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THE FASHIONS.

From the New York Tribune we take the following hints in regard to the latest a blonde beauty. Jet sets are very much fashions:-

There is very little to chronicle in the way of fashion gossip, save ball costumes and an extravagance in dress and ideas. "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy" reigns pre-emi-nent in every brain. Our republican court can find no laces too rare, no silks too costly, no jewels too magnificent, no st 118 'ou eccentric for the gratification of a luxurious taste. The most exquisite ball costumes are clouds of tulle or tarletan, airy, light as snow-drifts or fleecy summer clouds In one costume the overskirt or snowy tarletan, extremely bouf-fant, was looped with such lilies as Undine might have worn, with trembling sprays of glittering silvery leaves. Amid the varied colored and meretricious tastes displayed in a ball-room, there is nothing more refreshing for the eye to rest upon than the harmonious admixture of white and silver. Apart from this simplicity in beauty, superb silks of the heaviest brocade are rescued from long oblivion. These are not the old-fashioned brocade, but of the Pompadour style-for example, the riches gros grain silk, black, embroidered in brilliantly assorted flowers. Purple pansies with golden eyes, half hidden in emerald mossy leaves; regal *fleurs* de lis, or bunches of violets, purple and white; dainty rose-buds, carelessly knotted together with meek-eyed daisies. These magnificent silks are also embroidered in patterns, on the revers, the front breadth overskirt, or flounces according to taste and style. A lovely lavender gros grain pattern dress was lightly traced with white brocading of a pecu-liar silver shimmer, as if moonlight had been imprisoned in the graceful design of the floating foliage; another was of slate-color ground, embroidered exquisitely in wreaths of myrtle and tiny clusters of gay flowers. The bril-liancy of these hues can only be compared to the delicate creations of an artist's brush. These rich silks and velvet costumes are intended only for matrons in the meridian of life, and stately dowagers learning the diffi-

cult art of growing old gracefully. For younger ladies and maidens making their debut in society, tarletan has been the most popular and fashionable style this season. The material itself, so to speak, is cheap enough for the most economical, but the elegance of the dress depends upon its voluminous drapery, quantity and quality of trimming. This winter, tarletans, like all other materials, have been extensively trimmed with velvet; with the velvet, clusters of small flowers, such as daisies, violets, buds, and autumn leaves. For those who prefer lighter and gayer accompaniments and trimmings, satin is used. The over-skirt, either in tarletan or tulle, is very long, and made very bouffant, or the skirt worn over silk is covered with elaborate puffings; if flounces are preferred trimmed with satin, it is necessary for perfect harmony that the flowers should exactly correspond in color with the satin.

Silks and velvet of neutral tints have never been more fashionable for full dress receptions and balls, the quiet tone relieved and brought out by exquisite laces. In the revival of this most beautiful of all toilette adjuncts a furore exists only to be appreciated by woman; there is a freemasonry on the topic of laces, and that "one touch of nature" makes the whole world of womanhood akin. The rarest articles in the assortment of lace novelties are in point Alencon and flounces of of hand which he held. The old miser would Thantilly; it is light as gossamer, its traceries are like fairy thoughts wrought into shapes by air sprites. The robe of Alencon is of that rare, rich, creamy tint; in every inch gold is woven and the meshes thereof are silver. At one of the up-town palaces a piece of Alencon is exhibited about eight yards long, perhaps an eighth of a yard wide, which will probably enfold some "armful of heaven" in the shape of an American bride, at the cost of \$3000! The Titania-like fabric was dotted with the Imperial bee and bordered with royal lilies. There are cobweb mouchoirs, berthes, flounces, fans, and shawls in sets ranging from \$1000 to \$1600. For dark and black silks, lace is decidedly the most fashionable trimming, invariably headed by rich jet gimps. Chantilly lace is the most expensive, therefore considered most desirable, but guipure and duchesse lace for trimming are very much sought after and extensively used. Very elegant Chantilly lace flounces, costing from \$100 to \$150 per yard, formed the trimming for a heavy Antwerp silk headed by gimp thickly studded with jets. The corsage, cut low and square, was trimmed with a full ruffle of narrower lace passing down the front quite around the points of the waist; wide duchesse sleeves trimmed to correspond. The lace fever is contagious as it is expensive, yet proves a revival of refinement in taste. It is no misnomer to connect poetry with rare old point lace, such as becomes heir-looms in old families, ofttimes the sole fortune of the child descending from an impoverished house-who grows pale and fragile as the cobweb-threads in her delicate fingers, and, it may be, blind over the fabrication. Such is the rage for lace, that grave and reverend grandmothers disdain caps, and wear only point-lace crown-pieces the size of a tea plate, or in oval shapes, perhaps with a Marie Antoinette point. Old ladies in the provinces ordering their caps from town are desole at the frivolity of earth, upon being told they must take to a chiguon and crimps or go capless. The eccentricities of fashion are marvellous. Nature is rapidly reconstructing itself. There is a rumor that false insteps and false eyelashes are among late inventions. One of our most famous rejuvenators has produced an exquisite life-like enamel for the complexion which is extensively patronized, and, in addition, a charming blue tint for the shading of the outer corner of the eye-lid; another still darker for the tracing of the veins of the temples and brow; added to this, a fine dark line drawn beneath the under eye-lashes completes the ensemble. Frizzed hair, hanging low over the forehead, is no longer worn by the autocrats of fashion. The present simple style is alike graceful and elegant, moreover becoming to all; drawn loosely back from the brow in Pompadour style, suits all excepting the extremely high or projecting forehead. The front hair can be crimped but no longer tightly frizzed. The chatelaine braids have wholly taken the place of the chignon, and it must be confessed are picturesque and graceful, with the addition of a few feathery curls floating between the braids. A great deal of latitude is permitted in the arrangement of the chatelaine style, as the contour of every face and threat differs, which important fact should not be forgotten in any arrangement of the coiffure. Velvet encircling the neck is now quite obsolete. In its place we find the gold neeklace with its lockets, crosses, or enameled pendants. The necklace is broad and massive, according to the wealth of the wearer, of the dead yellow gold; some of these are Sir models of beauty in artistic designs. Roman Sir and Etruscan gold is very fashionable. Also, 'Tele

lockets merely for ornament, without open-ing, and made of pale gold, set in bars of tur-quoise, with a full set of jewelry to match, and nothing can be found more becoming to worn, very beautifully and elaborately carved; they form an elegant and appro-priate accompaniment to the black cashmere and silk costumes so much affected.

THE NUMBER FOURTEEN.-The number fourteen has been discovered to be of great historical import. The first King of France named Henry was consecrated on the 14th of May, 1029; on the 14th of May, 1588, the Parisians rose against Henry III; and the last Henry was assassinated upon the 14th of May, 1610. Henri de Bourbon was the fourteenth king who bore the titles of France and Navarre, and in his name we find just fourteen letters. Henry IV was born in December, 1553-the figures of which date added together make fourteen-exactly fourteen centuries, fourteen decades and fourteen years after the birth of Christ. His years after the birth of Curist. His first wife, Margaret of Valois, was born on the 14th of May, 1552; the battle of Ivry was fought and won on the 14th of March, 1590; on the 14th of May, in the same year, the whiteplumed hero was beaten in the faubourgs of Paris; and on the 14th of November, the sixteen swore to die rather than obey his rule. On the same day, six years later, was regis-tered the Papal bull empowering the legate of Rome to nominate an occupant of the French throne to Henry's exclusion; on the 14th of December, 1599, he was reconciled to the Duke of Savoy; and on the 14th of May, 1610, he was stabled by Ravaillac in the Rue dela Ferronnerie; the assassin's opportunity being supplied him by the stoppage of the royal carriage, owing to the narrowness of the street, which, fifty six years before, Henry II has ordered to be widened, his unfulfilled order bearing date the 14th of May. It will be noticed that one date, that of the 14th of May, plays a prominent part in this catalogue of coincidences; and upon that same date in 1643, Louis XIII died-the figures 1, 6, 4, 3, when added, again producing the magical number of fourteeen. Louis XIV ascended the throne in 1643; died in 1715, equal to fourteen again; and lived to the age of 77seven and seven making fourteen. Louis XV died in 1774, a date supplying the same number, both in its extremes and the sum of its central figures. Louis XVI had reigned just fourteen years when he summoned the States-General, destined to bring about the Revolution; on the 14th of July, 1789, the Bastile was destroyed; and in 1814 the Bourbons were restored-a year bearing the allimportant number, not only in its figures, but likewise in their sum. On the 14th of July, 1815, Napoleon informed Captain Maitland that he threw himself upon England's protection; on the 14th of July, 1870, diplomatic relations were broken off between France and Prussia; and lastly, on the 14th of August Marshal Bazaine's army retreated over the Moselle before the advancing legions of Germany.-Chambers' Journal.

QUEER STORY OF A MISER.-A correspondent, writing from Knoxville, Ill., describes the peculiar death of a miser in that town, who was reputed to be worth \$20,000. He had a nephew, a very worthy young man, who was going out West to seek his fortune. A few days before he was ready to leave, he went to his old uncle to sell him some notes touch them, but said, "You have always been a good boy, but only a little too extravagant; I will make you a little present before you leave." He drew a check on the bank for \$5, as he supposed, but, owing to his bad eyesight and worse penmanship, it proved to be \$500. This unaccountable act of benevolence soon became noised about town, and, of course, soon came to the ears of the miser. He rushed to the bank, and, under much excitement, asked one of the bank officials what the amount of the check he had given his nephew was, "\$500," said the clerk. "What?" said the miser. "\$500," said the clerk, producing the check. After reading, and trembling in every muscle, he gave one long-drawn sigh, and exclaimed, "My God! I am a ruined man," then sank down and died. A YOUNG SMOKER.-A remarkable instance of early acquaintance with the virtues of tobacco was lately brought under the notice of the London Pathological Society by Dr. Dickinson, in a boy three years of age, an in-patient of the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond street. The boy was admitted with marked symptoms of that form of paralysis known as locomotor ataxy, which is extremely rare at an early age, and the peculiarity of his antecedents was that he was an habitual smoker. It appears that he early evinced a remarkable objection to female society, and preferred marching about with his father, who was a gamekeeper, and sharing his com-forts, including a short pipe and strong tobacco. When admitted into the hospital, an inquiry into the history of the case elicited the fact of his being a smoker; and on testing his predilection in this respect when in the hospital, he exhibited a proficiency in the art which could have only been acquired by some practice; and he preferred smoking that particular vegetable product which is known to the initiated by the name of "shag." AN ENTERPRISING WOMAN, -A Virginia paper says :-- "The man who gets one of ou best Rockingham girls for a wife does a splendid business for himself. No portion of the country that we have ever seen or heard of can furnish more enterprising women than ours. A widower in Clark county, Virginia, had the good fortune to get one of our Rockingham girls, who, from her poultry alone, the past season, made almost enough to support a small family. This lady raised from five turkey hens seventy-five turkeys. In addition to these, she raised between three hundred and four hundred chickens. She sent forty-nine of her turkeys to Wasnington the week before Christmas, and obtained for them 20 cents per pound, the lot bringing \$91'10. She has sold \$111.10 worth ef poultry this fall and winter. In one month she gathered and sold 52 dozen of eggs. This lady is a young house-keeper, too, and has the care of a growing family upon her hands.'

A FEMALE MISER.

A Woman with \$2000 in Bank Staryes Her-self to Death. Coroner Young is engaged to-day in investi-

ng the circumstances attending the death of ing the circumstances attending the death of ary Hurley, who died yesterday of absolute aryation and cold in the tenement-house No. 52 Mulberry street. She was a great miser, and although she had plenty of money, denied her-self the necessaries of life. Her dead body was found on a pile of rags in a room on the top floor of the house. It presented a fearfully emaciated appearance, and the only clothing the old creature had was a thin and tattared the old creature had was a thin and tattered callco dress. The apartment in which she lived is six feet by ten in size. An old stove in one corner, supplied with bits of wood picked up in the streets, furnished the only warmth for the room. The coroner, upon reaching the wretched house of the deceased, found \$7J in bills and stamps of various denominations, and bank books showing that she had \$2000 deposited to her credit in the Bowery and Chambers Street Savings Banks. How the deformed and sickly creature, who was nearly seventy years of age, could have accumulated so much remains a mystery. It is now in the hands of Mr. Morgan, and will be handed over for the benefit of relatives to the Public Administrator. It was rumored that she had a son in Ireland, who will doubtless rejoice over his good forwho will doubless rejoice over his good for-tune, though coupled with the announcement of the death of his mother. The deceased eked out a wretched existence by begging and the gleanings of ash barrels on the streets. She was known to the residents of the vicinity as "Molly," and her hunch-backed form and sorry light were a constant source of amusement to the gamins, who delighted in teasing her. Her history and character would furnish a theme for the novelist, and illustrate one of the strangest phases of human nature. -N. Y. Commercial Advertiser of Tuesday.

GETTING A HUSBAND.

The Strategy of an Old Mald.

Mr. James O. Burrill, a man who has reached the age of twenty-two years, and has been a married man three years. But he is not happy. The woman he married when he was only nineteen years old was old enough, to be his mother, and wicked enough, if his statements are correct, to be the maternal ancestor of the Evil One himself. Her name was Ella Rowley, and she lived in Syracuse, New York. The shocking manner in which she deceived and ruined the innocent and unsuspecting young man is pointedly set forth in the bill of divorce which he filed in the Circuit Court at Chicago last week.

Mr. Burrill states that on August 1, 1868, he was married to Ella Rowley, in the city of Syra-cuse, New York; that he, being of immature age—to wit, 19 years—and inexperienced in the ways of the world, became a victim of the blandishments of the said Ella Rowley, a person of mature age, and that this cruel seduction was accomplished to enable her to compel him to marry her.

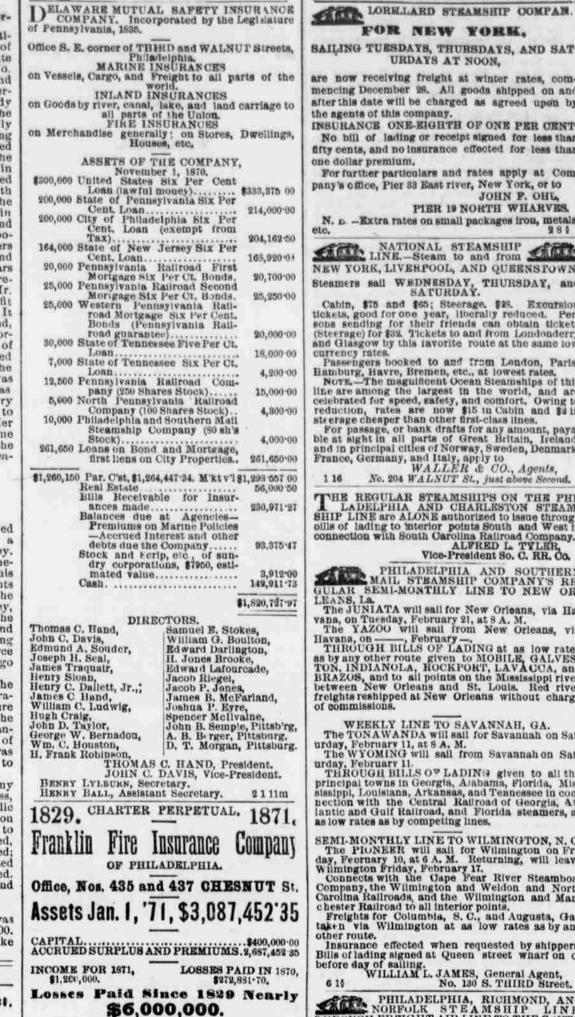
He states that he resisted manfully for many hours, and only yielded after prolonged duress, and to save himself from threatened public prosecution, if not personal violence; that upon his giving his consent a person authorized to perform the marriage ceremony was procured, and the wedding ceremonies were performed; but as quickly as he could he left the hated presence of his bride, and had never returned. He therefore asks the court to sever the bond that binds him to the mature female.

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