you!" From the same source comes the Next morning at the hour appointed story of a lawyer who was said in his Mr. Edwards and Miss Reynolds took day to have drawn more wills than any the elevator to the seventh floor of the one else in his county. Upon the death skyscraper on which was located the of a respected citizen there was much real estate office of E. Winter. Miss speculation as to the value of his prop-Reynolds had not even told Tom the erty. The village gossip undertook to find out the facts. Calling upon Mr. a complete surprise to him. But as they Heywood-the lawyer referred to-he approached the door she did call his remarked:

"Well, I suppose you made Mr. Blank's will?"

"Yes." was the answer. "Well, then," continued the gossip, according to the New York Times, "you! probably know about how much he left. Would you mind telling me?"

"Oh, no," said Mr. Heywood, in his slow way. "He left every cent he had."

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Be Circumspect.

and prosperity, and the nearer we ap who was seated at her desk, turned as 'Some peculiar conditions prevail at proach to the ideal home the less we the cities of Nogales, Mexico, and shall have to fear for the future.-Les "Miss Winter," said the smiling girl. Nogales, Ariz.," said the traveler who lie's Weekly. "this is Mr. Edwards, Tom, this is the recently returned from a visit to Mexico. Tom's face was white and he leaned "The international boundary line is back against the open door as if to re- formed by a street that divides the two cover from a blow. Miss Reynolds towns, and the boundary stones are zultivate in the pursuit of beauty, just looked at him and laughed. He certain- set out with a very nice regard for as it is the first step toward improvetechnicalities. There is a saloon there ment in health. As a woman breathes. "I didn't tell him you were a woman," which has more than a local reputation, so she is; for the poise of the chest is she explained to Miss Winter, who was and the propriertor is certainly an en. the keynote to the whole figure. When driving her finger nails into the back of | terprising individual. His salcon is lo- the chest is in proper position, the fine cated on the street that divides the two points of artistic wearing apparel and ber chair. "And I told him he'd be as countries, and at a point where the di- all the little frills of fashion are seen much surprised as I was. He certainly "People often are," broke in Miss patron of this saloon buys his drink in terials assume a certain elegance hith-Winter. "Why, once there was a man | America, and, stepping across the hall, erto unknown. But if it is carried badso embarrassed that he ran out of the be buys his cigar in Mexico. In this ly, the figure droops and falls into way the proprietor avoids the duty on ugly angles. Nothing sets well; no garoffice when he discovered that I was the 'E. Winter' he had been trying to prices than most of his competitors.

American who imbibed too much fight. otherwise grace is out of the question ing whiskey at this saloon. When he and good health difficult. To breathe arrived at a certain stage he allowed correctly, keep the chest up, out, forhis prejudices to get the better of him, ward, as if pulled up by a button. Keep and, standing near the boundary line of the chin, the lips, the chest on a line. his own country, he heaped anathemas Hold the shoulders on a line with the and hurled defiances at the people ac- hips. The observance of these direcross the border. A couple of Mexican tions will insure to golf skirts and officers stood across the street, almost rainy-day costumes a real dignity and within reach of the pugnacious Ameri- picturesque effect. Breathe upward can, hoping that he would stroll across and outward, as if about to fly, drawinto Mexico. He did get over there ing in the air with slow, deep breaths after a while, although the trip was and letting it out gently. This con wholly unpremeditated. During a hal scious deep breathing repeated ten or rangue against Mexican institutions in twenty times at intervals during the general and the police in particular, he day tends to expand the chest permahappened to lurch too far over to star- nently, to give it classic poise and style board and fell into Mexico. The alert Repeated forty times, it is said to be a cops promptly grabbed him, and, cure for worry.-Dr. L. F. Bryson, in though he didn't get a chance to take in Harper's Bazar. the sights, he paid quite an extended visit to the country he had so eloquenty maligned."

A Protracted Cruise.

trace of recognition, "and if you are New York, and started on a cruise by way, and helped the senior editor of ready we'll start at once for the sta- way of the Sound. They kept close to the Woman's Journal to get a woman's the shore, and owing to lack of wind right resolution through the national "Whatever happens," she was think- and the slowness of their boat they Republican convention of 1872. Garing to herself, "I sha'n't spoil the hap- were still drifting by familiar country field recognized its growing importa week or so after they left New York. ance. He said, "Laugh as we may. All the morning she managed it so | On a point of land which they passed put it aside as a jest if we will, keep that not for an instant were she and a solemn Yankee sat fishing. For some it out of Congress or political cam-Tom Edwards alone together. Only hours the boat made almost no prog- paigns, still the woman question is

pleased with, he managed to wait in an are ye from?"

to descend the stairs. Then, as Miss | "How long?" "Since August first." The man returned to his fishing and the yacht kept on drifting. Along in the afternoon the same voice hailed them

again: "What year?" Bringing It Home. 'See here, my child, that latest beau of yours looks like a Chinaman."

"A Chinaman, papa?" "Yes, he looks so much like a Chinaman that I have decided to rigidly enforce the exclusion act against himand don't you forget it."-Cleveland

Plain Dealer. To Study Philippine Fauna. A biological society has been organized in the Philippines for the investileft the office: "We're much obliged to gation of the fauna and flora of those

> Many Sources of Sugar. Sugar exists not only in the cane, beetroot and maple, but in the san of 187 other plants and trees.

in the day time as we have imagined



THE WOMAN AT HOME.

HERE is no place where the graces of true womankind shine out more conspicuously than in the common daily intercourse of the family. Patience, gentleness, tender sympathy, love and forbearance here come into play with a force and influnce felt in no other place. Here those irtues, which have their source in the sivine nature, find their most congenial tmosphere. Let them be lacking, or ny of them, and the harmony is broken, and peace and joy depart. It is not to be understood that the happiness of the family relation does not also depend n a large measure upon the character of the husband and the father, but we insist only that the influence of the wife and mother here is the chief and most essential thing. The home is, primrily, what she makes it. It is her domain, her throne of power. If she chooses to neglect her duties at the bebest of society, or because of other outside Interests, the home suffers from her absence, and the family loses all that charm and brightness which her presence should infuse. There is danger, we apprehend, in these days of progress and "reform," particularly in he matter of "woman's rights," of undervaluing the influence and character of the family life. It is sometimes talked of as a matter of small consequence in comparison with that socalled wider sphere outside of home duties, to which many are inspiring. But let the truth be emphasized, tha the mothers of to-day hold the levers of the world's to-morrow. Let impurity. discord and dissension enter the homes of the people, let the family life be corrupted, and disease and death will fast-

en itself upon the vitals of the republic

and its days will be numbered. Domes-

Beauty and Breathing. Correct breathing is the first art to viding line is not clearly defined. The to best advantage. Even humble maimported eigars, and can provide his ment seems right. It is always wrong customers with the best make at lower to make the bone structure do most of the work in keeping the body upright. "They tell an amusing story about an The muscles should hold it in position.

Roosevelt's Viewson Woman's Suffrage Roosevelt is the first President of the United States since Abraham Lincoln who had expressed bimself publicly in To enjoy yachting, a good breeze is favor of woman suffrage before attainalmost as essential as a good yacht; but ing the Presidency. Cleveland proved both were lacking in the case of a well- himself favorable to it by actions known New Yorker, an amateur whose rather than words, as he signed bills experience is related in Harper's giving women partial suffrage in New York when he was Governor of that With a few friends he set sail from State. Haves favored it in his quiet while they were inspecting the house. ress, and after a while the fisherman rising on our horizon larger than the which Miss Reynolds had been so roused himself enough to ask, "Where size of a man's hand, and some solution ere long that question must find. upper room until the girl had started "New York," replied the yachtsman. Some other Presidents were believed to be more or less friendly to it, but Roosevelt and Lincoln have been the only ones to put themselves conspicuously on record.

Prettiest Girls in the World. A man who has traveled far and wide over the face of the earth, visiting nearly every country known to civill zation, declares that if asked where the prettiest girls in the world are to be found be would unhesitatingly reply in Limerick, Ireland. There is a freshness of face, lustrousness of eyes. healthfulness of color and complexion carry off the sweepstakes trophy. The girls of Cork, and of the lakes-in fact. of the country all the way down from Dublin-are somewhat of the Limerick order. In form they constitute a happy medium between the rotund English maids across one channel and then sylphlike Parisian demoiselles beyond | no one can pretend that the mathemati the other.

We have never had as great troubles tion of female beauty-a human ce- the good points of a feminine face ramic without a blemish. The Limer- These strange veils are startling, and

exquisite wit and ingenuousness-an extraordinary assimilation, to be sure. In other words, while she is not insensible of her sparkle of words, she seems like one who has never looked frequently into a mirror. She has regular and sometimes very pretty teeth and if her nose is often inclined to retrousse and there is an "Irish expression of mouth" these but add piquancy water. Let it cook gently for an hour, to her other beautiful features.

Beauty of Simplicity.

The fad for perfectly plain pieces of furniture still flourishes, the colonial the meat is done let it stand in the style in mahogany and the dark weathered oak pieces being the fashionable house fitments of the hour.

The weather oak settee is of very good design, and is cushioned in brown roan skin, as is considered best form. the cushions being laced with thongs oven. This not only improves the flaof the leather itself. These weathered oak settles are never

upholstered, but are always cushioned. On the contrary, the plain colonial sofa. often called a Davenport, with its straight back and high ends, is always upholstered in some material appropriate to the period.

The very latest ideas are embedied in these two pieces. One of the best points of the severely simple outlines the vogue now is that one doesn't tire of them as one does of the lightweight kinds, ornamented with machine-made, stamped out ornamentations. Another thing, they will never look bad style, even after this fad has passed.

War on Docking Horses, Mrs. Miles Standish, of New York, with other prominent women, has initi-

ated a popular movement, which has

tails disqualify dogs steak. MRS. STANDISH, from competing in most of the important kennel shows in the old world, and also in the new, and these wemen hold there is no reason why this decree of exclusion should not be extended to horses whose tails have dry, and fry in boiling fat as Saratoga been docked.

Honsekeeping at \$400 a Day. The Queen of England's retinue of servants makes a staff which would

appal an American housekeeper. The salaries aggregate \$660,000 a year. Appended is a list of some of the functionaries, and what the cost of their services: Waxfitter, who arranges all the candles, \$300 a year; a per year; five table deckers, who set the royal table, \$1,460; chief butler, ers in the royal laundry, aggregate season to taste. wages, \$10,000 a year. Besides the amount that is paid for household labor, the tradespeople who supply the eatables receive on an average \$860,000 a year.

When Visiting Sick Rooms.

Never enter a sickroom in a state of perspiration to remain for any time, for when the body becomes cold it is in a state likely to absorb the infection; nor visit a sick person-if the complaint be of a contagious nature-with an empty stomach. In attending a sick person do not stand between the patient and any fire that may be in the room, as the heat of the fire will draw the infectious vapor in that direction.



ric, from the thinnest muslin to the heaviest wool, is to be en regle.

The Gibson waist, one of the latest shirt waists, is specially becoming to women with poorly developed figures. A new square-cut collar, much in evi dence on spring jackets, is just the blazer collar of several seasons past. edivivus.

No dainty piece of lingerie is complete these days without its ribbon finish at neck and sleeves, and here and there for trimming, whether in rosettes or rows about the Limerick girls en masse that of ribbon-rim beading. This season will be no exception.

Say what you will, the plain chenille dotted tulle and soft net veilings are far more becoming to American women than the fanciful and monstrous figured nets which disfigure some faces. A soft veil is becoming to a woman, but cal figures and huge splashed designs But the Limerick face is the perfect and giant wafers assist in discerning ick girl is also the highest example of | that is all that can be said for them.



Boiled Ham.

After making a satisfactory selecion, wash and scrape the ham until elean, and then let it stand in fresh water over night. In the morning subnerge it in a kettle of nearly boiling when you may throw in a carrot if here is no objection to the flavor, also a sprig of parsley, or a few cloves and bay leaves, to suit the taste. When liquor until cool, thus leaving it juicy and tender. Never boil any salt meat severely, but keep it at a gentle simmer antil done. To give the ham a fine appearance, cover it with bread crumbs when cold, and brown lightly in the vor, but makes it possible to serve the same as baked ham.

Cranberry Timbales. Take two quarts of cranberries, four cups sugar and two cups water; wash and pick over the cranberries carefully. put them in a saucepan with two cups of water, cover and stew till tender; hen strain them through a sieve, return the pulp to the saucepan and boil lifteen minutes; add the sugar and stir and boil just long enough to melt the sugar; rinse out the timbale molds with cold water and sprinkle with granulated sugar; pour the cranberries when nearly cold into the molds, and set in a cool place to get firm.

Beefsteak and Onions.

Broil the steak over the fire, being careful to turn it often; after it is cooked place on a hot platter and put for its object the bar- in the oven with little dabs of butter ring of docked horses on it. Put two ounces of very finely from all horse shows, chopped suct in a frying pan and fry a and the enactment of 'ight brown; into that put three onions, legislation providing sliced very fine. Cover the pan and cook severe penalties for until tender, then remove the cover this and other forms of and continue the cooking until the cruelty toward horses, onlons are a light brown. In serving Cropped ears and cut your the onions and gravy over the

French-Fried Potatoes.

Peel some potatoes and cut in finger lengths not too thick, cover with ice water, and if they are old it is better to let them stand two hours. Drain, wipe ships-not too many at a time. When they are a nice brown lift the basket from the fat, sprinkle with salt, shake the grease from them and remove with a skimming spoon, drain on paper and serve at once.

Bref Broth.

Wash well two pounds of lean beef cut in small pieces, and put to boil in three quarts of cold water. Skim frefirst and second lamplighter, \$500 each quently while boiling, and when reduced to one quart take from pot and strain. Return to pot with half a \$2,500 a year; chef, \$3,500 a year; four pound of lean beef chopped fine and master cooks, each \$1,000 a year; clerk | well mixed with three raw eggs. Beat of the kitchen, \$1,500 a year; confec- all together and return to fire. Boil half tioners, \$1,500 and \$1,200 each; work- an hour, or until clear, then strain and

Broiled Veal Steak.

Butter the gridiron well and broil the steak over a hot fire; when quite brown on both sides, take out and put in a shallow pan: into the pan put a little white stock and about two ownces of butter. Set this in the oven for five minutes, take out the yeal, and to the stock in the pan add a gill of tomato sauce with a bit of horseradish, and pour over the veal before serving.

Sponge Cake.

Three eggs, one and a half cups of flour, two tablespoonfuls of cold water, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and a half teaspoonful of soda. Put all of the ingredients together at once, stir about five minutes; bake in a quick oven about twenty minutes.

Jenny Lind Soup. Take three quarts of white stock, seasoned with white pepper and mace; put into it three ounces of sago.

Home Notes.

Old oak furniture can be thoroughly cleaned by being washed with bot beer. When all spots and dirt have been removed, polish in the usual way with beeswax and turpentine,

The white lead that is used in painting in oils, and which may be bought at any shop where art paints are sold, is the best and simplest sort of cement to mend china. It is so durable that dishes mended with it can withstand

To economize soap in the laundry a little pipe clay may be used for kitchen cloths and other much soiled articles. It has a very cleaning effect, and if a little be dissolved in the water only about half the usual amount of soup will be required.

To soften water for laundry purposes when you have no rain water supply it is a good plan to draw the water three or four days before it is needed for use. and to expose it to the air. This will render it quite soft, and will make soap either entirely unnecessary, or at any rate, will make a very small quantity of it sufficient.

Where a sewing room is not available the seamstress will find a rug of linen crash perhaps two yards square a great convenience. This may be put under the machine, sewing chair and cutting table, and will keep scraps and bits of thread from the carpet, and in turn protect delicate fabrics from the dust of the floor. It can be faundared spring and fall, and kept in service indefinitely.