

Dry Goods and Millinery.

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

A New York woman testifying in a case the other day called herself a pantry lady. One hundred cubic feet of wall require a cord of stone, three buckets of lime and a cubic yard of sand. Hard coal loses 8 per cent in bulk per annum when exposed to the weather. Soft coal loses 12 per cent. Electrotypes reproductions of rare pieces of silver, such as are found only in museums or valuable art collections, are among the latest fads of the aristocracy. Wife beating has become so common in New Jersey that there is a movement to erect whipping posts for the punishment of the cowardly bullies who practice it. A new law has just been passed in Austria relative to droning. A principal will in future only be incarcerated for a term of six months. Seconds, doctors and all others concerned will be exempt from punishment. If the ivory trade increases at the present rate much longer, the elephant will soon become extinct. One firm alone in Sheffield, England, last year received the tusks of no fewer than 1,200 elephants. A few years ago 800 pairs of tusks were sufficient for them.

VALUABLE RECIPES.

How to get rid of a rusty screw: Apply a red-hot iron to the head for a short time, the screwdriver being applied while the screw is hot. How to preserve eggs: Add 2 pints of slaked lime and a pint of salt to a pailful of water. Pickle your eggs in this fluid, and they will keep for a year. How to kill the nerve of a hollow tooth: Take half a dram of white oxide of arsenic, a dram of sulphate of morphia, mix with a little creosote and apply to the cavity. How to start a balky horse: Take the horse out of the shafts and make him go round in a circle until he is dizzy. It is a sure means of accomplishing your purpose. How to color dress goods red: Take an ounce of cochineal, an ounce of muriate of tin and a little cream of tartar dissolved in water enough to cover them. Boil the goods in this preparation for 10 minutes.

POWDER AND BALL.

The swords of Toledo and Damascus were so popular in the middle ages that they sold for their weight in gold. The French military schools graduate about 650 officers annually, and about the same number are lost by death, dismissal or retirement. The recruits for the British army are now required to stand 5 feet 4 inches in their stockings, measure 33 inches around their chests and weigh 150 pounds. The execution of the Lebel rifle, now used by the French, is reported to be something wonderful as well as dreadful, as in Dahomey the bullets passed through forest trees and killed Dahomeans behind them. The mayor of Detroit finds after investigation that the American cities which own and operate their own electric light plants get their illumination, on the average, for less than one-half of what it costs the cities which are lighted through contracts made with private companies.

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There are now 12,000 officers in the French infantry. A new Japanese protected cruiser, the Yoshino built to be the fastest cruiser afloat, was launched recently. From 18,000,000 to 20,000,000 men are killed in battle every century in Europe, Asia, and notably China, counts about the same number. A study of a German map, on which is plotted the stations of the troops in its huge army, shows that the majority are so placed as to be conveniently moved in sections to the French frontier. Successful experiments have been made in France relative to the introduction of telephones for use in warfare. The telephonists are organized in sets of two men, each set being provided with equipment for a mile line.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Lemons may be kept fresh by wrapping them in paper and inclosing in a closely covered pot or jar. Ten to twelve drops of tincture of camphor in a tumbler of water makes a good daily wash for the teeth. To take grease spots out of ground glass, wash well with water that has been boiled and cooled, with an ounce of soda added for each gallon. To cure diphtheria, place a live coal in the bowl of a common tobacco pipe, drop a little tar on it and draw the smoke into the mouth, discharging it through the nostrils. The Phenomena of Weeping Trees. In the forests of Oregon, Washington, Montana and British Columbia there is a species of tree that has a continuous and copious dripping of pure, clear water from the ends of its leaves and branches. This extraordinary sight may be witnessed at all seasons when the leaves are on, and seems equally plentiful on clear, bright days as on damp, cloudy nights. The tree is a species of fir, and the "weeping" phenomenon is attributed to a remarkable power of condensation peculiar to the leaves and bark of this species of evergreen. In the island of Ferro there are many species of "weeping trees," but in this latter case the "tears" appear to be most abundant when the relative humidity is near the dew point.—St. Louis Republic.

An Old, Old Hunting Story.

Baron Munchausen, when hunting for Jeer upon one occasion, encountered a magnificent animal, but found himself without shot. Speedily gathering together a handful of cherry stones, he loaded his gun with them and fired at the deer, hitting him squarely between the eyes, not killing him, however. The Jeer man got to escape, but some time later the baron encountered him again and was surprised to see a beautiful cherry tree growing out of the animal's forehead, covered with blossoms and fruit. It is suspected that the Baron Munchausen's story is not true.—Harper's Young People. In daily use at the Pleasanton stock farm, California, is the sulky to which Nancy Hanks trotted her mile in 204. Double bordered it for that occasion. Walker H. the bay gelding that won a race in 1827, at the Buffalo fair last fall, was raised by a farmer near Albion, N. Y., and worked on the farm until four weeks before he made his record.



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