

Latest Picture of The Queen of Spain

Since it was rumored that King Alfonso XIII. of Spain would probably be chosen as an arbitrator in the peace conference that will follow the ending



Photo by American Press Association. QUEEN OF SPAIN.

of the war the royal family of Spain has been in the public eye. The portrait of Queen Victoria, here reproduced, is the latest of her royal highness and just received in this country. Queen Victoria was an English princess, daughter of Prince Henry of Battenberg and Princess Beatrice, who is a sister of the late King Edward VII. of England.

Proper Method of Pressing Garments

Good pressing is not only an important part of dressmaking and tailoring, but it is also one of the most important features in the care of clothing.

Skirts should be pressed over an ironing board.

The board should not be too heavily padded. The covering should be drawn tightly and should be of a firm, smooth material that will not leave the imprint of the texture or weave.

Busts and curved seams should be pressed over a curved surface such as a lightly padded cushion.

Sleeve seams may be pressed over the handle of a broom after covering it smoothly with cloth.

Use the curved edge or side of the ironing board when pressing open seams. This prevents the edge of the seam being pressed into the garment.

Nearly all pressing is done on the wrong side of the garment.

The seams may be dampened if the material permits. For surface pressing lay over the material a damp cloth and press dry. When pressing on the right side a firm dry cloth is first placed over the garment.

Use a rather heavy iron for pressing. Press slowly. Lift and place the iron, bearing down heavily.

Always avoid a sliding motion, as it is apt to stretch the material.

The Children's Play Corner

"Secret History."

Each player is requested to write on a card or slip of paper the name of some well known woman in history or fiction or in modern life. These are dropped into a basket, and all are then asked to write upon another set of papers the names of certain men whose names and careers are familiar to the average person. These are put in a second basket and well mixed, and both are passed around.

Each player draws one paper from each basket and reads his wits to write or tell a brief story bringing in the names of the man and woman that he has drawn, as hero and heroine. The more impossible and ridiculous the better. One person who drew "Rip Van Winkle" and "Nantippe" represented Rip's wife as a reincarnation of the virgin who made Socrates' life miserable.

"Mother Bird and Hawk."

This is a fine out of door game and may be played by a large number. Children are arranged in groups in a row. Each group has the name of some bird, such as robins, sparrows, canaries, etc. About fifteen yards to the right of the birds and in front of them is a space for the "mother bird." The same distance to the left is reserved for the "hawk." The mother bird calls, "Come out, canaries" (or any other group). At these words the canaries all run to the mother bird, the hawk trying to intercept and capture them. If tagged they are imprisoned by the hawk. If they reach the mother bird's home without being tagged they are safe. Game continues till all birds have been called out.

Decapitation.

For ONE, which flows from tropic trees. Men brave the storms of southern seas. TWO'S thought to bring its wearer ill. Yet's purchased and paraded still. My dearest friend I call my THREE. Though some rebuke me, half in gloe. And say, "That is but slangy lore. His name is Albert—call him FOUR." Answers—Copal, opal, pal. A1

New Justice of Supreme Court

Judge John Hessin Clarke of Cleveland, who succeeded Charles E. Hughes as associate justice of the United



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States Supreme Court, has been a lifelong Democrat. At the time of his appointment he was federal judge for the northern district of Ohio. Judge Clarke is fifty-nine years old and a bachelor.

What to Do For Insect Bites

The most common bites or stings are those of the bee, wasp, yellow jacket, spider, horse fly, yellow fly, red bug or chigger, flea, mosquito and bedbug.

In case of a sting of any kind the first thing to do, of course, is to remove the sting. This can best be done with the point of a knife or needle, but care should be taken not to break the skin for fear of infection. Then the next best thing perhaps is to apply ammonia water or soda water to the affected parts.

In the case of bites, as well as of stings, when the sting is removed, as a rule, a paste of common baking soda applied to the affected parts or these bathed in ammonia water is all that is necessary. Where the poisonous effect is severe, however, send for a doctor. In the meantime the patient should lie down and keep quiet.

An application of a 50 per cent solution of a saturated solution of potassium permanganate, which you get at the drug store, is very efficient for insect poisons and for the poisons of plants, too, such as poison ivy and sumac.

Cheesecake.

Cheesecakes are made by adding egg, sugar and flavoring to fresh curd, such as is used for cottage cheese. Add an egg to a cupful of curd, beat smooth and beat in half a cupful of sugar and a piece of butter the size of a walnut. Flavor with vanilla, nutmeg or any other spice. Line a pie plate with paste and fill with this mixture. Bake without a top crust.

Streets in Mexico.

As so many of the Indians cannot read the streets in Mexico are named after birds or beasts. The name of the street appears in Spanish letters, but this is followed by the figure of the creature after which the street is named. For instance, Ox street is indicated by a figure of an ox in plaster or painted on a wall. The street of Flamenco presents the tall flamenco with back of fiery red, and Elephant street has a well molded figure of that animal with enormous tusks and trunk. This custom is a very useful one, for the youngest child can thus find its way home.

Sea Terms.

The terms larboard and starboard come from the Italian "quarta borda" and "quella borda," which by rapid delivery became starboard and larboard, but owing to the strong similarity of sound they were changed into starboard and port, the use of the terms in the original form having been the cause of many accidents.

Dancing on the Beach.



It's a merry, merry tune, On a summer afternoon, That the sea keeps singing, singing, to the shore. As we gayly dance away To its music bright and gay, For we love to hear the dear old ocean roar.

BUILD SHIPS AT COST PRICE

Bethlehem Steel Will Make Offer to Uncle Sam.

BIDS ON 16 INCH NAVY SHELLS

No Chance For Profit In Them Under Present Tests, Grace Says—Possible Explanation of the Prices Made by an English Firm Which Bids Under All American Manufacturers.

Speaking recently before the Terrapin Club of Philadelphia, Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said in part:

In a peculiar sense Bethlehem Steel serves the American people. For example, though we have been able to obtain in Europe almost any price, we have adhered, in our charges to the United States Government, to the basis of prices established before the war began.

We agreed—if the Government would abandon its plans for a Federal plant—to make armor for our Navy at any price the Government itself might consider fair.

Our ordnance plants are at the disposal of the nation at a fair operating cost, plus a small margin, thus saving the Government investment and depreciation.

One of the special needs of the new navy is sixteen-inch guns—guns SIXTY feet long and capable of hurling a 2000 pound shell with such power and accuracy as to hit a 50 foot square target fifteen miles away.

We have undertaken voluntarily to construct, at a cost of \$4,500,000, a plant fitted to build sixteen-inch guns.

Under no conceivable circumstances can orders which we may receive for this plant pay even a fair return on the investment.

Considerable comment has been made upon the fact that a British manufacturer recently bid less than American manufacturers for sixteen and fourteen-inch shells for the navy.

I am unable to state the basis upon which the English bid was made. It should be remembered, however, that this bid was for a specific shell, samples of which are being sent over for test—a test not yet made.

Two years ago we took an order for 2400 fourteen-inch armor-piercing shells at a contract price of \$768,000, to be delivered within a certain time or we had to pay a large penalty.

The only specifications for making these shells are that they shall be of a certain size and must pierce armor plate at a certain velocity on impact. It is impossible to forecast the exact conditions of the tests.

We had made large quantities of shells in the past which had been accepted. But in placing this particular order the Department altered the angle at which the tested shells must pierce armor plate. The result, however, has been absolute inability on our part to produce in any quantity, shells which will meet these novel tests. In fact, we know of no process of manufacturing through which it is possible to produce in quantities shells which will conform to the requirements.

The result is that up to now on that contract of \$768,000, we have put into actual operating expense \$117,081, and have been penalized for non-delivery \$495,719, a total of \$612,800, with no receipts whatever.

Such was the experience in the light of which we were called upon recently to bid for sixteen-inch shells.

We bid on these shells at approximately the same rate per pound as that of a fourteen-inch shell contract of one year ago upon which the Government awarded contracts.

We have not the slightest idea what profit there will be in the making of these shells. We do not know that there will be any. There is no certainty that it would be possible for us to deliver a shell to meet the test.

For officers in the Navy to assume that any bid made under such conditions is "exorbitant" is utterly unfair.

We bid on the new battle-cruisers sums which Navy department experts, after examination of our books, found would yield a profit of less than ten per cent. We agreed to assume risks for increased costs of materials and labor, that made it possible that these contracts might yield no profit whatever.

The costs run beyond the amount appropriated by Congress on the basis of the cost estimates made a year ago.

And because shipbuilders could not alter the inexorable cost facts and reduce bids to early estimates of the Navy Department, the prices are called "exorbitant."

It would be a real advantage to be relieved of this naval construction. The profit from it cannot possibly amount to much, and the responsibility is enormous.

We have determined to make this offer to the American Government.

If you will build two of the battle-cruisers in Government navy yards, we will build the other two at the ascertained cost of building the ships in the Government yards, without additional expense or commissions of any kind. We will also contract to have our ships ready for service ahead of the Government ships."

CEDAR MT. BREEZES.

Weldon Lee, Joseph Jones and E. A. Heath went to Greenville last week.

Miss Jennie Rishon has returned from a visit to Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Jones visited their daughter, Mrs. Tom Garren, at River Falls, S. C., last Thursday.

Jack Heath went to River Falls Monday.

On Sunday afternoon the young people visited Uncle Tom Fowler, the "Pioneer" who has made Rich Mountain his home for a number of years. He kept the crowd in a roar of laughter with his many jokes and old time stories.

On Saturday night, Feb. 21, a free entertainment will be given at Cedar Mountain school house, at 7 o'clock there will be a supper for the benefit of the school library. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Garren and John Mcrary visited Joe Garren on East Fork last Sunday.

WANT THE PICKENS ROAD THROUGH TO TRANSYLVANIA

(From Pickens Sentinel.)

The announcement that a good road will be built from Pickens across the mountains to the North Carolina line has created a lot of interest, especially among those living along the proposed route. Some of the farmers say that if the road is built at a season when they may help without interfering seriously with their farm work they will be willing to help work the road free of cost.

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FIRE AT ROEMAN

Fire damaged the house of P. T. Bauman last week, but didn't destroy it. V. G. Weaver, adjuster for the Piedmont Fire Insurance company of Charlotte, was in Roeman and Brevard this week looking into the damages.

SERMON TO BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of Brevard attended the Presbyterian church in a body Sunday afternoon and heard a sermon from their scoutmaster, Rev. John R. Hay. Mr. Hay pointed out Boy Scout qualities in the boy David and made his sermon helpful and interesting to the Boy Scouts and others in the congregation.

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