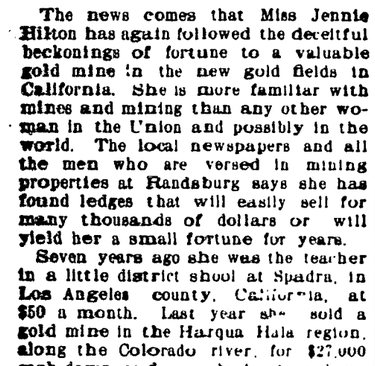
WOMEN ARGONAUTS.

THE FAIR SEX CONTRACTS THE THIRST FOR GOLD.

Bravely Dare the Dangers and Undergo the Hardships Which Fall to the Lot of the Miner—The Luck of a California School Marm.

The news comes that Miss Jennie Hilton has again followed the deceitful beckonings of fortune to a valuable gold mine in the new gold fields in California. She is more familiar with mines and mining than any other woman in the Union and possibly in the world. The local newspapers and all the men who are versed in mining properties at Randsburg says she has found ledges that will easily sell for many thousands of dollars or will yield her a small fortune for years.

Seven years ago she was the teacher in a little district shool at Spadra, in Los Angeles county, California, at $50 a month. Last year she sold a gold mine in the Harqua Hala region, along the Colorado river, for $27,000 cash down, and now she is at work on the richest gold find of her life. It seems that she went out on the desert with her brother from Bakersfield last January, when the rush of excited miners to the new diggings was on, but soon gave up all hope of actually studying the mineral resources of the district in such a region and period of excitement. She was sure however, there were gold prospects there that time and patient search only would reveal. So when the excitement had subsided and hundreds of eager restless men had gone away from Randsburg, declaring the district was overrated, she went there again with her brother That was last March. She and her brother lived in a tent. She kept her own counsel and with her brother as a companion spent every



MISSS JENNIE HILTON.

hour of daylight. Sundays and all in prospecting all over that region. Many people at Randsburg thought her daring and earnest search was but a fool's errand, and were surprised when she did not abandon the prospecting at the end of the first week. Old-time miners say she is a very close observer and has infinite patience in examining every minute indication of gold bearing rock. She made five claims and abandoned three. The best claim was made early in June, and now that work has gone so far as to reveal the ledges beneath the adobe soil and the yellow desert sand, it is seen she has some free milling ore that assays at $280 a ton, and a great body of rock that runs from $50 to $70 a ton

While Miss Hilton is reaping the reward of her pertinacity at the home gold fields, other women are rushing to the new mines in Alaska, hoping to duplicate her good fortue. One of the most interesting of the women passengers who have recently sailed from San Francisco for the Klondike region is a Harvard Annex graduate of the class of 1893. She is a school teacher and a newspaper woman She is Mrs. L. C. Howland, who was originally a Boston girl, but who has been living for several years in San Francisco Mrs. Howland expects to teach school at Dawson City, while her husband manages one of the river steamers. She is taking a library, including a complete outfit of the latest text books for children. She said before sailing:

"I am going to Klondike to open a school and teach the children who are unfortunate enough to live in Dawson City something besides the way to cook beans with a quantity of fat and to pan gravel. There are at least forty children of school age in Dawson, so I have been told by Mr. Walker, who recently arrived in San Francisco from the Klondyke, and I believe the opening for a school is very good.

"I have made arrangements for building a log school house of sufficient size. It will be seated with benches, and have that necessity, a blackboard. My supply of text books is large, and includes not only the commoner branches, but higher ones as well, for during the winter months I expect to have a number of more advanced pupils from among the miners and others whose early education has been neglected.

"My library is quite extensive, chiefly of standard works of science, history, Hawthorne's and Sir Walter Scott's works, Charles Lamb's essays and other books that I think will interest and educate miners.

"I will charge just as much for tuition as I can get but that will depend on the condition of affairs in Dawson. If my school plan doesn't work, I have others."

Other women who went north on the same boat are Mrs. W. Place, of San Francisco; Mrs. P. Laurietzen, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Gerald Rooney, and Mrs. Alice Livingstone, both of New York. All these women are accompanied by their husbands and expect to mine for gold. The women spent more than a thousand dollars in Seattle for furs and other things.

Twenty Year-Old Professor.

Probably the youngest occupant of a professional chair in this country is Miss Alice Huntington Spaulding, who is only twenty years old and is a professor in Allegheny college.

BLOOMERITE CONFEESSION.

Her Pleasures of Emancipation from the Thralldom of Prude Fashion.

The step from the regular female cycling dress to bloomers seems to be a very short one, yet there is considerable hesitation in making the change. There are very few women who have the courage to do it, and those who have made it describe the change in such a way as to place a damper on the spirits of those who are eagerly in line awaiting a favorable opportunity to make the transition. In view of the fact that the bloomer adherents still maintain that the rational costume will yet have its day, and in view of the fact that in France the bloomer costume is all the rage, it seems as though the riders of this country are rather slow in making the change.

However, it is not the purpose of this article to urge the adoption of the rational cycling costume The intention is only to speak of the courage required to make the change. The Countess Brooke, who is an enthusiastic bicyclist, has written of her adoption of bloomers, and the way she expresses herself will undoubtedly prove of interest

"For some time I wore my bloomers only when riding" said she but by easy degrees I completely abandoned the wearing of skirts except of course at dinner in the evening when receiving and paying ceremonious calls I was in the proud enjoyment of my newly found and absolutely comfortable costume the whole day I cannot say that I attained this happy result without many remonstrances from lady friends, whose worship of Mrs Grundy partook of the most abject and thorough character The usual arguments leveled against a woman who adopts what its opponents call a masculine dress were advanced in my case without avail I had tasted the pleasures of emancipation from the thraldom of inconvenient and unnecessary fashion, and I did not mean to abandon my freedom In the boudoir in the kitchen, in the kennels in the menagerie, in the fields and on the roads I was daily finding fresh evidences of the comfort and usefulness of my bloomer costume

Her Fortune in Mint.

A little woman up in Michigan carries on a very remunerative business raising mint She is Mrs Mary Weber, and she inherited the business from her father Some of the mint is raised in hot beds, and these are the objects of constant care The profitable season is between the months of May and October and June the best month of all The mint roots are set out in May and the proprietress time is given to them from that date until late in the autumn She cips and bunches the mint in the afternoon and evening, and the morning is given to sales She drives to the leading hotels and makes the sales herself It is not necessary to solicit custom The men who patronized her father give their patronage to the daughter

Mrs Weber, like the wise business woman she is refuses to say how much the prolific mint bed yields but it is safe to say that she keeps the big house "going" and puts aside the desired sum in provision for a rainy day" She has supplemented her income by dealing in lemonade straws Every summer she drives into the country for a radius of twenty miles in search of rye straw that will serve that purpose If she finds the kind she desires she buys it in the field

Young Women Learn Carpentering.

"Tradition says that woman cannot sharpen lead pencils" said President Jesse of the Missouri State University recently. "Four women at our school are overturning that pleasant bit of fiction by becoming first-class carpenters.

"You know we anticipated the recommendations of the Teachers Association at Milwaukee regarding shop work and horticulture for the common schools. When the report was made the Missouri State University had already introduced those things in the summer course for teachers of public schools. Four of the women teachers are now doing shop work at Columbia."

"How do they succeed?" was asked.

"Very well, indeed," he answered, enthusiastically. They do not lift any heavy timbers, but the things they do are the same as those required in actual work, only on smaller pieces of wood. I was in the shop the other day and one of the young women gave me a skillful exhibition with the plane I think the tendency of the times is to introduce shop work into the public schools, and these young women will be prepared to teach it."

Amateur Dressmakers' Memos.

Stockinet and good rubber dress shields can be washed in warm soap suds, pulled into shape and dried by hanging them in a window.

Bent whalebones, the genuine article, are straightened by soaking them in boiling water for a few moments and then ironing them straight.

A creamy ecru shade, now so fashionable, can be given to white lace after washing it by putting strained coffee in the rinsing water until the right color is obtained.

Lace that has grown too yellow from age can be whitened by covering with soapsuds and allowing it to stand in the sun.

Mrs. Hearst a Regent.

Governor Budd, of California, has appointed Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst a regent of the state university to succeed the late C. F. Crooker. Mrs. Hearst is to equip the university with a series of magnificent buildings, beginning with one for the mining department to cost $250,000. These buildings are to be given as a memorial of Senator Hearst.

Cricket for Newnham.

Mrs. Sidgwick, principal of the Newnham college, has presented that college with a cricket ground, which will be appreciated by the students.

Princess of Wales in Bare Feet.

The Princess of Wales, while at Woerishofen, Bavaria, recently, took the bare-foot water cure made famous by the late Father Kneipp.

ON A NEIGHBOR'S ROOF.

Chicago Lady Gives Her Dog a Daily Airing with a String.

Was she fishing for airships or merely flying a kite head downward? Or could it be that she was trying to conduct a clandestine correspondence by the time honored custom dear to boarding school misses—a basket and string?

In any event, the string was what bothered the good North side people who watched the woman's manoeuvres the other day.

There she was, leaning head and shoulders out of a window of her sixth floor flat. Her arm was extended, and from her hand dangled a long line made of strips of white cotton cloth knotted together at irregular intervals. That she held one end in a firm grip was palpable. The whereabouts and possible purpose of the other kept her spies guessing.

There was a low building with a flat graveled roof about forty feet underneath her window Over this surface the string waved wildly, describing remarkable twists, curves, and gyrations.

A small boy was the first to crane his neck upward in a futile effort to discover what it was all about He was joined by the driver of an ice wagon A servant maid caught sight of the white cloth and came running out of a neighboring house The crowd was swelled by a bicyclist or two a scissors grinder and a policeman who appeared willing to snatch a moment from the pursuit of crime to satisfy curiosity

"Must be off her nut," remarked the policeman tersely

Just then the woman gave a sharp tug at the line and began to pull it in hand over hand evidently meeting with some resistance The waiting crowd held its breath Slowly the kite tail shortened and with a final jerk, a small brown wriggling object swung into view dangled a moment in midair voicing its disapprobation at having its outing cut short and was swallowed up in the tender embrace of its mistress's arms

Well darn my everlasting skin to glory" said the iceman if that wasn't a pup out for a morning walk

And it was Chicago Tribune.

BIRD SLAUGHTER ABROAD.

Buzzards in England and Game in Italy Almost Exterminated.

It would appear from the action of the British Society for the Protection of Birds that it is not for milliners' ornaments only that birds are wantonly destroyed The society is using great efforts to preserve the buzzard and the dotterel which have their homes in the neighborhood of the English lakes These birds are being exterminated partly by the ignorant hostility of gamekeepers, who imagine that every big bird is a foe to their preserves, and partly by the national British love of slaughter and at the present rate of destruction it will be but a very short time before the buzzard and the dotterel are as rare as the roc Protection is afforded by the Wild Birds act of 1896 and the authorities are appealed to to enforce that act

Again the birds in Italy are being slaughtered to supply the London market and the Italians are crying out against the incessant raids on the feathered songsters of their country, which are steadily thinning them off, and must ultimately unless arrested, extinguish many species. The Italian Government is urged to establish a rigid close season, as the evil can be grappled with only at its source The French Government made an effort to combat it by prohibiting the transit of quail through France during the nesting period but the birds were taken through Belgium and Germany instead, and nothing was gained If people could be persuaded not to eat these birds in certain seasons, the lack of demand would lessen the supply, and something might be gained

Prim, a Spanish Idol.

General Juan Prim, Marquis and Grandee Marshal of Spain was assassinated in Madrid in 1870, and Amadeo took the crown as it were, from the spirit of this Spanish Warwick, in the presence of his corpse. Prim was and is to this day a hero wherever Spaniards are loyal—a popular idol. It is a far cry from the Iglesia de la Atocha, where Prim's body lies besides those of the Kings of Castile, to a hut on the Porto Rico plantation, whose master, a gibaro, gave his fighting cock the name of "General Prim" as the only one worthy of the champion fighter for miles around, but the idea may serve to illustrate the feeling of the Spanish people everywhere.

Why the Duel Died Out in Georgia.

Speaking of the recent French duel recalls the fact that duelling is practically a dead letter in Georgia. The farmers of the State suffered so from it at one time that they banded together against it and stamped it out. Their barn doors and window shutters were seriously wounded by the duellists, who never would pay for repairs, and many fine Georgia cows were slain by the stray shots of desperate combatants. The real sufferers could stand it no longer, and—they kicked.—Atlantic Constitution.

Germany Improving Rivers.

Germany has during the last two decades spent close to $100,000,000 in dredging and improving the Rhine, the Elbe and the Vistula. This fact has lately been brought home to the French Legislature, which is expected to take early action in regard to the restoration of the banks of the Loire and its conversion once navigable stream and into an artery of commerce.

Greece is Growing.

The United States Minister to Greece has supplied the State Department with some advance figures of the Greek census, taken last October. They show a total population for the country of 2,433,806, as against a total of 2,187,208 in the year 1889. There were 1,266,816 males and 1,166,990 females. There were twelve towns with a population in excess of 10,000.

CURRENT STYLES.

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO MAKE IT.

May Manton's Hints Regarding Seasonable Toilettes — Ladies' Shirt Waist with Tucked Front—Child's Apron.

Ladies' Shirt Waist With Tucked Front.

Another variation of the ever popular shirt waist is here shown. As represented it is made of taffeta silk showing a rather pronounced check in indigo-blue and white. The white linen collar and cuffs are adjustable. A smart tie finishes the neck and a neat belt encircles the waist The fronts have tucks arranged at yoke depth, and the closing is made at the

center front through the applied box-plait that finishes the right edge. Under arm gores are inserted, making the adjustment exceedingly trim

The back is plaited and joined to the straight lower edge of a lining yoke the yoke, of material in newest design being laid over the plaits and stitched on the curved edges The fulness at the waist line is regulated in the front by gathers and at the back by close overlapping plaits, the lower edges at the waist being worn under the dress skirt The stylish sleeves are of the width that fashion dictates for the coming season they are gathered at the top, and at the wrists finished with under and over-laps The turn-down collar that finishes the neck is mounted on a high neck-band

The mode is adopted to all manner of fabrics including silk, satin, surah, China and India silks, as well as cashmere light weight serges and similar woolen stuffs

To make the shirt waist for the lady in the medium size will require three and one half yards of thirty-six inch material

Gaudy Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs next season will be gayer than ever before They will run all the colors of the rainbow, in wide stripes, plaids, polka dots and figures Even white ones will not be plain for, when not heavily embroidered they will be lace trimmed, not with one edge of lace as heretofore, but with several lace frills placed one above the other and on both sides of the handkerchief, for the fashionable article has neither right nor wrong side

Many samples shown have centres of solid colors—colors, not tints with borders in contrasting colors plaids, checks polka dots, and pronounced floral designs Other handkerchiefs appear to be thin bits of colored muslin To a careless observer they seem nothing more or less than hemstitched squares of printed lawn Close inspection shows a linen of the daintiest quality with a regular and generally highly artistic design, started as distinctly on one side as the other. Black, navy blue, scarlet, and brown handkerchiefs embroidered in white, black or contrasting colors are to be used by travellers and should always correspond in color with the toilet. Traveling handkerchiefs should never be lace-trimmed

One of the newest and daintiest handkerchiefs to be seen is of sheer white or light colored linen muslin, with a triple border of finely plaited footing The footing of course is always white. There is no hemstitching, the first row being whipped on a rolled edge, while the second row is put on, one row on either side of the handkerchief, just above This handkerchief, though so simple that it could be easily made at home, is especially dainty looking, and adapted to go with the most elegant toilet. Frills of lace are put on in a similar manner, sometimes as many as six rows being used to the side. Of course one great trouble with these dainty bits of lace-trimmed muslin will be the difficulty of having them washed, but the dealers say this objection is overcome by the narrowness of the lace. After washing, they need only to be rubbed over with the iron, and when taken out for use the lace is pulled out between the fingers, making the handkerchief much fresher in appearance than it would be were the lace pulled out on leaving the wash.

The Long Hatpin.

The long hatpin which is being used by women has caused a lot of trouble in London. London newspapers started a crusade against the new style in hatpins on account of the serious accidents which had resulted from women wearing them in public places. One man had his eye put out by a pin in the hat of a woman sitting beside him in the omnibus. The jolting of the vehicle sent her head suddenly toward his. Another woman lost an eye by having it pierced by a pin in the hat of a friend with whom she was walking.

It is appropriate that the crusade against the long hatpin should begin in London, because it was in that city that the fashion started. The women began wearing them in sailor hats last spring, and some of the pins were so long that the points projected out beyond the rim of the hat.

It doesn't take long for a London or Paris style to reach New York, and the women of Gotham commenced wearing the long pins in the early part of June. The new style of pin is anywhere from one to three inches longer than the old style. Instead of just coming through the band of the hat far enough to keep it securely on the head, it sticks so far out that it is dangerous to be near a woman who wears it. Three or four of them—few women wear less—sticking through the side of a sailor hat look like nothing so much as the payoneted ends of a lot of stacked muskets. They are more dangerous, however, and it is a good idea to stand up in a street car if the only empty seats are beside women whose heads are equipped in this fashion.

Who started the fashion is one of the things no man will ever be able to understand. They are the style, and women will wear them, and that is all there is to it. The London newspapers have undertaken a big job, but, in the interest of humanity, it is to be hoped that they will succeed. The crusade should belong by right to the Humane Society.

Padded Leggings for Wheelwomen.

No longer need the young woman whose leg is painfully lacking in the generous fullness of the calf despair.

One of the most fashionable New York shoe stores now advertises: "Thin legs transformed into rounded beauty while you wait. Price 50 cents." But on investigation it is found that this good news is exclusively for the bicycle girl.

Slender-legged young women who ride the wheel never wear low shoes. They always appear in leggings or high boots, and here is the reason. By paying 50 cents extra any pair of high bicycle boots or leggings may be so padded that there is apparent beauty in the rounded curve of the leg.

The padding consists of a skillfully-shaped bag filled with cotton. It is sewed to the lining of the boot or the invisible side of the legging.

A Few Donts.

Do not work buttonholes with too coarse a thread. Dtwist for silk and woolen goods, and 40, 50 or 60 thread for cotton materials are of the correct thickness.

Use small hooks and eyes for the front of a dress and the extra large for the skirt, which is fastened without seeing and needs larger catches.

Do not forget that a better shape can be given to a cotton dress by cutting it off and then facing the lower edge rather than hemming it.

All cotton and linen goods are apt to shrink, therefore do not forget to turn down an extra inch at the top of the skirt.

Do not set your belt up so high on a waist that it feels like it is short-waisted and pulling up.

Do not fail to run a skirt braid along the under edge of street skirts of linen or heavy cotton goods, unless you prefer to see the edge cut out after wearing them a few times.

Child's Apron.

Figured dimity, embroidered edging and insertion were the materials used in making this neat and simple apron, but dotted Swiss, cross-barred muslin, striped and plain cambric, percale and gingham, are equally suitable. The upper portion consists of a short fitted body having a straight lower edge, the neck being cut in low rounded outline.

The skirt portion is simply gathered at the upper edge and joined to the body, a band of needlework conceal-

ing the seam. A belt of insertion encircles the waist and is carried forward to the center, closing with button and button-hole. The skirt is hemmed deeply at the bottom; narrow hems finishing the back edges where the closing is effected. An attractive feature is the fanciful bertha, cut in two sections, that is included in the neck, falling deeply over the sleeves and forming an epaulet that adds to the breadth of shoulders and is universally becoming. Both it and the neck are finished with frills of embroidery headed by bands of insertion.

To make this apron for a child of eight years will require three yards of thirty-six inch material.

You Must Find Your Color.

A French woman, whose exquisite dressing is the envy of all the belles of Paris, declares that nothing is more fatal for a brown-eyed woman than to dress herself in brown or for a blue-eyed woman than to dress herself in blue. The reason is that an artificial dyed color, placed in proximity to a natural color, injures the latter. There is one color, or one shade of color, or one combination of colors, which suits each individual woman, and it is this that must be sought for and adhered to when found.

Vanity, Vanity.

In addition to 65,000 dressmakers, Paris has 70,000 persons employed in making articles of women's dress. In the business over $250,000,000 a year is carried.

PARLOR AND PANTRY.

"PURE CULINARY RUBBISH."

Better Food on the Tables is as Desirable as the Ballot for Women.

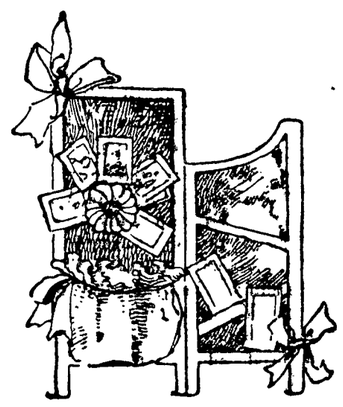
"Cullinary Rubbish" was the subject of a recent lecture delivered by Mrs. Emma P. Ewing, teacher of cookery and domestic economy, in the Hall of Philosophy, Chautauqua, N. Y. Among other things she said: "Our bodies are filled with more disease and our souls with more pollution from the character of our cooking than from the form of our food material. Candor compels me to say that I consider at least nine-tenths of the information recently offered in scientific treatises in regard to the preparation of food, pure culinary rubbish; it is the theoretical output of men and women who have no practical acquaintance with the topics upon which they attempt to give expert instruction.

"The ballot in the hands of woman would undoubtedly right many wrongs But would it put better food upon our tables? In my judgment, good bread in every home is as desirable as a ballot in the hands of every woman. We can have the bread without laborious effort. Let us have it while working and waiting for the ballot.

"A given quantity of food, judiciously selected and skillfully prepared, will yield a much greater amount of nutrition and appease hunger better than twice that quantity will when injudiciously selected and unskilfully prepared. If we desire National health and prosperity we must give more attention to the preparation of food, and look more cheerfully after our kitchen interests. A large proportion of the culinary literature of to-day is rubbish, unfit to be read. A large proportion of the fruitage of the cookery of to-day is rubbish, unfit to be eaten. And it will be a blessed day for us all when nine-tenths of the cookbooks are banished from our libraries, and nine-tenths of the culinary atrocities from our tables."

A Photograph Stand.

A stand to hold photographs, made like a two-panelled screen, is a pretty novelty which would make an acceptable present or a salable article for a fair The frames are made of light pine by a carpenter, the woodwork being then covered with brocade. To this on one side is attached a plush



panel, the other one of satin or silk The material, of course, may be varied according to taste; even a pretty chintz would look well. Tied bows of stiff ribbon are fastened at the upper left hand and the lower right hand of the screen. On the lower half of the tallest panel a bag is attached with a taut elastic, to hold photographs not displayed on the screen. Above it is a "chou" made of wired loops of ribbon with a plush center. This is fastened tight to the panel, and serves as a holder for cartes de visite. On the other panel two diagonal bands of gold braid are drawn taut from side to side in which also photographs can be stuck. The screen is about two feet in height and each panel is about a foot wide.

Tell the Cook.

To add a teaspoonful of sugar to every pint of milk when the milk is to be thickened with cornmeal.

That oatmeal is much improved if sugar is put in while it is cooking instead of being put on it at the table.

To keep a brick on the back of the stove and set the food on it that is to be kept warm.

If there are no potatoes to use for making bread, to take a pan of clabbered milk, heat it boiling hot and strain the whey into the flour, and then proceed to mix the dough in the usual manner.

That the best way to keep boiled mush from being lumpy is to stir up the meal with enough cold water to merely wet it, and then stir it into the kettle of boiling water.

Never to cut potatoes for baking; but for steaming or boiling to draw the edge of a sharp knife half-way around lengthwise, so that they will crack open nicely.

To tie a piece of stale bread in a white muslin cloth and drop it into the kettle with the boiling cabbage, to help absorb the offensive odor.

To make graham bread the same as white bread, and then steam it three hours, instead of baking it one.

That when baking powder is used for biscuits the shortening should be stirred in after all the ingredients are added, including the flour, and they will be much lighter and more flaky.

To cut the thin skin from the outside of a leg of mutton, or the mutton chops before cooking them, in order to remove the "wooly taste" that some find so objectionable.

New Way With Matting.

Matting, so universally used nowadays, is no longer put upon the floor with two pronged tacks once made for that express purpose. It has been found that it will lie much more smoothly if it is sewed, as a carpet is treated, and found, too, that this may be done as well with the matting as with the carpet.

Princess and Sculptor.

The Princess Louise is sculpturing the figure of an angel with outstretched wings, which is to be placed over the altar in the Prince Henry of Battenberg Memorial Chapel.