

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The municipal expenses of New York are approximately \$100,000,000 a year. Of 23,000 children placed in families by the Children's Aid Society, only 60 have been arrested and sent to reform schools.

WOMAN A PESSIMIST.

After a Certain Age Their Faces Show Signs of Mental Worry and Distress.

The average woman is a dyed-in-the-wool pessimist. Almost every woman over 30 years of age looks distressed. Her brows are bent, her mouth drawn into a tight line, and there are deep furrows down her cheeks.

There was once an elderly servant who was superstitious to a degree and who always expected the worst to happen. Did she find a needle on the floor, did a picture fall in the house, or a bird fly into one of the rooms, she was instantly plunged into woe.

Here is a woman who suffers—suffers in the word from insomnia. "I can't imagine why I don't sleep," she says to her friends.

Her physician does, however, and now he's prescribing for her a course of cheerfulness and "looking for the best." It's a medicine that most women need—their faces show it—but there are few who are sensible enough to take it.

Death Caused by Mosquito.

Mosquitoes are now charged with communicating erysipelas as well as malaria and yellow fever. A New York physician has issued a death certificate in the case of a 14 months' old babe, in which he says "Death was caused by erysipelas due to the bite of a mosquito."

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FASHION'S LATE MANDATES.

What Millady Must Wear If She Would Appear in the Newest Stylings.

Shirt waists of fancy velvets, velveteens and corduroys are fashionable. Some are made simply, the only trimming being fancy buttons; others are finished with passementeries, lace and moire silk in bands or pipings.

Robes are tempting in light-weight cloths, silks and stenciled cloth. Some are beautifully embroidered all over or at the bottom of the skirt and front of waist and sleeves.

The newest tea gowns are in empire fashion, with accordion plaited skirts beautifully trimmed with lace medallions and insertions. They are finished with handsome collars of lace or embroidery, lace frills edging the collars.

The fancy for fruit as a decoration has extended to embroideries on dinner and reception gowns. An illustrative gown of black point d'esprit made over white satin was trimmed with embroidery in the form of cherries and their leaves, and had cherry red belt and shoulder straps.

Flat-trimming is standard for fall and winter hats. These are a trifle larger than those worn during summer, and feathers, breasts, wings and quills are the trimmings.

Hardly a new skirt is lined—among the handsome ones, that is. All have instead the drop skirt of taffeta. This skirt of taffeta is cut like the outer skirt, exactly as finished, with a plating or a ruffle with a plating along the edge.

WOMAN BURIED ALIVE. Young Lady Seized with Catalepsy, Interred, and Suffocated in Her Casket.

A letter received in Paris from Buenos Ayres records the death of Mile. Cambaceres, a descendant of the famous French general and a member of one of the leading families in the Argentine capital.

The unfortunate young lady had just turned 18 years of age, and her birthday was celebrated by a grand reception. All her friends came to offer their congratulations and brought presents.

In the evening Mile. Cambaceres went up to her room to dress for the opera. She was in the act of putting on her hat, when she fell to the ground, apparently dead.

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AN HONEST PORTER.

He Helped Himself to a Tip of Ten Dollars for Being Accommodating and Honest.

"The tip-exacting Pullman car porters are the recipients of a good many knocks from press and public, but they are not the worst in the world," remarked a commercial traveler to a Washington Star man.

"I left San Francisco, or, rather, Oakland, on the Santa Fe line for Chicago at 8 o'clock in the evening a couple of weeks ago last Sunday. The gang that I met in 'Frisco had been rather too enthusiastic in giving me a good time of it out there on the day of my departure, so that when I woke up on the train along toward 7 o'clock the next morning the sleeper bunk felt pretty warm and my coppers a whole lot warmer.

"I had no idea on earth that I'd ever see a dollar of that money. I figured it all out that the porter would corral the money and then stuff my wearing apparel into the bag and hand it over to the conductor."

"I've got a chance of getting the bag back," said I to myself, "but what the black porter'll do to those \$200 in gilt money will be something swoopingly scandalous."

"I caught the train east on the following morning, and when I got to Kansas City I got off to take a bit of a rest at a hotel. As I was getting off I met the porter of the train that had left Mojave without me. He was walking about the station, waiting to go aboard his car for another western trip. He saw and recognized me as soon as I recognized him, and he grinned broadly when he saw me."

"Boss," said he, coming over to me, "Ah suah did look ev'rywher fo' dat ohtub ten dolluh gol' piece, but Ah suah couldn't fin' it nowheah," and then he burst into a happy dorky laugh and slapped his thigh joyously.

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HOUSEHOLD TALKS.

Dainty Dishes That Are Delightful on a Hot Day—May Be Made at Any Time of the Day.

A housekeeper suggests the following dishes for a cold luncheon on a hot day, says the New York Tribune. With such a bill of fare the meal may be prepared long before the guests arrive: Sandwiches spread with chopped meat, veal loaf, deviled eggs, vegetable salad, cottage cheese, gelatin with cream, custard or ice cream and angel cake.

Mint fudge is liked better by many persons than chocolate. Put into a saucepan one-half cupful of granulated sugar, 1 1/2 cupfuls of scraped maple sugar and a cupful of milk. When the sugar's melted and the mixture hot add two tablespoonfuls of butter and boil for 20 minutes.

Mint bags for the linen closet are liked by some persons. Put into little silk bags a mixture made of a pound of dried lavender, an ounce of thyme, an ounce of mint, an ounce of ground cloves and caraway seeds and a tablespoonful of dry salt.

Panned tomatoes are an excellent accompaniment for a roast of lamb or veal. Peel and cut in two six plum tomatoes. Put them in a pan with a tablespoonful of melted butter, and cook slowly on top of the stove for ten minutes.

Stewed okra is one of the dinner possibilities. Select the small green pods, and remove the stems and discolored tips. Put into boiling salted water and cook until tender.

Experiments in canning peas reported in a government bulletin show that heating under pressure to secure a higher temperature than the ordinary boiling point, 212 degrees Fahrenheit, is necessary to insure keeping.

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Little Pigs in Blankets. Large oysters, fat English bacon, pepper and salt, buttered toast. Season the oysters with pepper and salt. Wrap each in a very thin slice of bacon and fasten with a wooden toothpick.

A Political Definition. "What's harmony?" asked the politician's little boy. "Harmony," answered his father, "is what the faction of a party that's getting the worst of it yells for loudest."

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PORTUGAL'S OPEN DOOR.

Our Minister to That Country Declares There is Great Opportunity for American Dealers There.

Francis B. Loomis, the United States minister to Portugal, says: "There is an excellent field in Portugal now for the introduction of American machinery, carpenters' and mechanics' tools, agricultural implements, etc. The Portuguese are increasing the area of their grain production with the object of raising all their own grain, and whenever they have a good season they can easily do it.

"American machinery could be introduced with Lisbon and Oporto as the distributing points. The work must be done carefully and systematically, however, by men accustomed to deal with Latin peoples. The best thing would be for our manufacturers to establish a general emporium—where they could maintain a small permanent exhibition of American manufactures."

"Americans are doing a large business in the colony of Angola. The people of Lisbon have just had a tremendous object lesson of American enterprise and efficiency in the construction of electrical tramways in the most difficult part of the country by a Philadelphia engineer. All American machinery was used. The people call the cars 'Americanos.' The work was done by the South African capitalists, Werner, Beit & Co., who have obtained similar concessions elsewhere in Portugal."

TO MAKE TIMBER TESTS.

Bureau of Forestry to Learn the Strength and Durability of Lumber of Country.

Preparations are being made by the bureau of forestry for extensive tests in the strength and durability of timbers in the different parts of the country. Most of them scarcely known to manufacturers and lumber dealers. Many tests made of the strength of well-known timber are particularly deficient on account of the faulty machinery used in testing.

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TO RAISE OUR OWN COFFEE. Outlook Promising for United States Obtaining All It Needs from Island Possessions.

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TO GIVE SUBMARINE TRIPS. A Swiss Amusement Company Arranges Excursions Under Water.

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GOLDEN GATE CITY LEADS.

San Francisco Shows the Largest Percentage of Suicides—Chicago Rank's Third.

The number of people who voluntarily shuffed off this mortal coil in American and other cities during last year has been investigated by some delver in statistics and the following figures indicate the results: San Francisco leads with the largest ratio, 39.2 per 100,000 of population. Next comes another Pacific coast city, Los Angeles, with a ratio of 29.8. The reader has naturally been looking for Chicago, and that city does, in fact, come next with a ratio of 24.9, followed by the neighboring city of Milwaukee, whose ratio is 23.2. New Orleans was the scene of the self-destruction of 21.8 persons per 100,000 of population, and Cincinnati followed close with 21.3.

The table referring to American cities is somewhat difficult to explain. Why the city of the golden gate, and California, with its glorious climate, its sunshine, its fruit and its flowers, should show the greatest number of suicides seems a mystery, unless the presence of a large Chinese population explains it. The high suicide rate of Chicago is, perhaps, accounted for by the rush and struggle of that great city and the large foreign element it contains—a foreign element, moreover, which comes mainly from those countries where suicide is most frequent. The same is perhaps true of Milwaukee and of Cincinnati.

Carp Ousting Wild Duck. Excesses Themselves, They Have Destroyed the Wild Rice Fields in Ontario, Canada.

The singular complaint comes from various parts of northern Ontario that fish are responsible for the disappearance of certain kinds of game. In localities which were formerly noted for the excellent duck shooting which they offered the birds are now not to be had at all.

The ducks, geese and other aquatic birds were formerly in the habit of frequenting the large fields of wild rice in the lakes and streams of parts of Ontario, but now these fields have been, in many instances, destroyed by the German carp, which has found its way into these waters.

The Ontario inspector of fisheries, who has been in northern Ontario for the last few weeks, reports that the German carp has not only become dangerous to other fish, as has been frequently claimed, but that in Cook's bay, Lake Simcoe, where there were formerly hundreds of acres of wild rice, not a spear of that plant is to be seen to-day.

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A Monster Mushroom. Weight three pounds four ounces, circumference forty-five inches, is the description of another monstrous mushroom which has been gathered at Braconash, Norwich, England.