

TO MISS LETA GRAY.

Miss Gray, I am a capitalist. And like yourself, I'm plain. Two pieces will start a girl's shop. And so the tools in train.

DOESTICKS ON THE GRECIAN BEND.

I don't often say anything about the feminine fashions—about the absurdities of cut, color, or material in which they choose to array themselves.

They were birds of paradise, humming birds, peacocks, spring chickens, together with partridges, pigeons, grouse, snipe, woodcock, and other game birds, in such profusion that if a city girl thus attired had ventured into the country she would have stood a good chance of getting a big charge of shot fired into her chignon by some enthusiastic but erring sportsman.

In fishes, they tried the minnow, the trout, the gold and silver fish, then the flounder, the porgie, the Connecticut shad, the salt and shining bullhead, the graceful eel, and so to the lordly blue fish and the noble sea bass.

All these doings, besides countless other absurdities and innumerable preposterous inventions of woman, to make themselves hideous, under the name of "Fashion," have I noted, observed, regretted, and mourned over, but said never a word about.

There is a limit to most things—there is, I may say, an end to all things, even to the silence of my gray goose, on that subject of woman, as ruled by fashion.

Mr. Periwig says he rarely suffers for want of air at his house. A breeze is raised in the readiest manner, and often from the most trifling cause.

A HUNDRED YEARS IN JAIL.

Who would believe the ungrateful return for my trouble? Mary threw the plaster in my face, (where it stuck so fast that it pulled out one whisker by the roots), burst into tears, and ran up stairs sobbing out that she never was so insulted in her life.

"Crick!" said Lemantha, in her most vicious and spiteful way; "Crick! You must be a fool; that's no crick—that's the GRECIAN BEND."

"Well," said I, "whatever you may call it, Mary Magee has got it bad; but I'm sure that plaster would cure it before to-morrow morning."

I noticed next day in the street that Lemantha had told the truth. Every unmarried woman we met was walking with her head thrust forward, her shoulders humped up, elbows drawn back, and her arms raised to a level with the stomach, while the hands were hanging loosely from the wrists, as if there was no bone there.

Can anything be imagined more hideous? Just think of a graceful well-made woman, making a Grecian Bender of herself, by crooking her spine, bumping her shoulders, and strapping herself into the shape of a dromedary as near as she can!

They all looked like,—well to put in a sentence, my idea of a Grecian Bender—the hump on her shoulders makes her look to me as if she had done a hard day's work over her wash tub yesterday, and could not straighten her back to-day; and her flapping hands look as if she had just taken them from a bowl of starch, and that sticky fluid was dripping off the ends of her fingers.

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