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Windless Rain. The rain, the desolate rain! Ceaseless and solemn and chill! How it drips on the misty pane...

SAVED BY A PIGEON.

It was the sweetest little thing you ever saw—a wee creature, with wings white as snow, and a soft purr like a kitten's...

this? I heard poor, dear papa say. "I shall never, never do it!" "You won't see the sun rise again, then," said one of the men, with an oath.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Fashion Notes. Feather bands trim wraps and dresses. Velvet bonnets are the most fashionable. Black matelasse dress goods are much used in mourning.

vine, but as the sound continued, I awoke and went to look. "I beheld something white fluttering against the glass. What was my surprise to find that it was little Bijou!

WASHINGTON'S WIFE.

Interesting Particulars Concerning Her Ancestry and Life. R. A. Brock contributes to the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch a letter received from Mrs. Mary E. Neel, of Williamsburg, Va., in response to a request from him through that paper for definite information concerning the family of Mrs. Martha, wife of General George Washington.

Household Dirge. I drop my idle pen and hark, And catch the faintest sound; She must be playing hide-and-seek In shady nooks around!

URGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Winter reigns when it snows. A matter of course. The race track. There is a woman in Paris who speaks twelve languages. She must be a happy woman, for she can deliver a certain lecture in a dozen tongues.

Professor Virchow of Berlin owns nearly 6,000 human skulls of all ages and nationalities. The wealthiest man in Mexico is Patricio Milmo, an Irishman, whose estate is valued at \$10,000,000.

FISHING WITH CORMORANTS.

In Nieuhoff's account of the embassy of Peter de Goyer and Jacob de Keyser from the Dutch East India Company to the Emperor of China, in 1655, it is related that at Shanghai, in the prevalence of standing water, an artificial dam of the Yellow river, the cormorants witnessed the natives fishing with cormorants.

Various Ways of Preparing Eggs. Eggs cooked in some unusual way are a good luncheon as well as a breakfast dish. Among the simplest forms are: Baked Eggs: Butter a shallow pudding dish, or a deep plate, break into it, separately, as many eggs as you will need, unless the number exceed nine or ten, taking care not to disturb the yolks.

POULTRY EGGS.

Poultry Eggs: A pint of cream, or if that is impossible, a pint of milk, to which shall be added, when hot, a piece of butter half the size of an egg. Put in a double boiler to heat; salt to taste and when it is at the boiling point, stir in four eggs that have been lightly beaten until the whites and yolks are well mixed. Let it stand for a few moments to thicken, stirring occasionally, and serve on a hot dish.

White wool combined with velvets and plushes in the new high art colors will form many handsome evening dresses this fall and winter.

HABITS OF THE CANNIBALS.

In Fiji thirty years ago war was waged quite as much with a view to lining of the captives, who were actually carefully fattened before slaughter, as for any other cause. In some cases the captives were cooked, and eaten in the presence of the victim, who had previously been compelled to dig the oven and collect the wood for heating it.