

Influence of Rainfall.
 Mr. Clayton of the Blue Hill observatory, has a suggestive paper in the Popular Science Monthly on the influence of rainfall on commercial and political affairs. Every severe financial panic in the United States has been closely associated with a protracted season of deficient rainfall. The outbreak of the boxer war in China was at least partially due to the impoverishment of the people by drought. Severe winter precipitated the French revolution. The Russians say that January and February are no invincible generals was exemplified by the disastrous Moscow campaign of 1812. In the year 54 B. C. Caesar's legions in Gaul were defeated on account of their scattered stations, and the stations were placed side apart because a scanty harvest had made this disposition a necessity. These are only a few of many examples that might be cited.

Broke Ironclad Rule.
 It was no one's business, of course, but President Roosevelt likes to ride a horse with a docked tail when he feels like it. The last day when Wood was in Washington he rode with the President out Massachusetts avenue extended away beyond the age culvert over Rock creek. The president strode a dock-tailed horse at time for sure. Ten rods behind an orderly, and about the same distance farther back rode two plain clothes policemen on bicycles. How the latter negotiated the rough and lumpy roads farther out is of interest to them alone, but the President is a hard man to follow. The rougher the road the more certain he is to take it. But it was a dock-tailed horse, a high-stepped, long-stepping thoroughbred which can do 20 miles an hour if called.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

PASSING OF THE PARLOR.

The Apartment of State Giving Way to the Living Room.

And is it true? Is the parlor doomed? Must it give way to the living room? That apartment cannot make good the loss of the other. Who does not remember the darkened glories of the old-fashioned parlor, which was seen at its best in the middle-sized town, village and country? Shut up the week through, sometimes nearly the year through, with blinds closed tight and lace curtains tied primly back; with its hair-cloth-seated chairs set in a line against the wall; a "rocker" ready to gallop in one corner, and a what-not in the other, ornamented with rice baskets, praying Samuels and family daguerotypes and photographs; a centre table, set exactly in the middle of the room, with a few handsome books and the large family Bible, the mantel-piece with vases filled with crystallized grasses at either end, and odds of strange things fitting up the rest of the space; who among the elder generation does not know it well? It was a room to be venerated.

And now—one sadly recognizes it to be, indeed, a thing of the past. Instead, there is the living room, that actually is a living room, where the baby's perambulator stands near the piano, where the work basket is on a convenient table (no one ever saw a work basket in a parlor); where there are plants, a writing desk; where the sun pours in as much as it may. It is indeed a living room. If one has space there is a reception room, to be sure; but every one understands that amounts to little—the caller and the friend are shown into the living room. To a person used to a parlor, no matter how long ago, a call in a living room hardly seems like the solemn function it used to be.—Springfield Republican.

All Sorts of Sofa Pillows.

The sofa pillow has a wider latitude, perhaps, in the household than almost any other furnishing. It contributes to the general comfort, fills up all sorts of hollows in chairs, sofas and seats, gives just the right touches of color to corners otherwise sombre, and brings into harmony warlike surroundings. The revival of ribbon work is making possible especially exquisite effects on satins. A pillow just finished is made of white satin, embroidered with ribbon in a Dresden design. It is finished with a broad white satin ruffle, on which the delicate colors of the floral pattern are repeated in frilled rows of the tiny ribbon. Only on drawing-room pillows now are ruffles often seen. Others are left plain on the edges, have their corners drawn in, are finished with cord or have pompons at the corners. Pompons are also used in more ornamental kinds.

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HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

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Dutch Apple Pudding—Beat two eggs; add to them one cup of milk and two cupfuls of sifted flour; add one teaspoonful of baking powder; turn the mixture into a shallow baking pan; have ready two apples pared and quartered; lay them in the batter round side up; dust the top thickly with granulated sugar and sprinkle over a little cinnamon, and put in a moderately quick oven twenty minutes; serve hot with cream.

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Have Good and Bad Seasons.

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