TRIED TO BURN A COTTAGE

Plan of an Incendiary at a Nineteenth Street House Fails.

PLAIN EVIDENCES OF THE DESIGN LEFT

Powder and Kerosene Were Used, but the Firemen Came Too Soon-Fire Kindled in Two Places.

firemen were surprised to find how much care had been taken to prevent a failure of started in it at two places, under a soft coal stove in the dining room and in a corner of the kitchen.

From under the stove powder had been laid for a distance of about five feet in a course about three inches wide to a point on the carpet in the parlor. This had burned and set fire to the carpet, from which the fire was communicated to a lounge. Under the lounge were found two quart glass fruit jars filled with kerosene, and from the mouth of one of them a twisted piece of paper led to the floor. The oil had not lighted.

In a corner of the klichen fire had been kindled, and, making its way to the cell-

ing caught in the roof. Drawers of a bureau were found on the floor, with their contents in some disorder, but the impression was that the fire was not set by robbers to cover up their work. A singular circumstance was that every window in the house was fastened and every door locked, so that the firemen had to break their Hencer and his family left the house in the forenoon and had not returned and the neighbors noticed no one about the house during the day or soon before the fire Damage to the house is estimated at about

\$200 and to the contents about \$50.

The police are investigating the case. Fire in the Utopin Hotel.

Yesterday afternoon a defective flue caused a fire in one of the rooms of the Utopia hotel. Eighteenth and Davenport streets. The floor was burned. Loss about \$25.

GOSSIP ABOUT WOMEN.

"In selecting bridesmaids," wisely expounds a young woman engaged in that interesting occupation, "It is not beauty that counts so much as style and carriage In particular you want girls who walk well. The slow march down the aisle is the best test of gait I know of. I've watched the bridal processions often and I've seen girls radiantly pretty lose all the effect of their good looks by their hobbling walk. Try to move the feet forward very slowly and see how easily it becomes a limping hitch. It should be a glide, then the slowness is stately. The bride herself is helped by her long train, her drooping head and the leaning on her father's arm before and her hus-band's after the ceremony, but the bridesmaid wears a short gown, must look on a level, walks up and down at the side of another girl, and so has her own grace alone on which to depend. A girl who walks well, whose head is well set on her shoulders and whose hair arranges well makes a good ap-pearance as a bridesmaid, even if she lacks extraordinary beauty of face."

Seal and monogram fans are a notion of the moment among young women still in their teens. A plain white or delicately tinted fan is selected, and the gay seals are If monograms are hoarded, it is these that decorate instead of the wax impressions. A "trip" fan means the record of a summe or winter journey, and holds on its sticks the pretty imprints with which all first class hotels now stamp their stationery If a European trip has been undertaken, se ich the better, as that insures steamship and other effective insignia.

housekeeper suggests that the leaves of the cleander scattered near the haunts of mice will drive and keep them away.

Miss Celia P. R. Boswell of Alabama is the young authoress of "My Book," which is attracting the most attention of any volume in the Woman's library at the Atlanta She was 8 years of age when she dictated every line of this pretty love story, and not a word has been changed in the publishing.

At a recent meeting for conferring medals of the Royal Humane society of England on persons who had saved life, three ladies were the recipients of this distinction. One of them had jumped into the Thames to rescue a child close to a weir, so that her own life was in considerable danger from the strength of the current. In another case two young ladies did not actually save the drowning person from the water, but after the woman and child were rescued from the river by drags, the girls took on themselves the task restoring suspended animation, and actually brought back life to the child after an hour and a quarter of apparent death, while the mother's respiration was carried on by artificial means for three-quarters of an hour before she revived.

Caps and gowns are now worn in many of our colleges, although in some of them the dress is practically restricted to Commencement day. The women's colleges, too, are adopting the fashion, although at Wellesley, for instance, only the senior class wears them. At Mount Holyoke the seniors have just been inducted, making their first appearance in cap and gown on Founders' day, November 8. The judges of the Philadelphia court have adopted a like silk gown for wear upon the bench. It is likewise worn by the supreme court of the United State, by the New York court of appeals and the supreme court of Pennsylvania.

It was a Boston girl and a dilapidated bachelor with little left but big conceit who were talking. He said: "It is time now for me to give up my liberty and settle down

Massachusetts is the first state to possess a fire department made up entirely of women. The seminary girls at Mount Holyoke, despite their diligence in "digging" at philosophy and logarithms, have time to be progressive on the lines of the twentieth century girl progressiveness. It is they who have organized the fire department. They have a regular brigade and regular fire drills.

The colored cook in a New York family gave her name on "hiring out" as Roxana Williams. This fall, when her mistress returned to town, she was surprised to have Roxana claim a letter which came to the house addressed to Lucinda Moore. "That's all right," she explained. "I got married while you's away dis summer. So, you see, I changed my name.

Miss Frances E. Willard says: "The bleycle is the most influential temperance re-former of the ege."

Color-blind girls are not nearly so rare. according to statistics on the subject, as color-blind boys. It is also said to be very rare to find a naturally color-blind pirson, which argues the matter to be one of early development. The natural love of finery among the small daughters of Eve, and their unconscious training from childhood in matching ribbons, silks and all sorts of The trial of C. matching ribbons, silks and all sorts of feminine gawgaws, are given as probable teasons for their advantage over their hrothers in this regard. The training at the kindergartens, where small boys and girls alike study color, is going to equalize matters to the future.

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of Lady Henry Somerses, to Lady Catherine, daughter of th. duke of St. Albans, recalls the fact that both bride and groom are of royal blood more ancient than that of the present reigning family. The bride is directly descended from Charles II., whereas Queen Victoria is only colleterally descended from the Stuarts, and the groom is of the blood

Dr. Mary V. O'Callaghan of Worcester has been appointed, by Governor Greenhalge, to the vacancy on the Massachusetta prison commission caused by the resignation Miss Katherine E. Conway. Dr. O'Ca Miss Katherine E. Conway. Dr. O'Callaghan is a physician to the Girls' Industrial school at Lancaster. Mass., where she is much beloved and respected. She was born Worcester, was graduated at the High hool and Normal school, and taught in the public schools before studying medicine.

The name of Johanna Ambrosius, the prasthe plan to burn the house. Fire had been ant poetess, has within a few months become sordid cares and physical sufferings she found consolation for her sorrows by uttering them in hopeful, uncomplaining verse. The only sources of her scanty culture were the newspapers and periodicals, and it was through their language is pure and their construction faultless; nowhere are we obliged to make allowance for the humbleness of the singer's station or for the meagerness of her educational opportunities. She reveals a genuineness tienal opportunities. She reveals a genuineness of feeling and a lofty spirit of resignation which speaks at once from heart to heart, and her words found a quick response in the imperial palace and the humblest home. The empress, it is said, has given her a cottage and provided for her declining years; the most distinguished men of letters have spoken in her praise, and now comes the news that one of the greatest modern sons composers has been inspired by the charm of her verse. In the near face we may expect to find the names of Johanna Ambrosius and Johannes Brahms linked to some lyric gem. The eminence as well as the number gem. The eminence as well as the number of the admirers of this peasant woman would seem to assure her a place above the foot hills of the German Parnassus.

> Mrs. Adeline D. T. Whitney doesn't seem to approve of women's clubs. This is what she says of them in the Manchester Union: This is what "One passing word—good natured, not can-tankerous—about clubs: It is borne in upon me—anxlously—that women nowadays, at least in and about the great centers, are clubbing themselves to death, and I think I have found out the heroic reason why. Suddenly-a little while ago-they discovered that they were too many in the world-ever so many to one man-and with a grand agacity and a yet grander altruism, et out to thin down, as rapidly and effectively as possible, their own ranks. Naturalists tell us of a wonderful little race of Alaskan rodents, which once in a certain period reaches an enormous increase, so that ts members are beyond computation. Then, all at once, of their own accord, they set forth in steady columns, deliberately, comfortably, gayly, picking up their sufficient subsistence as they go, and even multiplying on the way, until their persistent march brings them to the Pacific sea, into which they calmly walk, and are drowned. Toward some such brave, pathetic burial and end is the great woman concourse, of its own subime will and purpose, marching today!"

> Oddity seems to be the keynote of the latest Parisian hats. A creation just imported s a rather large hat, with a soft Tam O'Shanter crown of silvery gray velvet. The brim is entirely formed of a mass of velvet their natural color, they are lettuce green. A gray feathery algrette, powdered with steel and caught at the left side, acts as the trimming.

Artists' models are not the only ones who earn a livelihood by posing. There are models for the hairdressers' wax heads. The models are generally Italians. Regular, al-most perfect features, are found among even the poor of this race, and swarthiness and even dirt is no drawback, since the wax will supply all the necessary pink and white. Maidens who have passed their 30th year nay now claim that they represent the most perfect and advanced type of maidenhood, and look down upon girls who marry before 25 as very much more akin to savages, for it is a well known fact that the age of mar-riage advances with civilization. Among the Australians and other savages girls marry at 11, 10, or even 9 years of age; among semi-civilized Egyptians, Hindoos, etc., the age is from 12 to 14; southern Euro-peans marry their girls between the ages of 15 and 18, while among the nations who lead modern civilization the age is a constantly rising one; from 17 of fifty years ago the average has risen to between 21 and 25; and does it not follow, by inexorable logic, that girls who wait until 28 cr 30 are forerunners of a still higher civilization?

It is not only a fact that women marry later in life than they used, but it is equally true that everywhere the more mature woman is to the fore. The young and inexperienced bud has ceased to be the reigning queen of the hour. She has been forced to yield her place to the maturer

All this is only the natural result of evolution. With her deeper interests, wider out-look, enlarged sympathies she scarcely feels me to give up my liberty and settle down as a married man. But I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth (of course), beauty, wit, grace." "Yes," she interrupted sympathetically, "yes, poor man, you do want them all!" "yes, poor man, you do want them all!" "yes, beauty, with all the new light upon her physical dre and condition, she can easily look as young as she feels. Ronge pots, wigs, and hair dyes have happily gene their way, and fresh all. "exercise, baths and diet cave taken air, exercise, baths and diet cave taken

Indeed, the most advanced exponents of the "nut and fruit" system of diet claim that the natural age of man is from 120 to 140 years, and that his best working years should be from 80 to 100, and tell wonderful tales of women being radiantly beautiful at 80, owing wholly to a consistent fruit diet.

The professional fashion model will soon be an institution. There has been a demand for fashion picturer which look life like, and women with pretty faces are be-ginning to be appealed to to lend their features and their figures for the purpose. Several women are now earning their living by being photographed in this way. The pose very carefully and in picture-squ fashion, reading a letter, playing with a bunch of flowers, drawing back a portion and the like, all with a view to heighten the effect of the gown that is worn and which is intended to be thus displayed. The idea in in keeping with the artistic advance of everything in the advectising line, and is capocially to be welcomed in the aphere re-ferred to. The wasp watsis, doll faces, wooden figures, and stiff poses of the traditional fashion plate can be spared soon

Hoover's Trial for Murder Today. The trial of Claude Hoover, who is under arrest on the charge of murder in the first

Company Safely Bestowed at Local Hotels-Opening of the German Opera Season This Evening.

a fire, plainly of incendiary origin, partially destroyed a cottage, 1222 North Nineteenth street, shortly before 6 o'clock last evening. The cottage was occupied by W. L. Hencer, a carpenter. The owner is an eastern party for whom W. G. Shriver is agent.

When the firemen reached the place the roof was all ablaze and it was seen that fire was in the interior.

When the flames had been put out the firemen were surprised to find how much firemen were surprised to find how firemen were surprised to

nitude of the invasion.

By the time the last blonde soprano and ant poetess, has within a few months become
a household word in every German home.
The discovery of a new poet in that land of
song could not of itself excite our special
wonder, but the deep root which the woman's
sounded like the opening session of a napoems seem to have taken in the hearts of all classes of her countrymen is a circumstance sufficiently remarkable to arrest the attention of readers everywhere. The life of Johanna Ambrosius has been one of hard and humble labor in farmhouse and field. Amid to the lofty dome and spread in the direction of the viaduct. Little was spoken word impaired the harmony of the scene, but a babel of Wagnerian German, with a snort and a rumble, a crish and a bang, mounted to the lofty dome and spread in the direction of the viaduct. Little was spoken impaired 'he harmony of the scene, but a tion of the viaduct. Little was spoken of at first except the magnificent appointments of Omaha's passenger station. "O. Wotan!" exclaimed one deep-voiced vocalist with a curly jute beard, "Nie haben nibelthe medium of these that from her home in a remote village of East Prussia her voice reached the outside world. These waifs of the poet's corner at last attracted the attention of Prof. Schrattenthal in Pressburg, he collected them, and at Christmas, 1894, they were published. In less than three months a fourth edition had appeared, and now the seventh is in hand. These poems have the winning beauty of directness and simplicity; roofs it stood, all doubt was dispelled at honor of the halls beneath whose vaulted roofs it stood, all doubt was dispelled at

> he handily appeased at that hour in a strange city, and there was no one there but was encumbered with from three to seven satchels, bundles and bandbox s. When it is considered that six Pullmans and six baggage cars are required to transport the company and its personal effects, it will not be doubted upon Omaha's notable depot facilities.

As soon as a semblance of order could be brought out of the chaotic conditions hinted at, and certain stray members of the pany who had lost themselves in the vast labyrinth of the station had been rounded up, the procession moved forward, Mr Damrosch going to the residence of General Coppinger, where he will be entertained during his stay in Omaha and the principals and members of the orchestra and chorus being apportioned among the various loca being appertioned among the various local hotels in the order of their prominence. The cast of "Tannhaeuser," which will be performed by the Damrosch company tonight, is as follows:

tonight, is as follows:

Tannhaeuser. Herr Wilhelm Gruening Elizabeth. Frau Katharina Lohse-Kiafsky Herman, landgrave of Thuringia. Herr Conrad Behrens Wolfram Von Eschenbach. Herr Barran Berthald Biterolf. Herr Gerhard Stehmann Heiorich, the scribe. Herr Albert Geleng Reimar Von Zwetter-Herr Edward Bomberg Venus. Frl. Louise Mulder Hirt. Frl. Marie Mattfeld

Frank Mayo and his talented company in his successful dramatization of Mark Twain's latest novel, "Pudd'nhead Wilson" will open a three-night engagement at the Creighton with tonight's performance. "Pudd'nhead Wilson" has proved to be one of the great successes of the present decade, playing to phenomenal business in each of the cities in which it has been produced, being presented during the past week at the Grand opera house, St. Louis, to the largest audiences in the history of that popular playhouse. The only matinee during the local engagement will be given Saturday.

Lincoln J. Carter's scenic production of "The Tornado" will be the New Year's attraction at the Creighton, opening the en-gagement with the usual matinee Sunday, December 29. This attraction has a large circle of admirers among local playgoers, having played in this city with great success during past seasons, and, being presented with novel stage and scenic effects and interpreted by a competent company, should succeed in meeting with the same reception which has characterized former appearances

The Oberlin College Glee club will give ne of its pleasing entertainments at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church Monday evening. December 30. The club consists panied by Miss Lottle Demuth, an accompanied by Miss Lottle Demuth, an accomplished female violinist. The press whereever they have been is enthusiastic in its praises of the artistic merits of the performance, and embraces not alone college songs,

"In Charley's Aunt of Brazil, where the nuts come from," is the familiar declaration thrown over the footlights by little Arthur Larkin, who makes most of the fun in that woman, the woman of cultivated mind and catchy comedy, which is the New Year's manners, of broader experience and wider attraction at Boyd's theater. Although the play is so cld to them, the three leading men-Raymond Capp. Arthur Larkin and have undergone a complete revolution, and Addison Pitt—they go into the business an instead of fluttering about the inexperienced fresh as if they were in their first week debutante, talking pretty nothings, they are of the funny comedy, and the laughter is matching their experiences, proadening their long and loud. There are many changes from herizon, sharpening their wits in clever conversation with some brilliant and beautiful woman.

The funny comedy, and the laughter is matching their experiences, proadening their continuous coming and loud. There are many changes from the cast which appeared here on the last coming of the laughter is coming of

burlesquers. Miss Grace Thorne Coulter makes a good Donna Lucia d'Alvadorez; Marie Anderso plays the pretty bit of Kitty Verdum in a nest way, and Rose Hubbard appears to advantage as Amy. Joseph Allen makes a good Stephen Spettigne, and in his remonstranc at the larks of the undergraduates i beautifully apoplectic.

A "FLYING DUTCHMAN."

Remarkable Voyages of Derellet Schooner. There are a few examples wherein the imagery of men's minds has in later years become realities. A marvelous instance to the case of the schooner Fannie E. Welston. To a great many persons the fact that a vessel fully equipped and manned can success fully cross the occan and weather terrible storms is a constant rource of wonder, ac-

cording to Harper's Weikly. The modern vessel represents every hing that experience and ingenuity can devise that will make it able to cope with any of the dangers that can be foreseen. We are horfor stricken when we hear of such disasters of the E.be. Colims and Reins Regente.

of the E.be. Colims and Reina Regente. Thise vessels were comparatively modern, and were sup osed to be able to copy with any of the dangers that the assent hem, at least, they were supposed to be able to float long enough to allow the persons they carried to sack some safe refug.

The other extreme is now presented to us by the hydrographic office. A wooden three-matted schooler called the Fannis E. Welston encountered a terrible horrigane, and, becoming waterlogged, her criw took to the boats and abandoned the vessel off Cape Hatters, October 15, 1861. This vessel, stormisked and abandoned by man, began the man across the Atlantic ceran, surviving gain

INVADED BY THE GERMANS

after mile, in which many stanch vessels, manned by skillful men, went to the bottom. Like a shost of a vessel which the elements refused to typestve, she was forced to wander over vast expanses of water seeking a final resting place, her hull partly submerged, her masts broken, will the pieces of broken rigging and, remnants of sails flapping with every roll and swaying at each purf of wind. Nobedy at the wheel to keep it steady, it revolved with dismal creakings and as a fitting accompaniment the ship's bell tolled with every roll. As one swiftly passed this difficult to keep from wonderling if there were not some poor fellow-being. ing if there were not some poor fellow-being, weak for want of food or water, or dispirited from frequent disappointments, crouching weak, discouraged and helpiess behind some shelter, intle knowing that help

was near at hanc.

The Wolston was sighted and reported by forty-four vessels in the three years of her wanderings, and many other vessels passed her without seeing her, or falled to report her. Many passed her during the night and failed to see her. From Hatteras the Wols-ton traveled to the eastward to about fortynine degrees west of Greenwich, taking al-most eight menths to make the journey. From this point she started back to the United States, but changed her mind and took what is known as the southern passage; this occupied nine months before she fairly began her western voyage. This voyage was accomplished in nine months more, when we find her off the coast of Florida. After spending the winter months in this vicinity she started for more northerly latitudes, arriving off Hatteras in June, 1894. From this point she endeavored to cross the Atlantic once more, seeking to do this by using the southern passage, but on arriving in latitude 30 degrees north she started for the northern passage. This change must have been a serious mistake, for on October 21, 1894, she was seen for the last time and there can be small doubt that she has sought and found her last

resting place.

After she was abandoned it is known that the Woiston was affoat for three years and six days. The distance when she traveled in that time can only be conjectured—that is. by locating the places at which she was reorted as having been spoken and connecting these with straight lines, and measuring these lines, which makes the enormous total of 9,156 miles. This amount could be doubled, even trebled, and yet within reasonable possibility. For when the reports have been within a few days of each other it is seen that sh constantly doubled on her track, and it cannot be supposed that she traveled from one position to another by the nearest route.

Although derelicts are a constant source of danger to other vessels, yet their journeys are useful in determining the set, direction and velocity of the currents in the ocea

SOMNAMBULISTS CAN SEE. A Sleep Walker's Target Shot in a

Dark Room. A Washington Star writer was asking the physician a great many questions and getting answers to them, while the physician wasn't getting a cent pay for the part he was performing.

"By the way," inquired the Star man, "do you think that a somnambulist can see?" "Do you mean when he is awake or when he is somnambulizing, so to speak?" smiled the physician.

"While he is somnambulizing, of course. I'm not talking about hind men."
"Well," I won't snawer your question directly, but I'll tell you a story which may go as an answer. About ten years ago I had as a roommate a young fellow who was a student in the medical college, and a bright fellow he was, too. He was fond of shooting and to keep up his practice he had a fine air-gun and he converted the hall on the third floor, which we occupied, into a shooting gallery. I used to take a hand myself every time I had a chance, and sometimes for an hour at a time he would be banging at the arget he had fixed at the far end of the

"One morning I came in from a patient's about 3 c'clock and found the whole upper about 3 c'clock and found the whole upper story dark. It lit the gas in the front room, which we used as a sitting room, and was about to go out and light the gas in the hall, when the young fellow came walking in from our gleeping room attired in his night clothes, and with his eyes wide open. I spoke to him, thinking something was the matter with him, but he did not answer, and in a minute I saw that he was walking

around a chair and a table that stood path, and opening a drawer where he kep the air gun, he took it out, and then he loaded it, getting the small bullets we used out of a box on the mantleplece. This box he stuck into what would have been his coat pocket if he had had a coat on, but as he didn't, the box fell to the floor, which he took no note of.

"Then he went into the dark ball, carefully avoiding all furniture in his way, and going as straight to the door as if he had been awake. I followed him cautiously into the hall, and when he had reached the usual point from which we did our firing, he stopped, took careful aim and fired. The slight snap and shock of the gun seemed to have quite a different effect than either my voice or the bright light in the room, for on the instant he dropped the gun, made a half step forward and fell into my arms, just about as he would have fallen out of bed

if he had been waked suddenly on its edge "He was wide awake in a minute and began laughing and asking me what had hap-pened. I told him, and we at once lit the gas in the hall and examined the target. The target had been repainted after we had had our last practice, so that we could see plainly where his bullet had hit, and I assure you he had almost made a center shot. How," concluded the physician, "in the lighted room did he miss all the furniture his way, and in the dark hall hit th target? Do you think he could see, or couldn't

The answer wasn't quite satisfactory as an answer, but it made a problem to wrestle with, and the physician kindly consented to let his questioner figure it out to suit him

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