Ida Husted Harper Goes Intr History of Dress.

Most Atrocious Object in Art is High Silk Hat With Which Man Adorns Himself When He Tries to Be impressive.

New York.—"Man has been trying to dictate woman's dress from the beginning of time. The Bible from cover to cover is filled with regulations concerning women's anklets, bracelets, weils and everything else that men could think of.

"St. Paul said women must remain covered in church, yet modern evangelists are trying to force us to take our hats off. Suppose woman should try to regulate man's costumes, what a hue and cry there would be!"

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, author of "The Life of Susan B. Anthony," had dust returned from home of Mrs. Harry Lahr, where she had given a lecture which included among many topics the subject of dress reform for men and women.

"Suppose any woman should speak ther mind on the utter hideousness of men's clothes!" Mrs. Harper ex-

"Suppose you do!" was suggested. 'Well," said Mrs. Harper, taking a long breath, "from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet I think

man's attire is ugly—simply ugly. "The most atrocious object in art or nature is surely the high silk hat with which he adorns himself when he wants to be most impressive. Women at least adorn the ugliness of the lines of their high hats with flowers, laces or ribbons.

"I understand from articles of men's fashions that 'no padding will be worn in the shoulders of coats this year.' As a result, the sentimental girl may miss a nice soft pillow, but the average woman of today is far too busy to care whether men carry young sofa pillows on their shoulders or not. But what a vain and silly custom this padding of coats is, anway!

"The stiff bosomed shirt has nothing to recommend it except discomfort and lack of beauty

"And as for trousers! Well, every student of history knows that man stole them from woman. Woman first wore trousers and men akirts and long hair. One has only to look at the pictures of Bible times to realise that.

"But when men realized that skirts were hampering to activity and that long hair was troublesome and hard to be kept tidy, they imposed their dis--carded costumes and customs, with every other restriction they could think of upon woman. Perhaps woman is to be congratulated. Certainly she should think a long time before taking the trousers back.

"But really," Mrs. Harper exclaimed with a sudden gesture of discouragement, "why should we preach dress reform to the men where there is so much in our own attire that needs reforming?

"From Fifth avenue to the slums there has been a change, a decadence, in women's dress. Five years ago a demimondaine would not have dared to appear in Fifth avenue in gowns such as fashionable women wear everywhere today. And the girls in shops and factories imitate the immodesty of fashionable attire."

# TROUSERS OF BOY EXPLODED

'Young Grocery Clerk Forget He Had Been Sitting in Pool of Gasoline ----Was Badly Singed.

Madison, Wis.-- Ever bear of man's trousers exploding? That is what happened to those which once adorned the limbs of Otto Slinde, 721 Atwood avenue, when he was engaged in delivering groceries.

The young man had left some flour and butter on the kitchen table in the bome of Mrs. Otto Elverts and was preparing to have a quiet smoke on his way back to the store.

He filled his pipe, pressed the tobacco down and slid the match along the seat of his pants. Instantaneously sthere was a hash of flame and a puff of amoke and Otto's trousers were no

It required some lively efforts on the part of himself and Mrs. Elverts. to prevent his being back to nature in the matter of personal adornment. but quick work saved most of the resti of his clothes and instead of having) to seek a haven in a barrel Otto got into a pair of Mr. Biverts' trousers' and went for medical relief. He was hadly singed. The reason for the combustible condition of the trousers was the inadvertent sitting in a pool of gasoline by Otto. It is needless to add that Otto is eating his meals while standing upright.

To Muster Million Men. Berlin.—Germany will have under sarms in connection with the field maneuvers this summer practically 1,000,000 men. In addition to the regular army strength of 622,000 men. over 356,000 reservists will be called to the colors, making a total effective of strength for the army of 977,698.

Adding to these the men serving with the fleet, an armed force of considerably more than a million will be engaged in the gigantic war game.

Chewing Gum Famine. d Chicken - A charing gum famine is threatened in Chicago as a result of the strike of chewing gum makers, who want shorter hours and increased pay.

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#### DISASTER FOR ARDENT LOVER

New Yorker Attempted to Climb to Lady's Bower Via Dumbwaiter and Encounters Janitor.

New York.-Love started George Pearce for the presence of his adored one in a dumbwaiter the other day, but dropped him in jail. Ernest Herter, janitor of No. 404 East Ninetyfirst street, operated the switch that threw Pearce off the Cupid main line, booked for the apartments of Mrs. Bertha Kleinknecht, on the top floor, and put him on the Blackwell's island local. Magistrate Herbert, in the Harlem court sentenced Pearce after hearing Mrs. Kleinknecht.

"Judge," she said, "I got a letter in every mail from this fellow for a week. First in the mornings comes a lettergram by the telegraph, telling me he loves me. Then some letters. The postman is worn out and there are holes in the carpet to the door.

"When evening comes and the letter carrier has made his last trip then telegrams begin. Sometimes three before I could get to bed with the door bell cut off for the night. And I don't

even know the man." "How did he get your name?" the

magistrate asked. "Judge, he didn't get my name." answered Mrs. Kleinknecht. "He addressed everything to "The Lady on the Top Floor,' and he signed them all 'A Man With a Heart.' I wish he had less heart and more sense." Herter, the janitor, glared at

Pearce, as he took the stand. "I'm near about crasy with that man," Herter said. "I had to neglect my work to watch for him. If I left the dumbwaiter a minute he was in it, ringing Mrs. Kleinknecht's bell and trying to call 'ice' with a foreign accent, so she would pull him up. I've chased him out of the front door and the basement so often that neighbors have been around asking me if I am training for a Marathon. Today he ran up the steps and I caught him on

"Your honor," said Pearce, "my only crime is loving too much. Could you

but know the passion-" "Six months," said the court.

### FLIES DISLIKE BLUE PAINT

Also, Little Pests Are Not Partial to Hop Vines-ides Comes From France.

Topeka, Kan.-Dr. S. J. Crumbine, secretary of the state board of health, has learned of two methods by which the common house fly can be kept away from kitchens and barns. One is to paint the barn and kitchen blue, almost any old shade, and the other is to grow hops around the doors.

The blue paint idea came from France where two scientists, Marre and Fe, in the course of some experiments with flies, found that cow stables which were painted blue inside were avoided by flies. It was also observed that kitchens and dining-rooms which were papered in blue or painted blue also seemed to keep the flies away as homes within a few feet where the blue paint or paper was not used were infessed with the

pests. Doctor Crumbine is working out some experiments himself regarding the growing of hops around the kitchen doors. A missionary from India told Doctor Crumbine that hops were used by the natives of India in the place of screens. The hop vines were allowed to grow all over the little huts, and the people were never bothered with flies. Doctor Crumbine and several of his assistants have set out hop vines around the back doors. The vines are growing all over the buildings, and Doctor Crumbine is watching the vines this summer to note whether or not the hops are really effective against the flies.

# IS ATLANTIC COAST SINKING?

inquiry to Be Made This Year as to Theory That There is Drop of Two Feet a Century.

Trenton, N. J.-Whether the coast of New Jersey is sinking about two feet a century is to be ascertained this summer. At a meeting of the board of managers of the state geological survey, State Geologist Kummel reported that he had made arrangements with Prof. D. W. Johnson of Harvard university to make the

necessary research. Some scientists have held that the Atlantic seacoast was sinking at the rate of two feet every hundred years, and the theory has come to be generally accepted. Professor Johnson will come to this state and prosecute the study under a research fund established at Harvard. The result is expected to have an important bearing on the coast levels established in this state 25 years ago.

Weeps at Dog's Death. Newark, N. J.-Intense feeling at the thought of losing his dog was shown by Theodore Deurer in the Greylock manor section of Belleville when he appeared at the Belleville police station with his pet and declared that he wanted it killed. He led the animal from his home to the police station with a rope. He wept bitterly as he told the police the animal was blind and that he wanted it put out of its misery.

Money to Burn. New York.-More than \$3,000,000 in hills was shipped by the sub-treasury here to Washington to be destroyed as worn and mutilated currency. The amount constitutes a record for a

# CALLS CAT MENAGE

Dr. Charles B. Reed Declares Family Pets Spread Disease.

Says Germs Thrive Upon Them and That Feline Is More Dangerous Plaything for Small Children Than Red-Hot Poker.

Chicago.-Dr. Charles B. Reed, writing to the weekly bulletin of the Chicago health department, declares animal pets, particularly the cat, a menace to health.

"The principal obstacle to a general and truthful realization of the dangers connected with the domestic pet," he says, "is found" to be the sentimentalists who are unwilling to admit that anything on which their affections are centered can become in any degree a menace.

"The woman who refuses to give her child a red-hot poker as a toy has no hesitancy in putting into its arms the more dangerous because more insidious plaything—the family cat.

"Under normal conditions the germs of nearly all the epidemic and local diseases thrive upon the family cat. Even where the cat is not subject to the disease, it easily spreads the contagion. In the case of diphtheria, the cat not only has the disease, but also carries it upon the mucous membranes and in the fur. Influenza is apread broadcast by fur and feet, and Hawlett recently has shown that as a distributor of the bubonic plague, the cat vies in virulence with the omnipresent rat.

"Ringworm and tapeworm are spread in the same way, and pus germs find easy lodgment in the thick hair from which the stroking hand quickly conveys them to the human body. The germs of typhoid and tuberculosis are similarly distributed.

"It will be urged by the cat fancier that the cat is of value to man, since it keeps the rats reduced to livable conditions. We are not disposed to dispute this possibility, but in our opinion the good rat catcher is extremely rare, so rare that it is a matter of pride and boast when one is found.

"Both cats and rats are undeniable menaces to human life, and of two evils, why choose them both. The government scientists declare that the cockroach preys upon and destroys the bedbug, but no one hesitates on this account to destroy as many cockroaches as possible.

"These accusations all are valid against the family cat, but in much greater force against the midnight prowler, who devotes himself unrestrainedly to the collection of germs. the reproduction of his kind and to making the night hideous with his

The proper ventilation, lighting and cleanliness of the picture shows and smaller theaters is a new problem the health department has taken up. The sanitary bureau inspectors have found cases where large air intakes in front were tightly closed up inside, or the heating colls in the ducts far too small.

A thorough blowing out of the house between each act has been recommended as a simple, effective and nearly inexpensive sanitary measure.

The health situation in Chicago shows little change in either mortality or morbidity figures over last week.

# DIFFER ON GIRL'S EXERCISE

Harvard and Amheret Experts Engage In Controversy Over Woman's Muscles-Tough as Men.

Cambridge, Mass.—A controversy between Dudley A. Sargent, Harvard's famous strength expert, and Prof. John M. Tyler of Amherst college, as to whether grammar school girls should have physical exercise, was a feature of a recent session of the American Physical Education association, held at the Girls' Normal school. Professor Tyler said too much exercise was being prescribed in the achools and colleges for adolescent girls. "Women always are and constitutionally ought to be tougher than men," he continued, "yet there is a high death rate among girls from fourteen to eighteen."

"The day for heavy exercises for women has not gone by," said Doctor Sargent, following. "It has just come in. When your little girl begins to climb fences and trees you don't want to tell her not to do heavy work: that is what she should be doing. Women have just as many muscles as men. and there is no reason why they should not use them. We are still afflicted with the impression that it is not ladylike to exercise."

# SAFETY HATPIN IS INVENTED

Massachusetts Matron Has Novel Method of Fastening Bonnet-Has Tiny Lock Nut.

Cambridge, Mass.-No more dodging the stilletto-like hatpin, according to Mrs. Harry Eldridge Goodhue of this city, who has conceived a means of fastening milady's hat to her head which is not dangerous.

Mrs. Goodhue's invention does not look different from the ordinary hatpin except that it has a tiny screw or lock nut near the juncture of the head and shaft. As in the ordinary hatpin, the point is sharp, and it would be as dangerous a weapon as the kind ordinarily carried were it not that the pin is made to telescope to any desired length.

#### EASY TO CUT YOUR OWN HAIR

London County Council Member Advocates Unique Plan to Even Matters With Grasping Barbers.

London.—British barbers - very many of whom are not Britons-are trying to introduce the custom of charging double prices for hair cutting to men who shave themselves. Many are the protests which are appearing in the correspondence columns of the newspapers, and Walter Reynolds of the London county council is one of the most vigorous in denouncing the attempt.

"They will very soon pay the penalty of their folly," he said to an interviewer. "For my part, not only do I shave myself, but I have cut my own hair for 23 years. Any man can learn to cut his own hair with a little practice, and any barber who would undertake to teach men all that is necessary for them to know about hair cutting, charging half a dollar for instruction, would make a

"A pair of long scissors costs half a dollar and a long comb with short teeth can be bought for about ten cents. All that is then required is a triple dressing glass. I do not cut my hair at regular intervals. I just trim it whenever it looks untidy and am therefore always able to keep it uni-

"I began cutting my own hair, hecause, in 1889, when I happened to be in Paris with my wife, a barber gave me a French crop and I came back to her at the hotel with my head almost haved. The sight of me gave her a shock.

"The atrocious American club cut, which is universal in the United States, is often forced upon Englishmen. I mean the straight line at the back with the skin shaved below it. It is ugly and it is unhygienic, for the hair grows naturally down the neck to keep the sun off and avert chills. There is always a risk of disease in the barber's neckcloth and towels, even if the scissors are sterilized.

"By cutting your own hair and shaving yourself you are keeping on the safe side all the time. Barbers also think too much of the tips and you are utterly at the mercy of the barber who thinks you will not tip him."

#### SPRING CAUSE FOR INSANITY?

Increase of Cases Usual at This Time of Year, Declares St. Paul Physiclans---More Activity.

St. Paul, Minn .-- Is spring, balmy spring responsible for the wave of mild insanity noted in the police docket? Some St. Paul physicians seem to think so. Insanity is prevalent in the city at the present time, according to Dr. Charles E. Smith, Jr., city and county physician. Within the last few days seven persons afflicted with "spring insanity" have been confined in the county jail. Dr. Smith, commenting on the case of a recent patient, said this is the time of year when insanity seems to be most prev-

"I suppose it is a peculiar thing to say," he said, "but I have observed that just shout this time of year there are more insane patients brought to my attention than at any other. However, this wave of insanity will pass over, as in former years, in a short time."

Dr. Haldor Sneve said it perhaps was vague and indefinite to refer to the cases as insanity, but he admitted something of that nature was responsible.

.. "In plant and animal life there is an awakening in spring," said Dr. Sneve. "People are more active; they do more and drink more, and this has a tendency to react for a time, or until the general balance is maintained."

# MANY CURES FOR NOSEBLEED

Some of Them Tried on Two Prospective Jurymen in Chicago Court, But Fail to Work.

Chicago.—Two talesmen waiting for jury service were stricken simultaneously with nosebleed. Thomas Ruwe and William Nellson

were in the courtroom, ready to enter a panel for examination, when their noses began bleeding. It was variously suggested by spec-

tators: That they put cardboard under their

upper lips. That they put ice at the backs of their necks. That they put cotton into their

DOSOS. That they bathe their faces in cold That they drop cold keys down the

That they press dimes against their upper line. That they tie silk threads tightly around their little fingers. That they hold their breaths for

backs of their necks.

one minute. That they stand on their heads. Some of these remedies were tried, but their noses continued to bleed, and Judge McQuillen excused both men from service.

Inducement to Marry. Milton, Del.-Unable to keep enough operatives in its big factory because: the young men of the town persist in marrying them, the Milton Shirt & Overall company turned its misfortune to profit, and now is offering the inducement of a speedy marriage to those who will work in the factory. Girls from the country and even some from town, who have not yet found husbands, answered the call, and about twenty new operatives entered the factory to learn the work.

# COYOTE IS MALIGNED.

Bravest Animal Alive, Declares Formor U. S. Marshal.

That is information Given Out by Jack Abernathy of Oklahoma, Better Qualified for Talk Than Any Other Person.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—The coyote has been greatly maligned. Instead of being the worst coward in the animal kingdom it is the bravest thing in existence. That is the information coming from Catch-'Em-Alive Jack Abernathy, former United States marshal, and better qualified for discussing the coyote, perhaps, than any other living man.

Recently while discussing coyotehunting with some friends, Abernathy gave utterance to some statements that are surprising.

"There is a mistaken impression regarding the coyote," he said. "I have caught a thousand of them and I never made one yelp with pain. They would rather run than fight, but when they are cornered they fight like the very old Nick and die without a whim-

"I would rather catch a wolf alive than a coyote. The wolf is larger, but the coyote is quicker.

"The coyote never hunts trouble. I never had one attack me unless I had started the fight. He sleeps the greater part of the day and forages at night. I have noticed that they are braver at night than in the daytime.

"As to their intelligence—why, dang it, they're the smartest things living. They are more cunning than a fox. They can ambush a dog with more skill than a Mississippi nigger can invade a hen roost on a dark night. Their favorite trick is to 'double' on dogs when being chased. I had a fine greyhound killed once by this trick. Three dogs were chasing a coyote. The trail led through a rough country and the wolf, as they are commonly called on the ranges, led the dogs into a trap. A half dozen other coyotes came out from a ravine and took after the dogs. Suddenly the wolf that was being pursued stopped and in a moment there was the all-firedest fight you ever saw. They killed one of the dogs before T could get close enough to unlimber my Winchester and get into the game.

"A wolf knows when he is in danger and when he is not. Once I had a coop of chickens in camp. The covotes were prowling about, so I took the coop out on the prairie not far away ind surrounded it with wolf Early the next morning I took my revolver and went out to see if I had caught anything. Not a trap had been disturbed. While I stood there seven of the rascals snooped up out of the darkness and surrounded me. They came up to within ten feet of me and I began to expect a fight. I drew away from them, making toward camp. thinking to unchain the dogs and have an early morning chase. They followed, but when they caught smell of the dogs, they took to their heels.

"There is something queer about the howling of coyotes. It reminds me more of Indians dancing than anythng else. I think the Indians learned some of their antics from the covotes; and then again when you remember how smart the doggoned coyote is, it may have been the other way, he may have caught the trick from watching the Indians.

"One night; several years ago, I saw a coyote come loping along until he reached a little knoll, where he stopped. He sat up on his haunches and emitted a ghastly long-drawn yowl. Silence followed; then another yowl. In ten minutes a dozen other coyotes gathered around him. Instead of sitting up on their haunches like the first one they circled around him in a radius of about ten feet in a kind of a 'hitch-and-a-trot' lope. howling, first a short yill and then a long one. Occasionally the one sitting in the middle would let out a long-drawn cry. That was the cue for the others to begin all over again. I made a movement and in a moment they had vanished like the shadows."

# WEATHER MEN "IN CLOUDS"

New York Forecasters Move to Skyecraper, See Rain and Prepare to Leave, But Are Locked Im.

New York .- James Henry Schart. the chief weather forecaster here, and his two assistants moved into new quarters up among the clouds the other day and got stuck there until rescued by the police.

The weather men spent a busy day adjusting their instruments in the new quarters on the twenty-ninth floor of a skyscraper at the southern tip of Manhattan. Having figured out that the probabilities for the evening were "rain," they prepared to go home.

But the building was locked up. They pushed buttons and shouted without avail, then resorting to the telephone, called the police, who sent a man to wake up the janitors.

Soda Water Quenches Fire. Marietta, Pa.—Fire in the laboratory. of Lebhart's drug store was extinguished with sods water and bird seed. The clerk harried to the celler. anloosed a soda tank charged with 250 pounds pressure, carried it to the first floor and turned on the fiss. While he was using the soda water another clerk grabbed packages of bird manua containing grit and threw it on the fire.

#### MOUNTAIN SHEEP IS ROPED

Animai is Captured Alive by Indian With Use of Lariat Rope-Frightened to Death.

Helena, Mont.-Wave Brown, a deputy sheriff of Lincoln, gives an account of how some Indians roped a mountain sheep just across the Canadian line

from Gateway. Brown's brother was riding along the wagon road just across the line in Canada from Gateway on his way home. At a point about two miles from the international line a mountain sheep with a magnificent set of horns ran across the road not over 100 yards from the team. From the action of the animal Mr. Brown gathered that it was bewildered.

The sheep crossed in front of the team three times within 15 minutes, running back and forth. Finally it ran up the side of a steep little knoll, and after getting on top of it sighted the main range of mountains to the east of the road. Without further hesitation the sheep started in a bee line for the

A few minutes after this an Indian came riding along, following the sheep's trail. Mr. Brown watched the Indian go up the side of the knoll and then disappear in the direction of the mountains. Mr. Brown learned the next day that this Indian and a companion had succeeded in running down the sheep and caught it with a lariat rope alive.

After being tied the sheep was taken to the Indian's camp, the intention being to sell it. "During the night the sheep died from fear, it is said by those who know the animal and its habits. The mountain sheep is a very timid animal, and the constant wailing and barking of the Indians' dogs during the night scared it to death.

The horns were about the largest ever seen in that part of the country, according to Mr. Brown, and are exceptionally beautiful. He thinks the animal was chased by the Indians from the west side of the Kootenai river across that stream and that the sheep intended to make for the bog range east of the Tobacco plains after crossing the riber, but lost its bearings and wasted a lot of time in following along the wagon road.

As son as it got on an eminence and could again get its direction it at once made straight for the big mountains. The chances are it was tired out from the long chase or the Indian ponies would not have been able to catch up with it.

Mr. Brown says a live mountain sheep would command a big sum, as they are extremely rare in captivity. He also says this is the only time in his life that he ever heard of a mountain sheep being caught with a lariat yet, it was caught right out on the open plains. As is well known, their home is in the wild and craggy mountains and they are seldom caught out of their native haunts.

# CAT MOTHERS INJURED PUPS

Foster Parent Loses Brood When Disgruntled Owner Decides to Drown Them-Not Wanted.

Chicago.-This is the sad story of three unwelcome black and tan puppies that were drowned after a cat tried to mother them and had adopted them in the place of a litter of kittens that had been taken away from her a few days before. The puppies were dropped in a basket from the thirdstory window of a store and flat building at Thirty-sixth street and Cottage Grove avenue. The fall failed to kill them and the pupples lay maimed and bleeding on the ground in the rear of

In the new act in the tragedy a gray and white cat while mousing around the alley discovered them. Disregarding her natural antipathy to the canine race the old cat carried the puppies to a place of safety. She was busy giving them a tongue

bath when Mrs. Mary Brown, 837 Fifty-ninth place, found them. She inquired how they came to be there and learned of the basket and the third-story window from which they had been dropped. Mrs. Brown called up the Anti-

Cruelty society and notified Secretary Krause of the case and returned to the pupples, fatending to take them to her home. In her absence the owner had picked them up and drowned them in a bucket of water. She found their little water-soaked bodies lying on a heap of rubbish and the story of the three unwelcome puppies was fin-

# HENS TRAVEL 12,000 MILES

Descendants of Champion Australian , Chickens Arrive in England-Have World's Record.

London.-After a 12,000-mile jourmey from Adelaide, South Australia, a flock of pedigreed white Leghorn poultry has arrived at the Garth Poultry farm, Glan Conway, Denbigshire. The towis were obtained from A. H. Pudman, whose white Leghorns secured the world's record for egg laying in the twelve months' competition which terminated on March 31, 1910, held at

Gattoh Ouesnaland The six hens laid 1,531 eggs, valued at \$30, during the year, which works out to an average of about 255 eggs per hen. The hens now at Glan Con-

way are descendants of these birds. Fright Restores Faculties.

New York .- Oscar Settner, deaf and dumb for two years from the effects of a fall from the roof of his home, had his faculties restored through fright at an approaching trolley car.

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