### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Blow to Cover the New Toques and the Materials That Are Now Being Used.

Variety is often attained for toques and small hats by the manner of arranging the material with which the shape is covered, be this velvet or piece felt, or a combination of the two, and is best explained by descriptions of the most typical among the latest models. Our general remark applies to a whole class; the covering is in one piece, say a square or a circle cut out of a square measuring at least double the diameter of the brim. A sailor hat is covered as follows with national blue velvet. One point is placed at the back so that the welvet lies flat on the brim at the back and sides. The center of the square is then folded so as to form two wingshaped flutes jutting out on either side of the crown; the three corners remaining provide the loops and crosspiece of a large bow for the front. The trimming proper consists of four wings made of green lophophore feathers, two of which are placed beneath the wingshaped flutes and one behind each loop of the bow. For a toque turned up at the side a circular piece of castor velvet is chosen. The center of this is placed over the low crown, molding It closely; groups of narrow tucks have previously been stitched in the velvet so as to radiate from the base of the crown nearly to the edge of the brim; other groups of tucks-set double as closely together and running in the same direction-begin about five inches further on, so as to adapt this portion of the velvet to the under side of the brim, the plain interval forming a loose bouillonne over the edge. One pale blue wing is placed on the left side against the crown, and a second against the upturned side of the brim, and a little below it is a small pour of liberty to match. Another way of covering toques is to gather a circular piece of material half way round its outer edge and draw it up nearly to the size of the opening of the crown to which it is tacked, and to leave the remainder to be plaited in a large double box plait; the box plait comes on the left side exactly, or just over the left brow. Once this is accomplished, the covering may be left as it is in a loose sort of beret (when this is the case a smaller circle of material is required), or plaited or fluted more or less so as to adapt itself to the form underneath. The former style is chosen for a

toque of pale beige angora felt, trimmed with mounts made of the head and tail wings of the tawny owl set among the folds of the box plait; the latter for an elegant toque of dahlia-covered velvet. Three folds are formed in the welvet, so as to give the effect of a triple border to the brim, save where the box plait rises in a high crest resting on a pour of mauve satin. The whole is surmounted by three double dahlias in three shades, running from mauve to purple, fixed to the crown behind the plait.

A piece of navy blue felt, the covering of another toque, is arranged in straight flutes lying on the brim, while the plaited portion of the material slants knek over the crown, and in the center of the low pour so formed is placed a' handsome fan-shaped arrangement of small palette feathers surrounding the head of a bird .- Millinery Trade

# FAITHFUL MARRIED MAN.

Fear of His Wife Is the Beginning of Wisdom with Him in Rainy Weather.

In one of the most frequented of the baunts of men and the marts of trade there appeared one day a well-known business man carrying with firm grip an umbrella with a slender, oval-shaped bandle touched with silver. He clearly had something on his mind.

It was the umbrella. Neither cocktail. funny story, oysters on the half shell, eigars as your mother used to make them, nor any other of the seductive uiles of the electric light contingent could induce him to relax his hold on that umbrella. Finally one of the others, for there were others, asked: · "Hadn't you better put that umbrella down for a minute?"

"Not on your life," said the married man. "I value my domestic happiness too much for that."

"Your domestic happiness!" they cried, all together. "What's domestic bappiness got to do with umbrellas?" 'It's this way," responded the mar-

ried man. "This is my wife's umbrella. I've lost six of my own in the past month, but I borrowed this on the express condition that I shouldn't lose it, and I shan't. No man gets this umbrella, except over my dead body. You hear me?"

And they saw the reason of the strong grip.-Philadelphia Record. Bits of Fashion.

Corsages are cut in front like stays with a Louis XV. yoke.

The double turned-down linen collar prevails just now for men and women. The newest skirts are entirely without lining and worn over silk skirts with frills.

Fetching neck bands of white velvet with applications of heavy guipure lace are being worn. Stitched bands are much used in trim-

ming tailor frocks and should be lighter in color than the habit cloth. The latest fad in neckties is the long band of silk gauze which passes twice

round the throat and terminates in front in two bows and long ends. The lace shawls that have passed through one or more generations are now being used in the beautiful lace frocks that fashion decrees.-Detroit

Free Press. Rapid Telegraphy. A Vienna journal declares that a local electrician named Pollack has invented a way of telegraphing 60,000 words per hour over a single wire.—N. Y. Sun.

### HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

Odd Items of Domestic Information for the Young Housewife.

In planning refreshments for the Halloween party, nuts, apples, crullers and sweet cider are considered the appropriate concomitants of the fateful night, while their service should be as gimple and informal as possible. If the kitchen table serves as a buffet, its centerpiece may be a yellow pumpkin or pale green cabbage, hollowed out and filled with ruddy cheeked apples. The dishes used may be of the copper or tin kitchen utensils, scoured to their

Measles are most infectious in the early stages, scarlet fever and scarletina during the peeling of the skin. Typhoid is usually conveyed by germs from the excretions of the patient. No member of a family with an infectious disease should go to church or any other place where persons are congregated, should not borrow books from a library nor mix with other people more than can possibly be helped, as one person may be the means of spreading disease to numbers.

Holland shades may be washed and laundered so as to look nearly as well as new. Remove the fringe, cord and tassels and loosen from the roller. Wash in lukewarm suds, rubbing as little as possible, to prevent splitting. Rinse in cold water and starch in boiled starch. Iron with a cloth over it until nearly dry: then polish. Great care must be taken to iron always with the selvedge to stretch straight and to iron no creases in.

Steel firearms that are kept in good order should not require cleaning oftener than once a week, but they should be rubbed daily with a dry cloth. In the weekly cleaning they may be polished with bath brick scraped fine and mixed with oil, or rubbed with fine emery paper, then polish with the finest sand

"Don't sprinkle your maiden-hair ferns on their foliage," say the florists to the women who are eagerly buying the dainty greening for dining table decoration. "Keep the earth moist all the time; but pour the water around the roots, not on the top."

In screwing a glass globe on to the gas fixture care should be taken not to screw it too tight, as when the gas is lighted the glass will expand, and if space is not allowed the globe will crack. Many mysterious breakages may be traced to this lack of foresight. An easy way to steam house plants in winter is to set a large vessel of hot water under the plant stand and then drop into it a hot brick or iron.

The cheering teapot has lately found its way into Italy, and Italian signoras now chat over the tea cups and delight in all the dainty accessories of the tea table.

A paroxysm of coughing may often be arrested by a tablespoonful of glycerine in a glass of hot milk.

Stale crackers are improved by placing in a hot oven a few minutes before serving .-- Washington Star.

Points on Pretty Furnishings Suitable for the Parlor and Hallway.

DECORATION NOTES.

Pillows add greatly to the decorative effect, as well as to the comfort of a divan, lounge, settee or sofa. The new canvas covers, which come in rich red for braiding or rich blue or black, and the black for braiding in red or orange, are very inexpensive and durable for pillow or cushion covers.

Coronation braid is very prettily applied to designs stamped on pillow covers; it shows with fine effect on bright red, blue or yellow canvas or linen cushion covers, but is especially pleasing on silver-green linen in association with flat braids.

A pretty border for an orange silk curtain for a hall window is made by turning up an inch-wide hem and heading it with herring-boning in heavy orange silk threaded with turquoiseblue beads. Larger beads of the same color sewed along the bottom of the hem add a very charming finish. Such a curtain illuminates a dark place like sudden sunshine.

No tea table or luncheon table is absolutely pretty that fails in flowers for decorative purposes. A few perfect flowers set in the filmy greenery of maiden hair ferns or in sprays of the soft asparagus vine, which veil the gay

colors as gently as the mist. The embroidered silk screen panels, sold in Japanese stores, make lovely hangings to place in the opening between parlors. A lovely pair made of slaty-gray silk, wrought with a design of airy bamboo trees in soft greens, with here and there a gay bird, was tastefully mounted on amber-colored momie cloth and finished at the bottom by a heavy fringe, showing subdued shades of the embroidery colors. This pair of hangings looked very artistic mounted on an ebonized pole by means of heavy brass rings .- Ladies' World.

# Little Civilities.

If, as the old saying has it, civility. costs nothing, it certainly gains much, both in the way of liking and of kindness; therefore it seems a great pity that so many people dispense with it in small matters of daily life. There are no doubt very few people who are actually and actively rude and uncivil, but there are, on the other hand, many who are, if we may use the term, passively impolite. They do not-that is, commit a downright rudeness, but they

omit a vast number of little civilities. If it is manners that "maketh man." it is most certainly woman who both makes and mars men's manners, for there is no man, however rough and uncouth in manner, who is not influenced and to some degree softened by contact with a courteous and graciousmannered woman.-Detroit Free Press.

#### HUMOROUS.

All musical compositions are noteable productions .- Elliott's Magazine. There is no good substitute for wisdom, but silence is the best that has yet been discovered .- Shaw.

No man would care to have his wife know just exactly what he thinks of himself .- Philadelphia Record.

An exchange asks: "What will the next century bring?" "One hundred years, of course."-Norristown Herald. When we see how anxious some people are to hold up their heads, it seems fortunate for them that their heads are light.-Puck.

A foolish man set the clock by his watch, and then judged his watch to be right by comparing it with the clock .--Ledger Monthly. Confirmed. - First Rabbit - "Some

people think it's luck to have a rab-

bit's foot." Second Rabbit-"So it is. We're dead lucky to have ours."-Puck. Some young women adopt affectations with a view of appearing "nice" when they are young, and keep it up until they are ridiculous when they are

old.-Atchison Globe. His Own Error .- "Did you ever make a serious mistake in a prescription?" "Never but once," answered the drug clerk, as a gloomy look passed over his face. "I charged a man 30 cents for a prescription instead of 35."-Washington Star.

#### FISHING IN THE WEST.

A Favorite Place with Former President Harrison for Casting a Line.

Such streams as the Fox river of Illinois, the Kankakee, the White or the Tippecanoe of Indiana, afford at times even to-day very good sport to the fly

Ex-President Harrison and a few chosen friends often take a fly-fishing trip for bass along the Tippecanoe, which was once a famous bass water and even yet is not quite shorn of its ancient glory. These gentlemen would as soon think of grand larceny or highway robbery as to entertain the idea of using anything but the fly on the small mouths of the Tippecanoe. This stream may be waded on many of its best reaches, though it is best to take along a boat, and some anglers prefer to fish it from a boat all the way. The bass of this river are very good fighters, and show the leaping instinct of the small-mouth species, sometimes springing out higher than one's head as one stands playing the fish. The average run is a pound or thereabouts, though often one will take a fish very much heavier. The bucktail flies are good on the Tippecanoe, though this seems to be also a water where one may with profit indulge in his notions for brightcolored millinery in laying out one's day's supply of flies. The Ferguson and the silver doctor are sometimes used effectively, and the Seth Green, with a cinnamon wing, has been found good upon occasion, though as to these matters it is not well to set forth dogma. There is no ultimate truth discoverable in the matter of bass flies in stream fishing. This method we may as well call "broad fishing," since it is followed at all times of the day and on all parts of the water. This is late spring and summer fishing, when the bass are lying about in the weedy pockets, under logs, or close to sharp banks, and this method, of course, ends when the cold weather comes and the bass begin to

congregate in the deep holes. The Fox river in the summer time offers an occasional evening of good fly fishing at such points as the reefs near Clintonville or Elgin, when the bass are taking the natural fly in the cooler part of the day, and on this river as well as the Kankakee one may now and then pick out a bass from midstream even in the middle of the day, while the fish are lying pretty well down and only looking up lazily at the panorama which sails past them outlined against the sky. This sort of fly fishing, not restricted absolutely to any part of the water, but intended for any fish that may happen to be lying about loose, is the most common form of fly fishing, and is sometimes very successful when the bass are in the humor.-Chicago

# Anti-Climax in a Mine.

Prof. Weed, the noted geologist, recently had a thrilling and hair-raising experience in Butte. He was descending a mine on a ladder and when several hundred feet down the ladder parted, leaving him suspended in the dark. He hung to the round with all the tenacity his being was capable of, determined to strain the very last drop of his vitality in the hope that succor would come. He cried out for help, but the deep, dark walls returned his voice unanswered. His whole life came back to him in vivid retrospection; perspiration dripped from his forehead as he realized that only for a short time could he withstand the awful strain. And then he dropped. Four inches below him he struck a heavy body, which afterward proved to be the globe .-Chicago Chronicle.

Costliest Wine.

The most costly and precious wine in the world is that contained in a cask named the Rose, in the Bremen town hall cellars. The Rudesheim, of the vintage of the year 1653, is of the color of old ale. It is never sold but is used exclusively for the sick of Bremen, the only exceptions having been when a small bottle was presented to Emperor William I., another to Frederick III. and one to Prince Bismarck .- St. Louis Republic.

Heading Off Gossip. Noel Little-I say, old man, can you keep a secret? Well, Smiggins told me in confidence that-

Noah Nuff-Hold ou! Can you keep a secret?

"I? Why, yes; certainly." "Then you'd better do so!"-Puck.

### CYANIDE'S ATTRACTION.

Those Who Handle the Deadly Drug Are Drawn Almost Irresistibly to Swallow It.

"Just now we are engaged in the making of tons of cyanide of potassium," said a member of a firm of manufacturing chemists, "and of all poisons, this, to my mind, is the most dangerous, because of a singular quality it possesses. It is in appearance so very attractive to those who handle it that they are often seized with an almost overwhelming desire to eat it. To one man it probably suggests sugar, if he have a fondness for saccharine substances, and to another snow newly fallen; but to both it is so alluring that they may only overcome the temptation to put it in their mouths by great force of will power.

"The very men who make it and who are most familiar with its deadly properties are pursued by an unreasonable desire to eat the poison, and as long as they remain in its vicinity this extraordinary craving endures. They know that to give way to the craving means death almost instant and horrible, and as a consequence are usually able to resist the strange temptation, but during the last ten years we have been engaged in the manufacture of the drug four of our most intelligent and steady workmen have committed suicide in this way."

"Ever feel like sating it yourself?" asked the reporter

"Yes," the manufacturer replied. "Many times when in contact with the cyanide fumes, and have had to leave work precipitately in consequence. So well is this curious fact known in all works where cyanide of potassium is made that there are always two men at work together, and a jar of ammonia, which is the antidote to the poison, is kept at hand.

Potassium is one of the most interesting substances known to chemical workers. The metal itself is scarcely used at all in the auts, but its many salts are of immense practical value, being used largely in the production of gun-powder, fertilizers medicines and dyeing compounds. Cranide is a compound of evanogen with a metallic agent. Cyanogen is a colorless, poisonous liquefiable gas which has the odor of almonds and burne with a purple flame. Cyanide of potassium is made by burning potassium, an aikali metal, in cyanogen gas, and is really a prussiate of potash. It is produced also in blast furnaces in which ore is smelted, with coke or coal, and is permanent when kept dry, but decomposes readily in moist air. It crystallizes in dry, octagonal blocks, and is extremely soluble in water. It has the odor of prussic acid and kindred bitterness of taste. Cyanide of potass um is also used in electro-metallurgy and photography to a considerable extent. It will remove metallic oxides, the juices of fruits and indelible ink."-N. Y. Sun.

## ABOUT THE RAND.

The Mineral Wealth of the Country Has Plunged It Into War with lingland,

When the Dutch settlers in South Africa were crowded out of Cape Colony, they went northward across the Vaal river and founded a republic in the interior, where they fancied that they would be allowed to live in peace. Without knowing it, they built their capital, Pretoria, in the edge of the richest goldfield in the world.

When Mr. Gladstone restored their country to the Poers in 1881, and made a treaty of peace by which their independence was recognized, nobody suspected that there was in the Rand a great gold basin extending 30 miles east and west and ten miles north and south. It was not until 1857 that the value of this rich district was under-

It became a indenet to draw goldbunters and adventurers from every quarter of the world. In other regions gold had been discovered either in the beds of streams as lust or as small nuggets, or in veins of quartz of uncertain and variable extent. In the Rand there were three parallel reefs of sandstone, quartz and other stone, and this conglomerate was powdered with gold.

It was a new and previously unknown kind of gold deposit. A scientific industry, with costly machinery, was created for the extraction of the gold from the reefs. The sandstone and quartz were broken up at deep levels, crushed to pieces, and treated with various chemicals until nearly all the gold was got out of it.

Johannesburg was the center of this wonderful industry-an English mining city richer and more populous than all the other territories of the Poers. Millions of capital were invested in the mines and immense fortunes were made by the largest owners.

The thrifty Boers smiled whenever they thought of their good fortune in seeking a quiet "lodge in a vast wilderness" and finding a goldfield. Their English neighbors who were forced to pay tribute to them and to submit to Dutch government, groaned whenever they remembered that Mr. Gladstone had handed back this rich gold basin

to the Boers. In this way there has come about a race feud which has ended in a war for the control and possession of the Transvaal with its goldfields .- Youth's

She Knew. Squildig-"Yankee Doodle" is an absurd song. Who on earth was Macaroni, anyway?

Mrs. Squildig-Why, my dear, don't you know? He was the man that invented that wireless telegraphy.-N. Y.

A Good Substitute. Clara-So that Gotrox girl didn't succeed in capturing h lord after all? Maude-No: but she married a baron. and they say he gets as drunk as a lord .- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

#### SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

MARK TWAIN'S DEBUT.

How the Famous Fun-Maker Became

"A Literary Person," Thirty-

Three Years Ago.

Mark Twain's first appearance in an

eastern magazine was made over the

name of "Mike Swain." How it came

In those early days I had already

published one little thing ("The Jump-

ing Frog") in an eastern paper, but I

did not consider that that counted. In

my view, a person who published things

in a mere newspaper could not prop-

erly claim recognition as a literary per-

son; he must rise away above that; he

must appear in a magazine. He would

then be a literary person; also, he

would be famous-right away. These

two ambitions were strong upon me.

This was in 1866. I prepared my con-

tribution, and then looked around for

the best magazine to go up to glory in.

I selected the most important one in

New York. The contribution was ac-

cepted. I signed it "Mark Twain;" for

that name had some currency on the

Pacific coast, and it was my idea to

spread it all over the world, now, at

this one jump. The article appeared

in the December number, and I sat up

a month waiting for the January num-

ber; for that one would contain the

year's list of contributors, my name

would be in it, and I should be famous

and could give the banquet I was medi-

I did not give the banquet. I had not

written the "Mark Twain" distinctly;

it was a fresh name to eastern printers,

and they put it "Mike Swain" or "Mac-

Swain," I do not remember which. At

any rate, I was not celebrated, and I

did not give the banquet. I was a Lit-

erary Person, but that was all-a

My article was about the burning of

the clipper ship Hornet on the line,

May 3, 1866. There were 31 men on

board at the time, and I was in Hono-

lulu when the 15 lean and ghostly sur-

vivors arrived there after a voyage of

43 days in an open boat, through the

blazing tropics, on ten days' rations of

food. A very remarkable trip; but it

was conducted by a captain who was

would have been no survivors. He was

a New Englander of the best sea going

a remarkable man, otherwise there

buried one; buried alive.

tating.

about he explains:

Ten denominations have established and maintain missions in Alaska.

The Evangelical alliance in Boston asks for a half day off for policemen on Sunday so that they may attend church.

Prof. George T. Ladd, of Yale, has received from the Japanese emperor the third-class decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun.

The native Christians in Uganda, Africa, purchase every month more than \$500 worth of books and stationery, a large part of the books being Christian. Among the women students at German universities the most favored

studies are the literature and philology of modern languages, philosophy (psychology, logic and ethics) and history. The Hebrew Educational society of Milwaukee has recently been established under the leadership of Rabbi Caro, and has for its purpose the es-

tablishment of a school, primarily for Russian Jews. The Gospel mission to the Tombs of New York has been at work for nearly 20 years. It is managed by a board of ministers and laymen, representing the Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed and Reformed Episcopal churches. The chaplain holds services Sunday and week days and visits the prisoners in their cells at all times. In this way be comes in contact with 25,000 prisoners an-

#### AN EFFECTUAL EFFORT.

The Eloquence of Three-Finger Sam Proved Too Much for the Tenderfoot.

"Talkin' about oratory," said Broncho Bob, "you ought to have been out to Crimson Guleh last fall, so as to hear

some of the real thing." "We have some pretty luminous specimens in congress," ventured the man who felt it incumbent on him to show

a little local pride. "Not a circumstance. I've read some of them kind o' speeches. I've heard 'em, too. A feller come from the east and started in to tell Crimson Guich what it orter do. Some of the boys allowed things was gettin' ruther slack. an' they says anythin' fur a change; so they took his advice an' blazed away

stock of the old capable times-Capt. an' organized a city council." Josiah Mitchell. "I see. You held an election." I was in the islands to write letters "Nary. We didn't want any bloodfor the weekly edition of the Sacrashed. We jes' passed the word around mento Union, a rich and influential daily journal which hadn't any use for that the city council was goin' to be held, an' made it an open game. Everythem, but could afford to spend \$20 3 body was there except Nevada Bill, an' week for nothing. The proprietors he didn't dare show up because he was were lovable and well-beloved men; under suspicion of sittin' in a poker long ago dead, no doubt, but in me game with a private stack of blue chips there is at least one person who still holds them in grateful remembrance; which he had bought unbeknownst from for I dearly wanted to see the islands a store down in San Antonio. He wasn't and they listened to me and gave me long until, under the instructions of the tenderfoot, we had the city council. the opportunity when there was but slender likelihood that it could profit goin' in good shape. Only officers was allowed to wear their weapons durin' them in any way. the perceedin's, an' nebody was barred I had been in the islands several from debate. The first business we took months when the survivors arrived. I up was the case of Nevada B.B. We was laid up in my room at the time and unable to walk. Here was a great reckoned that it wouldn't be no more occasion to serve my journal, and I not than decent local pride to prevent the able to take advantage of it. Necesimportation of any poker chips except by the duly reco'nized authorities fursarily I was in deep trouble. But by good luck his excellency Anson Bursaid importation. Rattiesnake Pete said the only way to make the law lingame was there at the time, on his bindin' was ter pervide that anybody way to take up his post in China, where brenkin, it should be shot at least once. he did such good work for the United The tenderfoot got riled in a minute. States. He came and put me on a He jumped to his feet, an' got off the stretcher and had me carried to the hospital where the ship-wrecked menmost long-winded talk about constitutionality and the rights of citizenship were, and I never needed to ask a quesan' whereas and therefore that I ever tion. He attended to all of that himself, and I had nothing to do but make heard. He talked hard, an' he showed he had read books. But you orter have the notes. It was like him to take that i heard Three-Finger Sam's historic retrouble. He was a great man and a ply. It jes' showed how quick a mangreat American, and it was in his fine who has the gift of genuine eloquence nature to come down from his high office and do a friendly turn whenever kin end an argument. Crimson Gulch hasn't got through talkin' about it he could.—Century. yet. Three-Finger Sam drawed hisself

up to his full height and plinted his tin-

ger at the tenderfoot. 'I don't desire to

use harsher words than is recessary."

says he, but I'd like to know what you

mean, you low-down, lop-cared jack

rabbit, by comin' into this town and

tryin' to tell us whether a man needs

shootin' or not. Have we got to wait

fur some lantern-jawed coyete to come

wanderin' in off the prairie an' tell us

what's good fur us? Beware!' says

Three-Finger Sam, still p'intin' his fin-

ger an' growin' more eloquent every

minute. Beware, you bow-legged bur-

ro. Don't you think you can come here

an' overawe people because you wear

spees. Have a care, or the fust thing

you know you'll be travelin' out o' this

town with a bunch of patriotic citizens

on your trail, every one of whom is dead

anxious to shoot a freekle off'n the

back of your neck!' The tenderfoot

aidn't have another word to say, an' he

left town the next mornin'."-Washing-

A Dancing Procession.

cession annually takes place at Echter-

nach. In Belgium, France and Ger-

many excursions are organized to the

little Luxemburg town, whose church

contains the remains of St. Willibrord.

The pilgrims to Echternach execute in

a certain rhythm what is called the

dance of the "leaping saints." It takes

the form of advancing three steps,

making a step backward, advancing

three more steps, and so on. It is in

this quaint way that the procession, in

which 10,000 persons take part each

year, starts from the bridge on the

Lure, the place of assembly, to the

What "the Queen's Shilling" Is.

enlistment, a "queen's shilling" is paid

over to every man who enters the serv-

ice. The "queen's shilling," by the

way, is not a coin of special design.

It is exactly like every other coin of

the same denomination and is termed

"the queen's" from the fact that its

acceptance from a recruiting sergeant

makes the receiver a "queen's man,"

body and soul.-Chicago Chronicle.

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According to the British system of

church .- The Ball Room.

A peculiar, but famous, dancing pro-

ton Star. .

When Men Have It They Can Itilize Almost Anything to Satisfy Their Desire for tenme.

GAMBLER'S FEVER.

"If a man's naturally inclined to gamble you can't keep him from gan,bling," said a floor walker to a Times-Democrat man, the other day in a big dry goods

"Yesterday afternoon," he continued, "two sporty looking men were sitting in front of that notion counter over there waiting for their wives to get through shopping. The top of our stools, if you will notice, revolve on a pivot and have a row of brass tacks around the edge.

"Well, sir, one of the sporty men took out a pencil while he was waiting and marked a number opposite each tack on the stool next to where he sat. 'Here's a pretty good wheel,' he said to the other. How would you like to make a little play against it? The other man fished out a wad of bills, quick as a wink, and they went to playing right before the women and everybody. I was so shocked and surprised I didn't Know what to do.

"The man that started the thing would give the stool a twirl and then they would watch and see what number " came opposite a tackhead in the counter. If the other fellow called it right he paid twelve for one, and in less than five minutes half the clerks in this end of the store were edging up to watch the gaine.

"I must admit it was pretty exciting, and I was just wondering how I could ; break it up without giving offense, when along came a big fat woman and planked herself down on top of the stool. The sporty men tried to get her to move, but she wouldn't do it, and while they were hunting for a vacant stool that revolved easy, so as to make ; another lay-out, their wives got through

and carried them away. "It's just as I tell you-if a man wants to gamble he's bound to find some way to do it.

"But that's the first time we ever had a roulette department in this store."-N. O. Times-Democrat.

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