

WITH so many women drivers about, it is rather surprising that no motor manufacturer has yet thought of producing a car specially to meet the needs of women. There are several features, each present individually in various cars, which women would be glad to find combined in one ideal car, such as self-changing gears, and a one-shot lubrication system to abolish messy oil-gun jobs. Then, in the body-work, a sunshine roof which could be opened or closed with a turn of a handle, would be greatly appreciated, especially if met with in the same car as one containing a roof-net for parcels, large lockers at each end of the dashboard, a neat umbrella holder and a collapsible carrier for the baby. Certain it is that the market is waiting, and it should be a most profitable one, too.

MOST of you have travelled and most of you have studied Bradshaw, but I wonder if any of you have seen an edition about 1839. In those days it was about the size of a season ticket, and consisted of eight or ten pages bound in stiff cardboard. It cost 6d., and only the starting times of the trains were given! They were wise in those days! There were six trains a day from Manchester to Liverpool, and the fare was 6/- inside, and 4/6 outside. This does not seem expensive for thirty-one miles. In this Bradshaw is also a list of coach fares, the fares for which were reckoned in yards: 1000 yards cost 1/-, 1700 yards cost 1/6, and 6d. extra for every additional 700 yards.

THE introduction of touring mannequins in the spring proved such a success (says the "Daily Mail") that several troupes are rehearsing for autumn tours in the provincial towns of England. They are organised like touring theatrical companies, and include a demonstrator, a cutter, a

"Genius," said Sir Edward Elgar, "I have always been told, is an infinite capacity for taking pains. But a good many of our youthful musical geniuses seem to think that it consists in an infinite capacity for giving pains."

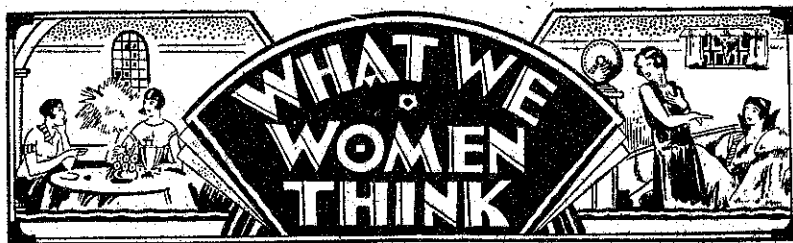
"It is the hollow hearts that make the most noise in the world." (Merriman.)

matron mannequin, several girls and sometimes a dresser who attends to the transport of the cases of frocks and gowns. The two troupes are being sent out by the Calico Printers' Association to demonstrate to middle-class housewives how attractive British-printed fabrics can look when made up into morning and afternoon frocks and evening gowns. While the demonstrator explains how sufficient materials for the frocks can be bought for less than £1, the mannequins parade among the audience. Women who buy dress-lengths will receive patterns made by the cutter.

IF you have difficulty in growing parsley outside, plant some seed in a pot, and you'll find it grows easily indoors, and you will have it to hand in the kitchen whenever you need it.

H. G. WELLS suggested in 1901 that before the year 2000, and very probably before 1950, a successful aeroplane would have flown and come home safe and sound. At that time he was considered a very extravagant young man; nowadays we think him a little behind times.

THERE are many uses for bran besides making bran-water to stiffen cretonnes. A small bag of bran, scented as desired, is excellent in the bath, the water of which will be soft and will have an excellent whitening effect on the skin. For dry-cleaning furs, easy chairs covered with cretonnes and the like, two large bowls of bran should be heated in the oven and the warm bran rubbed well into the fur or other article to be cleaned, working it in thoroughly with the finger-tips. One bowl of bran should be used while the other is being warmed up. Afterwards



the dry bran should be brushed off and the treatment repeated if necessary. Suede shoes may be cleaned by making a paste of benzine and bran, coating the shoes with this (working out-of-doors), leaving until dry, and finally shaking and brushing the shoes.

THE Sanger family, who were brought to life by Miss Margaret Kennedy in "The Constant Nymph," are to continue their existence in "The Fool of the Family," which is the title of Miss Kennedy's new novel.

DR. WILLIAM SPOONER, famous for his invention of "Spoonerisms," died recently at Oxford, where he was warden of New College for twenty-one years. Dr. Spooner, who was eighty-six, from time to time denied the authorship of many of the slips of speech attributed to him, declaring that the Oxford undergraduates themselves composed many of them. The only really authentic "Spoonerism" is said to be: "Kinkering kongs their tikles tate," for "Conquering kings their titles take." Be this as it may, the worthy Dr. Spooner is supposed to have announced that he was going to London from Oxford "by the town drain," that he was tired of addressing "beery wenches," and that at weddings it was "kistomarry to cuss the bride." Certain it was that Dr. Spooner was absent-minded, and in illustration of this he is said to have solemnly kissed the porter and handed his wife sixpence when she came to see him off at the station. And again, he spent a whole day looking for an inn called "The Dull Man," at Greenwich, when he really wanted "The Green Man" at Dulwich.

"PUNCH" says "An American inventor's scheme to keep entire families warm in unheated houses in the coldest weather, by means of radio, is understood to be quite distinct from the idea of utilising hot air from the loud-speaker."

Thought for the Week

A British diplomat once gave the official definition of a lie—a falsehood told to a person who has a right to the truth.

—Upton Sinclair in Boston.

"WHAT women think of electricity," said Mr. Borlase Matthews at the annual meeting of the Birmingham and Midlands branch of the Electrical Association for Women, "is shown by the fact that Birmingham workshop turns out 5000 electric flatirons and over 2000 electric kettles a week, and it must be borne in mind that there are other competing factories making similar articles." He goes on to say that: "In the town the coming of electricity has been a boon to women, in that it has given them a form of easily available power for the performance of their household tasks; but in the country it is going to revolutionise the social and economic aspects of the lives of the women. It is going to give them leisure. In the coming decades the farmer must turn to electricity as a means of increasing his production, cutting out time wastage, and, as a result, he will make a profitable living."

MR. A. P. HERBERT, or more familiar to us as "A.P.H.," has been writing the dialogue for a talkie called "Windjammers." Most of this work was done on his boat "The Ark" in which he tours the canals of England. As A.P.H. was among the overseas Press Conference visitors to New Zealand some years ago, it is to be hoped that New Zealand will soon enjoy this talkie, and it is bound to be as refreshing and entertaining as its title suggests.

"PUNCH" tells us that "Critics of wireless in the Free State complain of too much Erse in broadcast. Listeners-in have difficulty in distinguishing their own language from atmospherics."

IN Lord D'Abernon's diary is recorded a conversation with Kuhemann, who was at the German Embassy at Constantinople during the attack on the Dardanelles. Kuhemann relates how when the British Navy retired, the Turks had only thirteen rounds of ammunition for each gun.

I AM a strong advocate of glycerine, and I thought our readers would like to know the chief uses for which I use it. It is wonderful for the complexion after it has been subjected to strong, dry, northerly winds, and it should be used just after washing, and then it will do all that a girl who cares for her appearance can wish. It is also excellent for dry hair. Use: 8oz. glycerine, 8oz. oil of sweet almonds, 8oz. lime water, 1oz. tincture of cantharides. Shake well before using and rub well into the scalp daily.

RATHER more sensible than usual is the following slimming diet, which has been tried successfully by several people: Breakfast.—One pint of tea or coffee; nothing to eat. During the

Flattery pleases very generally. In the first place, the flatterer may think what he says to be true; but in the second place, whether he thinks so or not, he certainly thinks those whom he flatters of consequence enough to be flattered.

forenoon a drink of lemon squash, made from fresh lemons. Lunch.—Fish, or an egg dish, followed by lamb, mutton, veal or lean beef, with salad and some green vegetables or tomatoes; fruit. Tea.—A cup of tea. Nothing to eat. Dinner.—Same as lunch. Stewed fruit may be taken instead of fresh fruit. Last thing at night another lemon drink; no bread or flour in any form in the diet, and it is imperative that no liquid be taken during meals.

FROM time to time there have been prophecies, but probably the most famous is that of Mother Shipton, of which our grandmothers told us. These predictions were originally published in 1448. It will be noted that the world was to have come to an end forty-nine years ago:

*Carriages without horses shall go
And accidents fill the world with woe.
Around the earth, thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye
The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at the root of a tree.
Through hills man shall ride,
And no horse be at his side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air man shall be seen
In white, in black, in green;
Iron in the water shall float
As easily as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found and shown
In a land that's not now known.
Fire and water shall wonders do,
England shall at last admit a foe.
The world to an end shall come
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.*