



A CORRESPONDENT from Hawera writes to me on the subject of a paragraph in recent notes. She says: "I notice you very thoughtfully advise readers in the event of a watch becoming wet in the sea to flood it with oil to stop the rust, and I would like to say we have found that quite useless—often worse, as the oil prevents evaporation. The best remedy is to wash it thoroughly with methylated spirits, as that dilutes the water, and then bake in a slow oven like gingerbread for some hours. Needless to say, the watch should be hurried to a watch-maker."

A MINISTER officiating at a wedding in a Scottish village heard what he described as the finest bridegroom's speech he had ever encountered. It ran thus: "Me an' the wife thank ye a' for comin' here the day an' seein' us safely mairrit. We thank ye, tae, for a' the fine presents ye ha'e given us. I may say we ha'e done very much better than we ever expectit."

GR EAT libraries are buying or are being bequeathed a kind of modern wizard's box. This is an ultra-violet fluorescence cabinet. It appears that these wonderful ultra-violet rays cannot only cure disease but they can also make old manuscripts readable when they have been darkened by smoke or stains, or even by having another text written over the original.

COLONEL P. S. Lelean, Professor of Public Health at Edinburgh University, declared to a scientific audience that the frying-pan bakes and dries up the food and makes it hard and indigestible, and it is also one of the causes of decayed teeth. In fact, he says that digestion is ruined by the frying-pan.

A FRIEND just back from America tells me that the baby car is having a great vogue over there. The usual crop of jokes has arisen inevitably, and being new to the Americans, everybody you meet has a fresh one to tell. The appearance of the baby car creates so much interest that policemen are kept busy moving on the crowds, when one is parked at the kerb and the owner, when finally found, usually drives off amid cheers.

THERE is nothing simple or clearly defined about the standard of feminine beauty. It is rare to find two people with similar ideas on the

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subject. A writer in the "Daily Express" gives a masculine opinion which, however, sounds much too sensible to be universal: "There is no such thing," he says, "as a woman whose beauty is unquestioned. Real beauty will be found by a thousand different people in a thousand different women. It is an entirely personal matter. My own opinion is that when a man proclaims a woman to be beautiful he is paying least attention to her features. What appeals to him is her expression, and this shines like a jewel in the setting of her facial lines."

feet in height in one hand, and a stalk of wheat four feet high in the other. This result was attained after treating the crop with the Christoffean earth-current apparatus.

AT Easter and Christmas time there always seems an epidemic of kitchen teas and weddings. I was the guest last night at a kitchen tea, and knowing the trouble I had had in thinking of something to take, I made a mental note of the gifts there within

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"When you are in the right, you can afford to keep your temper, and when you're in the wrong, you can't afford to lose it."

—G. H. LORIMER, in

"Letters from a Self-made Merchant to His Son."

A SPEAKER at a conference of lighting engineers recently suggested that we should light our streets with concealed illumination from houses and shops and do away with lamp-posts. In Japan every house and shop is supposed to have an electric lamp outside the gate, or over the front door. The entrances, of course, of many shops are illumined with Japanese lanterns. Just recently, the roadways outside of Wellington City have been well lit by electricity. Not far distant on a winding road there is a light at every bad bend. Whether this is an advantage to motorists is debatable, because it is now difficult to determine whether there is another car coming casting its light ahead, or whether it is the glare from the corner light; while before night driving was safe round bends as any light showing told of the approach of another car.

IN a recent issue of the well-known French newspaper, "Le Petit Parisien," a photograph appears of a man standing, holding a stalk of oats of six

and game should be hung by the legs. One important item to remember is never to put cooked meat in the larder on a dish with gravy on it, as this so often turns sour in hot weather.

AT a recent wedding in England a unique note was introduced by the pageboys being dressed in hunting costumes, carrying horns; while the little girls wore Kate Greenaway dresses of white lace with pink cloth hunting jackets. Needless to say the parties most concerned are keen followers of the hounds.

A KITCHEN can be made very attractive by using a pale green paint for the upper part of the walls and a darker shade below, with a wide line of very dark green between the two shades. This not only makes a fresh, restful kitchen, but a practical one, and on a hot day makes one feel positively cool.

WE hear that smoking has been prohibited in every theatre and cinema in Italy, on account of the danger of fire—yet every night hundreds of burning matches and cigarette ends are thrown down in theatres in London, and every day our shops are selling inflammable celluloid toys for children, and we have built a smoking-room in an airship filled with five million cubic feet of inflammable gas.

THE shops at this time of the year are filled with toys for Christmas. Gone are the days when a vague resemblance to the original was satisfactory to a child—but the rising generation is of a critical disposition and the producers have to be artists to meet the demand for life-like resemblances. The results are excellent. Even the indestructible and washable rag books are works of art, and are brought to a state of perfection.

HERR LION FEUCHTWANGER, the author of "Jew Suss," has written a new novel entitled "Success" which is being translated into English by Mr. Edwin Muir. It is long enough to be compiled into three separate books.

THE best way to light a fire is to first put on the bottom of the grate three or four lumps of coal, then comes the paper, which should be torn and crumpled. The sticks are then placed in criss-cross fashion, and

RAW meat should be hung as soon as it arrives, not placed on a dish. An excellent idea is to hang it in a muslin bag, for by this means it is safe from flies, and has the necessary current of air round it. When fastening a hook into meat to hang in a safe, always put it through the fat of the meat, never through the lean. Poultry

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