

CHERRY RIPE.—We have not heard of the new "patent tennis-shoes." She might inquire at some of the first-class shoe-shops, where, if they had not got them, they might procure them if ordered.

KIDDIE would probably obtain the information she desires at a shop where the appliances are sold, or she might inquire at a librarian's for a book on the subject of outdoor games and reports published of lawn-tennis and other clubs.

BEA.—No wonder your goldfish die if you feed them on ants' eggs and watercress every day; perhaps also their basin is too small. Change the water once a week, and you may sprinkle a few breadcrumbs finely crumbled in the water. At the place where you bought them you should obtain information as to how they were fed before you got them.

DORA C. R.—There are several new and entertaining games, such as "Puff Billiards" and "Ping Pong." The prices of these are quite moderate, and they are considered very entertaining.

NANCY.—The best home-treatment of a child disposed to squint is to tie a ribbon across the good eye, and so oblige the other to do all the work and turn in every direction. Prevent the child from looking at near objects, such as picture-books or print.

A CONSTANT READER should take her query to whatever jeweller and goldsmith she or any of her family employ. There are secret methods of work in most trades, into which persons unconnected with them are not initiated.

A READER.—It is certainly not what is called "good form" to omit the prefix "Miss" on your visiting-card; nor to have a separate card from your mother's, on which your name should be engraved underneath hers.

NURSE SPENCER.—Your illustrated edition of the Bible Commentary by Mathew Henry we consider a valuable one. Perhaps the best librarian you could consult would be Quaritch, in Piccadilly; but you had better consult two or three, and ask them to call and see it. The freedom of the City is a distinction granted, not inherited; nor are women presented with it.

WHITE ROSE says, "I would like very much to have my planet read, if I knew where to get it done." We never heard that any planet could be "read," and cannot tell you where to apply. Perhaps the good folk who are trying to establish an interchange of communications with Mars might assist you in the matter.

DEAF GIRLS AMONG THE VINES.

THE unique and pretty picture on this page is reproduced from a photograph taken by one of the teachers at the California Institution for the Deaf and Blind. The girls are posed among the wistaria vines that clamber over a trellis just outside the entrance to the part of the building occupied by the deaf girls.

The girls represent many nationalities: one girl was

born in Nova Scotia, two in England, one in Norway, two are "native" Californians (Mexican-Spanish stock), one is of negro descent, two are Jews, and so on. From their plump smiling faces, it is easy to see that the girls are well treated and happy. The American institutions for the afflicted are the best found and maintained in the world.



HOW HAPPY THESE POOR DEAF GIRLS LOOK!