



PARIS NOTION.

A new fad was sprung upon the Parisian public during the Christmas shopping season.

The notion is an absurd one, but no absurdity is too bizarre for some women, provided it is novel and costly.

DON'T ROCK BABIES TO SLEEP.

But doct's are not as a general rule greatly influenced by purely sentimental considerations, and they have issued the mandate, "Babies should not be rocked to sleep."

CARE OF THE FEET.

As long as shoes are worn the wearers will probably have trouble with their feet.

In the first place it is not always the tight shoe that does the harm.

If the feet are lame at night it rests them to put them in warm water for a while.

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A somewhat similar gown of white lace was applied upon the less durable foundation of chiffon.

BOUQUET FASHIONS IN JAPAN.

In Japan nothing is left to chance in connection with the arrangement of flowers, everything being done according to laws.

Each month has its flower and each circumstance, happy or unhappy. Felicity is expressed in February by the Ardisia japonica, etc.

The place a bouquet occupies in a room is also important. A bouquet has its proper place before the Kakemono, or painting, which ornaments every well-furnished room of a Japanese house.

FASHIONABLE BELTS.

Most of the new belts, whether of leather, ribbon, satin or elastic silk, are studded or treated with imitation jewels.

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NEW SHOPPING BAGS.

The bag habit used to be the special characteristic of Bostonian femininity, and the ugly but serviceable little composition of cloth and leather, that could stretch to hold all sorts of precious small belongings from a volume of Ibsen to a safety hairpin.

To enumerate a few of the variously shaped reticules so essential to womanly convenience is to mention at least the side bag, carriage bag, railway bag, wrist bag, handkerchief bag, theatre bag and shopping bag.

Within the bag is divided, along its leathern walls, in flat compartments, on which, in gilt letters, is stamped samples, hairpins, cards, fountain pen, pencil, shopping list, mirror, comb and smelling salts.

FASHION NOTES.

Large windmill bows of black velvet, with diamonds in centre, figure on the front of bodices and sometimes on the points of the shoulders.

Moire antique and gros grain silk are on the fashionable list again, and wraps, gowns, separate skirts and waists are made from these much prized silks a generation and more ago.



HOW TO MARK STRAIGHT ROWS.

Which do you prefer, straight or crooked rows for corn, potatoes or vegetables? Of course, if you believe as I do, in making straight paths for your feet, then you will say you like straight rows best.

Blanket the horse. Horses left standing in the cold should be well blanketed, especially when warmed up from driving.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

The aim should be to produce from 150 to 200 pound pigs at six to seven months old for the greatest profit.

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TO SUBDUCE INSECT PESTS.

I have an orchard in light, sandy ground, which I think of sowing in rape for a hog pasture.

SHEEP VERSUS GOATS.

The German army reserves are greatly increasing in number. For next year's thirteen days of drill 5,350 non-commissioned officers and 48,111 privates will put in an appearance.

brush, but not in preference to pastures.

Fourth—The meat of the sheep is as yet preferred, on the whole, in the market, but the goat meat is coming more and more into favor.

Fifth—The goat produces hair and the sheep wool. The fleece of the latter weighs more on an average than the fleece of the former.

Sixth—The great use of the sheep on the average farm is to clean up scattered vegetation, especially what is of the gleanings order, while the best use of the goat is in cleaning up the brush land.

Seventh—Sheep will not do well if confined wholly on brush land, while just such land furnishes exactly the conditions which the goats enjoy.

Our experiments in the treatment of monilia, the rot of peach and plums, last year were not altogether satisfactory.

There is no question about the desirability of spraying before the buds open or at the time they are swelling. This will prevent peach leaf curl and will also be advantageous for the monilia.

Another point of interest is the fact that the spray which is used for the peach leaf curl and will also be advantageous for the monilia.

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LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

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PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFLY TOLD.

Special Dispatches Boiled Down for Quick Reading.

PATENTS AND PENSIONS GRANTED.

Scorched Corpse in a Ditch—Clothes Burned From the Body of a Man Found Along the Railroad at Howellville—Priest Ousted by Court—Kidnaping Plot Revealed—Enforcing Tobacco Laws—Other News.

Pennsylvania pensions: William F. Behm, Mars, \$6; Robert C. Parker, Pittsburgh, \$6; George W. Moyer, Berks, \$8; Jacob Brubaker, Ambsry, \$5; William Kennedy, Mt. Holy Springs, \$8; Garrett M. Craighed, Beaver Falls, \$17; James M. Packard, Mitchell Creek, \$17; Robert S. Laughary, Hamill, \$10; Robert H. Dickinson, Erie, \$24; Addison K. Nesbit, New Bedford, \$10; Stewart Clark, Pittsburgh, \$12; Andrew Hillegas, West End, \$8; Samuel B. McCord, Erie, \$8; Sarah Rogers, Allegheny, \$8; Jane Moody, Asylum, \$8; Catharine Kiles, Connellsville, \$8; Jane L. Southard, Caledonia, \$8; Elizabeth H. Hamill, Hamill, \$12; H. E. McKeen, McKeen, \$10; William McCoy, McKeen, \$10; William R. Lawrence, Ligonier, \$12; James Marsh, Irwin, \$8; Matthew Hoese, Athens, \$17; Joseph Day, Washington, \$12; John M. Smith, Allegheny, \$8; Isaac Buckingham, Jefferson, \$8; George Haben, Butler, \$8; William A. Holt, Washington, \$12; J. S. Whipple Le Roy, \$10; Sarah A. Greenland, Grafon, \$8; Catherine J. Hamilton, Bellefonte, \$8; Sarah Bridget, Sharon, \$8.

Pennsylvania patents: Alfred M. Acklin, Pittsburgh, drive mechanism for crushing rolls; Stephen J. Adams, Pittsburgh, sand molding apparatus; also forming sand molds; Fulton V. Eulich, Pittsburgh, metallic wheel; James F. Fawcett, Pittsburgh, lift mechanism for tin plate; Gustave Greenland, Braddock, match box; John S. Klein, Oil City, speed regulator for explosive engines; Frank G. McPherson, Beaver Falls, savings bank; George E. Oatman, McKeesport, rail support; John W. Paul, Kittanning, typewriter; Ralph V. Sage, Johnstown, drop door gondola car; Charles Stein, Meadville, vehicle tire; John L. Storm, Pittsburgh, hat and coat rack; Samuel Sullivan, Erie, means for cooling milk cans; George W. Wareham, Pittsburgh, mattress filler; Frank A. Wilcox, Erie, inner tube for pneumatic tires.

Rev. John Armond, a Greek Catholic priest of Olyphant, who was excommunicated by Bishop Hoban for unpatriotic utterances regarding the assassination of President McKinley, was ordered by Judge John P. Kelly to surrender possession of the Greek Catholic Church property. Father Armond, in addition to being the pastor of the Greek Catholic Church at Olyphant, was editor of the "Swoha." Its editorials had an extreme socialist trend, and after the assassination of President McKinley the "Swoha" apparently sought to extenuate the crime. As a result Father Armond was summoned before Bishop Hoban.

The nude body of a white man about 35 years of age was found in a ditch along the tracks of the Trenton Cut-off, at Howellville, at midnight by a track walker. Apparently the clothes had been burned off the body. The flesh was badly scorched. The corpse was removed to Malvern, and Coroner Troutman is investigating in the belief that a murder was committed. Two theories are advanced. One is that the man was dead before he was thrown from a train and that the body was carried to this out of the way place on a freight train, saturated with coal oil, set on fire and thrown into the ditch, where it was found.

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The Central Pennsylvania Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania held its annual meeting and dinner at Harrisburg. Sixty persons were present, and Dr. John F. Culp was toastmaster. The guests were Vice-Provost Edgar F. Smith, Dean E. C. Kirk, of the dental department, and Dr. Edward Martin, of the faculty of medicine.

While going home from a sick call Father Stanislaus Spotsanski was held up by burglars who forced him to witness the blowing up of the safe in the postoffice at Hudson.

Arthur Grant, aged 23, was found dead lying in a picnic wagon, at the stables of William Corcoran, West Chester. An investigation showed that he had been choked by his collar button, which was pressed deep into his throat by the peculiar manner in which he was lying.

A note for \$800 was burned by the Evangelical Congregation of Lewistown at the services Sunday morning.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions. R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Good news predominates in the business world, notwithstanding somewhat serious drawbacks." Weather conditions have been unsatisfactory at many points and still more of a handicap is the strife between wage-earner and employer. Manufacturing is exceptionally active in lines not disturbed by strikes, and there is a vigorous movement of goods through regular channels.

More animation has appeared in the speculative market for staples. Wheat moved within narrow limits, varying a fraction, according to the preponderance of good or bad crop news. Western receipts for the week were 1,722,542 bushels, against 2,968,042 a year ago, and the total for the last year is gradually falling back to last year's figure. Cotton moved up to the highest point of the season.

Failures for the week numbered 108 in the United States, against 203 last year, and 19 in Canada, against 24 last year.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Spring clear, \$2.90a\$3.15; Best Patent, \$2.80; Choice Family, \$4.05.

Wheat—New York No. 2, 2 1/2c; Philadelphia No. 2, 8 1/2a8 3/4c; Baltimore No. 2, 8 1/4c.

Corn—New York, No. 2, 66c; Philadelphia No. 2, 62a62 1/2c; Baltimore No. 2, 64a64 1/2c.

Cattle—New York No. 2, 47 1/2c; Philadelphia No. 2, 50 1/2c; Baltimore No. 2, 50a50 1/2c.

Green Fruits and Vegetables—Apples—New York mixed, per brl. \$3.75a4.50; Fancy Greenings, per brl. \$4.50a5.50; Fancy Russets, per brl. \$3.75a4.50.

Potatoes—White—Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu. No. 1, 75a80c; do. No. 2, 65a70c; do. New York, per bu. best stock, 80a85c; do. Western, per bu. prime, 80a85c.

Live and Dressed Poultry—Turkeys—Hens, choice, per lb., 14a15c; young toms, choice, 12a13c; old toms, 10a11c.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers \$6.00a7.35; poor to medium \$4.50a5.00; stockers and feeders \$2.75a3.25; cow \$1.50a1.75; heifers \$2.00a2.50.

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