

THE SPLENDID SPUR. OR THE ADVENTURES OF JACK MARVEL.

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CHAPTER XIV. (Continued.)

I stood by the house door shouting these questions to the men inside, when a hand was laid on my arm, and there in the shadow waited Billy himself, with a mighty curious twinkle in his eye. He put a finger up and signed that I should follow.

was to be had. And about 4 in the afternoon the horror left me, so that I sat up and told my story pretty steadily. "What of the house?" I asked when the tale was done and a company sent to search the east cliff from the beach.

ONE CAUSE OF ILLNESS.

Thinking and Talking About Bodily Conditions a Grievous Fault.

A famous physician upon being asked recently what is the chief cause of ill health replied: "Thinking and talking about it all the time. This ceaseless introspection in which so many of the rising generation of nervous folk indulge, is certainly wearing them out.

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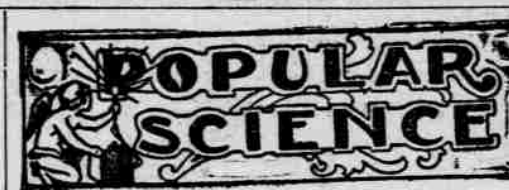


GOOD ROADS.

The Public Interested. THE people of the whole country are in all vocations of life beginning to realize the importance of a better improvement of the public highways. It is being felt that the future interest of American agriculture will be retarded in its growth unless the construction of better roads are commenced.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

In a mass of meteoric stone Professor Moisan, the celebrated French physicist, has discovered a number of diamonds of microscopic dimensions, but of regular octahedral form and perfect water.

Humor of Today.

A Question of Taste. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." "Out of sight is out of mind." "Don't know which one is the better—Pick whichever you're inclined."—Detroit Tribune.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

A COSY KITCHEN. There should be comfortable chairs in the kitchen, a table with drawers—a settle table, which may be so adjusted as to provide an ironing table or a comfortable seat, and the box seat may be used as a receptacle for kitchen lore, magazines or domestic science.

THE WINDOW DRESSER.

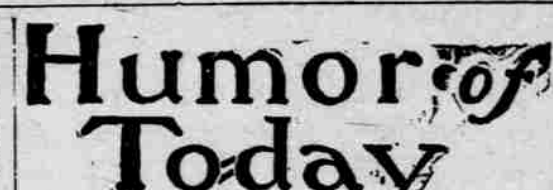
Men who dress the windows of the large stores in the shopping districts wear bags of cotton cloth over their shoes, presumably to protect the fine fabrics they have often to walk over.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

"I've found a solution of the servant problem in the learning of the Swedish language," said a housekeeper, the other day. "I've taken to employing women of that nationality, and I've found that the best way to keep them is to know their tongue. You know these women have a way of coming to you as green as grass. They really are of no use ordinarily until you teach them their duties and the English language. Then they go where they can get better wages. I went through that experience several times, and at last my husband asked me if it wouldn't be easier to learn Swedish than to run a continuous kindergarten for teaching English. I found it did not take long to pick up enough words to say all I needed. Then, when I got a cook and a maid who had just landed, I used no English with them. They have their Swedish friends and so have not tried to pick up our language. The result is I have had them three years, and expect to keep them a long time—unless they should marry."

TO RENOVATE PORTIERES.

Nothing is better for this than gasoline, but one can not be cautioned too often or too strongly to handle this dangerous fluid carefully. To clean a pair of chenille or velvet portieres, six to eight gallons of gasoline is necessary, and the work must be performed out of doors. Spread the hangings on the grass and brush lengthwise and across, and on both sides; never hang on a line to brush or beat. The strain is very likely to break the warp. Look them over carefully for soiled spots and dust streaks, and mark each spot and streak with a white thread. Put the hangings in a tub and cover with gasoline; rub the soils, and afterwards the whole curtain with the hands and work up and down in the fluid until it looks clean. Gently squeeze out the gasoline, but on no account wring; rinse in another tub of fresh gasoline and hang to dry in the shade, without wringing or shaking, and use as few pins as possible. As the curtains dry, occasionally pull them out smooth and straight. The odor will disappear in drying.—Household.



HOUSEHOLD RECIPES.

Daisy—Whites of three eggs, one-half cup of butter, one cup of sugar, one and one-half cups of flour, one teaspoonful of yeast powder and a teaspoonful of lemon or rose. This is a very nice cake, and is especially pretty when frosted with yellow frosting. Bean Rabbit—Meat two tablespoonfuls of butter and add one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one cupful of cold baked beans, well mashed, and three-fourths of a teaspoonful of good table sauce. When thoroughly heated add two-thirds cupful of milk and three-fourths cupful of mild, soft cheese, finely cut. Stir until the cheese is melted. Rice Pudding—Boil half a pound of rice in milk until it is quite tender, beat it well with a wooden spoon to mash the grains; add three-quarters of a pound of sugar and the same of melted butter; half a nutmeg, six eggs, some grated lemon peel; put a paste in the dish and bake it. For a change it may be boiled and eaten with butter, sugar and wine. Dessert Puffs—Take one pint of milk and cream each, the whites of four eggs beaten to a stiff froth, one heaping cupful of sifted flour, one scant cupful of powdered sugar; add a little grated lemon peel and a little salt. Beat these ingredients all together until very light, bake in gem pans, sift pulverized sugar over them and eat with a sauce flavored with lemon.



HOUSEHOLD RECIPES.

Striking an Average. "The pay is shockingly small for some of our public officials," said the broad-minded man. "Yes," answered the cynic; "but it averages up. Some of the public officials are shockingly small for their pay."—Washington Star.