

For the Ladies.

One of woman's inalienable rights—Putting a "P. S." to a letter.

Rod hair doesn't necessarily spoil a woman's beauty. Lotta is worth \$400,000.

Kentucky girls out of the tops of their stockings to make wristlets for their beaux.

A baby, says a recent French writer, is an angel whose wings decrease as it gets increase.

Gleanings from the late mail—a few tufts of hair in the hands of an infuriated spouse at 2 o'clock a. m.

An Irish lover remarks: "It is a very great pleasure to be alone, especially when yer sweetheart is wid ye."

A Yorkshire woman is so cleanly that she uses two rolling pins—one for the pastry and one for her husband's head.

Rubber aprons for ladies doing housework are among the novelties. These are intended to make elastic to her business.

A Vermont newspaper recently closed an obituary of a young lady thus: She had an amiable temper and was uncommonly fond of ice cream.

Anna Louisa Cary was baptized Ann Cary. The middle name had been inserted after she had visited Boston.

W. D. Howell's daughter, fourteen years old, writes poetry, and a sonnet by her will soon be published.

In a sermon recently Mr. Moody said: "If you can't be a lighthouse by a candle." We have heard of young ladies who would prefer being half a match.

Four-years old to his mother, holding the baby. Say, mamma say! Zat squalling little baby seems to sink 'e's as only oblie you got! I'd give him back again.

Mrs. Pauline, who recently died at Almonwitz, Austria, at the advanced age of 108 years, always enjoyed good health and was never known to take medicine.

Carriages with blue-glass windows are quite fashionable. They cover everything except jealousy and envy. For this affection only green glass should be used.

Dolls' hair dresse—"No, moey, we do not moey hard as hair now, ze ze fact is, we have ze misfortune, ze other day, to melt ze nose off one of our best customers."

Many a woman when health is so delicate that she can't lift a chair, thinks nothing of loading herself down with fifty pounds of goods to smuggle across the frontier.

The widow of Colonel Colt, the revolver man, pays taxes on the sum of \$306,082. Almost any man would see a voluptuous charm in the rounded fire-arms of such a widow.

A lady ate oysters all through the month of August, when she could get them, under the supposition that there was an "r" in that month. "Orgasm" was the way she spelled it.

An eloping couple in Georgia, on coming to a toll gate, found they had no money to pay the toll, but the young man heroically pledged his sleeve buttons, and the two went on their way rejoicing.

"I am afraid it is mixed goods," said the lady to the clerk. "Oh, no, madam, impossible," replied the polite gentleman, "all our camels' hair shawls are made of pure silk direct from the worm."

A good anecdote is related of a lady at a party whose dress and form were faultless. Just before dinner an admirer offered her a flower from his button-hole. The dress being fastened behind, the flower had to be adjusted with a pin. Just then she went down to dinner, and the gentleman thought he heard a noise as though wind were escaping from a bellows. The lady had soon lost her fair proportions, and the tightly-fitting dress was most baggy. It appears that the latest fashion for thin ladies' dresses is an air-tight lining blown out to the proper size. The pin put to keep the flower in had penetrated the air-tight lining and caused a grand collapse.

It is easy to be liberal with other people's money. The managers of the women's department of the Centennial exhibition have wound up the affairs of their organization, and have presented as a complimentary gift the balance of funds remaining on hand, to the amount of \$6,800 to Mrs. Gillespie, the retiring president of the concern. This measure is highly complimentary, and no doubt in the greatest degree satisfactory to Mrs. Gillespie, since she warmly thanked the donors and promptly pocketed the purse containing the money. Whether it will be equally as satisfactory to the ladies in all parts of the country who contributed so largely to the success of the organization by their donations of money and labor, remains to be seen.

Pretty Canadians: Toronto girls, writes a correspondent from that city, are very pretty. There are two distinct types—the petite in figure, with American feet and complexions, and the tall, stalwart, fresh looking girls, that remind me of the Kentucky women. Some of them have the most beautiful red hair. Titianesque is, I believe, the polite thing to call it, and it is really very soft, glossy and luxuriant. The Toronto girls dress more like Americans than any other Canadian women, and, though once in a while I hear a jibe or two at our expense, they unconsciously in speaking of something in dress matters or energy, often say "American styles" and "American goodshadesiveness. At the rink the other day I saw a pretty, elegantly dressed girl, who seemed to be on the most amiable terms with her attire, as if she and it un-

derstood each other without saying a word about it, and I had hardly become aware that I was mentally questioning myself whether she was not an American, when I heard a bit of a saucy dialogue behind me sotto voce: That's the young lady visiting the—Is she an American? Wouldn't you know by her dress that she was a Yankee? returned the other, in a tone of such strong conviction that my doubts were set at rest. Satisfied, too, for if they chose to say pretty things of my countrywomen, I faith it was for me to complain!

Patti's True Story. Paris is still discussing the Patti affair, though the fair prima donna herself has wended her way to Vienna, where she is now singing with Nicolo at the Imperial opera-house. The true story of the case, as stated by a distinguished Parisian lawyer, is briefly as follows: For some time past M. Patti has been extremely desirous of getting rid of her titled husband, and before going to St. Petersburg to fulfill her last engagement there, she consulted her lawyer as to the most feasible method of obtaining a separation. "Write no letters," was her counselor's advice, "and create no open scandal, but contrive so that he shall personally assail you in the presence of witnesses." So said so done. The most notorious scene that took place between the husband and wife in the dressing-room of the latter at the St. Petersburg opera-house was the result. M. de Caix so far forgot himself as to strike his beautiful wife, and she, throwing open the door, called on all present to bear witness to the fact. It is now said that she will experience not the slightest difficulty in obtaining a separation, not only de corps, but de biens as well. In that case, M. le Marquis deprived of his wife and his income at one fell swoop, will be in a most pitiful plight. Truly he has killed the goose that laid the golden eggs with one blow—that unbecoming slap which, in a moment of unbridled passion, he permitted himself to inflict on the fair, if exasperating, marquise.

Charcoal and Diamonds. That the diamond is merely a crystalline form of charcoal most persons have heard stated; but few are aware of the facts upon which this is based. A very interesting account of experiments which Levoisier established the identity has been given by Prof. Roscoe. Before the famous Frenchman began his investigation it was known that diamonds might be evaporated by exposure to great heat, but had been observed that this evaporation could not be performed if the crystal were surrounded by charcoal. The questions which Levoisier proposed to himself were, first, what is the actual process of evaporation; and, secondly, in what way does the proximity of charcoal with its step by step he arrived at what has commonly been accepted as a complete and conclusive answer to both questions. He first subjected a diamond to the heat of a powerful burning glass, under which it gradually disappeared without emitting anything in the form of smoke or vapor, or leaving a trace of any solid matter whatever. Under great heat the diamond was found to be reduced to a lower degree of heat, and found that the diamond, instead of disappearing altogether, lost only about one quarter of its weight. It was, moreover, observed that the reduced stone became covered with a coating of what appeared to be soot or lampblack, showing, the experimenter thought, that the diamond was capable of being reduced by heat alone to simple carbon, and that it was in itself only carbon in another form. The presumption he went on to establish. He burned—still by means of lenses—a diamond in a known quantity of air, and found that precisely the same result had been attained by burning carbon in a confined volume of air. The reason why it was impossible to evaporate a diamond surrounded by charcoal was now evident. The diamond, being pure carbon, could not resolve itself into carbonic acid without the oxygen of the air, and it was just this essential element that the surrounding charcoal intercepted.

Export of American Beef. The commercial power of the United States is beginning to make itself sensibly felt in all parts of Europe. We are no longer dependent on our three leading areas of commerce alone, but nearly all our staple products as well as many of our manufactured articles are in constant and active demand abroad. The exportation of fresh beef from this country to England has already assumed important dimensions, and it is becoming evident that this traffic in the near future exercise a marked influence upon our commercial prestige, as well as upon domestic industry in the production of cattle in the West and Southwest.

The foreign market for American beef is as yet only in its infancy. Should hostilities break out in Europe, the demand will produce an effect, whose dimensions cannot now be conjectured. The plagues, already doing so much damage, is certain to extend its ravages all over the continent should that war come; and, in that event, English stock raising would be in imminent danger, the American butcher would become master of the situation, and English consumers would have to look to this country for their supplies at largely enhanced prices.

From a table prepared by the Bureau of Statistics we learn the quantity and value of the fresh beef exported from the United States to Great Britain during the eight months ending February 28, 1877. The total exports during this period were: In pounds, 28,900,955; in value, \$2,084,390. The increase

moreover has been steady all the time, having risen from 1,170,290 pounds, valued at \$101,250, in July, 1876, to 4,923,610 pounds, valued at \$421,457, in February 1877. The exports were apportioned as follows: From New York, 18,908,895 pounds, valued at \$1,691,577; from Philadelphia, 4,222,000 pounds, valued at \$305,721. It is stated, however, that whereas the New York exportation commenced in July, 1876, no beef was shipped from Philadelphia until the following October.

Of the exports, a part have gone to Glasgow, and the remainder—by far the greater portion, to Liverpool. The export to Scotland was 3,791,000 pounds, valued at \$386,680. The exports to England were 109,955 pounds, valued at \$1,801,118. The first shipment of American beef were made four ago, to Glasgow, but the trade only assumed importance when it was taken up by one of the great Liverpool lines of steamers, and since then it has been growing continually, and has long passed the experimental stage. The improvements effected in the methods of preserving the meat are, moreover, proceeding steadily, and it is not too much to anticipate that in a little while fresh meat will be placed on the table in London, which was killed in Missouri or Texas, or perhaps even in California.

The fact, too, that the rinderpest or cattle plague, is still prevailing extensively in Europe, will have a little influence on this question? Even if a war be not declared, it need create no great surprise, if the cable should report the speedy passage of a bill for the closing of British ports to European live stock for a period to be terminated by the disappearance of the disease. American packers who have recently suffered by the decline in pork may suddenly catch fortune at a new turn, and, by a change of material, more than compensate themselves for late losses. As the traffic is yet only in its infancy, its ultimate extent can only be vaguely estimated, but as the capacity of the United States for meeting the demand of this kind is practically illimitable, and as the demand, not only in Great Britain, but on the continent of Europe, is probably destined to a large expansion, it is certain that the packing of American beef for European consumption is liable to assume tremendous proportions, and will give a fresh and active stimulus to cattle-breeding in all the states whose resources enable them to make this a speciality, and at the same time contribute heavily to the balance of trade in our favor.—Saint Louis Dispatch.

A Volcano in the Sea. The Honolulu Gazette of February 28th, contains an account of a remarkable submarine volcanic outbreak in Kealahoukuna Bay, near the entrance to the harbor. The natives report that the eruption occurred at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 14th, appearing like innumerable red, blue and green lights. In the afternoon several boats visited the crater, cruising over the most active part, where the water was in a state of peculiar activity, boiling and appearing as though, passing over rapidly, of very much like the water at Hell Gate, New York. Blocks of lava two feet square were lifted up from below, frequently striking and jarring the boats. As the lava was soft no harm was done. Nearly all the pieces on reaching the surface were red hot, emitting steam and gas, strongly sulphurous. A rumbling noise was heard like that of rocks in a fireheat, caused, no doubt, by the eruption of lava from the submarine crater, which is supposed to be a crack or rift of nature extending at least a mile from shore. Another rupture, doubtless a continuation of the submarine fissure, was traced inland from shore nearly three miles, varying in width from a few inches to three feet. In some places water was seen pouring into the abyss below.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt by residents of Kealahoua and Keli in the night of the eruption, which must have preceded the outbreak.

The utilization of jute in the various productions of manufacture, industry, has become widely extended—no such no, indeed, as to be of great importance at the present time commercially considered. The substance known by this name is a product of Bengal, and was formerly used only for gunny bags, to pack rags or merchandise in. Now, it yields to processes which fit it for weaving with silk or cotton, or in the making of thread, ropes, sail cloth, also with wool in felts and carpets, and with coconuts fibre in matting. &c. During twenty-five years the consumption has risen from 391,000 cwt., to more than three times that quantity, valued at some \$5,000,000, and the refuse now equals the original import of the raw material.

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