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He loves last who loves best.  
The average man never has any  
use for a fancy table that he can't  
stick his feet under.  
When a girl is in love she would  
rather have the pneumonia than a  
good cold in the head.  
The average girl would rather ad-  
mit she was not a Christian than to  
admit she had been eating onions.  
When a woman goes traveling she  
always wears her best satin corsets  
for fear she might get killed on the  
cars.  
**STRIPPED HIM.**  
The Pug—You look sour.  
The Bulldog—And I feel so. The  
boy is using my muzzle as a base-ball  
mask, and the girl is wearing my col-  
lar as a belt.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

We think it probable enough that  
if the resistance of the Boer republics  
had been protracted until late in the  
autumn, some of England's ene-  
mies might have tried to profit by the  
concentration of her military resources  
in South Africa. Is not, however,  
the whole situation altered by the un-  
expected collapse of the Boer power?  
The capture of Pretoria will of course  
be followed by the proclaimed an-  
nullation of the Transvaal, and, al-  
though there may be some sporadic  
fighting in the mountainous regions  
on the northern and eastern frontiers,  
the restoration of order throughout  
South Africa ought not to require  
the utmost more than a hundred  
thousand soldiers. That would  
leave about as many more disposable  
for other purposes in England itself  
in Morocco, in Egypt, in India and  
in the Far East, or, in other words,  
at all danger points. That is to say,  
England possessing, as she does pos-  
sess, an absolute command of the  
ocean, would be able to convey four  
army corps in the brief space of  
ninety days to any part of the earth's  
surface.

That fact should suffice to avert  
trouble everywhere except in a single  
quarter, where it may be for Eng-  
land's interest that a test of strength  
should be made soon, rather than  
later. Even if the so-called National-  
ist party should acquire power in  
France and the Ministry of War  
should pass into the hands of M. Han-  
otaux, who is notoriously an Anglo-  
phobe and a devoted friend of Rus-  
sia, we should hear no more about  
an invasion of England, for all the  
wild talk upon the subject has been  
based on the assumption that Lord  
Roberts and the huge army under  
his command would be detained in  
South Africa for at least six months  
to come. Neither is the conquest of  
Morocco likely to be attempted now,  
when it is known that an English  
army corps could be landed within  
a fortnight at Tangiers. A French  
invasion of Egypt, also, which in any  
event would have been a most un-  
welcome enterprise, owing to the  
presence of a large English fleet in  
the Mediterranean, is now out of the  
question. It would be far easier for  
English troops to reach Suez from  
the Cape than for French troops to  
be transported from Toulon to Alex-  
andria, as the former would have no  
obstruction to fear.

As for the Balkan Peninsula and  
Asia Minor, there would have been no  
reason to apprehend any drastic  
change in those quarters, even if Eng-  
land's energies had continued to be  
absorbed in South Africa. The under-  
standing which is believed to exist be-  
tween the Czar and the Emperor of  
Austria with regard to the Balkans,  
and Berlin Governments with re-  
ference to Anatolia, may be regarded  
as a guarantee against any serious  
disturbance of the status quo at the  
present time. In Persia, the Czar's  
representatives will have to content  
themselves with the advantages al-  
ready gained, and it is now by no means  
certain that they will be permitted to  
take possession of the custom houses  
on the Persian Gulf. It is too late,  
likewise, for any pressure to be ap-  
plied to Afghanistan and India; if any  
move of that kind was contemplated,  
it should have been made six months  
ago. So, too, if Russia cherished the  
idea of making the Boers a pretext  
for the so-called "Boxers" a pre-  
text for placing a large force in  
Beikin and assuming a sort of protector-  
ate over the Chinese Government,  
the execution of the project has been  
deferred too long.

When, on the other hand, we look  
at the relations of Japan and Russia,  
we encounter an entirely different  
state of things. Here it is for Eng-  
land's interests that the trial of  
strength between the two countries  
should not be postponed for an in-  
definite period. The restoration of tran-  
quillity in South Africa has made Eng-  
land's naval and military resources  
available for use elsewhere. Not that  
England would offer, or that Japan  
would expect, overt assistance against  
Russia at the outbreak of the contest.  
England's friendly neutrality, how-  
ever, is indispensable. Japan cannot  
fight Russia, unless England will do  
for her what she is supposed to have  
done for the United States in the war  
with Spain; that is, prevent France  
and Germany from taking any part  
in the affair. Just now, and until  
the completion of the Transiberian  
Railway, the Japanese believe, and  
most well-informed onlookers share  
the belief, that their country is more  
than a match for Russia in the Far  
East, provided the Czar has no allies.  
The Mikado's subjects are confident  
that the moment England is able and  
willing to say "Hands off" to France  
and Germany they can drive the Rus-  
sians from Manchuria, capture Port  
Arthur and extinguish the Muscovite  
hope of ascendancy in northern China.  
It is in the Far East that we may  
look for the first international result  
of England's triumph in South Africa.

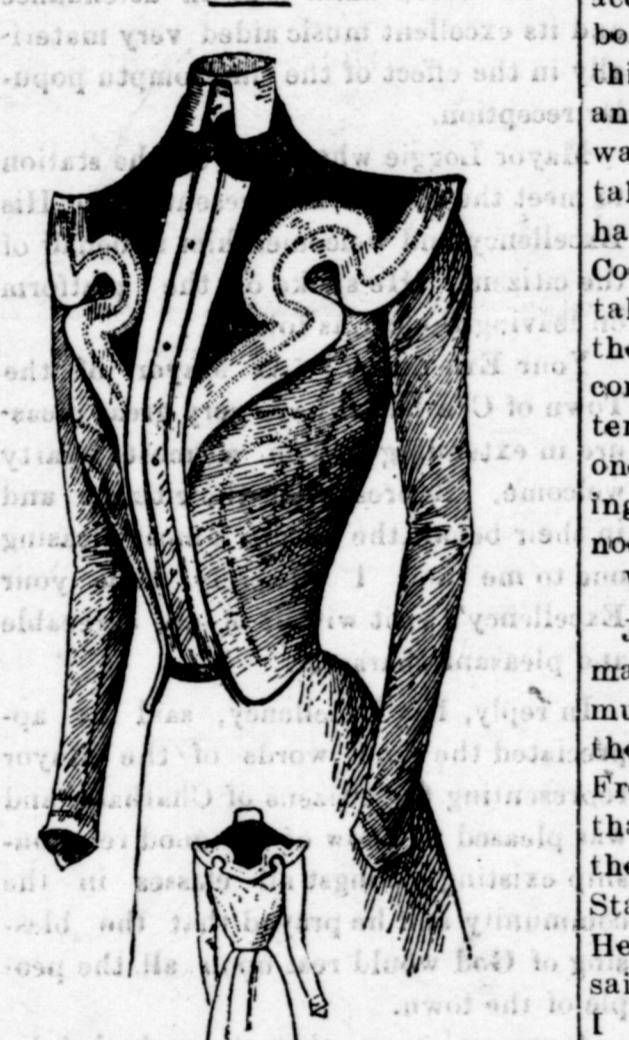
**NEW DISEASE.**  
A new disease has been added to the  
list of more than 2,000 to which man-  
kind is liable; this is mountain tooth-  
ache. The workmen employed in the  
construction of the railway up the  
Jungfrau, who have to live at an al-  
titude of 10,000 feet, have been great-  
ly afflicted with toothache and gum-  
boils. The malady resembles a fever  
in its course, the crisis occurring at  
the third day; but the disease does not  
leave any after effects in the form  
of decayed teeth.

## HOUSEHOLD.

**CLEANING THE PIANO.**  
Nothing else so disfigures a par-  
lor as does a piano on which may  
be seen from across the room in vari-  
colored patches and streaks the ac-  
cumulated filth and poison naturally  
resulting from the exhalations and ex-  
halations of the genus homo. Home  
it is important that every good house-  
wife know how to clean the piano. A  
writer, who has evidently had ex-  
perience, gives these valuable sug-  
gestions on this important sub-  
ject:  
"I heard not long ago of a lady  
who had been trying to find some way  
to clean her piano. It had a dark  
case with high polish and had grown  
dull and milky looking as well as  
finger marked. She tried several pre-  
parations until finally some one told  
her to wash it with soap and water,  
but this she dared not do without con-  
sulting some one with experience."  
"A tuner was consulted, and he told  
her that the best way he knew of  
cleaning a piano case, provided pro-  
per care was exercised in doing the  
work. He then told her to have a pan  
of tepid water, a cake of the best  
white soap and several pieces of cot-  
ton flannel of the poorest grade—that  
is, sleazy and soft twisted."  
"One piece was to be used to ap-  
ply the soap to the piano, first  
wetting the cloth and then rub-  
bing it across the soap, afterward ap-  
plying it to the piano, rubbing over  
only a small place at a time."  
"Then wet another piece of the  
cloth and rub the same place to re-  
move all the soap; a third piece was  
to be used dry to absorb the moisture  
left on the wood. The work must be  
done rapidly, as the soap might not  
be left on the polished surface for  
any length of time. When using the  
last piece of cloth it is necessary to rub  
briskly to give polish."  
"The whole case must be gone over  
in the same way, and if the direc-  
tions are carefully followed the piano  
will look like a new one, but if a  
stiff quality of cotton flannel is used  
the surface will have a scratched ap-  
pearance."

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Which He has Gained from the Army  
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Lord Roberts's in This War.  
Chance is always a great factor in  
the success of a soldier, and chance  
has been so good to General French as  
to send him to the east, the middle,  
the west, and the north, nearly always  
in time to do, or to help in, some mas-  
sive stroke. It can almost be said that  
he figured in every great success of  
the British arms from Elandslaagte to  
Bloemfontein—and since victory  
Julian Ralph.

**FRENCH AT ELANDSLAAGTE.**  
He had but just landed in Natal from  
England, and been at the front forty-  
eight hours, I believe, when he was put  
in charge of the Natal cavalry, and  
sent to fight the terrible yet splen-  
did engagement at Elandslaagte. From  
Natal he went to the northern frontier  
of the Cape Colony, and held  
the Boers in check there for many  
weeks, never succeeding in vanquish-  
ing them, but preventing their farther  
descent into the colony and the con-  
sequent rising of the disloyal Dutch  
subjects of the Queen in that large  
district.  
I was not with the armies either in  
Natal or around Rensburg, but where I  
was an occasional hearer of the extra-  
ordinary work General French was  
accomplishing on the Free State  
border. He maintained a position  
thirty to thirty-five miles in length,  
and the Boers told us that in all this  
war, this was before Lord Roberts had  
taken command, no British general  
had so astonished and wearied them.  
Commandos were sent from Natal and  
taken from Magersfontein to create  
the extended wall that was needed to  
completely face this restless and per-  
sistent enemy, who hammered away in  
one country, as it were, in the morn-  
ing, and in another on the same after-  
noon.  
"WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE."  
Just before Lord Roberts took com-  
mand a story that ran through the  
multitude of officers' mess tents in the  
field was to the effect that General  
French had informed the authorities  
that he could force his way through  
the enemy's lines and into the Free  
State if he could bombard Colesberg.  
He was desirous of doing so, it was  
said, but the permission was refused.  
"I cannot say how true this is, but it  
was not contradicted by any one."  
"Little by little and most quietly the  
cavalry were withdrawn from their  
frontier after Lord Roberts's ar-  
rival, to be massed again under this  
tireless general in the neighborhood of  
Graspan, whence he made a magnifi-  
cent march that was truly said to be  
the admiration of the whole army.  
From Ramdam to Jacobsdal and on to  
Paardeberg he chased and herded the  
Boers, as he has again done so very  
recently from Bloemfontein to Pretoria.  
Leaving Cronje in full flight, General  
French without pausing flew over to  
Kimberley and literally purged its  
neighborhood of Boers. Here he added  
the capture of the diamond city to his  
triumphs. This was done under Lord  
Roberts's planning and orders, yet  
very great credit remains to French  
for the manner in which it was done  
and the obstacles that he had to  
overcome.



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the edges and inlaid with dark blue  
velvet. Sleeves cut with shaped  
pointed cuffs, which are ornamented  
with stitching. Material required,  
cloth, 50 inches wide, 13 1/4 yards.

**SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.**  
When the young beetle gets large  
enough for use, pickle some for win-  
ter use. Wash them well, do not put  
them anywhere, but till tender, then  
can them in vinegar. A spoiled vine-  
gar is very nice for them. Put a half  
teaspoonful of celery seed, a couple  
of cloves and four bay leaves in a  
cup of cider vinegar. Let stand  
for three weeks. The tender pods of  
 nasturtium also give a pleasant flavor  
to vinegar. If you mean to spice the  
vinegar for your bees attend to it  
now.

There are reasons—good reasons—  
for everything suggested by modern  
housewives. To strain the fat used  
for frying seems an unnecessary task  
if by running the fork and doing it  
the purpose is obvious. Straining re-  
moves the small particles or crumbs  
which would become rancid and make  
the fat so.

A perfect salad, fresh and freshly  
mixed, is the most picturesque of all  
dishes, but a heavy garnish of boiled  
vegetables or eggs will detract from  
its distinctness of appearance. Salads  
of all kinds should be gently hand-  
led. That is, they should be put into the  
desired shape lightly, and without  
heavy pressure, and should be mixed  
by running the fork and spoon down  
the sides of the dish and gently toss-  
ing the salad with an upward mov-  
ment, letting it mix as it falls back-  
ward.

**DOMESTIC RECIPES.**  
Ginger Bread—One cup Porto Rico  
molasses, quarter teaspoonful salt,  
tablespoonful ginger, half cup but-  
ter, softened, one cup sour milk, three  
cups pastry flour—less of new process  
—one full, not heaped, teaspoonful soda  
dissolved in hot water. Mix in order  
named, and bake in two medium sized  
tins about forty minutes. Insist on  
having the dark Porto Rico molasses  
if you want your ginger bread to be  
dark and rich.

Ginger Cookies—A pint of molasses,  
boiled; a cup of sugar melted in the  
molasses; one scant teaspoonful soda  
dissolved in four tablespoonfuls hot  
water; one teaspoonful baking powder  
with one of ginger and one  
of flour. Mix a tablespoonful of  
ginger and a half cup of lard with  
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expedition, as the distribution of Lord  
Roberts's proclamation was called, he  
stopped by his treatment of the Boers  
that he has a very kindly nature. He  
stopped at night in the Boer houses,  
and got on very well with the families,  
with all of whose members he shook  
hands, while saying pleasant things to  
them.  
In one case a Boer said to him, "I  
would be fighting you if I had not got  
consumption." The general replied,  
"Oh, I am sorry to hear that you are  
ill. I hope you will soon get better."  
A snapshot of him receiving the sur-  
render of Thaba N'Chu from the land-  
drost would have been an interesting  
picture. Both men stood with their  
hands on the backs of their heads, the  
landdrost had his hands shoved deep in  
his pockets, and French stood with  
his legs apart "like" the Boers, look-  
ing up at the civilian, who was Pres-  
ident Brand's son. Presently the  
landdrost took off his hat.  
"Whether General French told him to  
do so, or whether he felt the command-  
ing influence of the general—who  
knows?"

## YOUR LEASE OF LIFE.

How to Find Out How Many Years You  
Are Going to Live.  
An ingenious mathematician main-  
tains that the number of years which  
any one is likely to live may readily be  
ascertained by applying the following  
rule—Subtract from the number 86  
the age already attained by the per-  
son and divide the remainder by 2. For  
example, suppose that we wish to find  
out how long a person who is now 50  
years old is likely to live, 86—50=36;  
36÷2=18, and 18 years is the answer  
to the question. The same statistician  
also assures us that out of every 1,000  
persons who are 60 years old only 599  
will live to be 70, 120 to 80, 17 to be  
90, and it is doubtful if even 4 will at-  
tain to the dignity of centenarians.

A critic points out, that these figures  
may seem very convincing, but that  
they cannot be trusted in all cases. It  
may be easy, he explains, to show how  
long a man of 50 is likely to live, but  
the rule applied in his case cannot be  
applied in the case of a man who is  
over 86, and hence it cannot be accept-  
ed as infallible.

**SILK FROM A SPIDER WEB.**  
Fishes, in Madagascar, Think They Have  
Found a Valuable New Fibre.  
One of the most novel exhibits at the  
Paris Exposition is a complete set of  
bed hangings manufactured in Mad-  
agascar from silk obtained from an  
enormous spider known as the "hiban-  
ba" that is found in great numbers in cer-  
tain parts of the island. The French  
have been investigating the value of  
this fibre at their technical school at  
Antananarivo and have reached the  
conclusion that the production of silk  
from this spider is worthy to become  
an important industry.

Mr. Nogue, the head of the school,  
says that each spider yields from 300 to  
400 yards of silk thread. After the  
thread has been taken from the spider  
it is set free and ten days later is  
ready to furnish another cocoon. The  
silk is of a brilliant golden color and  
is finer than that of the silk worm,  
but its tenacity is remarkable. It can  
be woven without the least difficulty.

**ASIA'S GREAT SINK-HOLES.**  
While Asia has the loftiest moun-  
tains in the world, it also possesses the  
deepest and most extensive land de-  
pressions, several of them, as is well  
known, sinking below sea-level, so that  
if the ocean could flow into them they  
would be filled to the brim. In the  
deepest parts of most of them water  
now stands, forming small seas. Others  
are destitute of water. Among these  
is the Lukchun depression in Central  
Asia, concerning which General Tillo  
writes, in the "Proceedings of the Rus-  
sian Geographical Society," that in  
places it sinks as much as 400 feet be-  
low sea-level. This sink-hole in the  
middle of the largest of the continents  
is also remarkable for its meteorologic-  
al features, the yearly amplitudes of  
the barometer being greater than are  
recorded anywhere else on earth. In  
summer the temperature rises to 50  
Fahrenheit, a record of 118 degrees Fa-  
hrenheit having been obtained in July,  
while the air is of desert dryness.

**THOMAS JOGGED HIS MEMORY.**  
A certain elderly gentleman suffered  
much from absent-mindedness, and  
was frequently compelled to seek the  
assistance of his servant Thomas, he  
would constantly say, I have just  
been looking for something, and now I  
can't remember what it is, whereupon  
the obliging Thomas invariably made  
suggestions. Was it your purse, or  
spectacles, or cheque book, sir? and  
so on, till he hit on the right object.  
One night, after the old gentleman  
had retired, the bell rang for Thomas,  
and on reaching the bed room he  
found his master rambly restlessly  
about the room.  
Thomas, Thomas, he said, I came up  
here for something, and now I've for-  
gotten what!  
Was it to go to bed, sir? suggested  
his faithful retainer.  
Ah! the very thing—the very thing!  
Thank you, Thomas, good night!

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