HOUSE AND HOME TOPICS

LITTLE SERMONS TO BE READ IN THE EASY CHAIR.

Health Requires Cleanliness-The Practical Application of the Term in Living and Sleeping Rooms-The Proper Way for Girls to Sit.

Exquisite clear:liness in sleeping apartments and living rooms is certainly conducive if not essential to health.

A place of residence may be filthy where there is no visible pile of dirt. Carpets loaded with dust and saturated with grease, neglected draperies that harbor miscellaneous germs of di-ease, upholstered furniture, greasy outside and dirty inside; old wall papers, smoky and grimy, if not worse, are sources of danger as much to b suspected and feared as garbage cans or refuse heaps. They defite the atmosphere quite as much, and if they do not menace health they certainly develop disease.

The room occupied by a family as a sitting room and those occupied by sick or alling persons, says the New York World, should really be without a carpet, or if there is one it should be so laid that it could be taken up every week and cleaned and aired. People with a tendency to throat tronbles and all growing children are better for living in rooms with bare floors, undraped windows and doors and uncovered furni-

Sweeping a carpeted room with a broom certainly removes much dirt from the floor, but what is not swept up is scattered through the air, making every his wife, who was a female Samson. Totream inhaled unwholesome. After the gether they challenged the world withdust settles the room is usually "dusted," which means practically whipping the deposit from one piece of furniture to another with a feather duster. It would be bester to leave the dust alone once it ble. As the artist paints him standing settles, unless it can be removed. The mournfully at the door of his deserted only way to do this is to wipe everything lavender house, great vermilion tears with a wet cloth and wash out the rag roll down his mauve complexion, stain afterward, just as a clean woman cleans his green vest, and trickle along his a hardwood floor or olicioth.

Few people have any idea of the ex- scarlet and yellow earth. son the blood. It is to give the lungs a murmur. can move or be moved should go out

THE WAY TO SIT.

Our G: 'mother's Straight Backed a le is the Best One.

When our grandmothers were girls and straight-backed chairs instead of cushioned divans were the usual resting places, the young women held them. The London Christian World tells a selves with a straightness that was al- story of a famous prank once played most stiffness. Then when they grew upon him during his professorship at old they still held themselves like duch. New College. He was not to be joked esses. For it is the way one sits rather with, as a rule, but on this occasion he

proper sitting position requires that the had been amusing themselves by snow-spine shall be kept straight and that balling in the rear court. Just before the support needed for the upper part the bell rang for the doctor's next class. shall be felt in the right place. There- one of them, "greatly daring," caught fore, it is necessary to sit as far back in up a snowball, ran with it to the class the chair as possible, so that the lower room, and, standing on the profesend of the spine shall be braced against sor's rostrum, threw it with beauthe back of the seat. If this back is tiful accuracy to the ceiling, where straight the shoulders will also rest it stuck exactly above where the against it; but even if the shoulders learned doctor's head would come. In have no point of support, it will be another minute the bell rang, the class found that they do not need it when the assembled, and the stately form of the base of the spine is supported properly. classical tutor appeared. Seating him-This position makes no strain upon the self at his desk, he called on the first ligaments of the spine. Every organ man to construe. Scarcely had a senof the body is properly fixed by this at- tence been got through when a drop of titude.

the floor; the hands should rest lightly taken of this, but when another quickly in the lap, and thus perfect equilibrium followed the doctor looked up, his gaze and rest is secured. The arms should never be crossed, for that position causes a strain upon the spine, places a weight present will not to their dying day forupon the stomach and diaphragm and thus increases the labor of digestion and ous the men were in convulsions. Terrespiration.

attempt to solve the problem of extracting the silver which hes insolution in the sea from the salt water which holds it. He lived down on the coast in a cottage which he built years ago, and on every side were constructed sluices, runaways, washes and the various appliances with which he was experimenting. The interior of the cottage resembled the apartments of a medieval alchemist rather than that of a nineteenth century house by the sea. It was fitted with retorts, phials, crucibles and in the same corner was a diminutive furnace. Some ten years ago he was joined in his labors by a young woman about 18. She attended him up to the day of his burial, but since that time no trace of her can be found. The cottage is dilapidated and no heirs have claimed it, nor has any paper been found to indicate the name or origin of its strange occupants.

A Tribute to Gladstone's Eloquence.

For one good speech Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Balfour may make, Mr. Glad-stone makes 20. He is yersed in every artifice of oratory; he is practised in every mood and method of debate. He has the temperament and the equipment of a great orator, though Mr. Hayward made a good point when he wrote the words, "a shade more imagination."
Yet, before admitting Mr. Hayward's qualification, I would prefix the adjective "poetic" to the noun "imagination," for Mr. Gladstone's imagination is most active. As a man of business he is inspired. Let his theme be a great trade or industry; let the subject of his volu-minons discourse be railway rates, bimetallism, the opium traffic; let him events actually happened.
unfold his mind and unroll his memory before his audience—do but hearken to his illustrations and follow his discussions, and when, to your sorrow, he sits down, you will observe with amazement the fingers of the clock.—Scribner's Magazine,

ART THAT WILL WASH.

A Chinese Colorist's Works on Exhibition The Terrible Experience of Three Sailors in the Saudwich Islands.

A Chinese artist came here on the last Oriantal steamer, and has been selling some queer things in red, green and yellow to his admiring countrymen. He paints on silk and linen as a rule, but will turn off genre pieces on white paper. His taste, however, rans to large pictures on grass cloth, painted in a panoramic way, which permits him to sketch a scene along several linear feet of space. Accustomed as he has been at home to paint by the acre a d with both hands, he is not dismayed by a huge canvas, but with calmness and industry will proceed to illuminate a whole set of bed sheets with blue elms and green roses and diabolical Chinese gods and women and lovers.

One picture that he showed a reporter last night was said to represent a garden party, though it needed some assurance at first to dispel the idea that it was a catastrophe at sea. What looked like the raging main, however, was really a Chinese turf; and the bent and bedraggled object in the foreground was not a wreck, but a tree. An awful print of a lost Celestial maid in the grasp of a devil fish proved to be one of an almondeyed damosel twined in the leaves and tendrils of a flowering surub. Instead of slippery squids, as one might have supposed, were tambourines; and a rock in the boiling surge was only a pagoda set in heather and bushes.

A series of small paintings told a romantic story very dear to the Chinese heart. The hero of the pictorial tale was the strongest man in the empire, having become an athlete under the teaching of out soft gloves, and "bar none." In course of time, however, war came and the wife was overpowered and taken away, leaving the husband very miserachromatic trousers and sink into the

quisite neatness that children and deli- Then twenty years go by, and another cate women require. What robust, active war ensues. Two armies meet, and the people in health put up with for a night strongest champions go forth for a preor a day at a time is very deleterious to liminary combat. Behold! The man the weaker persons who occupy the and wife are sent against each other, and house with the dusty furniture, the the artist rises to the occasion. He smoky lamp or chimney, the steaming shows the husband holding his Dulcinea kettles and pots. or the toilet utensils, out at arms' length by her belt, and as sinks, etc., cleaned but once a day even he bears her away toward a saffron river in the best of houses. It is the excep- which runs between sky-blue banks, he tion where the water jug, soapaisa and has a fierce, bewhiskered joy on his race brush-holders about the washstand are that invites not a pearl-tinted breeze but cleaned every day, and yet the bad odors a crimson hurricane to blow through it. from them poison pure air and so dis- Meanwhile, the captured giantess, deease the organs of respiration and poi- mure and sweet, has surrendered without

a chance to throw off these loads of The visiting knight of the brush uses poisonous material that everybody who pigments that will wash, and he says that one of his pictures can go through a into the open air daily, or, properly wrap- Chinese laundry without the loss of the ped up, get an airing in an open door or natural blue tint on a maiden's cheek or of the delicate bronze flush of an opening flower or leaf. - Hawaii Star.

DR. SMITH AND THE SNOWBALL.

A Story of a Prank Once Played Upon a

Distinguished Collegian. Apropos of the late Sir William Smith, than the exercises one takes that deter-mines the erectness of the figure. was fairly "had" by an audacious stu-dent. On a winter's day, during an in-A prominent physician says that the terval between classes, some of the men water came "pat" from above on the The feet should rest squarely upon professional cranium. No notice was being followed by that of the class. Those fortunate enough to have been get the tableau. The professor was furirible threats were issued, but though Once in a while it is a good thing to every student in the place knew who the place the arms behind the back, giving offender was who had dared thus to as it does, the fullest expansion to the offend the majesty of learning in its own upper part of the body.—New York rostrum, his name never reached the World. ears of authority.

ment of making a rope descend from of New York, especially around holi-the clouds and a man come down the days. These are some of the ways in rope, who ascended by the same route, which the leguminous nut is useful to rope, who ascended by the same route, after having his head cut off. The exhibition was in an open square before 1000 spectators. Every one saw plainly

what was happening.
The two Bostonians had cameras with them, and took numerous snap shots of the exhibition in its various stages. They intended to write an article upon the subject for a magazine and illustrate it direct from photographs.

They developed the plates with much interest upon their return to Boston recently. They were nonpulsed when they saw the results. The photographs revealed the fakir, surrounded by the crowd, with astonishment, bewilderment, and horror pictured on their faces; but the extraordinary decapitation they had witnessed did not show upon the sensitive plates. The crowd standing around were apparently looking at nothing in the photographs.

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What they saw had not happened at all, but they merely saw it in their mind's eye. While there is nothing remarkable in the force of suggestion,

A Novel 'Bus.

A trial has been made of an electrically-lighted electric 'bus with pneumatic tube silent wheels and ball bearings, and it is said that it will soon appear on the streets of London.

NAKED IN AN OPEN BOAT.

of a Wrecked Spanish Bark. Naked, famishing for food and water, and almost roasted by the tropical sun, three Spanish sailors were on Oct. 15 rescued from a small boat in mid-ocean and landed recently at this port from the schooner Henry Lippitt. Their story rivals in horror the most thrilling recital of the dime novel writer, and that they were saved at all is considered by them as little short of a

The men are Pedro Nagloles, Antonio Crimer and Llogio Peres, and they formed part of the crew of the Spanish bark Juan J. Murga, which, on Sept. 1, sailed from Mobile with a cargo of staves for Seville, Spain. The men were picked up in latitude 30.36, longitude 76.05, the small boat in which they were drifting helplessly having been sighted by the merest accident. The schooner Henry Lippitt was bound for this port from Turk's Island, and the tiny boat was at first supposed to be a bit of wreckage. The lookout, however, thought he saw signs of life, and the vessel was put about and soon came along-side of the open boat. Then it was seen to contain three occupants. All were lying face downward in the bottom. They were entirely naked, and great sun blisters covered their backs.

Tenderly they were lifted to the schooner's deck, and though they could speak no English their cries for food and water were pitiful in the extreme. They were delirious, and when they realized that they were safe began to dance and hug and kiss the brawny sailors who had rescued them. They were nursed like babies until out of danger, and it was several days before they recovered from the awful experience they had en-

Finally they were able to tell that they had sailed from Mobile under Capt. Linares, in time to catch the early October hurricane. Their vessel was soon thrown on her beam ends and became a hopeless wreck. All hands took to the boats, having time only to store a scant supply of food and water. The sea was running high, the small boats were leaky, and the men realized that they could hardly live through the storm. All removed their clothing in order to swim for the wreckage of the bark should the boat capsize. The three men rescued were once compelled to swim while they righted the boat, and they managed to live until the Lippitt hove in

The Juan J. Murga had a crew of nineteen men. Four were picked up by the steamer Lampasas and landed at Galveston. They were also naked and famishing. Nothing has been heard of the other twelve, and they are probably lost. The three landed here will be cared for by the Spanish Consul and sent home as soon as possible. Recently they joined in a card of thanks to Capt. Benjamin Howes, of the schooner that rescued them. Both captain and crew are warmly praised for their kind and humane treatment of the men who passed through such an awful experience. - Philadelphia Record.

PEANUTS AND THEIR USES.

The Annual Crop Worth Millions of Dollars and the Demand Increasing.

The "goober" industry of Norfolk is has become the greatest distributing way. center of peanuts in the world. A peanut is a pretty small item, but an annual crop of something like 5,000,000 bushels, worth millions of dollars, makes a pretty big item. The demand for goobers has doubled within the last five years, and without injury the supply does not fill the growing de-

Few people know the curious uses to which the goober has been put in trade of late years. No other single plant raised in this country is used to so many different ways. The Chinese say that the cocoanut palm has as many useful but it has as many valuable qualities as there are days in the week. The solid part of the nut is particularly nutritive. and supplies fruit and food for many a family. The vines make fine fodder. some say as good as clover hay, while hogs fatten on what is left in the fields after the crop has been gathered.

If you grind the nut you get a sweet quality of flour, with which the housewife makes delicious biscuit. If you squeeze it you will obtain a valuable oil, resembling olive oil, and used for similar purposes. This oil enters largely into the manufacture of the better grades of soap. The kernels are roasted for coffee. The roasted kernels are also used in the manufacture of some kinds chocolate. The confectioner helps to ruin our digestion in boyhood days with when you go to peanut candy; the Georgia cook alone knows how to make rich pastry of There recently died in New Jersey at the age of 73 a theorist who had spent all his fortune, which at one time was all his fortune, which at one time was all his life in a roise.

Can't Hypnotize the Camera.

Knows how to make rich pastry of pounded peanuts. The artist, with pounded peanuts, reates all his fortune, which at one time was witnessed an exhibition by a fakir in a novel and beautiful peanut ornaments, and other curios of the pounded peanuts.

The so that peanut dolls and other curios fakir was performing the usual experi- may now be seen in the shop windows us.-New York Independent.

Prince and Station Master,

The death of Mr. Henry Farnham, who was for many years station master at Takely, one of the village stations on the Great Eastern Railway Company's Witham, Braintree and Bishop's Stortford branch line, recalls an amusing incident in which the Prince of Wales played a leading part. A few years ago the Prince and a party of distinguished guests alighted at Takely, for the purpose of visiting Lord and Lady Brooke, at Easton Lodge, Essex. By some means the Prince of Wales became detached from the rest of the party, and did not reach the barrier until a few minutes alter the others had passed. Mr. Farn, ham was doing duty as ticket collectorand not then knowing the Prince he promptly accosted him with A call will convince you tioned that he was one of Lord hese statements are correct. all, but they merely saw it in their mind's eye. While there is nothing remarkable in the force of suggestion, when applied to one person, it would not be impossible for an impression, such as the event which the Boston men saw, to be conveyed to one person in a hypnotic condition. The circumstances at the Indian fakir's exhibition were, however, entirely different. Here were 1000 people, fully awake, who all saw in their mind exactly the same picture, and had no doubt that the wonderful events actually happened.

Tioned that he was one of Lord Brooke's party. The station-master was not, however, satisfied with the statement, and he firmly refused to allow his Royal Highness to pass unless he produced at icket or furnished his name and address. Satisfactory explanations were eventually forthceming, and the Prince was permitted to rejoin the party. Though somewhat embarrassed when he learned the Prince's identity, the station-master was not greatly perturbed; indeed, he received the intelligence with the philosophical question, "why didn't he tell me that he was the Prince of he tell me that he was the Prince of Wales?' His Royal Highness heartily enjoyed the incident. His Royal High-ness sel iom visits Easton Lodge without being reminded jocularly of his attempt to ride without a ticket. - Westminster

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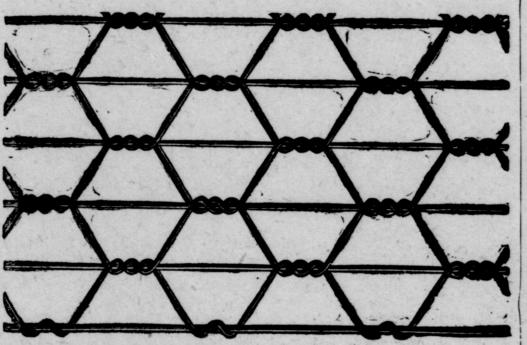


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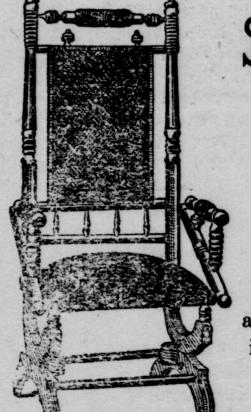
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