

House bill No. 25, which has passed the House and been amended in the Senate on second reading should be defeated. It is a supplement to the existing fish law and extends the open season for catching pike and pickerel from January 1, the date at which it now closes, until February 1. This makes the season in which these fish are protected by law one month shorter.

It is clearly the object of the author of the bill to extend the season for fishing through the ice on the waters of the Commonwealth, a method of depleting the waters of Pennsylvania of these game fish that should not be tolerated at all. If any amendment of the law in this respect is needed it is one closing the season December 1, one month earlier than now instead of one month later.

There is no system of fishing that is so fatal to the pickerel of the small lakes of Northern Pennsylvania as fishing through the ice. Large numbers of people idle during the winter season formerly engaged in this method of fish killing for profit. One person can put out and watch a score or more of lines baited with minnows. With half the idle boys and men in the neighborhood of one of these lakes engaged in the business the waters of almost any pond or lake can be depleted of fish in a single winter.

Ice fishing is fun for the boys, doubtless, but it is death to the fish. And if it is desirable to preserve and propagate fish in the interest of the public ice fishing should be prohibited as rigidly as the use of nets, fish baskets and eel weirs. There should be no tinkering of the fish laws in the direction of easy fish killing and extending the winter season is one of the worst amendments that could be made to the law in this direction.—Times.

Strange Revolution in Women's Dress—Will American Ladies Dare Adopt It?

Some predict that the great change in the fashioning of the clothes which are to be worn by women this coming season is the most wonderful victory of the nineteenth century—if fashion leaders can be induced to adopt it, and appear just once in public so arrayed.

Men will hold their breath in wonder at the marvelous change it makes in lovely women. "Few of the fair sex can help being beautiful in these glove-fitting costumes," says a writer in a recent number of *The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazar*. "This magazine is the only one in Europe or America which makes a specialty of giving those inclined to stoutness an unrivaled appearance of sculptured slimmness," said Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. Madame Patti has ordered from the Paris house four magnificent costumes, the designs of which will appear in the April number of this *Fashion Bazar*—and in this magazine only.

Mrs. Harrison is greatly fascinated with the exquisite gem, costume No. 4, in the April number. It is expected she will give an order for an exact counterpart of it, the whole front of which will be incrustated with pin-head diamonds. This gown alone will be worth a king's ransom.

"The New Philadelphia"

"The New Philadelphia" is the title of a deeply interesting article which will appear in the *May Cosmopolitan*, and is from the pen of Mr. Henry C. Walsh. To those who are not entirely familiar with "the city of brotherly love" of to-day, and who taking the joke-maker at his word entertain the erroneous idea that the third largest in the Union is at best but a sleepy and unenterprising town, the *Cosmopolitan's* article will prove a veritable revelation. The great change that has been wrought during the past decade in the external appearance of Philadelphia is ably set forth, and greatly augmented by the splendid illustrations drawn by Mr. Harry Fenn. A glance at these masterly drawings shows that in beauty of architecture the solidity and modernness of construction and design in her homes, clubs and commercial buildings, Philadelphia stands at the very head of flourishing American cities. The business, social and intellectual advancement of this, perhaps the most habitable of cities, is no less marked that is its mere outward progression. Doubtless too much attention has been paid to other more ostentatiously progressive cities—especially of the West—to the exclusion of the Quaker City and its marvelous growth. The article in the *May Cosmopolitan*, however, places Philadelphia before the public in its true light as one of the best governed, most enterprising and socially, commercially and politically progressive cities of the United States.

The New York Commission, appointed to consider municipal consolidation has decided, by a unanimous vote, to recommend the formation of the city limits, to include New York, Brooklyn, Staten Island, the town of Westchester and other outlying suburbs. The Commission adopted and sent a draft of a preliminary bill to the Legislature.

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Ground is now being broken for the erection of the World's Fair buildings at Chicago. There is no doubt but that the committee in charge of the exposition are the right men for the great task. There will be ten times as much money to spend as Philadelphia had. The following is a list of the prominent buildings to be erected, with the various dimensions: Space for live stock exhibit, 63 acres; building for agriculture 500 by 800 feet; Casino, 175 by 300 feet; administration building, 225 by 225 feet; mines and mining, 350 by 700 feet; electricity, 350 by 700 feet; transportations, 250 by 900 feet; manufacturers and liberal arts, 788 by 1,688 feet; horticulture, 250 by 1000 feet; government building, 350 by 420 feet; woman's building, 200 by 400 feet; fisheries, 150 by 400 feet; Illinois State building, 430 by 160 feet. The dedicatory ceremonies will take place October 12, 1892—Commemorations of the discovery of America. The formal opening of the fair itself will take place May 1st, 1893.

Were you ever at sea in a storm—a storm near a coast, when you expected the next wave would dash the good ship to pieces? If you ever passed through such an experience you will remember the relief felt when you realized you were near a life-saving station with its corps of heroes, and you will be glad to know more of the life of those "brave watchers by the sea;" and even a confirmed stay-at-home will be interested in the handsomely illustrated article on "Our Life-Saving Service" in the May number of *Demorest's Family Magazine*. From the same comprehensive source you may also gain some very interesting information about the Isthmus States—Central America (finely illustrated); "Signs of Character in the Face; How to Read Them" (also illustrated) will enable you to judge more correctly of human nature; and the excellent paper on "Delsarte and Delsartean Philosophy," with portrait of the philosopher, will answer that oft-repeated question, "Who is Delsarte, and what is his philosophy?" Then there are bright stories, and information on all live topics, and almost no end of illustrations (over 200) and a splendid article for "Our Girls," and the other departments, as usual, are brimming over with good things; and, altogether, this is an exceptionally good number of that always good *Family Magazine*, published at \$2 a year, by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th St. New York.

The Judicial apportionment bill introduced in the Senate last week makes but few changes. The 26th, Columbia and Montour remains the same.

The bill providing for chattel mortgages on goods of every description, has been negatived in the Senate.

In Senator Meek's Senatorial apportionment bill, the 26th district is composed of Columbia, Montour and Sullivan.

Mr. Fow's bill to prevent the sale and manufacture of cigarettes has passed second reading. The bill makes it unlawful for any person or firm to sell, or offer for sale, or cause to be sold, made or manufactured in the State cigarettes made of tobacco or any other substance, except medicinal cigarettes. Any person violating the provision of the act shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year.

Mr. Fow's companion bill to this, preventing the smoking of cigarettes on the streets or highways of the commonwealth was taken up, and Mr. Wherry of Cumberland, offered an amendment prohibiting the smoking of tobacco of any sort upon the streets. Mr. Wherry's amendment was not agreed to, and the bill passed second reading. It makes it unlawful for any person to smoke cigarettes upon the highways, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts and sidewalks of the commonwealth. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this act is subject to a fine of \$10.

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After the New Baby's Arrival.

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