Each year finds the new recruits who step into the ranks of the telephone brigade representative of a higher training. With every large telephone exchange there is now a regular school for employes. The school rooms are fitted with duminy switchboards and imitation apparatus corresponding to all the other paraphersalis of a regular exchange; and so the beginner in the field is given an opportunity to try her hand at the practical work of the vocation, as well as being afforded an insight into the technical terms and theory. Following the plan now in force in many lowing the plan now in force in many of the best schools of all kinds, a girl, if she does not learn readily, under one teacher, is transferred to the care of another instructor, so that an aspirant is never dismissed as na-

After her period of probation in the school room proper, the newcomer is detailed day after day to sit beside an expert, watch her work, and hear her explanations under all circumstances, until she gets a good idea of the sys-tem. It is weeks before she is intrusted with any definite responsibility, and even then she is usually on duty, only during the slack hours, when one of the old employes can keep an eye on all she does. Under the new system, whereby a tiny electric light flashes up when a subscriber desires to communicate with some one, there is far less strain upon the operator's nerves than under the old plan, wherein the blare of the bells was constantly in her ears. Inasmuch as the light is excontinually bother to inquire: "Are you through?" and inasmuch as she is required to make fewer motions and ask fewer questions, she naturally accommore in any given space of time,-Ledger Monthly.

A CLEVER WOMAN.

Why do you always dress your two daughters alike?" queried a society-woman of a friend. "It must be a great deal of trouble, and, as they are

great deal of trouble, and as they are not twins, it is not necessary."
"Well," answered the other quite frankly, "it is because of the effect.
My girls are rather ordinary looking—not plain; if fact, rather pretty, I think-and with fairly good figures, unnoticeable in their appearance. If one were in brown and the other in blue on the street, no one would ever give them a second glance, but, dressed alike, they look really distinguished. It is the same in a ballroom. When they go in together in pretty, fresh gowns, they acceptuate each other, so to speak, and the simplest toilest becomes striking. A w by itself is a pink bow, and nothing else, but two pink bows become immediately an arrangement. You see that idea exemplified on the stage in a bailet. It is the repetiton of dress that gives the effect. If the dancers were in different costumes it would be lost completely. Of course as you say, it is a bother to have everything to match, and when one frock is rained, that renders the other useless, too. Still, I think it pays."-New York Tribune.

AN ODDITY IN STATIONERY.

Point face is the name of the newest notepaper. It comes in square sheets in lavender, light blue and pale buff. shines through the white designs of net and small flowers and

The busy man who never has any time might eat a few dates: So, 12.

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to property instruct her daughter!

Tradition says "woman must suffer," and young women are so taught. There is a little truth and a great deal of exaggeration in this. If a young woman suffers severely she needs treatment, and her mother should see that she gets it.

others hesitate to take their daughters to aphysician for examina-tion; but no mother need hesitate to write freely about her daughter or herself to Mrs. Pinkham and secure the most efficient advice without charge. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.



Mrs. August Pfalzgraf, of South Byron, Wis., mother of the young lady whose portrait we here publish, wrote Mrs. Pinkham in January, 1899, saying lar daughter had suffered for two years with irregular menstruation—had headach all the time, and pain in her side, feet awell, and was generally miserable. Mrs. Pinkham promptly replied with advice, and under date of March, 1899, the mother writes again that Lydia E. Pinkhams Vegetable Compound cured her daughter of all pains and irregularity. '
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Good Roads Potes

HE annual report of State Highway Commissioner Jas. H. Macdonald for the calen-dar year 1900 was presented Highway Commissioner Jas.

H. Macdonald for the calendar year 1900 was presented recently. It is a voluminous and important document, reviewing the various aspects of highway improvements in Connecticut under the State Ald act.
In speaking of the present State

highway law the Commissioner says:
"The policy of the State has been almost universally accepted as a wise one by the towns, has been accepted by thirty-nine towns a fair trial.

Which have never before participated in State aid, making a total of 153 towns which have applied for State assistance under this law. The fact demonstrates that the law of 1899 is the most popular under which we have worked. This is principally due to the liberal assistance by the State and the wise provision in the law allowing the Commissioner to meet the conditions by which the town is sur-rounded. Almost all of the objections offered by the towns in regard to for-mer laws are removed under the pres-ent law. It will be impossible, however, to draft any law that will be entirely free from objection, for it is im-possible to build any law that cannot

be improved in some respects.

"The present law, governing as it does the whole of the action of the State and town on a liberal plan of financial assistance, and broadening finguished the moment the subscriber State and town on a liberal plan of has solved talking and hung up the financial assistance, and broadening receiver, the telephone girl need not the policy of the State in the method of construction, and also keeping well within control of the State the whole movement, has enlarged the field of work for the Commissioner and has reduced somewhat the jurisdiction of the towns accepting State aid; but so far every change from the laws of 1895 and 1897 has-been very much more beneficial to the towns and the whole movement safe guards that have already demonstrated its worth.

"It has never been the policy of the State to be unpleasantly arbitrary in her dealings with the towns, although difficult to have all towns understand this. As the work has progressed the towns have been brought into a full knowledge of the attitude of the

."It was at first thought by many people of our State that when the roads throughout the villages were improved the interest would die out, and that a vote for the improvement of others would not be had. On the contrain the desire for a general improve-ment of the roads in all towns in which we have constructed roads is increasing rather than diminishing, which fact speaks well for the future of the good roads movement.

"I have many times improved four, five and six sections on a main highway with an appropriation of \$1000. and while each section would not ex-tend over many lineal feet of road the sections selected are places that had been for years a weak spot on the road, and would have been improved long ago had the town been finan-cially able to so do. It stands to rea-son that if a road having five or six bad places at different points on a road six miles long, and these bad sections can be removed for \$1000, thereby reclaiming and making a good road of the five or six miles, it is money well invested. As a matter of fact, the largest return for the money invested is the improvement of these sectional pleces of road throughout the State.

Commissioner Macdonald makes this protest against the old drag scraper:
"I have seen thousands of dollars wasted with this old-time practice of putting the washings from the road back on the road. The road scraper properly used is a great assistance our country roads and a saving of a large amount of money and time if it is intelligently used. The old drag scraper system is a back number, and should remain so. It is the lack of knowledge of how to use a road sgraper and not the road scraper that is to be condemned. It would be better in the use of the road scraper when the sand washings are found in the gutter to lift up the blade and let the washings lie where the rain left them and go on and drop the blade only into good material, and thus leave the road in a passable condition, instead of eight inches deep, as I have often seen

The Commissioner does not think it wise to attempt to build a macadam system throughout the State. The pol-icy of the State has been not to extend the building of macadam beyond its natural growth. Under the present system the towns have latitude in selecting such kinds of roads as they

In addition to the work that has been done during the last two years under this appropriation there were remaining thirty-three towns to be finished the first year of the appropriation, which represented twenty miles.

The amount of money that will be used in the appropriations on the part of the State and towns during the last

two years will be \$467,550.

The total number of miles that will be finished with the appropriation under the contracts let for the last two years is 1900.—New York Tribune.

Dawn of a New Era.

We are at the dawn of a new era in road building, which promises in the first quarter of the twentieth century to cover our country with a system of hardened ways which will be used not only by wagons and carriages, but by bicycles, automobiles and traction engine trains, the latter carrying the products of many farms to the near-est market at prices so cheap that they would now seem incredible.

Keeps His "Pants" On The prudent man, traveling by rall at night, keeps his pants on. The story of the citizen who is suing the Pullman Company because his breeches were stolen from under his pillow, making it necessary for him to sit for hours wrapped in a blanket, the jest of all the other passengers, should not go unheeded by any gooturnal traveler.

—St. Louis Par-Dirietch.

HAIR ORNAMENTS AND HATS.

Hair ornaments appear in many ple-turesque novelties. There are wired gates bows and wints in silver and silt fastened by a jewelled ornament in odd design; serpent combs which pass through the back coil of hair and appear again on top and shell clasps for fastening bowknots and loose tresses in the back. One new confure has the sides undulated, with the bac! eoils a la Watteau are piquant with the addition of a crisp velvet bow at tached by a rhinestone slide.—Ameri can Queen

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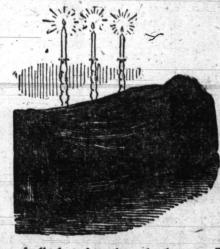
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