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Boudoir.

One Woman's Chat.

A woman who had been spending a busy day in town was lunching in a wel!known cafe and had ordered the full course unch for which the place is famous, be Icause she felt the need of something sub stantial, but after tasting a bit of this and that her appetite deserted her and she was about to leave the food almost untouched. when, to her amizement, a neatly dressed woman who had quietly slipped into the seat opposite ber and ordered a cup of tea. said :-

' Pardon me, but would you mind it ate your lunch, for I see you have scarcely touched it and I am really hungry, but my purse will not permit me to purchase anything more.

Of course, she of the vanished appetite gladly assented and immediately left the table to spare the unfortunate woman's feelings but after thinking the incident over quietly at home she became rather uncertain about whether the poor creature really was penniless or had simply spen more than she could afford at some special sele-and she has not settled the question to ber own satisfaction vet.

Why will people persist in the habit of putting money in the mouth ? It is one of the easiest ways to contract disease, according to eminent physicians, and yet the sight of men and women holding a coin between the lips when searching for change in the street car is one of almost daily occurrence.

Think of how many hands that money has passed through before it came into your possession and then consider what may have been the condition of those hands or the pockets and purses in which this well named filthy lucre' has been carried around. Of course, it is impossible for us to carry only freshly coined money, but we can at least be consistent and not take more liberties with the common cash of the country than we would with our neighbours napkin.

An Atchison woman has a habit of eat ing too much, and she invented a method of knowing when she had enough, and will have her discovery patented. An in geniously made little alarm bell is set in her corset, and when the pressure of the corset from eating amounts to so many pounds to the square inch the alarm is set off and the woman must quit.

Sometimes she is in the midst of a juicy steak, or she may be just tasting a delicious dish of ice cream, or she may have just reached her coffee, when the pressure sets the alarm off, but she then quits. When visitors are at the house the alarm startles them a little at first, but they soon get used to the gong. The inventor says the alarm has been of more benefit to her than a score of doctors.

A wager was made by a resident of Lon. don that he could cook a plum pudding 10 feet beneath the surface of the Thames. He won the bet by placing the pudding in a tin case and putting the whole in a sack of lime The heat of the lime, slacking when it came in contact with the water, was suffi ient to cook the pudding in two

A sash is one of the most graceful and emart finishes to an evening gown if it has been adjusted by skilled fingers, but on the other hand the loops and ends are sure to have an air of cluminess that no amount of patting and pulling can destroy. Since sashes are to be much worn on handsom toilettes, and the indications are such to judge from the Paris models all those who have not an artistic eye nor the knock of arrangement would do well to have these lovely garnishings, that are made of chiffon, India silk, chiffon taffeta, the pompadour and black velvet ribbons permanently fixed by the modiste so that the hand of inexperience will have no occasion to attempt readjustment.

The most fashionable curtains of the moment are of Arabian lace, and as the tint of this lace is a very peculiar one, being a duller shade than ecru, they wil be very difficult to imitate. For the large square windows there is a new style of cur tain that is lambrequin-shaped. It hangs down smooth and straight from the top with a point in the centre, and the sides continue to the floor and are looped back . A wide insertion cutlines the sides and connecting scallop, to which is gathered a full ruffl of this exquiente Arabian lace.

'I wish,' said a New York woman, 'that it was laid down in etiquette books along with the obligation to return a calt or an 15 ver a dinner invitation, that persons meetng casually should announce themselv s. Our social life, particularly in a large city, has grown so complex, and so many circles touch upon one another, that it is al

most impossible to differentiate in a wide acquaintance among those whom one meets infrequently.

'In a street car the other day an attractive looking woman entered, and instantly I knew that we met, but where, or in what circle of my friends, I could not possibly recall quickly. My relief was great, therefore, when she came to the vacant place besido me, bade me morning, calling me by name, and adding: 'I am Mrs X' you know, and you will remember me at the A. tea last spring, when Mildred B's engagement was announced '

O course, I did, after that helpful setting of association, and we immediately fell into an animated chat on just the subjects and triends we had in common But not one woman in 20 thinks of thus announcing herself, though perhaps it is she who lorgets tomorrow. There are so many sets nowadays, with each of which one may mingle a little, that it is early possible to be fairly intimate with persons whom you may not meet again for a yearand then, alas, though recognizing, be unable to place them.'

Cloths Woven From Rocks.

The weaving of stone into material for clothing, the making of flexible and lastin. fancy onyx waistcoats may be a possibility of the future, the weavers say. They remind the Philadelphia Record that already curtains are made of asbestos and cloth manufactured from chalk.

James McGuck, a Manayunk spinner. has an armchair covered with a solt and silky tabric of Titian red, which he wove toilsomely out of rock, out of 'red shell' the crumbling stone of which Mansyunk masons build cheap houses. M.Guck thus describes the weaving:

I threw about a ton of the rock, in lumps as big as your head, into the picker. The picker blades were dulled, but the rock was crushed, and came out good stock, with a staple an inch long like

This fluffy stuff I threw into my carding machine, and first it became a sots, inch thick rope, then a harder, quarter inch twine, and at this point my mule took it and twisted it till it was an ordinary thread, like that you see on a spool of cotton. I wove it on a hand loom then.

'This little piece of cloth-it's eighteen inches square-is all I got. It took a ton of rock to make it. I claim it is the firs: cloth ever woven out of real rock in the history of the world.

A Quick-Witted Doctor.

A certain French surgeon of whom the Young Ladies Journal tells, had so much more thought for his patient than for his own safety on one occasion, that he resorted to an expedient which, although efficacious, might have resulted in his own

He had been commissioned to bleed the Grand Seignior, and either through timid ity or nervousness, had met with an awkward accident. The point of the lancet broke off in the vein, and the blood would not flow.

The point must be got out somehow Without stopping to consider the consequences to himself, the surgeon gave his highness a violent slap in the face. This produced the desired effect, for surprise and indignation on the part of his august patient put the blood into violent circulation. The vein bled freely and the lancet point came out.

The bystanders were about to lay hands on the surgeon when he said, 'First let me finish the operation and bandage the wound.' Tais done, be threw himself at the teet of the sultan and explained his

The sultan not only pardoned him, but gave him a bandsome reward tor ke ping his wits about him in a critical moment.

A Business Arrangement.

When a woman gets married there are many things to be taken into consideration; but not all brides evince such business toresight as the beroine of the following story, told by the Rev. W. F. Sheridan to a writer for the Chicago Tribune:

The bride was large and heavy, and the groom small and meck looking. Every thing was regular. After the ceremony the bride explained her position.

· You see,' she said, farm-hands are mighty hard to get in this part of the country, and parder to k ep. You get a good hired man and get him well broke in and the first thing you know he quits and goes off to town or somowhere else. Lat spring I had a first-class hand, abou as good as I ever expect to get, but just when be season got right busy be up and qui

"I just made up my mind that I wasn't going to be left in the same fix this sum mer, so here we are.

The bridegroom had nothing at all to say. He just stood and smiled meekly.

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Esten Up By Interest

Most people know in theory, if not by experience, how rapidly compound interest accumulates; but a phase of the matter which may have escaped their attention is roported from the South.

A colored man complained that another negro owed him two dollars and absolutely refused to pay the debt. The creditor had dunned and dunned him, but all to no purpose Finally he went to a lawyer, in he hope that he could give him some good

What reason does be give for refusing to pay you Pasked the lewyer.

Why, boss said the colored man, he said be done owed me dat money for so long dat de interest had et it all up, and he didn't owe me a cent.

Housekeepi g for the City

The current year book of a New York women's club which is now seventeen years old is in great part a historical record of progress. The club has discontinued its committee on school hygiene because the authorities have carried out all its suggestions. The committee on slaughter-houses, once overworked, now finds little to do, because its efforts risulted in having the abettoirs made clean and kept so. The Grocers' Association granite trousers, black marble coats and has joined the club's crusade against the practice of exposing fruits and vegetables on the sidewalk, there to gather dust and disease germs.

It was at the clubs request that the board of he sith posted notices prohibiting pitting in the street cars. Agitation by the club brought about the correction of various minor grievances and abuses in the institutions on Blackwell's Island. The club has been instrumental in procuring egislation to regulate the sanitary condition of bakeshops. It has heartily seconded every movement to increase the number of public parks and children's playgrounds.

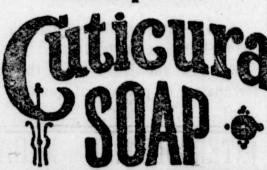
Thanks to their training as bousekeepers, these club-women have been able to detect many an unobtrusive nuisance which the average male, reformer would completely overlook. The man would become excited over a politician who stole the people's money, but it might never occur to him that certain lines of business were so conducted as to rob the people of that more precious possession, health. When the women take a hand in the city's nousekeeping, the truth comes to light and the nuisances are abated.

It any justification of the 'club movement' were needed, it would be found in he work that women's clubs have done along these lines, not in New York alone, but in scores of cities and towns. At





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I dunno as I care to lave me own home the night, said Mr. Nolan, who sat gloom ily nursing a band-ged arm. If it's fails from borses he s talking about, I'm never likely to have wan, for lack of money; and it it's falls from anything else, from bicycles to ladders, I don't need to go n ar bim to learn about thim. Me last was down the cellar stairs, and I'm thinking I'll kape to bome while ricollection is trish in me mind!

Two Signe.

One who is on the lockout for curious signs and advertisements can easily find hem without going far from bome. A dweller in a New England village quotes wo which appear on caris that o ten pass

Toe first comes into sight accompaned by a jingling of sleigh bells which, sun. mer and winter alike, decorate the trappings of an old white horse. It res s: Home Made Bakery. Mixed Pickles and Brooms a Specialty.

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