

OUR PARIS LETTER.

The attention of all the fashionable world seems, for the present, to be centered on "walking costumes."

But the toilette which we have in mind is that which occupies, and with good reason, the entire attention of our Parisians; it is the one to be worn from three to five o'clock in the afternoon on the promenade of the Bois.

During the season when all Parisians withdraw from reunions and fetes, here alone are displayed pretty toilettes and all the novelties which appear here, may be seen the most coquetish, the most incoachable of wraps.

A well known "grandma," still beautiful and very stylish, wears a gown of black peau-de-soie trimmed with a flounce of the same material, and a long jacket of broche black-silk lined with sable.

Her little grand-daughter is as pretty as a dream in a robe of gray cloth embroidered with moss green pastilles.

A lovely capote for a young married lady is of iris-colored velvet draped in an exquisite manner. In front, close to the hair, is placed a beautiful, ancient ring, a Hungarian jewel, set with multicolored stones.

Lent is never very strictly observed in Paris, at least the first part of it, so subscription nights at the Opera are always well attended.

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bronze straw trimmed with birds wings and knot of bronze velvet. Jacket of plaid wool goods, colors, bronze and beige.

No. 916. RECEPTION TOILETTE.—This elegant toilette is of satin duchesse and violet, with trimmings of silver embroidery.

No. 913. CAPOTE.—Capote of white cloth with pheasant's wing. On the center of the front is placed a red dahlia and a knot of wood green velvet ribbon.

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ENGAGED.

Strange, arbitrary, hoop of gold; how much thou mean'st to me; how little in thyself! Yet though thy jeweled crest were of alloy, 'twould tell the s's same tale, and at thy All, all but one, would flee, with whisperings, such,

Thomas Frost.

A CONSENSUS OF THOUGHTS

UPON THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE OF WOMAN.

One of the most remarkable assemblies of modern times was the recent Women's Convention held at Washington City. Here for the first time were shown woman's ambitions, hopes, aspirations and desires, and her determinations for something higher, bet ter, nobler, more equitable than her present condition.

In the course of her address Miss Willard said: that she held, with the President of the previous council, that a difference of opinion on one question must not prevent the women of America from working unitedly on those on which they agree.

Miss Willard then spoke of the details of the organization, and favored the most complete and extensive one possible—one that should include and comprehend local councils in every state, county, city, town and village in the land.

We have long met, she said, to read essays, make speeches and prepare petitions; but we have not met in this great council to legislate for womanhood, for childhood and the home.

No. 920. TOQUE.—Toque of cream-colored velvet with flaring brim of gold lace set with coral stones; cluster of black and cream-colored acchettes, are placed slightly to the left of the front.

on the plan of Toynbee Hall, London; think of the women's protective agencies, women's sanitary associations and exchanges and industrial schools and societies for physical culture, all of which are but clusters on the heavy laden boughs of the Christian civilization, which raises woman up and, with her, lifts toward Heaven the world.

Conspicuous among the women's foreign and home missionary societies, relative to which an expert tells us that the first was organized about a quarter of a century ago, and now most of the denominations have both associations, with a contributing membership of about one and one-half millions.

At the school at Poona the dream is coming true.

A TRIBUTE TO MISS GARRETT.

The air of the east days is electric with delirious tidings. In New York city, men leaders as Mary Putnam Jacob and Mrs. Achew have rallied around Dr. Emma Kempin, the learned lawyer from Louisiana, and are helping to make it easier than ever before for women to enter the learned profession that has been most thickly hedged away from them.

In speaking of Parnell, she said that the chief significance of his present discredited estate had been but little emphasized, as yet, in the public mind; but, to her thinking, the woman question has had no triumph so signal in our generation.

On the subject of "co-operative happiness," she said that, in the epoch on which we have entered, labor will undoubtedly, come to be the only potent, and "for value received," will have the skilled toil of the human species as its sole basis of any "specie payment"; "a note of hand" having no offset save the human hand at work.

A passion comes to an end; it drops out of life one way or other, and we see it no more. But it has been part of our souls, and it is eternal.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Nature never pretends. Time stands close to eternity. The sun is always shining somewhere. He who does nothing is very near doing ill.

One-half of heroism is bravery; the other half is modesty. A close mouth calls for few assessments and pays big dividends.

Next to the virtue, the fun in this world is what we least can spare. Great hearts alone understand how much glory there is in being good.

It is always our own feelings that illuminate the objects around us. Crime flies with the wings of Mercury, but Justice pursues it on crutches.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for any one else. Woman possesses in good, as well as evil, an energy which surpasses that of man.

Some persons have the luck of perceiving stupidities only after having committed them. Adversity is a jewel that shines brighter in our neighbor's crown than in our own.

A man's gray matter is his only possession that is sufficiently extensive to satisfy him. Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable.

Above all things always speak the truth; your word must be your bond through life. Next to laziness the hardest thing on earth to resist is the impulse to take sides in a fight.

We swallow at one mouthful the lie that flatters, and I drink drop by drop the truth that is bitter. Whatever else may be wrong, it must be right to be pure, just and tender, to be rich and honest.

The man who wants to die ought to die; the seraph don't need him, but he'll find that out later. After a man has made a certain amount of money his neighbors begin to bear him bad will.

To be thoroughly good-natured, and yet avoid being imposed upon, shows great strength of character. Education is the cultivation of a just and estimate familiarity betwixt the mind and things.

An ounce of generous praise will do more to make a man your friend than a pound of fault-finding. When you are right you cannot be too radical, and when you are wrong you cannot be too conservative.

The lives of some great men make us doubt whether the doors of success are marked "push" or "pull." It is a good policy to tell the truth, because if you don't you can't expect to be believed when you tell a lie.

Counsel is a good thing; but it is better to take counsel of one's own indiscretion than of another man's. Every sorrow has its limits, and the most violent outbreaks exhaust most quickly the fountain of pain.

A dead man is given more charity than he can make use of; a living man isn't given as much as he deserves. The words of men are like the leaves of the trees; when they are too many they hinder the growth of the fruit.

Very old people often are free from all appearance of sin, because they have nothing left for either to feed upon. Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

The devil has a keen sense of humor, and when he hears a drummer tell a "new story" he laughs himself sick. Let your aims-giving be anonymous. It has the double advantage of suppressing at the same time ingratitude and abuse.

Live with your century, but be not its creature; bestir up your contemporaries not what they praise but what they need. From the time a boy puts on his first pair of pants until the day of his death there is a woman trying to keep him at home.

Open biographical volumes where you will, and the man who has no faith in religion, has faith in a nightmare and in ghosts. To be able to endure honest and kind criticism requires quite as much wisdom as to be able to make honest and wise criticism.

We all want the elevator to wait for us, but when we are in we don't like to see it kept waiting any longer for anybody else. The man who can look at a thermometer on a very hot day and go away and tell the truth about it will do to trust anywhere.

There are more quarrels smothered by just shutting your mouth and holding it shut than by all the wisdom in the world. The man who thinks more of himself than any one else thinks of him is in a position to die without distressing the world.

The man who is in trouble can always see what an easy thing it would have been for him to keep out if he had only thought. There are people who are always anticipating trouble, and in this way they manage to enjoy many and holding it in prayer at his family altar.

The better half of memory consigns to oblivion the faults and frailties of the departed, and remembers only their genius and their virtues.