

BEST WAY TO CURE ENVY.

Philosophical Young Woman Has an Excellent Remedy for the Feeling of Discontent.

"The best cure for envy," remarked a philosophical member of the fair sex...

When I have a big longing for an extensive wardrobe I just run over to call on my next-door neighbor...

Sometimes it seems as if I would be supremely happy if I only had a pretty face and then I cultivate that little Miss Doil Pretty.

And I'll confess a secret to you, and don't you breathe it to anyone. Once in awhile, once in a long while...

MODISH DRESS FANCIES.

Variety in Shirt Waists Will Include the Eton and Many Other Pretty Models.

While the entire tendency is toward complete suits, there is no doubt that the shirt waist plays a prominent part...

The stiff heavy London chevrons, and the coarse Irish linens, and the mixed cotton suitings of Scottish goods...

Then there come the soft and rather ceremonious blouses made of jousine, surah, crepe de chine, peau de soie, taffeta and mixed silks.

The Eton shirt waists are cut in elegant fashion with little lace boleros and little lace trimmed Etons falling over vests that match.

But while considering the shirt waist matter, the one of the skirt must not be forgotten. Skirts play a very important part in the season's dress...

So, in getting up a spring wardrobe look well to the skirt question. Be sure to provide one very nice and very long black skirt and one very nice and very light colored skirt.

To Save Steps. In setting my table for any meal, says a writer in Good Housekeeping...

All Fixed. Her Father—You've been calling at this house a long while, young man. Now when is it all to end?

Her Sister—Why, I expect to be here permanently pretty soon. We're going to be married and live with you, you know—Philadelphia Ledger.

IGNORANT DISPLAY.

NOW MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN COURTLY MANNERS OF OLD.

Suavity and Staleness of War Ancestors Would Be Ridiculed in This Day of "Newly-Rich" Vulgarity.

You often hear the expression "a fine old gentleman or lady of the ancient school"—meaning thereby a stately courtesy and dignified, though kindly bearing...

In the days of our grandmothers they took life leisurely, more easily, and were not in a hurry even for the laugh. They dwelt more on the pleasant things of life...

There is no doubt that the "new riches" which sprang up since the civil war have vulgarized manners by ignorant display. Money can never make a gentleman.

MAN WHO WANTED TO ACT. He Wasn't Exactly Stage-Struck, But Was Anxious to Get on the Boards.

A letter of application received at the super agency bureau from an aspiring young Booth, says an article on Super in Leslie's Monthly, was precisely as follows:

Dear Sir:—I am a young man 20 years of age and would like to know if you have any chance for me your company.

I have bin working at a good thrad fore about 2 1/2 years and my paience do not now about me working at the business at al, my paience keep botherin me to go upon the stage.

Railways in High Latitudes. The most northern railway in the world is the line from Nyvik in Norway, across Lapland, connecting the Baltic with the Atlantic and giving access to valuable ore deposits.

Willing to Assist. "There goes Roxham. Every time I think of that man's financial embarrassment it makes me yearn to help him."

Some Good in It. "Did dat last job of yours do you any good?" asked the first buyer.

SHAPE OF SUN CHANGING.

A Jekyll and Hyde Tendency Has Been Revealed by Recent Observation.

Prof. Frank H. Bigelow, a weather observer for the bureau of meteorology, has recently been making a study of the atmosphere, and presents a mass of careful observations showing that "the sun should be regarded as an incipient binary star."

A series of observations extending over many years on the period of solar rotation at various points on the surface shows that the "same meridian of the sun is seen twice in a single rotation of the entire mass; first as the eastern limb, and second, 13 days later as the western limb."

The tables prepared by Prof. Bigelow giving the rate of angular rotation of various zones of the sun's surface show that it is far from uniform, being increased in proportion to the distance from the equator.

From this we should expect to find that the sun has two magnetic and two meteorological systems and indeed some double-actine system appears to impress itself generally upon the solar cosmical relations. This view is quite in harmony with the well-known fact of the existence of numerous binary systems of suns more or less widely separated.

OUR GREAT IRON DEPOSITS

Certain Regions of the United States That Contain Important and Very Rich Stores.

Generally speaking—though not always so—iron has been found in rocky, mountainous places, and often at a considerable distance below the surface of the ground, requiring the drilling, digging and blasting usually associated with mining.

In certain regions of the United States there have been discovered, comparatively recently, deposits of iron ore so utterly unlike this, and so unusual in every way, that particular reference to them may be of special interest.

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Power of a Breath. In order to show what force, not figuratively, but actually, a breath has, says St. Nicholas, take a good, stout, light paper bag and laying it on the edge of a table so that its mouth projects, stand a heavy book on end on the bag, and across this book lay another, also of considerable weight.

Couldn't See It. "She—Why did you go off and leave me? I was only in the store a minute."

LIKE OCEAN WOLVES.

OTHER PREY FAILING THEM SHARKS KILL THEIR KIND.

When One Gets Injured Other Members of His Species Speedily Tear to Pieces and Devour Him.

Every once in awhile someone will rise up to tell us that there are no man-eating sharks. It would not do to tell an old sailor that. He knows better.

When sailing in a steam whaler in 1874 one of our amusements was fishing for sharks. I made a hook after a drawing and with it we caught a number of them. One of our boat steers gave me his opinion of how the shark became a man-eater, and I have often since thought he had it right.

The shark is like a wolf in one respect. If he gets hurt any of his companions that may be present will tear him to pieces without loss of time.

We were under sail and were standing west under a light wind, hardly doing more than keeping steeerage way, with the sea as smooth as a mill pond, when one morning just after daylight a shark was seen following us about 100 yards astern of the ship.

I brought up an old Sharp's rifle, and while the captain stood at my elbow with the glass to coach me, I fired three shots, using his bin, the only part of him I could see to aim by.

For the next few minutes something seemed to be doing back there. The big shark got to the top of the water twice, throwing himself learily out of it the first time, and giving us a chance to see how large he was, but each time the others pulled him below again.

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To Author of Famous Hymn. A brass tablet has been placed in the chancel of Farnham Parish church to the memory of Rev. Augustus Montagu Toplady, author of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," who was a native of the town. The inscription states that Rev. Augustus M. Toplady was born November 4, 1740, died in London August 11, 1778, and was buried in Tottenham Court chapel, London, August 17, 1778.

She—Why did you go off and leave me? I was only in the store a minute. He—I know, dear. But my watch never did keep feminine time.—Cincinnati Tribune.

MEDALS OF HONOR COPIED.

Ruthless Piracy Practiced Upon Designs Adopted by the United States Government.

In nearly all the countries of Europe medals of honor issued by the government, or the sovereign, to people deserving recognition for distinguished services in the army, navy or pursuits of civil life are protected by law from imitation.

Because the Grand Army of the Republic and other societies have copied the original design of the medal of honor issued by the United States government it is proposed to call in all these emblems and adopt an entirely new design.

Designs have been prepared which will furnish new medals and rosettes entirely different from those adopted for other purposes and which are more appropriate for the purpose in question. For instance, the present emblem worn in lieu of the medal is a double knot of narrow red, white and blue ribbon, mounted on a button and designed for wear on a button and the position of the button.

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Of course, the physical topography of any neighborhood has its influence on the local storms, fogs and prevailing winds. The "mountain" and "valley breezes" that are so eagerly sought during the summer recreation or sojourn is an instance of the effect of mountains on local climate and weather conditions.

That is what is commonly designated locally as "the mountain breeze" and which, from its origin, is practically in one constant direction, though the intervention of powerful storms may temporarily reverse the customary movement. Vice versa, during the day, the presence of warmer and therefore lighter air near the earth causes a movement of the atmosphere with an upward tendency, creating the so-called valley breezes.

It is reported from Johannesburg that a new and unexpected source of wealth has been discovered in the territory of the late Boer republic. Near the eastern border of the Transvaal, on the edge of the lofty South African plateau, three valuable lodes of tin ore have been found, and the deposits are apparently so extensive that predictions are heard that the new colony may prove to be as rich in tin and copper as it is already known to be in gold.

AN UNEASY RULER.

NOT MUCH COMFORT IN THE LIFE OF THE KING OF COREA.

Like a Kernel of Grain Between Two Millstones His Kingdom Is Ground by Russia and Japan.

Li Hsi Li Hsi, Li Hsi, Yi Hsiung Ti Hsi, or whatever the name of the ruler of the "Hermit Kingdom" with the soothing name of "The Land of the Morning Calm" may be, just now is in the unenviable position of a kernel of grain between two giant millstones.

The uncertain named ruler was not born an heir to the throne. His uncle, Lis predecessor, died in 1864 without issue, and he was selected by the queen dowager to succeed at the age of 12 years. During his minority his father, Tai Wei Kin, was regent, and a wicked old regent he was. He ruled with great severity, and was responsible for the furious persecution of the Christian missionaries which induced the French government to send an expedition into the country in 1866.

His court is truly oriental in many respects. He has several hundred wives. According to report, however, there was a period of many years during which he might as well not have had them so far as enjoying their society was concerned. During that time he was a haughty man, indeed, being under the thumb of wife No. 1, the queen. A few years ago reports came from Seoul, Korea, that she had been murdered by a band of conspirators, who had the sympathy of the Japanese government.

Until 1897 the ruler of Corea was only a King, as he was the suzerain of the emperor of China. This advantage of his opportunity provided by the outcome of the Chinese-Japanese war, led him that year declared his country an empire and himself an emperor.

European notions have crept into the country and the European dress is not an unusual sight in these days. Indeed, contact with the outside world has resulted in the modernization of the dress of the soldiers, so that they are now garbed in such a fashion as permits them to do a little fighting if need be.

Conscience Smote Him. Stranger (addressing passenger near railway station)—I beg your pardon, sir, but isn't this— Passenger (promptly)—Your umbrella? I presume it is, sir. I picked it up on coming out of that train just now. Permit me to restore it to you, sir.

Insulting Her. Mrs. North—I want to get a pair of swell white gloves to wear to a ball. Clerk—Yes'm. How long do you want them? "See here, young man, I ain't talkin' about mittens. I want to buy 'em."—Philadelphia Press.

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