

WOMEN AS AERONAUTS.

The French a Number are Going in for Aerial Contests Among the Fair Sex.

Ballooning is becoming quite a woman's pastime. No fewer than seven ladies have been going in for an aerial contest. Five of them were passengers in balloons competing for the navigation prize.

After the ladies had started from the Aero club grounds at St. Cloud, the spot whence M. Santos-Dumont won the Deutsch prize, the Duchesse d'Uzes and Madame Lemaire both went up.

JUGGLING WITH TRAINS.

Something About the Duties of a Director in the Switching Tower.

The man who handles the trains that enter and leave the New York Central depot has a strenuous job.

Ten o'clock, a ten-car special must go out at 10.20. Puffing out through the fall of smoke the director catches the eight of the cars for the special rolling in from Motu Haven on a sidetrack.

An hour later when three special trains are going out in sections there is absolutely not a second that the tower man's mind may wander.

More About Assassinations.

A report of several assassinations that have taken place in Paris is given as follows. The killing of the strip producer, Gaspard, at the offices of the newspaper, was a result of a quarrel.

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MOSQUITOES THRIVE.

The Insects Do Well on Oils Spread for Their Destruction.

New Jersey Town Goes to Great Trouble to Destroy the Pests, But They Multiply and Become a Plague.

Science, so far as the extermination of mosquitoes is concerned, has received a severe blow in South Orange, N. J., a little but very aristocratic and select village.

A mosquito committee was appointed, consisting of scientists, reformers and members of the First Presbyterian church, the last being the original religious home of all that is good in South Orange.

Never before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant—and there are some pretty aged ones in this village—were there so many mosquitoes here as there are this summer.

The plague is on, however, and the only persons who are deriving any benefit from it are the owners of drug stores. The supply of jars sticks has given out.

Limitations of Ghosts.

When you have read one of those stories you have read so many about the behavior of ghosts may appear peculiar, when judged by the standard of common prevailing among the living.

The Slaughter Goes On.

The rate at which our railroads are killing and maiming people continues steadily to increase. According to the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on railroad accidents in the United States, within the three months ending March 31 last, 393 people were killed and 2,431 injured in train accidents.

Spectacles in Wet Weather.

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SEWING-MACHINE AGENT.

He Learned Some Facts of a Personal Nature from a Woman Customer.

"Well, I've been doing some business on my own hook," I said. "I sold the machine we brought with us, and I have delivered it."

"You blamed her!" he shouted. "That woman has worked every sewing-machine agent who has come along, when he has been guilless enough."

I refused to go, but Carter insisted. I said I'd throw up my job, but Carter would not let me do that.

I found the woman hard at work at the machine. Carter told me afterward he could have provided me with half a dozen tricks that experienced agents play to get machines away from suspicious parties.

Some Beauty Don'ts.

Regarding the Wearing of Jewelry, and Well-Worthy of Consideration.

Don't wear jewels without first making a study of your style and color, advises the Washington Star.

Don't wear too many diamonds. They detract from the brilliancy of eyes and teeth.

Don't wear rubies, emeralds and sapphires with any shade of red.

Don't be afraid of pearls. Of all precious stones they are the best to soften the face.

Don't wear rings recklessly. Many or none is the rule. An exquisite hand requires no jewels.

Don't wear a broad gold band. A narrow one is much more becoming to the hand.

Don't wear bracelets unless you have the knack of turning the wrist to display the jeweled shakle to advantage.

Don't wear a necklace if you have a beautiful neck. The lovely line from the nape of the neck is broken and its value lessened by a necklace.

Don't wear a string of pearls unless the neck is white. One less clear in color may have rubies or sapphires as the most becoming stones.

Don't wear a broad band—one of seven strings of pearls for example—unless you have a swan throat.

Don't wear earrings unless the ears be a dainty shellish. Then, if wisely chosen, the rings emphasize the best points in hair, features and complexion.

Stewed Plum Pudding.

It was at one of those blithely feasts and exhilarating affairs, an afternoon tea and a guest was about to depart, when the hostess said: "Remember me to your daughter when you write, won't you?"

LITTLE REAL THOUGHT.

Deductions of an Investigator Who Delved into the Mysteries of Women's Minds.

"The trouble with most of us is that we simply don't think," said a certain lecturer one day, according to the New York Tribune.

"Especially is this true of women," continued the speaker, relentlessly, though more than half of his audience were feminine persons.

Nobody protested audibly at the time, and the inference was that the majority of the audience found the cap of a more or less song fit.

Out of ten men questioned two were "planning a deal," one was "auditing how to go even" with some one who had "got the better of him," and the rest answered on an average with the women.

BRIDE'S FATHER GOT ANGRY.

His Growling Bit of Elegance Had Been Appropriated and He Was Justified.

No one looking at the serene and dignified face of the father of a recent Chicago bride as he stepped up the aisle with his fair daughter on his arm would have realized his angry mood.

HARM THE SHEEP DO.

Pink Hoops with the Western Range Over Which They Are Allowed to Graze.

It has followed inevitably that the forward-sapping tide of settlement pushed the sheep and cattle together on the western ranges.

Women of Business.

Two young women in New York have lately made a hit as stock brokers. One of them was a school teacher.

Old-Fashioned Housing Even.

Take off an old-fashioned house, make a place clean in front of a wood fire in the ash-pan, lay the corn down and turn when the lower side is done, serve with salt and butter.

ROGUES' POST OFFICES.

Ingenious Arrangements of Criminals to Give Warning.

Secret-Service Officers Uncover Some Singular Systems of Conveying Intelligence Among Crooks.

So elaborate and ingenious are the schemes by which professional criminals communicate with their accomplices, says the New York Times.

The United States secret service agents and the United States postal inspectors run across a large number of varied systems of this kind.

There was a suspicious newcomer in a small town on the Mississippi river, who attracted our attention. He was a man of some education, and very reserved.

CIDER VINEGAR.

The only kind that is Pure and Absolutely Safe for Household Use.

Cider vinegar is a very palatable and much used as a vinegar, and also used in many dishes.

Out of the Question.

"You should sleep on your right side, instead."

You Can't Do It, Doctor.

"My husband falls in his sleep, and I can't have a thing with my left ear."

UNFERMENTED BREADS.

The Secret of Success in Making Them Without Soda or Baking Powder.

One of the most important things along the line of hygienic cooking is the making of simple unfermented bread.

Whole-wheat flour is very nutritious and makes good bread, but it is not wise to lay in a very large supply of it at any one time.

The secret of success in making unfermented breads without soda or baking powder is that the higher the percentage of gluten a flour contains, the greater is its preparation.

Break the eggs, placing the yolks in the milk and setting the whites aside in a cool place.

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