

NEWS FOR THE FAIR SEX.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON NUMEROUS FEMININE TOPICS.

A Queen's Hobby—Fancy of the Hour—Reads Fortune in Tea Grounds—Signs Her Full Name, etc.

A Queen's Hobby. The Queen of Italy has a peculiar hobby—a collection of gloves, boots and shoes which have been worn at different periods by royal and imperial personages.

A Fancy of the Hour.

One of the newest fads is the collecting of belt buckles from different parts of the world as souvenirs.

Reads Fortune in Tea Grounds.

One of the newest devices for the woman anxious to know what fate has in reserve for her is the fortune-telling teacup.

Signs Her Full Name.

There are styles in which a woman signs her name, just as there are styles in everything else; and if they have changed less frequently than have the fashions in dress, carpets and wall papers, they have changed no less surely.

Changes in the character of the names themselves are no less observable and equally interesting.

Some Handsome Fans.

The Parisian fanmaker is the designer of the fashions of the present day, and Duverrier, in England, is not only a designer, but has a rare collection of old fans.

In our own shops we find a splendid collection of the most exquisite designs.

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Gleanings From the Shops.

Crystal fan chains with heart-shaped pendants.

Foulard batistes in polka dots, stripes and figures.

White pique suits made with tunics elaborately trimmed with white Hamburg embroidery.

Gilt bracelets with crystal, amethyst, sapphire and emerald charms of various shapes attached.

Silk organdies showing beautiful and rich perian designs accentuated by vari-colored silk polka dots.

A great variety of cotton veils in cream and white, as well as in tasteful combinations of black and white.

or embroidery are new and dainty. The low corset has given a new impetus to designers of fanciful chemises, and even the woman who has thought an embroidered monogram and a narrow edging of hand embroidery the acme of elegance in lingerie succumbs to the fragile beauty of the new French underwear.

In batiste and lawn and soft China silk the new nightgowns are made empire fashion, with short waists and low necks and short puffed sleeves, the belt, neck and arms edged with trails of embroidered flowers.

A Mending Factory. Buried in the heart of the quiet residence portion of Boston is the oldest little factory in the world.

The French Intelligence Department. When the Englishman drops a confidential communication into the letter box he has no misgivings that his missive will be opened and its contents read and copied before it comes into the hands of the person to whom it is addressed.

The Veiled Prophet. It was in the forenoon that two middle-aged women rode out Sixteenth street in an open hearse.

Where the Compass Came From. The earliest references to the use of the mariner's compass are to be found in Chinese history.

A Stone for a Throne. The throne of England, splendid in its trappings of silk, velvet and gold wire, lace and tassels, is simply an old-fashioned high-backed chair.

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Some Fallacies About Dogs Removed. Possibly it may have been generally noticed that with the increased value of the dog and his treatment, when ill, in a scientific manner have gone far to remove many fallacies and superstitions in regard to "man's faithful friend."

Unwelcome News. Professor Hyslop, president of the Psychical Research Society, has received evidence through a spiritualistic medium which convinces him of a future existence.

Great Britain and Ireland imports 1,500,000 eggs a year.

\$1,000 WOULD BUY NOTHING.

So the Hobo Hunted Up the Owner—Celebrated as an Honest Tramp.

"I've slept under a shed with the thermometer 'way below zero," said the tramp, "and I've gone two long days with nothing to eat, but I'm telling you straight that when I once had \$1,000 in my pocket I was worse off than at any other time I can remember.

"That \$1,000 meant a nap for me, you understand, but I was so excited that it was two hours before I could do any planning.

"Under the circumstances the bill might as well have been a piece of brown paper. I tried all sorts of dodges to get it busted, but it was no go.

"I wouldn't have believed there was such honesty in the world. You could have kept the bill as well as not."

"He took down my name and all that and gave the affair away to the reporters. They wrote me up as the 'Honest Tramp' and had my picture in the papers, but you may guess I didn't enjoy it over much.

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It has kept down the unnecessary mongrels and has thus tended to enforce better care by the owners of those dogs that remain.

He Was Not Observing.

"It seems almost incredible," said the railroad man, "but I saw a man the other day that couldn't give an intelligent description of his wife.

"Next I asked him how tall she was. The best I could ascertain was that she was not very tall, neither was she very short.

"When it came to the color of the woman's hair he was again in a quandary. He was not dead sure whether it was dark brown or black.

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"This must be the statue of General Scott," said one, as the herdic trundled around Scott Circle.

"But what's that other statue over there?" asked the other woman, peering near-sightedly at a pedestal crowned with a tall figure swatched in white draperies.

"No, I don't remember it," answered the first woman. "It must be new. It must be—why, of course. How stupid of me not to recognize it! It's a statue of the Veiled Prophet."

And the other woman said, contentedly: "Why, so it is. Isn't it a lovely idea."—Washington Post.

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DETECTING A FAMOUS FORGERY.

How "Three Hundred" Was Raised to "Eighty-three Hundred."

"In filling out a blank form," writes Daniel T. Ames, the handwriting expert, "say one word is omitted. After the paper is finished the writer notices the omission, goes back and writes in the lacking word.

"Gibbons, by whom the receipt was given, held a mortgage of ninety-three hundred dollars on Potter's farm. Potter called to pay him three hundred of it on account.

"When another installment of the mortgage fell due, Potter set up the claim that he owed only one thousand dollars instead of eight thousand, as Gibbons maintained.

Science and the Servant.

Before marriage she was a school-teacher and it took a good deal of masculine tact to wear her from the idea of making a scientific career without the interference of a husband.

"Jane," she said, "do you know that there are in that milk millions of minute organisms of bacilli that look horrid under—"

"There's not one, mum," hotly retorted Jane, as she banged the table with the skimmer, by way of emphasis.

"But listen, Jane—"

"I'll listen no more. And you don't need to give me notice, neither. I'll leave within the hour, mum, for they're plenty of places and them as don't be slanderin' a honest workin' girl."

Owned 30,000 Autographs.

The owner of probably the greatest private collection of autographs in the world, Alexander Polonyi, has died in Vienna.

It was Polonyi's greatest pleasure to show his treasures to scholars and to bewilder them with the wealth and variety of the materials which he placed before them in the calculated disorder we have attempted to describe.

Two Grim Relics. Two grim relics have just been added to the collection in Paris known as the Musée de l'Armée.

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Texas was at one time and for many years called the "New Philippines."

The first settlement in what is now Texas was made by French emigrants in 1685.

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AMONG THE BEST OF DIVERS.

Coraan Women Who Make a Business of Diving for the Pearl Oyster.

A Brooklyn man recently received a letter from a friend in Seoul, the capital of Korea, describing a visit the writer had recently paid to the large island of Quelpaert, just south of Korea and a part of that country.

"I think the most unique sight I ever saw was the women divers at Quelpaert. Perhaps you may have heard that only women divers are engaged in the pearl oyster fisheries there.

"You might think that boats would be kept to carry these women out to their toil, but no, they work their passage and it is a lesson in the art of swimming to see them.

About the time I made up my mind they would never be seen again alive, up they would come, sometimes right near where the gourd was floating and sometimes several rods away.

"The sickles are used to cut away the seaweed at the bottom so that the divers may get at the stones and earth to which the oysters fasten themselves.

Kaui—The Garden Island.

I made my landing on Kauai at Nawiliwili, a very pretty crescent-shaped bay with high bold land at the points, disembarking from a smaller steamer than those running to Hawaii and Maui, after one of the roughest trips in my experience.

In point of fact, there are no possibilities at all. Not for lack of arable land, indeed, but for lack of any kind worth cultivating.

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London Chronicle. The general wore for the rest of his days.