

A French surgeon at Smyrna, wishing to procure a stock, and finding great difficulty in doing so, on the extreme veneration in which these birds are held by the Turks, stole all the eggs out of a nest and replaced them with those of a hen. In course of time the young chickens made their appearance, much to the astonishment of the old stock owner. Soon after the male stork went away and was not seen for two or three days, when he returned with a new message of his companions, who all assembled in the place and formed a circle, talking no more of the murder of the eggs, but of the occurrence which had taken place. The male stork then flew forward into the middle of the circle and after some consultation, the whole flock fell upon her and tore her to pieces; after which they immediately dispersed and the nest was abandoned.

A pair of martins, having built in a corner of a window, one of which, from a remarkable white feather in one of its wings, was known to be the same bird which had built there the year before, had no sooner finished their nest than a strange swallow crossed the plan of taking possession and the property and once or twice actually succeeded in driving the martins out. For a week there was constant battling. At length the two rightful owners were obliged to be very much engaged in lessening the entrance into which, in a short time, was so reduced that it was with difficulty that they could force themselves out. When they had accomplished their object, one or the other of them always remained within, with the prospect of attack, ready to receive any sudden attack. The enemy persevered for a week, but at length, finding his prospects hopeless, left the pair to enjoy the fruits of their foraging.

#### FLOWERS OF SCILLY.

There are over a hundred of the Scilly islands, some of them mere rocks swept by the waters of the Atlantic. The Phoenician first discovered them, and here lived hardy pirates, who wrecked fearlessly and lived riotously. Today peace reigns in the islands and a springtime visit when the flowers are thick is restful and enjoyable.

At the present time it is not unusual for fifteen or twenty tons of cut flowers to leave the Scilly islands of a morning for the London market. The steamers make tri-weekly trips and sixty tons of blossoms a week are carried away to London. Nearly every one owns a greenhouse and tomatoes and potatoes are forced for the market.

Only five of the Scilly islands are inhabited. One of the governors of the island, by name Smith, found on taking charge that the island was a garden was ruined. He noticed, however, that the inhabitants raised a peculiar garden potato, and that in the garden of many grew the "narfor" sparsly. He sent a box of the fragrant blossoms to the London market and had a quick return of cash. The news spread, the people began to grow the flower with a vengeance and today the flower trade of the islands is enormous.

#### THE FEMINE OBSERVER.

No sentiments are very deep that can be written of freely.

What people will say has kept many of us from giving way to really honest emotions.

The woman with pretty white hands has discovered that lemon is as much a toilet necessity as soap.

The real secret of happiness is getting something you want very, very much, but never dreamed you would have.

In these very advanced days it seems that anything that is not absolutely vicious can with ease masquerade as a virtue.

The surest way to make outsiders think a couple are incompatible is for them to be very attentive to each other in public.

#### FOIBLES OF THE FAIR SEX.

The "Don't worry of the president of an Iowa "The Ivory Club" has just been learned. Business difficulties caused her suicide.

In France it is proper for a girl to pray for a husband; for a youth, first to decide to marry, and then look around for his ideal.

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The evils attending the emancipation of the footloose laborer are increasing. Here is a man inventing condensed food tablets that do away with the necessity of cooking.

Upper class Italian women are reported as being as ignorant of the modern history of their own country as Marie Antoinette, who once exclaimed: "Why can't the people cry bread when they can get nice cakes?"

#### JUVENILE JOKES.

Little Mamie was trying to write with a dull lead pencil that her mother had given her, but meeting with poor success, she exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, the wood has slipped down over the lead and the marks won't come out!"

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