Giving Thanks.

Beyond the bills il a shut me in I hear the sames of Libor, World's work and pain and s grow 'oo S cured strugging with its neighbor, And love seemed dead, and peace had fled Far off to fi lds elysim,

A d'inight was right, and strength was law; Such was the earthly vision.

My soul was stirred: I prayed,-"Let me Do some great work so purely, To right li e's wrongs, that I shall know That I have loved thee surely."

My lips send forth the eager cry, The while my heart beat faster, "For some great deed to prove my love,

Send me, send me-my Master!" But every road was hedged with thorns, My hands were torn and bleeding; Each gate was barred, and hope ill starred

Was in my heart receding. N ght came; within the valley's rim The sounds of pain and sorrow G:ew faint; with i ly folded hands I wanted for the morrow.

From out the silence came a voice Saying, "If God thon learest, Rise up and do, thy whole life through, The duty that hes nearest. The friendly word, the kindly deed, Though small the act in seeming,

Shall in the end, unto thy soul Prove mightier than thy dreaming. The cup of water to the faint, The rest unto the weary, The light thou givest another's life, Shall make thine own less dreary.

And boundless realms of faith and love Will wait for thy possessing; Not creeds, but deeds-it thou would'st win Unto thy soul a blessing."

And so I wait with peaceful heart. Content to do His pleasure; Not caring if the world shall mock At smallness of the measure.

Of thoughts, or deeds, or daily life, He knows the true endeavor To do Lis will, to seek his face; And he will fail me never .- Sarah Gibbs.

A Terrible Dream.

the children has been a failure. Very different is Christmas in heathen lands, known, and Christmas trees are hung with unfortunate travelers and unappreciated missionaries instead of glittering where the night lasts for six months, so that even the ablest of the Esquimaux graceful way, "Mr. Jones, I believe." cannot distinguish Christmas eve from Thanksgiving night, nor Christmas morning from Washington's birthday or Decoration Day! Even more depressing is Christmas in Central Africa, as a discovered to his mirgled sorrow and

The traveller was a good and noble man. He was engaged in discovering fresh lakes, new kinds of cannibals, and original sources of the Nile in the heart of Africa, and his only desire was to do good to the human race, and to prove and the cruelties of native kings, was kings, -Harper's Magazine. nearly worn out. He arrived late one afternoon on the shore of a mighty lake which no other white man had ever seen and which was at least five hundred miles distant from any of the various localities in which European mapmakers had previously placed it. He lay down under the shadow of the trees, faint with all the various things that predispose a man to be faint in Central Africa, but exulting in the thought that he would compel the map-makers to place Lake Mjambwe where he wanted it, and not where they selfishly imagined that it would present the most picturesque appearance. Suddenly he remembered that it was the 24th day of December, and that Christmas Eve would naturally arrive in the course of the next two hours. The thought saddened him. He glanced at his bare feet -for his supply of stockings had long since given out-and he thought of the bappy homes in England, where the children were preparing to hang up their mothers' largest stockings, while he must spend the blessed Christmas season among savage heathen and untrained animals. He felt at that moment t at he would give his new lake for an hour in his English home, and he covered his face with his hands and sobbed himself asleep.

When he awoke it was broad daylight. The woods were vocal with parrots who incessantly remarked, "Polly wants a cracker," and ostriches, and other tropical birds, each singing at the top of its voice. On the bosom of the lake floated immense native canoes bearing parties of excursionists, the music of whose the sealskin overcoat, hat and gloves? vigor of their youthful strength, ab- of kissing is now to throw the right arm accordions and banjoes came over the He carries a gold-headed cane and is stracted from protective labor; all languidly around the fair one's shoulder water to the wearied traveller. He was followed by a bull dog in a scarlet the soaring of human intellect made tilt her chin up with the left hand until hungry, and felt in his pockets for his blanket? Do you know him?" quinine pills, but they were all gone.

mas among the 'eathen." The sound of women's voices roused him. Three native women, clad only with the tsetse and pombo worn by their sex in that part of Africa, emerged from the forest on their way to draw looking old man close behind the pu- it is absolutely impossible that the time when he could encircle her waist water from the lake. They saw the traveler, and one of them, moved with compassion, sang, in a low, mournful er. Do you know him?" tone: "The poor white trash done come led as he was the traveler knew that had a benefit, too, the other night." this was wrong, for he had read Mungo song as it ought to be sung."

left the wretchel white man to perish. The cruelty of the women made the traveler so indignant that he resolved to make one tremendons effort for life. He managed to rice, efter painful exertions | wear a mustache. and the use of many scientific terms, and hobbled slowly toward a native village about a quarter of a mile away. He had scarcely reached it when he was seized by two gigantic cannibals and dragged to the king's palace, where he

hoped that either death or breakfast, he did not much care which, awaited him. The palace consisted of one large room with an enormous throne extending entirely across one end of it. On this throne sat twelve native kings in a row, and had the show stopped. The pro-cach one with a musical instrument in prietor used bad language, and moved white horses. This horses the bornes of the prohis hand. The one who sat in the mid- on. dle looked fiercely at the traveller, and

charge against him. "Poor white trash, Mr. Johnsing," briefly replied the largest of the two bug. cannibals. "Mr. Bones--I should say prisoner,"

began the king, "what do you say for "I am a white min," replied the traveler; "but I aven't lad any soap for . It is proposed to construct a canal years, so I plead hextenuating circumstances. Besides, I am 'ungry. Will

you not give me some breakfast?" The king's face grew bright with rage -for it could not grow any darker than it was—and he turned to his brother kings, and conversed with them rapidly in the Mjambwe tongue. They were evidently discussing the fa e of the traveler, for presently the middle king

cleared his throat, and said : "Prisoner, you have forfeited your life, but we are disposed to be merciful. You cught properly to be baked alive, and afterward eaten, but we shall pronounce a lighter sentence. You will listen attentively while we sing the opening chorus and the favorite plantation melodies, and you will guess every conundrum and laugh at every joke. Say I not wisely, Brother Bones?

A unanimous "Yah! yah!" from the other kings expressed their warm ap-

No! no!" cried the traveler, in an agony of fear. "Give me some little show. Burn me, if you will, but do not torture me on this 'oly Christmas morning with your hawful songs and conundrums. I've 'eard them all at 'ome." And in his desperation the wretched Christmas is a delightful season in man fel! on his knees before the native Christian lands, especially when the king who had pronounced the dreadful balance of presents and dinners is in sentence. That monarch, indignant beone's favor, and the tin horn crop among | youd measure, raised his guitar and struck the traveler a terrible blow over the head. The whole carth seemed to profession of each visitor; also where killed Abdul Kadr, the governor of the spring. where the uses of the stocking are un- reel, and the doomed white man became they come from and where they are place, to have occupied it, and is getting

unconscious. When he regained his senses he found one. himself sitting on the shore of the lake and showy presents. Think of Christ- where he sat the night before. A young mas in the region of the north pole, man neatly dressed in European clothes

anything to heat with you?"

years in the Dark Continent, and, have not give him the delight which he had which came to Virginia, and in many his capabilities: "Do you know how vation, the rude embraces of lions and Central Africa after awakening from the former and the latter. So far as such Graham bread as this?" "Does he

Artificial Honeycombs. An English gentleman, W. M. Hoge; in a long letter to the Pall Mall Gazette, corrects the hypothesis of that journal United States broken combs are caregraved metal, which makes impressions the bottom of the natural cells. These foundations are placed in the frames, and the bees accept them only when Magazine. made of pure beeswax, and thankful for that much of a start go at once to work to lengthen out the cells and fill them with honey. With the utilization of broken combs for these foundations the export of beeswax from the United | States has steadily decreased, while the production of honey is constantly on the

A Boston Scene.

He tried to rise to his feet, but he was Fine man. Hard hitter. Very popular. tion-verily this is a condition so mon- aspect resembling the bowsprit of a too weak and rheumatic to rise without Always surrounded by a crowd of ad- strous, at the same time so utterly clipper-built sloop; then stoop slowly, help, so he sank back, murmuring, miring friends, as you see him now. "'Tis 'ard, 'ard indeed, to die on Christ- He is very well off; was given a benefit the other night that netted him \$500."

"Indeed! he is very fortunate." ranks high in his profession, you see." gilist and his friends? Poor man, he tottering structure of social organization with one arm, get his shirt bosom full seems thinly clad for this wintry weath- should long escape the catastrophe of of hair oil, and pirouette his lips over

to Africa. He hasn't no mother for to country clergyman. Very learned man, deeply condemns, Kossuth expresses against it, and man shudders, but refry hominy for him, nor no wife for to they say. Been a preacher of the gos himself thus: "Great Britain the mains silent. The old style of kissing, send to the store with a jug." Enfeeb- pel all his life, but poor as a rat. He mighty, went to wage war on Egypt, which sounds like some one tearing a led as he was the traveler knew that had a benefit, too, the other night."

"Oh, indeed! Did it net him much?" "I don't think it did. You see it was land, but prompted by what she con- rapidly going out of fashion, although remarking, "You women don't sing that a sort of surprise party. His parishion- sidered to be her interest;" and he the majority of young ladies admit that ers called upon him in a body, ate up entirely shares in the opinion of the science has cruelly destroyed all the "Sing it yourself, theu," retorted the everything there was in the house, and members of the House of Commons who comfort of a long, lingering, heartsinger, in a cold, heartless way, and left him presents to the amount of sixty called it "an international atrocity." - thrilling kiss, and causes them to express thereupon the women passed on, and cents."

OLD WORLD ITEMS.

Berlin hotel and restaurant keepers Baron Wilhelm Rothschild, of Frankfort, returned his income for 1881 at £237,500. He is a very strict Jew, and spends long hours at his devotions.

The American artists in Paris are accused of being a very wild and dissipated lot, who give the police a great deal of trouble. We don't believe it. Geneva had a two headed girl on exhibition until the authorities interfered

A London paper says it is difficult demanded of his captors what was the to conjecture where the fantastical proceedings of the Salvation army will end, and intimates that the army is a hum-

> Four new hotels are building in London, two of which will have theaters connected. The activity in British homarkable.

> from Cologne to Antwerp, and a Datch engineer has petitioned the German government for assistance in the preliminary work. Sir Garnet Wolseley is the idol of

the day and the hero of the hour in London, and some people are very angry because Mr. Labouchere called him an egotist. She who threw herself from the tower

of Notre Dame in Paris has been identified as Marguerite Flix, who ws sensitive and not over strong mentally. A very slight reprimand was the cause of the snicide. Two men recently fought in the

streets of Hamburg with umbrellas and pocket knives, and one was so badly injured that he had to be taken to the hospital. The other was so bad morally that he had to be taken to jail. Worth, the man modiste of Paris, traveling in the desert and barbarous

limited liability company next year. There died recently at Oporto, Portn- | tion carried on in French. A dance of gal, a venerable schoolmistress, at 108 Rawazi, or Neutch girls of the locality, of good cider vinegar. Most that passes years of age, who followed her vocation | when cigaret'es are being smoked after- | for this is a vile compound of various

cares now whether school keeps or not. | boulevards. In Paris a machine called the oculto graph is on exhibition. It is supposed to tell in every language the name and

New England Ancestry. Some twenty years ago we used to stood before him, and remarked, in a hear a great deal about "mudsills' and "F. F. Vs."-slang terms implying that "And you are Mr. Smith, I dessay," the people of Virginia, or of the southreplied the traveler. "'Ave you got ein states in general, were of more aris- temp rarily absent from her husband. I dirg and boned turkey. As he drew the Toombs in 1850. This assumption was prairie, prepared for a summer campaign traveler's arm in his, and assisted him thoroughly baseless. In point of fact of "breaking" prairie sod. A boy of to the place where breakfast was await- the English ancestors of the Washing- fourteen is with him as "chief cook and travelor Lad ever known, and when he the Dudleys, the Eatons, and the Salton- failure in cooking, washing, etc., will returned to England with more new stalls. The foremost families which bring credit or discredit to his mother in Bishop Meade's list of old Virginia apples eatable?" "You know how Allen, Baldwin, Bradiey, Bowdein, Car. you?' etc. Both are very fond of milk, rington, Dabney, Davenport, Farley, and if they get a cow, or find good milk Gibbon, Holmes, Hubbard, Lee, Mor- for sale close at hand, the cooking and ton, Meade, Nelson, Newton, Parker, eating business will be simplified. Milk that the short honey crop in Russia last | Vaughan, Walton, Ward, Wilcox and our folks eat, as we never use pickles, season was due to the decline in the Wythe-every one of which is a name of and vinegar very seldom. To make much honey as usual. Mr. Hoge states | Meade's list occur also in Savage's Dic. | have taken along a steamer made after that bee keepers prefer to keep the tionary of the Settlers of New England. the farina-kettle plan. They are direct honeycombs for refilling, instead of Most of the leaders of the Massachusetts ed to use one part oatmeal, rice or better to do so. He says: "In the good fortune; several of them were of cold water in the inner kettle with either related or connected by marriage | plenty of water to keep up boiling in fully preserved and made over into with the nobility; the greater part of the outer one. To secure good Graham 'comb foundation.' This is done by them had taken degrees at Cambridge, bread, they have provided the lest of running thin sheets of wax through a and accordingly one of the first things Graham flour and a yeast cake. The machine constructed somewhat like a that naturally occurred to them was to cook will set a thin sponge at night, clothes wringer; the rollers instead of found a new Cambridge in the New with half a yeast cake, and flour and being made of rubber are made of en- World. If they had remained in Eng- warm water enough to make a large land, many of them would have gone in dripping pan loaf (a'l they can bake at on each side of the sheets, exactly like to Parliament with Hampden and Crom- one time in their oven), and in the well, and would have risen to distinction | morning he will add sugar and Graham under the Commonwealth. — Harper's flour until he has a stiff batter well

Kossuth's Ideas.

the huge armaments on the Continent, he says: "To see the social structure called states converted into gigantic life. - Exchange. barracks - the life sweat of nations drained to keep up with armies counted "Who is this well-dressed man with by myriads, these myriads in the best subservient to the profession of whole- her nose is pointed at an angle of forty-"Oh, yes; that is S - the pugilist. sale international slaughter and destruc- five degrees; or, rather, until it has an intolerable, that unless some means are and grazing about her lips in a quiet. devised for bringing it to a stop, unless subdued sort of way, tickle her nose governments are checked in their head- with your mustache until she cries long course toward exhausting the pa- | "Ouch!" The day is passed when a "Oh, yes, a very fortunate fellow; tience of their subjects by draining young man could seize a young woman their life-sweat for nourishing the insa- round the neck, and gobble a kiss in a "Who is that white-headed, weary- tiable Moloch of exorbitant armaments, rough but comfortable manner. The an almighty smash." Referring to the every square inch of her countenance, is "Oh, yes; that is old Faithful, a recent Egyptian campaign, which he no more. Estheticism has proclaimed to redress some violated right of Eng- sidered bad taste, and, consequently, is Pall Mall Gazette.

The False Prophet.

The false prophet of the Soudan claims to be the Imam Mahdi, or the have resolved not to employ waiters who last prophet Allah will send to conquer the enemies of Islam and rule supreme over the world. To such a person all Mohammelans would kneel and serve. The sultan himself would cease to think of the caliphate in the presence of such a potentate and representative of Allah on earth.

The Imam, Mahdi is to come, according to Mohammedan belief, accompanied with great signs and wonders, and he will appear shortly before the Jedgment Day. He comes on a white horse, and white horses. This bears a strong resembiance to the Kalki Avatar of the Hindus, which is to make its appearance on a white horse, and when the white horse stamps its foot the black age is to end, and the golden age will begin again. There have been many pretenders to this character in the East, and the Indian bazaars during the mutiny often had wondrous tales of tel circles just now is said to be re- his appearance leading his army of white horses.

Khartoum, of which he is said to be absolute master, is about 900 miles in a direct line from Cairo, and perhaps 1000 miles following the winding of the Nile. The town is the principal place in that region, and is situated among palm trees on the western bank of the Bahr-el Azrek, or the Blue Nile. This is close to the junction of that branch with the Bahr el-Aviad, or the White

It is this position at the union of the two main branches of the Egyptian river which gives Khartoum its strategical importance, and made it long the head-quarters of the slave trade in Upper Egypt. For some years past the telegraph extended as far south as this, and travelers who visit the place are entertained there by the ruling pasha in a style reminding them of Paris-at least those who have reacted Khartoum after sons do not desire to succeed him. Khartoum, who The business is to be turned into a forks, cut glass, and silver, and a menu fall-planted trees. produces knives and of fish, meat, and game, and conversaup to her 101st year, assisted by her terward, may just remind them that

in these civilites, and making believe he was in Paris is reported to have going. No gossip should be without his Nubian troops into a disciplined condition, in order no doubt to carry on his conquests and keep up the character he has assumed.-London Daily News.

Grass Widower.

I suppose everybody knows what "grass widow" means-a woman living tocratic origin than the people of New can think of no corresponding term to The young man had been sent to find | Eng'and, and were accordingly entitled | apply to a man in like condition, unless it the traveler. He had with him all sorts to look down upon them. "We are the is "grass-widower." I know of one who is distinguished English traveller once of stores, including cannot plum pud- gentlemen of this country," said Robert just setting up his cabin on a northwestern ing them, he said, "I wish you a merry | ton's, the Randolphs, the Fairfaxes, and | and bottle washer." I feel a deep interthe labots were no higher in social posi- est in their work, particularly in the It was the merriest Christmas the tion than the families of the Winthrops, house keeping. The boy's success or that the maps made by other travelers lakes and two private sources of the came to New England were of pricisely |- and that's me. I have lately heard were all wrong. He had been three Nile, he said that all his honors could the same rank with the foremost families the father inquire anxiously concerning ing suffered ince santly from fever, star- known during his last Christmas in instances there was relationship between to cook our meals?" "Can you make elephants, the bites of deadly serpents, his terrible dream of the twelve native mere names go, this is well illustrated understand the knack of making dried families, in which occur such names as mamma seasons the macaroni, don't Russell, Selden, Spencer, Talbot, Tyler, | goes well with almost everything that price of beeswax. The real cause was frequent occurrence in New England. sure of cooking the oatmeal, cracked the failure of the blossoms to secrete as Two-thirds of the names in Bishop wheat, rice and hominy, properly, they selling them for wax, as it pays them | colonists were country gentlemen of hominy, or cracked wheat, to four parts beaten. This will be turned into the buttered breadpan without kneading, allowed to rise quite light and then A letter dated Turin has been re- baked. It is pretty sure to be good ceived from M. Louis Kossuth by a every time, for the same cook has gone member of the reform club, in which through the same movements many a the writer gives his opinions upon the time, simply helping his mother, but present state of Europe. Speaking of unconsciously educating himself to be a great help to his father in this emergency, and possibly to himself later in

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLG,

Interesting to Farmers.

It is a surprise that farmers near large cities do not grow more vegetables for city markets. A farmer who grew a small patch of carrots in his garden sold them at the rate of \$500 per acre. The land was rich, but it will pay to make the soil rich to obtain such results.

them, they seldom appear again the once.

same season. In Canada, farmers sow peas and oats together as feed for hogs with apparently adapted to corn-growing. The same barley are common pig feed.

If chicken cholera gets a foothold in a flock the only safe way is to kill or destroy them, thoroughly clean the henhouse and premises, and wait a few months before going into business many localities.

than last year, and there is considerably more disease. The rot has made great havoc among Regents and Victorias, fully half of them having become worthless; Champions have suffered some-

Among the objections to fall-planted trees are that they are frequently put in loosely, while many of the roots do not come in contact with the soil. Hence to their great injury, the roots do not heal, but dry up. It should be rement-

The failure of apples for two years in succession is causing a decided scarcity chemicals and very injurious to health. daughter, a young lady of 76. Neither they are not dining in a cafe on the The more common objection to vinegar as unhealthful is mainly due to its adul-The Imam Mahdi, instead of accept- | teration. A vegetable acid is a good tonic in certain conditions of the system and is speedily beneficial in winter and

In a discussion about farm mistakes not long ago, one go d farmer gravely announced as one of his mistakes that of not keeping a sufficient number of hens. Being asked how many he had he replied, "Usually 300 to 400," which of course raised a laugh. It is very rare, out giving them the run of a large part

of their farms. as in any animal kept on the farm. She graduate of that institution. need not or rather should not be fattened, but kept in fairly thrifty condition, and if a good mother she deserves to be kept a number of years. A good farmer has said he could make more profit from a breeding sow with two litters per year than from a breeding mare

and the sow would cost less in original Undoubtedly, one reason for the great popularity of American cheese among those who cannot afford to pay fancy prices is the circumstance that it toasts well. This may be owing, as is suggested, to the presence of surreptilis rather a strong-minded woman, and tious kinds of fat; but in any case the arranges matters concerning the educafact remains that even the cheaper vari- | tion of his children. His Parisian houserieties of American cheese, when placed | hold has broken down many Oriental in a pan before the fire, "melt like but- barriers; the daughters go out with the finer varieties of the English com- harem is unguarded. The eldest daughmodity that a palatable Welsh rarebit | ter is a beautiful consumptive blonde, use fat, there are some English dairy- sician. women who cannot resist the temptation of selling their cream, the consequence being that their cheese would not be greatly mutilated if it were bowled down a mountain side.

Preserving Eggs.

About a year ago I put down a quantity of fresh eggs in various ways for the purpose of testing the merits of each particular method. The lime and salt mixture, consisting of one pint of lime, newly slaked, and one pound of salt, well stirred with a ten-quart pail of water, kept the eggs very well for six months, when the whites began to become clouded and the yelks dark and too tough to beat up. The mixture of olive oil, smeared, while warm, over eggs, kept the eggs well for a year and good. Those eggs which were thus prepared and packed in air slaked lime kept better than others packed in oats.

kept the best of all, and those of them colors. that were put down in weak brine, in which they sank to the bottom, kept better than others packed in dry salt or The Burmese kings and queens like made of eggs a year old kept in paraffine specially to attend the queen and court. simple rinsing only is required to dentist's paraphernalia.—French paper. cleans: them. I think the German salt promises to be the best but it is outrazeously dear .- American Dairyman.

LATEST RECEIPTS.

chop very fine, keeping the dark and white meat separate. Buil the liquor until it will jelly. Butter a deep dish and place in it a laver of the dark meat, season and cook with the liquor, then a layer of white and so on until the dish is filled. Place a weight on it and it will mold firmly.

When cooking pumpkins for immediate use in pies, or to dry, it is a good plan to drain off all the water you can; Pear roots generally sprout when stew the pumpkin tender; then let the the variety grafted on the stock is the kettle stand on the back of the stove, weaker grower of the two, or when the and put on an extra griddle, so that all the roots are injured by the spade, plow or moisture or a great deal of it will evapvermin. If pulled up while the wood is orate. If it is to be dried, it should be still soft, as soon as we can get hold of sifted just as if you are to make pies at

Pound cakes: Beat to a cream one pound of butter and one pound of pulverized sugar, and mix in six yelks of profitable results. But it must be re- beaten eggs. Then add one pound of membered that those parts of Canada sifted flour. Season with a teaspoonful where this is practiced most are not of powdered mace and add one half pound of almonds, blanched by turning may be said of England where peas and | boiling water over them till the skins will rub off. Pat the cake into small scolloped or heart-shaped tins and sift white sugar over them. Bake in a ancient tiles thus scribbled on (such moderately heated oven for twenty min-

Composititon tea: This almost uniagain. Chicken cholera has been versal temedy of the Shak rs, and which unusually prevalent the past season in has been sought for by so many thousands as a panacea for colds, coughs, It is not likely that Great Britain will lung irregularities and inflammations, ship us any potatoes this year. The is now made public: Take two pounds acreage under this crop is 57,000 less of bayberry root bark, one pound of the inner bark of hemlock, one pound of ginger, two ounces of cayenne pepper, all reduced to a powder and sifted through a fine seive. Mix well together. Dose: one teaspoonful in half a what, but they are at present firly cup of hot water. Add milk and sugar to please the taste, and drink as warm as consistent.

Housekeepers who have not yet put up quinces are earnestly recommended to try a new way of making jelly. When you are about to can your quinces, stew them until they are per ectly tender in who, by the way, is an Englishman, is countries around say that it seems like bered that it is the drying up of the water. Then take them out, make a about to retire from business and his Paris to dine with the governor of stems by cold, frosty winds, and not so syrup very rich, with sugar, and let them come to a boil in it. The water and the manufacture of parchment in which the quinces were stewed ten | was brought to such perfection as to der will make jelly without the addition of anything but sugar. Let this water boil until it begins to thicken, then add | yellow; others white; others were the sugar in the usual proportion. This | dyed a rich purple, and the writing sounds almost incredible, but the clear- thereon was in golden ink, with gold est, nicest jelly ever seen was made in | borders and many colored decorations. this way, and in delicacy it far surpassed that made from the skins and cores, anointed with oil of cedar to preserve and one can hardly imagine a more them from moths. We hear of one economical jelly.

INTERESTING TO WOMEN.

A unique lamp shade may be made of a straight piece of bright colored sick or satin. Shirr the top to fit the globe and finish the bottom with lace.

Miss Emma Worthington, for many years a teacher in the public schools at however, that farmers can succeed with El Paso, Cal., has just been appointed so many as this, and certainly not with a notary public by Gov. Callom. She 13 an expert stenographer.

Mrs. Mann, wife of the late Horace There is probably as much profit in a Mann, has presented to the library of good breeding sow well wintered and Brown university the study chair used ady to farrow a litter of pigs in March | by her husband when he was an under-Pretty mantel lambrequins are made

of the Aida linen canvas worked in long stitches of olive, pink, gold and blue. On either side of this is black velvet ribbon feather-stitched on with with gold silk. Handsome table covers are made of

the basket flannel now so much in vogue. Take a square of it in crimson or olive and work a pretty border in bright silks. Finish with a fringe of crewel wool tied in around the edge.

The principal wife of the ex-khedive

Painted tambourine: One may suggest so many things for Christmas gifts when calling at a neighbor's that I believe would please our artist friends i. e., a tambourine about the size of the to another set of statistics, 523 the plaques so much in use for adorning atres have fallen a prey to the flames. parlors at the present time. The design Of conflagrations in the Old World, the was a nest with eggs. The artist had chosen the most delicate colors, and the effect was pretty in the extreme.-E-

A handsome panel for the wall is made of a strip of black satin fifteen inches long and seven inches wile. On this is embroidered in silk a bunch of pink. The top and bottom of the beeswax, melted with twice as much panel are finished with bands of scarlet plush about two inches wide. A brass wire is fastened to the top, and a silk some of the eggs, yet unused, are still cord to hang it by. On the bottom are fine silk balls of various shades of red. The panel should be lined with some material of sufficient body to keep it The latter tasted considerably of the smooth. Another elegant panel is made rancid o l which seemed to be absorbed. of pule blue satin or plush, with a bird The eggs covered with melted paraffine and its nest painted on it in water-

Strange Liking.

in plaster. Since then I have become to get hold of new inventions. Electric acquainted with a German preparation lights, sewing machines, balloons, and of sait, saltpeter, and borax, which, all sorts of patent machines, have had however, is patented in America. I their turn. Whatever the thing may have some eggs put down in this for five | be, it is sure to be soon put cut of order months, and they are equal to fresh by inexperienced hands, and then it eggs, even when boiled for cating, a very is put out of sight, and a new toy must delicate test, as eggs very soon exhibit be got. I heard of one very queer any staleness when so cooked. An om- fancy of the queen's. It seems that elet made of eggs put down in this there was an excellent American dentist solution was very good, and so was one in Mandelay, and he was appointed as was also a sponge cake made of The last news of him is that he has had beaten eggs. Paraffine is easily removed to give up practice for a while, the from the shells by holding them in hot queen having fallen so much in love water for a short time. The salt and with his instruments, to say nothing of lime mixture and the German salt both some very pink jaws with fine sets of keep the shells in perfect condition, and | teeth, that she bought up his whole

The (English) Nautical Gazette says that during 1881 the vessels lost at sea averaged about one every four hours. Pressed chicken: Bcil until tender. In 1879-80 there were 400 steamboat Remove the meat from the bone and collisions in the North Atlantic ocean.

Ancient Stationery.

Is it not strange, in these days of cheap stationery, to think of a time when both parchment and papyrus had become so rare and so exorbitantly expensive that both Greeks and Romans were in the habit of using a palimpsest, which was simply an old manuscript with the former writing erased? Thus countless works of authors now celebrated, and whose every word is held priceless in this nineteenth century, were destroyed by their contemporaries. Verily those prophets lacked honor. Many were the expedients resorted to by the early scribes for a supply of writing materials. There was no scribbling paper whereon to jot down trivial memoranda or accounts: but the heaps of broken pots and crockery of all sorts, which are so abundant in all Eastern towns, prove the first suggestion for such china tablets and slates as we now use, and bits of smooth stone or tiles were constantly used for this purpose and remain to this day. Fragments of tiles as that whereon Ezekiel was commanded to portray the city of Jerusa-lem) have been found in many places. The island of Elephantine, in the Nile, is said to have furnished more than a hundred specimens of these memoranda, which are now in various museums. One of these is a soldier's leave of absence, scribbled on the fragment of an old vase. How little those scribes and accountants foresaw the interest with which the learned descendants of the barbarian of the isles would one day treasure their

rough notes. Still quainter were the writing ma-terials of the ancient Arabs, who, before the time of Mohammed, used to carve their annals on the shoulderblades of sheep; these "sheep-bone chronicles" were strung together, and thus preserved. After a while, sheep's bones were replaced by sheep's skin. place it among the refinements of art. We hear of vellums that were tinted These precious manuscripts were such, in which the name of Mohammed is adorned with garlands of tulips and carnations painted in vivid colors. Still more precious was the silky paper of the Parisians, powdered with gold and silver dust, whereon were painted rare illuminations, while the book was perfumed with attar of roses or essence

of sandal-wood. Of the demand for writing materals, one may form some faint notion from the vast manuscript libraries of which records have been preserved as having been collected by the Caliphs both of the East and West-the former in Bagdad, the latter in Andalusiawhere there were eighty great public libraries, besides that vast one at Cordova. We also hear of private libraries, such as that of the physician who declined an invitation from the sultan of Bokhara, because the carriage of his books would have required 400 camels. If all the physicians of Bagdad were equally literary, the city would scarcely have contained their books, as we hear that the medical brotherhood numbered 860 licensed practitioners.

Statistics of Theatre Fires. The circus Maximus, in Rome, was

destroyed if fire thrice between the years 21 and 64. From 1777 to 1880 there were burned 252 theatres, with ter." On the other hand, it is only of very diaphanous face veils, and the a loss of 4,370 lives, 3,399 other persons being seriously injured. Of these, five had not been opened, while three can be made. If the American factories | the youngest a fine linguist and mu- had entered upon their second century of existence. Thirty-seven were burned twice, eight thrice, four four times, and one-the National theatre that it would be a puzzle to know what of Washington-five times. On an avwould be best. I noticed something erage, nowadays, thirteen theatres are burned every year. Between 1610 and 1882, according

> most terrible were those at Saragossa in 1778-137 lives; according to a second "authority," 600, and according to a third, 1,000; at Capo d'Istria, in 1794, 1,000; at St. Petersburg, in 1836, 800, or, according to the Russian papers, 3,000; at Canton, in 1845, 1,760, and 1,700 wounded; at Carlsrhue, in 1847, sixty-three, and 200 wounded; at Leghorn, in 1857, 100, and 200 wounded. In recent years the two great catastrophes have been those of Nice and Vienna. At Nice, on March 23, 1881, the Italian opera-house was burned, sixty-one lives being lost, and at Vienna, on December 8, 1881, the Ring theatre was destroyed, 384 peo ple perishing in the flames. A memorial chapel has been erected on the site of the theatre. Of the American "horrors," one of the earliest, and for many years the most terrible, was the burning of the theatre at Richmond, Va., December 26, 1811, when sixtyseven persons were killed, including Governor G. W. Smith, while many others were seriously injured. June 14, 1846, the old chateau St. Louis, at Quebec, which had been converted into a theatre, was set on fire by an exploding lamp, when forty-six persons lost their lives. But by far the most fatal of all theatre fires in the New World was that of December 5, 1876, when, by the destruction of the Brooklyn theatre, 295 lives were lost. The last great fire of this kind was the burning of the circus in Berdischeff, Russia, at which 268 persons lost their lives.

Happily for the Chinese, says Df. Young, lately of Hong Kong, nearly all their medicines are inert, such as pearls, tiger's bones, rhinoceros horns. fossil bones and other articles having no medicinal value.