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DEAR BEE, MARCH 13. On Wednesday evening Mr and Mrs J. M. Ritchie gave a

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as their pretty residence, 'Balvraid,' for Miss Eibei Elworthy (Timare), who is staying with them. The table was artisically arranged with monbreta tritons and brown tiger lilles. The vases were placed on a handsome piece of bevelled glass down the centre of the table. Mrs Ritchie wore a handsome pellow brocade, the bodier daintily rrimmed with cream lace. Toose present were Mrs Turnbull, beautiful pink hrocade with bunches of pink roses on the shoulders; Miss Elworthy, white corded allk simply trimmed with white Brussels lace; Miss Webster, miguonette green velvet bodice, with aleeves and akirt of silk to match, the bodice was trimmed with poppies; Miss Mills, bandsome white brocade made perfectly plain; Miss G. Mills, white surah silk, fichn of white chiffon; Miss Batchelor, heliotrope brocade, frill of lace round the neck of the bodies; Miss Stogdin (England), pale blue corded silk blonse, ash of black satin, skirt to match; Miss L. MacLaren, white silk with chiffon trimmings; Miss E. MacLaren, pale blue corded silk, the bodies trimmed with jet; the Misses Ritchle, G. Ritchie, Webster, Tapley, C. Morria, H. Kettle, Campbell, Turnbull, J. C. Marshall, etc., were also there.

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The same evening Captain and Mrs Boyd

SMALL DINNER PARTY

at their residence in Stafford-street. The table was prettily arranged, and the even-ing passed off merrity. On Thursday, Mrs Galloway (Anderson's Bartiagnes)

LUNCHEON PARTY

for Mrs Cutten. The other guests were Mesdames Turnbull, Haggitt, Williams, Ritchie, Batchelor, Napier Bell, Sise, and Patters

Ritche, Batchelor, Assperdance, Rattray.

On Thursday evening Mrs (Dr.) Roberts gave a small evening for Dr. Hay, the new medical man who has lately come to Ashburn Hall. Just a few were present.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs Ogston (High-

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as a farewell to Mrs and Miss Cutten, who leave in the next trip of the 'Gotbic' for a long visit to the 'Uld Country. The drawing room looked very gay with lovely pot palms, high masses of white and brown tiger lilies. In the dining room the prevailing colour was yellow, the table being decorated with pale yellow calico, with huge bowls of sunflowers placed about the room. The cakes and sweets, which were truly works of art, and most delicious, were much appreciated. Mrs. tigston received her guesta in the drawing room, and was most becomingly gowned in gray lustre

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.-Consult a lawyer. We do not advise on legal paleta.

man's intentions.

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daintily trimmed with white merveillens and passementerie; little Miss Coreen Ogston wore a charming frock of salmon pink bengaline silk; Mrs Riddings was in black brocade trimmed with velvet. Among the numerous gnests I noticed wearing smart costumes were Mrs Cutten, in a handsome figured grenadine trimmed with jet and lace: Mrs Thomsun (Invercargil!), black velvets brocade mantle, jet bonnet; Mrs Morris, grey figured lastre, steel trimmings, black bonnet with white roses; Mrs Hart, black costume; Mrs Napier—Bell, handsome black grenadine beautifully trimmed with pale green satin covered with spangled net, smart bonnet on swife; Mrs Fulton, black serge jacket and skirs, white pique waistcost, black buttons; Mrs Main, mauve crepon, sleeveless bodice of shot silk, dainty boque to match; Mrs Scott, blue and black costume, large hat with apstanding blue bows; Mrs Makeling black costumes. buttons: Mrs Main, manve crepon, sleeveless bodice of shot silk, dainty boque to masch; Mrs Scott, blue and black costume, large hat with upstanding blue bows; Mrs Scott, blue and black costume, large hat with upstanding blue bows; Mrs Hoeking, black costume, white satin vest covered with white chiffon, large white revers covered with guipure lace; Mrs Sinciair Thomson, pale grey costume, black bonnes with pink roses; Mrs Boyd, brown crepon trimmed with accordion-pleated shot chiffon, floral bonneh to match: Mrs Stott, white Liberty silk, large white hat; Mrs MacDonald (Christchurch), black costume, black brocade mantle; Mrs Aufrere Fenwick, black and heliotrope striped silk, black velvet hat trimmed with heliotrope; Mrs Sale, blue grey lustre trimmed with silk and passementerie; Mrs Stilling, brown tweed, black toque with red roses; Mesdames Haggitt, Webb, Turnbull, Thomson, Bartleman. Ulrich, Craham, Johnson, Webster, F. Cutten, MscLean, Turnbull, (Liunburn-street), Maitland, Jones, Petre, Stewart, Cargill, Fergus, Shand, Allen, Richards, Galloway, Rose, Joachim, Bathgate, Butterworth, Kattray, C. Rattray, F. Jones, Grierson, Davis, Turbon, and C. Fenwick; Miss l'arker, brown costume; Miss Marchant, dark blue satin bloue, black skirt; Miss Allen, black, brocade mantle, jet bonnet; Miss Sieve-wright, black ique with pink roses; Miss Elworthy (Timsra), fawn covert coating, btack toque with pink flowers; Miss Elworthy (Timsra), fawn covert coating, btack toque with pink flowers; Miss Elworthy (Timsra), fawn covert coating, btack toque with pink flowers; Miss Measseem, Sieve, beliotrope and yellow shot striped silk, amall floral toque; Miss Morris, fawn shot lustre trimmed with passementerie, large baben suite.

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FORTY years or so ago umbrellas were made with stretches or bows of whalebone. These bows were rather bulky in themselves, and they were apt to get a little permanent bend from long nee, so that they bulged when the umbrella was rolled up, making the big, baggy umbrella, familiar to middle sged and older people, and occasionally still seen though on the stage oftener than in real life.

With the introduction of petroleum oil into general use as an illuminating oil and the consequent very general abandonment of the use of whale oil came the decline of the whaling industry. Fewer and fewer vessels went after whales, because there was less and less demand for the oil. Of course, the supply of whalebone decreased with the supply of oil, but the price did not, nor yet the demand. There are still some uses for which whalebone is considered most desirable, and with constant demand and decreasing supply, the price of whalebone steadily advanced, as it has continued to do. Whalebone soon became too costly to permit of its further use for umbrella spreaders, and substitutes for it were sought for this use, as there were for other uses in which whalebone had been employed.

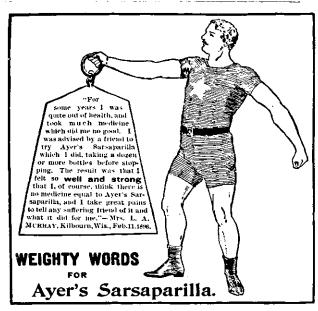
to do. Whalebone soon became too costly to permit of its further use for umbrella spreaders, and substitutes for it were sought for this use, as there were for other uses in which whalebone had been employed. Seel was the substitute generally used in unbrella stretchers. At first a slender, round, tempered steel rod. With these slenderer bows the umbrella could be more snugly rolled and the old baggy umbrella began to disappear and the modern tight roller to take its place.

Then came the umbrella bows of light steel rolled in V shape, and then in the quest for a still tighter roller umbrella nandles were made of metal. The first tubing handles were made of brase. Steel would have been cheaper, but there had been discovered no satisfactory method of brazing steel tubes such as are used as umbrella handles. There is such a method now, however, and umbrella bandles of steel (tubing are now made in great numbers. And nowadays many spreaders are made of steel roller channel shaped. In cruss section this spreader is shaped something like a capital letter E without a trugue, and the ribs of the umbrella—the steel rods that run from the siding ferrule, or runner, as it is called, on the bandle out adjusted to the spreaders that they shut into the channels when the umbrella is closed.

NEW ZEALAND WOMAN SUFFRACE.

An ecbo comes from New Zealand telling how the Female Suffrage Bill came to pass the New Zealand Parliamens. The Government promoted the Bill, in accordance with electoral pledges, and supported twith every show of enthusiasm in the Assembly. But they did not want it to pass, and relied apon the Upper House to throw it out. The majority of life senators are in the sere and yellow leaf, some of

them having ast since the colony obtained self-government, and have to be brundled down to the Hones in bath chairs when occasion arises. Unfortunately, the Female occasion arises. Unfortunately, the Female Suffrage Bill came on at an hour when the veterant, on whom Ministers relied for rejecting it, had hobbled off to bed. Before they could be brought back to the bone in blankets the matter had gone too far, and the Bill for female suffrage became law—to the construction of those who had only made a show of destring it.



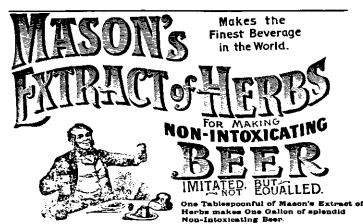
The above are indeed weighty words, of great import and value to thousands of pale-faced, languid men and women, now tired and worn out with worry, overwork, and disease, and who would be made well and strong by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Read also the following interesting testimony of a prominent athlete:

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