

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO WEAR IT.

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly to Women.

FROM THE METROPOLIS

Wonderful Creations in All Conceivable Shapes and Styles—Frocks of Patchwork—Hats of Quaint Design—Fencing Blouses and Wraps—Coats of Odd Design.

BY JULES THOROW.

Plainly cut and fitted gowns of butcher's linen beautiful with heavy hand embroideries are conspicuous among the season's choice fashions.

These two trimmings are combined



ROCK OF BUTCHER'S LINEN.

A wide band extending around the skirt and below it is a founce of tuckered linen with a deep hand-run hem.

Makers and wearers of fashionable garments are certainly indebted to the jumper and sleeveless modes for no end of original garments.



JUMPER COAT OF ODD DESIGN.

Medallions of embroidery and coarse lace applique, these being outlined with narrow ruffles of German Valenciennes.

The coat is cut down in square effect at the neck, both back and front, and the sides are scalloped out to match the neck.

TOBACCO PHILOSOPHY.

Observations on Plain Human Nature by the Cigar Dealer.

"I understand," said the cigar dealer, as he took advantage of a leisure moment to pass a word with one of his customers.

"There's an exception, however, and I suppose the exception proves the rule. Your cigarette smoker is apt to be looking for some new thing pretty much all the time, and that's one thing that convinces me that cigarettes really don't give lasting satisfaction."

Some Tails and Their Uses.

A cat never actually wags its tail. Why should it when it can purr? But, nevertheless, it seems to serve the same purpose in permitting a temporary expenditure of excess nervous energy.

We may compare this to the nervous tapping of the foot or fingers in a man. When an angry lion is roaring its loudest, his tail will frequently rise from side to side, giving rise among the ancients to the belief that he scourged his body with a hook or thorn which grew from the end of the tail.

When a jaguar walks along a slender bough or a house cat perambulates the top of a board fence, we perceive another important function of the tail—that of an aid in balancing.

The tail of a sheep seems to be of little use to its owner, although in the breed which is found in Asia Minor and on the tablelands of Tartary this organ functions as a storehouse of fat, and sometimes reaches a weight of forty pounds.

When viewed from behind the animal seems all tall and when its appendage reaches full size it is either fastened between two sticks which drag on the ground, or it is suspended on two small wheels.

Gunners' Deafness.

A British writer quoted by the Army and Navy Journal, declares that 50 per cent of the men in the British navy are more or less deaf as a result of heavy air shocks to which their ears are subjected by firing of the big guns.

Where Law Doesn't Reach.

About sixty feet under the surface of the water, six miles off the coast of Florida, two Greek divers fought desperately for the possession of a big sponge.

A Floating City.

The new Holland-American steamship Rotterdam, just launched, will have a palm garden, a terrace garden, a shopper's arcade with flower shops, book stalls, hair dressers, manures, photographers, stenographer and candy store.

CHUMS FOR CHILDREN

DOGS USEFUL BOTH AS NURSES AND AS PLAYMATES.

The Most Companionable Breeds—Big Dogs Better for Babies Than the Pet Dogs—All the Terriers Spend Chums.

Dogs are excellent playmates and companions for children, as all the world knows. To the boys and girls a mutt, as the fancier terms a mongrel, is usually as welcome a chum as any Vere de Vere of canine descent.

It is in the open or about the household that children have most to do with dogs. Puppies and young children always get along finely together with the toils of the association together on the dog. In the country a St. Bernard or terrier pup is often given to the children, and the knowledge that as it grows the dog will become a most trustworthy guardian, at home and abroad, and in the country such a guardian is worth having.

Such a dog is often told by the mother or nurse to mind the baby, to an old and self-respecting dog this is not a congenial task always, but it never rebels.

The child uses it usually as a servant or a punching bag, mingling its thumps with endearing and joyful talk. This sort of thing makes the old dog weary, but it never to the job.

It is well established that dogs reciprocate the affection shown to them by all children. There seems to be a subtle understanding or affinity between children and dogs that makes them true friends and comrades whatever may happen.

With adults the strongest allegiance is given to the master or mistress and less loyalty is given to the subordinates of the farm, household or kennels. But there is nothing individual in a dog's regard for children; they keep a warm spot in their hearts for all and the children know it.

Dogs that hunt by sight usually make better playmates for a child than those that follow a scent, for they are quicker and more adaptable, while the latter are self-contained and stolid in play.

Beagles and foxhounds are good dogs for children. The fighting abilities of the foxhound are not generally known. While by education the gentlest of dogs they will when aroused in the chase, or in defence of a child, whip their weight in wildcats.

Their quick sight and speed make deerhounds, greyhounds and Russian wolfhounds entertaining dogs for children in the country, for as with all big dogs the town falls on them and they need room. When put into harness these feet dogs draw a small wagon at a rousing pace.

All the terriers are spendid chums. The white Scottish are a new fashion and are running a race in popularity with the older types.

Both Skye and Yorkshire terriers, although seen at shows clad in excessively long coats, are game and lively dogs for children, when kept as workers and not trimmed up for the bench. Bull terriers are of a jealous disposition, and unless this is overcome they may make trouble for the children by mixing up with other dogs that come along.

Bulldogs, when not so bulky and phlegmatic, get along nicely with children. Boston terriers and French bulldogs possess the sprightly, cheery ways missing in their big cousins and they are admirable friends for the youngsters.

Poms, toy terriers, toy spaniels and indeed all the pet dogs except pugs are well worth owning by large children; but for small children the small dogs are mostly too short tempered to be safe as companions. Expressed in another way, they are too fragile or tender to withstand without reprisal the maulings of the juveniles.

All dogs understand baby talk, but those of foreign birth have to learn English before they are the best of chums with larger children. At the sheepdog trials in Wales the shepherds give their orders in Welsh but on the borders of the Highlands the collies understand both Gaelic and English.

Stained Vases.

Discolored flower vases should be rubbed with used tea leaves and vinegar. This will take away all stains.

ORIGIN OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

John Adams Spoke of July Second Instead of the Fourth.

On the 2d of July, 1776, John Adams, then one of the representatives of Massachusetts in the Continental Congress, wrote to his wife Abigail:

"Yesterday the greatest question was decided which was ever debated in America, and a greater perhaps never was nor never will be decided among men."

In a second letter, written the same day, he said:

"But the day is past. The 2d of July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, for evermore."

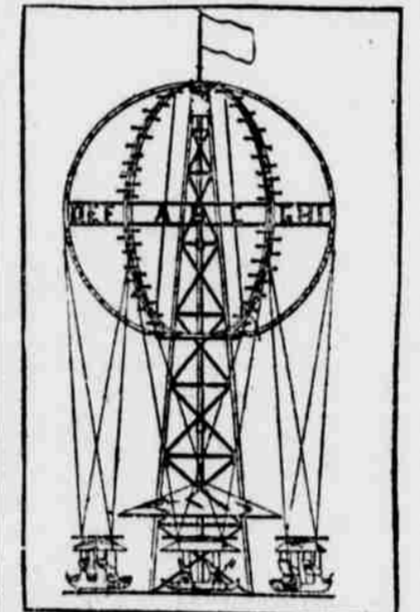
When the resolution was taken up the 2d day of July, 1776, the independence of the Thirteen United Colonies from the throne of Great Britain was definitely decided upon. The 2d, and not the 4th, may be called the true date of the separation. We could with propriety celebrate the "Fourth" two days earlier. That the participants in the work considered the 2d as the true date is shown by the letters written by John Adams, quoted at the beginning of the article. The popular fancy, however, seized upon the 4th, the date of acceptance of Jefferson's more dramatic declaration of the reasons for the separation, as the proper day to celebrate.

The debate upon the document was continued until the afternoon of the 4th, and, says Jefferson, might have run on interminably at any other season of the year. But the weather was oppressively warm, and the hall in which the deputies sat was close to a stable, "whence the hungry flies swarmed thick and fierce, alighting on the legs of the delegates and biting hard through their thin silk stockings. Treason was preferable to discomfort," and at last the delegates were brought to such a state of mind as to agree to the Declaration without further amendment.

It is a mistake to suppose that the document was signed by the delegates on that day. It is improbable that any signing was done save by John Hancock, the president of the Congress, and Charles Thomson, the secretary.—Harper's Magazine.

"Round About."

Another amusement feature brought forth and verging on the sensational, is shown in the illustration, and there is no doubt that it will give pleasure-seekers who ride thereon an exhilaration far removed from the ordinary. It is called a "round about." In the center is a tower, probably 150 feet high. Supported at the top of the tower is a



frame, consisting of semicircular ribs, which revolve with a shaft in the center of the tower. Suspended from the ribs on cables are a number of cars. When the shaft and circular frame are revolved at great speed the cars gradually leave the level of the ground and shoot out on each side. The position of cars would be similar to that of a car swung on the end of a cord.

Largest Flower in the World.

The largest flower in the world has been supposed to be that of rafflesia arnoldi, which forms the entire plant and grows to a diameter of three feet as a flat, circular parasite on trees in Java and Sumatra, but a still larger—single specimen weighing as much as twenty-two pounds—has been reported to exist in Mindanao, one of the Philippines. A German authority now declares that the largest flower yet discovered is produced upon one of the Aroidae of Sumatra. The plant has a leaf that may attain a circumference of fifty feet, and the leaf stem is a column twelve feet high and three feet in circumference. The fully expanded flower takes the shape of a mammoth funnel four feet in diameter. It is light green or white outside, and the interior is wine red and velvety. The pistil creamy yellow five feet high, has a penetrating odor.

Count Boni de Castellane has lost his wife and her money and his seat in the French Chamber of Deputies, but he still has his reputation. He couldn't lose that if he tried.—Springfield, (Mass.) Union.

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Is She a Lady?

Mr. Kipling, champion of the romance of machinery, has done much to prove his case in his tales and poems of the locomotive, the motor car, the torpedo boat, the submarine, the tramp steamer and the ocean liner.

Nevertheless, says "Youth's Companion," both the literary and sea-faring world is still divided on the question, "Is the steamship of to-day as much a thing of beauty, of romance, of inspiration, as were the famous clippers, the swift packets, the stately Indiamen, and the daring whalers of a day gone by?"

Recently a group of travelers looked upon their mighty vessel at its pier, noted the vast stides glittering with fresh paint, the elegant appointments, the immaculate decks and the shining brasses, and one of them quoted approvingly, "The liner she's a lady."

"Is she?" queried the older man. "That's what I doubt. At least, if this magnificent monster is feminine at all, she's more than a new woman or an athletic girl, even. She's an Amazon—a gladiator—a cruel lady fit to juggle cannon balls and lift men in her teeth."

"Every craft is still conventionally 'she,' I know; but most of them are losing their femininity. Now, a ship in her movements, her style, her individuality, really was a lady."

"Well, on the whole, I think 'she' is fitting. Once beheld a full rigged ship, under all her canvas, her endless figurehead curtsying deep into blue sea and racing foam, her lofty mainmast swinging its spindles against blue sky and racing clouds, and you could never doubt it."

"But when we change sails for steam we should change sex and pronoun with them. This ponderous leviathan ought plainly to be 'he.' And then, think of a battleship! Abaard!"

Crypt Used as Beer Cellar.

The ancient crypt beneath St. Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, England, is used for a beer and wine cellar, but not with the consent of the church, which is now trying to buy the lease that has been sold by the present owners since the dissolution of the monasteries.

She Acquiesced.

The wife of one of the directors of the line was a passenger. She was an imperious woman, accustomed to having her own way, and when the ship began to roll she sent forthwith for the captain. A steward came instead. She scorned the steward and demanded the captain's presence immediately. The purser was the next sacrifice, and after he, the third officer and the first officer had all retired discomfited, with a sea in the ear, as the saying is, the captain came. By this time the rolling had increased and the lady's voice was beginning to sound far away.

"I wish you to stop this rolling at once," she said to the captain. "Ma'am," said the captain, "a ship as you know, is feminine and if she wants to roll I fear that I can no more stop her than I could help coming here when you wish, to see me."

It was a naive bit of flattery directed at her weakest point and despite the green tinge of her complexion that foretold an immediate attack of mal de mer, the woman smiled.

"Very well, sir," she faintly murmured, closing her eyes, "Let her roll."

How to Rid the Place of Rats and Mice.

Get a ten-cent can of concentrated lye and sprinkle it liberally in every rat or mouse run possible. Do this twice a year.

Rats, as is well known, frequent moist places beneath floors, and their feet are most always moist. As soon as they step on the lye it causes their feet to burn; then they lick their feet, and there is more burn; if they smell of it, there is still more burn, and they immediately emigrate. This I have found far more effective than traps, dogs, cats or poison, and it does as well for mice as rats.

Here is another idea, which, while not original, is of much value, as a little bit of prevention is worth lots of cure. If the farmers will have on hand a few pounds of pulverized sulphur, and sprinkle some over their corn as they are putting it in the cribs, they will have few or no mice or rats in the corn. The sulphur does not affect the corn in the least, even for meal.—W. S. Bair in Farm and Fireside.

Nature has just one pigment on her palette with which she produces all the marvelous tints of beauty, and that one pigment is the blood. The shell-like pink beneath the finger nails, the delicate rose of the cheek, the cherry ripeness of the lips, the iridescent brilliance of the eyes are all produced by the blood. Just as the permanence of a beautiful painting will depend upon the purity of the colors with which it is painted, so the permanence of beauty depends on the purity of the blood. Paint, powder and cosmetics won't avail to preserve beauty. Beauty begins in the blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a true beautifier, because it provides for nature that pure blood with which alone she can paint. The use of this medicine will cleanse the skin, heighten the complexion, brighten the eyes, and give to face and form that radiance of health which is the greatest charm of beauty.

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