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Our Millinery buyers have returned and our stock is now complete. It will pay you to look through our line.

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A Madman's Delusion.

Dean Pigou tells the following story of a brilliant man who lost his mind temporarily through overwork and was confined in an English asylum: "His delusion was that his stomach was full to repletion of rats. There was no room for anything else. Hood said to me, 'Go and talk with him and lead up to the subject of rats.' I found him, as is very common, perfectly sane on every subject but this. After some conversation I said to him, feigning not to know who he was: 'You seem to be a very well informed man. Have you given your attention to natural history, because I notice that the question is being discussed as to whether the species of the genus rat called the Norwegian still exists?' Instantly he replied, 'Oh, certainly,' and unbuttoning his dress, said, 'Every known species of rat, sir, is here in my stomach,' and, localizing the rat with his finger, said: 'Here in this part of my stomach is a Norwegian rat. You can assure your friends that as long as I am alive no species can die.' Under the kind and humane treatment of Bethlehem he was soon at work again and had, of course, no recollection of his delusion."

Reading In Bed.

Commenting upon the recent discussion of the habit of reading in bed, American Medicine concludes that if the position is literally prone the habit is bad, because in such a position the eyes are fixed upon the book in a straining and harmful way and the book cannot be sufficiently illuminated.

But if one sits propped up by pillows, in much the same position of the head and trunk as when in a chair, there can be no evil consequences, provided a good rich light is rightly placed behind and at one side of the head.

The greatest argument for reading in bed is that the attention is not distracted by the discomfort of the body, the noises and interruptions usual at other times. Let one take an erect position of the body and head, be assured he has a good oculist and that his light is strong, white, steady and properly placed. He may then read with impunity until drowsiness cautions him to stop.

Long Range Prayer.

The Swiss mountaineers have a custom of calling through speaking trumpets at dusk each evening, "Praise the Lord God!" This call may be started by one herdsman and is answered by others from neighboring peaks, the sound being much prolonged as it reverberates from one mountain to another. After a short interval, supposedly devoted to prayer, a herdsman calls in the same manner, "Good night!" this, too, being repeated by his fellows. Then all retire to their huts. The impressiveness of these calls, echoing and re-echoing from rock and mountain to mountain, can easily be imagined.

Asking a Great Deal.

"Yes, sir," said the lady principal of the college for girls, "we are proud of the thorough athletic training we give our students. We see that they have every attention from competent instructors and develop their physique along with their intellect."

"Um—yes!" observed the father. "You make them strong and lively, do you?"

"That is one of our chief aims."

"Well, do you think you could educate Lizzie here so that in time she will be strong enough to help her mother do the dishwashing when the cook is on strike?"

Spared the Historian.

On one occasion during Mommsen's residence in Italy, when making an excursion in the neighborhood of Rome with some tourists, the party was stopped by brigands. The latter, while busy rifling the company's pockets, inquired their names. "Sono Theodor Mommsen," was the choleric professor's indignant reply, whereupon the chief of the band stayed his hand. He said he would scorn to rob one who had done so much for Italy's renown.

A Kicking Deferred.

Aunt Clara (to her young nephew, who has just brought a bucket into the parlor where she is sitting)—Good gracious, Tommy, what are you doing with that bucket? Take it down to the kitchen at once. Tommy—I want you to kick it, Aunt Clara, 'cause I heard papa saying when you kick the bucket we'd get at the very least $25,000.

Panama.

It is supposed by some that Panama derived its name from the native word for butterfly. Explorers of the interior tell of swarms of butterflies which at times rise on the slopes of the mountains in dense clouds, darkening the sunshine. Others maintain that the name is from an Indian word meaning abounding in fish.

A Reminder.

"There," said the tailor; "that suit certainly fits you perfectly."

"Yes, indeed. You may justly feel proud of that," replied the customer. "It's a credit to you."

"Well—er—I hope you won't forget it's a debit to you."—Exchange.

Respect.

"Children don't seem to have as much respect for their parents as formerly."

"No," answered the cynic, "and I have never quite been able to make up my mind whether this is because modern children are less dutiful or more discerning."—Washington Star.

Soothing Sirup.

Vexed Wife—There is no calamity that can befall a woman that I have not suffered! Amiable Husband—Wrong, my dear. Now, you have never been a widow. Vexed Wife—I said calamity, sir!

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Twenty Miles of River Front For Water Craft at World's Fair City.

Free wharfage will be given to all boats landing at St. Louis during the World's Fair. Traffic Manager Hilleary of the Exposition and Joseph P. Whyte, harbor and wharf commissioner of St. Louis, have decided on the locations assigned to the various kinds of boats.

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St. Louis has a river front of twenty miles. The Broadway line of the Transit company parallels the river from the city limits on the north to Jefferson Barracks on the south. At no point are the cars more than five blocks from the Mississippi river. The World's Fair may be reached for one fare by transferring to any of the eight lines that cross Broadway and reach the Exposition grounds.

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Be sure to use Bug Death on all plants, the great exterminator of insects, for house and garden plants and small shrubs. While it is not poisonous to man, it is sure death to insects. The farmers who use Bug Death freely on potatoes last season had a large crop of good smooth potatoes, which actually brought higher prices in the market. It does not injure the potatoes in the least.

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