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In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo. A female weakness or displacement is often brought on and they suffer in silence, drifting along from bad to worse, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pains and aches which daily make life a burden. It is to these faithful women that

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"I was not able to do my own work, owing to the female trouble from which I suffered. Lydia E. Pinkham's VegetableCompound helped me wonderfully, and I am so we's that I can do as big a day's work as I ever did. I wish every sick woman yound try it.

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tics." To an outsider, the facts are of course not apparent enough to make it interesting, but to a man on the "inside" the drama is chock-full of interest. As I had, and have, no sort of prejudice against any race or creed, my experience in municipal politics was as good as an extended course of travel in foreign countries. I saw the various outs and ins of politics unfold themselves, viewing matters with a strictly impartial eye. There was nothing in the life of the city that was not in some way, either remote or imminent, connected with the political game. A man might stay at home and abiure politics if he wished to, and most of the native Americans did this. but his sin would find him out. Then, when he made his roar of protest against existing conditions, he had no one but himself to blame.

The ward I lived in was, for our city, singularly free from an admixture of races. There were quite a number of Germans, a large array of Swedes, Norwegians and Danes, some Irish and Irish-Americans, a strong colony of Poles, a few English and Welsh, some Bohemians, and a scattering of Greeks, Arabians, Jews, Armenians, Italians, Spanish, Chinese, Finns, Scotch, Russians and some Americans, with an occasional Patagonian or a native of the Cannibal Islands. But it was not one of those wards of the city where all races under the sun were represented; and a few besides.

By and large the Irish-Americans 'ran" the ward. That is, in our party. It was the simplest thing in the world. They were born politicians. taking to politics as a duck does to water, and having a real love for the game. They were ready speakers, and sometimes good ones; they were invincible "hustlers;" they always attended the ward meetings, and usually held the offices; they were active in getting acquainted. liberal in their pu suit of their natural prey-the other races-and resourceful. They were not too scrupulous in attaining a desired end, and they never lost heart in defeat. They could and did rejoice in a victory, but they were never cast down when they lost. It's all well enough to talk about the alleged volatility of the Irish race, but they make good soldiers, don't they? Well, there's a deal of discipline and other military ingredients in political life, and while it is true that in the rural districts the American comes out strong for politics, in the majority of the cities, big and little, the Irish-American politicians "run things." If you don't believe this, travel a little and inquire. But "politics is such disagreeable work, don't you know." Of course, "don't you know." But the result of letting politics go hang while one keeps his nose stuck tenaciously to the grindstone of business often results in disaster to the entire community "doncherknow." And I for one, had nothing but bitter contempt for the people of my race who lifted protesting hands and gave voice to the "lily-livered" dictum that "politics was something a gentleman couldn't engage in."

their race did not invariably get him | away in different directions? Not in a their vote. Occasionally they nominated a man of their race for the ex-press purpose of defeating him, because he had proved himself too small for the position.

The Germans were good, live politicians, and like as in other matters, somewhat Teutonic in their prejudices and tendencies. Clannish was hardly the word for their particular brand of many a particular defeat would emerge triumphant the form of some German candidate whose race vote had been plumped solidly for him, no matter what party he belonged to. To nominate a state, county or city ticket without the name of at least one representative German for one of the principal offices, was something that no party convention either cared or dared to do. A good many of the Germans still spoke the language of the Fatherland, and even when there were spies about, seeking to pick up crumbs of information, they were usually baffled

by "the vernacular." The Germans had good, solid, and eloquent speakers among them, and they were excellent campaigners.

Their particular wards elected German aldermen as a rule, and as a rule the German office-holders were good men. Occasionally they were amusingly independent when given appointive offices. To go against a mayor's wishes when placed in an appointive position is as much worse than lese majeste as murder is more of a crime than petty larceny. Yet on occasions the sturdy independen of the Teutonic mind boiled over. An alderman called on a German official with a request from a mayor (not in my time) to do something the official disapproved of. The official took the message with an expressive shrug of the shoulders. "I won't do it," was his answer. "But I've got the mayor's orders," replied the surprised and indignant city father. "I don't care what you've got," was the retort. "You ain't got me, Hein. I run this office. I've got my resignation written and in my pocket. The mayor can have this office in ten minutes if he wants it, but he can't have me." So the alderman had to give it up, and the official remained.

The Hebrew wards were inclined to man of their own race, but they were not massed excepting in about three wards. They are not, strictly speaking, a people who "go in" very strongly for politics, but they make a success of it when they do engage in it deliberately. The scattering vote of this nationality was large, but divided among so many wards that it was a matter of uncertainty as to number. But where they had taken up residence almost solidly, as in

thousand years! Yet the reformers and dreamers, seeing no further than beyond their own noses, attempt to weld into a homogeneous mass, in a few years, what time intends to devote centuries into doing.

A slight study of racial politics will convince the most enthusiastic believer in "having things his own way." that it "can't be did" in some cities. political cohesion. Out of the ruck of Racial prejudice, old-world customs, religion, suspicion, temperament, how many and how impregnable are the barriers which present themselves. To get along without any trouble with the representatives of all these different nationalities was not a hard task. provided you looked at mankind as being all lineal descendants of Adam, and not different in what they wanted. but only different in the way they went at it. The sanguine races gesticulated, grew eloquent, rapt, even poetical in asking for some small favor. The taciturn races expressed themselves briefly, and devoid of enthusiasm.

> Racial politics concerned itself carefully as to the selection of the various ward halls in which to hold the meetings, the hiring of bands, the em-



Sorting Out Petty Jobs.

ployment of printers, the distribution of "ward patronage" and all the intricacies of municipal politics. "What's in a name?" Well, you can bet your ultimate sesterce that there was neareverything in a name to sorting out the petty jobs in a ward. Why, an astute ward superin tendent (supposing he were an Irish-American) would "turn down" with cold disdain the request to put on another man of his nationality on a job if there already had been sufficient representation of the race on the job. It made a heap of difference what a man's name began or ended with in one another in different parts of the municipal politics. Of course everyone cannot be satisfied, but favors must be distributed as near evenly as possible to keep a ward organization or a party "machine" in good running order. And weren't these "handy boys" on the lookout to see that there was no undue favoritism practiced? I should say. And they could tell you just how things stood in the ward, and they were "johnny-on-the-spot" if any 'coarse work" was attempted. When an approaching election was coming on the leaders of the party, of as many races as there were colors in Joseph's coat, would assemble to consider the personnel of the ticket. Not that I ever heard them use the word personnel. These meetings might take place in a hotel, or party headquarters, or if it was a straight ward meeting of leaders in the ward, it might take place in a, say, schoolhouse. Then and there the various qualifications of the different prospective candidates would be discussed and argued, and "a slate," as it is called, would be agreed upon. Sometimes these "slates" went through on convention day without a slip. Sometimes there were battles in the convention, and compromises effected. I was present at one of these "caucuses" of leaders, when there was merely talk about the prospective ticket, but no settlement of the ticket. It was an informal gathering, accidental, but an earnest meeting nevertheless. The main office was spoken of. A prominent German-American was suggested. He was approved by all present. Another office was named. It was assigned to a well-known Irish-American. A third office came up. After a little wrangling a popular Scandinavian was selected. A fourth office was mentioned. An influential Pole was the favorite. A fifth office became the topic of conversation and the name of a Bohemian citizen was proposed and a Hebrew who had been active in the party. Finally during the wrangle an Irish-American politician said heatedly: "Well, what's the matter with giving it to a good American? I know just the man, and he's a corker." The leader of the said: "Do you mean that?" "Sure, I mean it," was the reply. The leader laid his heavy hand down with a quiet force that made the glasses tilt as he said: "This is business, see! I want it distinctly understood that I'm in favor of no d-d experiments." That ERNEST M'GAFFEY. settled it. (Copyright, 1908, by Joseph B. Bowles.)

For the Hostess

Description of Simple and Pleasing Entertainments That Are Within the **Keach of All.**

ideas.

terror when I think of my fear of be-A Unique Musicale. A decided novelty in the way of ing scalped. musicales was given recently by a charming musician and her husband. They have done and are doing a woncontributed by a reader of the depart derful work for children. The invitament. Mme. Merri is most grateful tions were issued to the vouthful and always glad to receive new and guests with the request to bring "the original arrangements of even old dolly they loved the best to the doll

musicale.' The hostess was assisted by a muchbeloved corn-husk dolly who belongs to this musical household.

On the day appointed there were over 30 dolls of various ages and stations in life assembled in demure si-program:

'Dolly Lost and Dolly Found" Martin A kind of cloak Mantell

"Overture to the Marionettes"......Gurlitt long-"My Dear Jerushy" Gaynor Song-"Now Go to Sleep, My Dolly" ..

...... Mrs. Crosby Adams "Teaching Dolly to Waltz" Bartlett "Funeral March of a Marionette".Gounod 'Poupee Valsante" Poldini 'Dancing Doll''Seeboeck 'Doll's Reverie"..... Mrs. Crosby Adams The children were perfectly de-

lighted and took in the ideas expressed T before foolhardy forms rubbish. Trach to the great satisfaction of the hostess. It was a revelation to find that all the world loves a doll, as is evidenced by the fact that "music-makers of every T before everything forms height Tall clime" have "told the doll's own story T before to rest forms to plague...Tease in song and rhyme."

easily, as the selections are within T before competent forms a piece of reach of the average musican.

Two Outdoor Games.

These games are just the thing for T before a contest of speed forms a outdoor parties, which may be given all the month of September. The first T before a hard substance growing is called "Deer Foot."

All the players are different kinds of deer: Reindeer, elk, moose, red To bestow deer, fallow deer or mule deer, ante- To gather cloth, and a male individual lope and fawns. For the forest trees have pieces of paper held to the ground with sharpened sticks, or real trees if they are available. There must be one less tree than deer. The extra deer stands in the middle of the "forest." A leader is chosen by popular A servant whose business is to take

charge of the liquor Butler vote or by the host, and all follow him,

A "T" PARTY. before a girl's name forms a cat Tabby before a beverage forms a story...Tak before craft forms a small pie....Tart before shower forms a line of cars Train

before a request forms labor Tasa before a gun forms something trivial Trifle before regret forms sincerity......True T before a mistake forms fright. Terror before humor forms to blame Twit This suggestion may be carried out T before finish forms watchfulness...Tend furniture Table T before to embrace forms a criminal Thug

Three Guessing Games.

ACTORS.

human race, and a tract of land

A thing woven, and to make a mis-

One who removes the hide Skinner

A temporary shelter of light construc-

A machine for raising heavy weights

.....

To make a rattling noise Russell

Part of a mill Hopper

A digger of coal Collier

Excellent, and to succeed Goodwin

A person under a guardian Warde

kindness shown and to deceive

tion Booth

Crane

Belonging to a male individual of the

These three interesting games were

in Scotland Tweed mark Trace on the heads of some animals

T before a useless plant forms a river

Grant of the human race Sherman

A wine, and a man's name Sheridan A dairy product, and a tract of land Butterfield What the profane man did when kicked by the cow Custer To consume with fire, and the edge of a thing Burnside

A SIMPLE SAFEGUARD IN BUYING PAINT.

Everybody should know how simple and easy it is to avoid all uncertainty in buying paint materials. There are many so-called white leads on the market, which contain chalk, zinc. barytes, and other cheap adulterants. Unless the property owner takes advantage of the simple means of protection afforded him by reliable white lead manufacturers, he runs great risk of getting an inferior and adulterated white lead.

It is to protect the paint-buyer against fraud and adulteration that National Lead Company, the largest makers of genuine Pure White Lead. place their famous "Dutch Boy Painter" trademark on every keg of their product, an absolute guarantee of its purity and quality. Anyone who wants to make a practical test of white lead. and who wants a valuable free book about painting, should address National Lead Company, Woodbridge Bldg., New York, and ask for test equipment.

scendant Robson AND SHE LEFT HIM GUESSING. To chop Hackett

> Woman's Directions of Little Help to Traveling Lawyer.

> A New York lawyer was called recently to a hamlet in Berks county. Pennsylvania, in the interest of a large coal corporation, and now he is telling this story on himself:

He was driving along a country road and feared he might have lost his bearings. The village he wanted to reach seemed elusive, so he halted in front of a farmhouse to make inquiries.

"Madam," he called out to a broad German woman, who stood looking at him from beneath a "poke" bonnet, "can you tell me how far it is to the next village?"

"Oh, yust a leedle vays," came the response.

"But, my good woman, how far is It? Is it two, four, six or eight miles? That's what I want to know."

"Yah, I tinks so." And the Wall street lawyer drove

on a wiser man.

THREE CURES OF ECZEMA.

Woman Tells of Her Brother's Terrible Suffering-Two Babies Also Cured -Cuticura Invaluable.

"My brother had eczema three diferent summers. Each summer it came out between his shoulders and down" his back, and he said his suffering was terrible. When it came on the third summer, he bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and gave it a faithnl trial Soon he he n to feel better and he cured himself entirely of eczema with Cuticura. A lady in Indiana heard of how my daughter. Mrs. Miller, had cured her little son of terrible eczema by the Cuticura Romedies. This lady's little one had the eczema so badly that they thought they would lose it. She used Cuticura Remedies and they cured her child entirely, and the disease never came back. Mrs. Sarah E. Lusk, Coldwater, Mich., Aug. 15 and Sept. 2, 1907."

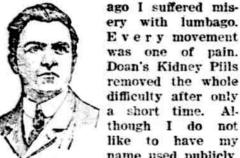


Timid Bard-D-does poetry go around here? Cruel Editor-Some of it does. That last batch you submitted just went out of the wiadow.

A TEXAS CLERGYMAN

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Telling the truth accidentally is apl to be embarrassing.



But speaking of "Americans," so far as the cities are concerned, where are they?

"English and Irish, Dutch and Danish, German, Italian, French and Spanish, Crossing their veins until they vanish, In one conglomeration:

So subtle a tangle of blood indeed No Heraldry-Harvey could ever succeed In finding the circulation."

You can find regulation Americans down in Kentucky, for instance, men who can trace their ancestors clear down to Daniel Boone in an unbroken line. You may find them indulging in such pleasantries as burning tobacco warehouses or shooting at each other from behind rail fences, for they are quite as handy with a rifle as Daniel

The Poles were a clannish nation and no one else could do anything in their wards. Where they represented only a smattering of strength they could be handled fairly well by the "leaders" in the ward, but they were "live members" and wanted some share in the "spoils" of office.

was.

The Bohemians were also a combatively inclined people, politically, and waged lively campaigns in the have the cohesiveness of the Poles. and candidates of other nationalities could occasionally squeeze in. The Bohemian, and in fact all of the forintrusion of "the king business." The foreign settlements. Scandinavian voters were apathetic

certain wards, they ran things themselves. When they engaged actively in politics they developed good speakers. They were, as a rule, rather inclined to one of the ruling parties, but the fetish of party could not compel their votes to be cast irrespective of men and principle. Now the striking dissimilarity of so many races, and their segregations of



city, produced a curious state of affairs from a social standpoint. Here was a race from the south of Europe, eager, bustling, emotional, with its own particular customs and mode of life. There, three blocks away, might be a race from northern Europe, totally unlike them, with creeds, schools, ways of living and every conceivable wards where they held the balance of viewpoint, both mental and physical, the voting power. But they did not absolutely separated from their neighbors.

What was the result? Why, it was like a lot of block-houses, each with its hostile or semi-hostile occupants. eign-populated wards, were strong for Dwellers in the same city? I say no! personal liberty, and as near as pos- Dwellers in the same community, I sible for the social privileges grant, but so carved apart by nation- group looked at him disgustedly and they had enjoyed in Europe, minus any ality and environment as to compose

Why did Rome from her seven hills mostly, only once in awhile producing rule the world? What makes Paris an orator or a hustling politician. They | such a great city? What gives the diswere governed in their political judg- tinctive touch to London, Berlin, ments partly by party fealty, partly Dublin, Edinburgh? It is the sense by the question of personal fitness, of homogeneity that makes them as and somewhat by the question of na- they are; the feeling among their intionality. But I give them credit for habitants of a common interest, a uni-

skipping lightly around the "forest." Eight furlongs Miles Suddenly the deer in the center calls The doubting apostle Thomas "Deerfoot"-and all run rapidly to a A piece of unhewn timber, and an ad-deer who fails to find a tree is called One who hooks Hooker a snail and takes his place in the cen. Not Masty, and to draw near Slocum MADAME MERRI. ter and the game proceeds.

In Vogue.

The Wigwam.

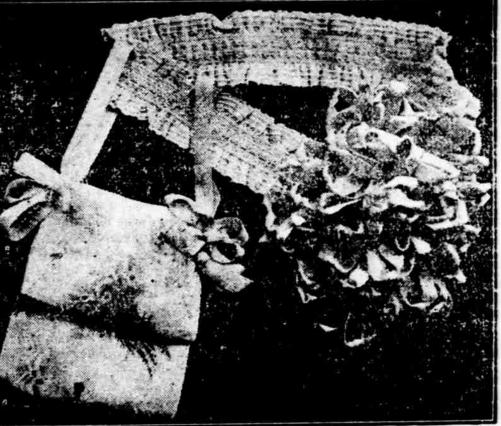
For morning wear and tennis, golf and boating, what is so cool and sensi-Half of the players hide and have ble as a dainty little laydown collar

ten minutes to make their trail with cut papers (confetti) or corn. Each finished with a mull tie, silk scarf or

Indian goes a different way. Then at brooch? The eagerness with which women the expiration of the time limit the have adopted the Dutch or Puritan other players, who are "white men," go on the trail and the game is to see collar proves conclusively that when who can return to the wigwam first comfort is sought high clasping collars are entirely ignored.

with his Indian. An effective little finish for the tall While these are supposed to be boys' games, girls enjoy them, too. I speak collar is simply narrow velvet ribbon from experience, for it was the de- of any desired shade, finished with taslight of my childhood days to "play sels of silk or gold, or carrying a tiny Indian," and I still thrill with genuine buckle near the center.





A garter carrying a bag for jewels or money is made of silk covered elastic and fastened with a big rosette of narrow ribbon knotted in the center of the loops. A small bag is attached to it by loops of the narrow ribbon, which support the bag. This is made of a figured taffeta four and a half to five inches wide. It should be lined with a plain ribbon or silk. Chamois and fiannel may be used for lining. The little bag is made in the form of an envelope.

wedgewood pottery is effective when The Lace Box. used in this way. The carpet should What useful treasures this discloses! match and if the wedgewood design is Old laces are far better than new. In reproduced in the center it will emancient days there were finer makes, but they require care. Point lace must phasize the scheme of the decorations. be handled most carefully. You can often clean it quite sufficiently by rub-

Fall Skirt Compromises. Between the close-fitting gown worn bing it with fine white powder. It does not injure the fine threads. Irish by the fashionable woman of taste and lace is all the rage, and very easily the one exploited by ultra-fashionables AUTOMOBILE SHOP TALK.



What was your record across Jersev ?"

"One country constable and a cow."

Very Tempting.

A man was brought before a justice of the peace charged with the offense of kissing a young woman "by force and violence, and against her will."

The young lady, who was very handsome, gave her testimony in a modest and straightforward manner, after which his honor gave the following decision: "The court in this case sympathizes with the defendant, and will therefore discharge him without fine, imprisonment or reprimand, because he court while this case has been in progress has been obliged to hold on to both arms of his chair to keep from kissing the complainant himseif."

MOTHER AND CHILD Both Fully Nourished on Grape-Nuts.

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Grape-Nuts food is made of whole wheat and barley, is thoroughly baked for many hours and contains all the wholesome ingredients in these ce reals

It contains also the phosphate of potash grown in the grains, which Nature uses to build up brain and nerve cells.

Young children require proportionately more of this element because the brain and nervous system of the child grows so rapidly.

A Va. mother found the value of Grape-Nuts in not only building up her own strength but in nourishing her baby at the same time. She wites. "After my baby came I did not rewashed. You can wash that in soap who care more for display than for de- cover health and strength, and the cency, there is a wide difference. The doctor said I could not nurse t



the systeme feetunity	not being carried away entirely by formity of racial feeling and instinct, either pride of race or demand of par- ty. They really wanted good men: tell me of a great city that has 40 or and the fact that a man was one of 50 different nationalities dragging	in his crops or harvest to give will never be rich enough to be other than peor in heart.	required. Odds and ends of lace should never be thrown away. One can make will probably bring out a host of com-	besides I was too weak. "He said I might try a change of diet and see what that would do and
assists one in overcoming habitual constipation permanently. To get its beneficial effects buy	Count and Denounced Him. groom had answered an exultant	turned and faced the crowded church and answered loudly: "No; he has been unfaithful to me before marriage. I will not marry	all sorts of things, even with scraps that seem quite worn out. Lace jabots especially can be made in this way. Wall Decorations. For a drawing-room nothing in the	bought a pkg. and used it regularly. A marked change came over both baby and I. "My baby is now feur months old, is in fine condition, I am nursing her
the genuine. Flanufactured by the CALIFORNIA	Mass., Angela Pawlow, daughter of a merchant, absolutely refused to go on with the marriage ceremony that was to unite her to Basyl Mulinski, who says he is a Polish count and the lawfully wedded husband?"	her mother. The audience was dum- founded. Before it really appreciated what had happened the church officials had cleared the church. Good Rule to Observe.	medallions of the darker shade re- lieved with white. The woodwork and trim of such an apartment should be those will be for the elaborate lace	better in my life." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well- ville," in pkgs. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They
FIG SYRUP CO.	owner of an estate in Russia. The bride dropped her hand from The marriage had been set for the arm of the bridegroom. She a	Be like "Billikins," wear a smile and keep your own secrets.	white. Either blue or that soft green blouses to be worn with afternoon cos- which is a characteristic shade of tumes, for bridge, etc.	are genuine, true, and full of human interest.