

Fitting on a Corset.

From the New York Herald.

There was a lady in this city who had a hard corset struggle yesterday afternoon. By an actual count that was taken she tried on eight different pairs. Some horrid men out on the sidewalk did the counting.

A Herald reporter was one of them. While walking up Broadway he noticed a group of gentlemen standing in front of Bijou and looking very attentively across the way. They were all wrapped up in it. The group kept increasing until it became a crowd.

They were looking at a window in the Grand Hotel as the way. The window was a tall one, lace curtained, and on the second floor. In the triangle of blackness, bordered by the curtains, was the sight.

It was a lady of about thirty, whom nature had been kind to. She was robed in white, that is, portions of her were. The rest wasn't robed in anything.

She was trying on corsets, lacing them pulling them down, and doing all sorts of things with them, and seemingly quite oblivious of the audience that was watching her. The crowd became interested, but it hoped that she would not be successful in finding a fit for a good while, she was not. Just why she should stand so near the curtained window opened on Broadway was a mystery that no one tried to solve.

She found a fit.

The crowd sighed and dispersed.

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A friend just from Nice tells me that, from curiosity he went round the hotels to see what unclaimed properties were lying in their bureaus. To be able to inspect them well, he pretended to have something to claim. The show of jewelry was small. When caskets were not carried off in the flight, they were claimed by telegraph. But aids to beauty and evidences abounded of how, when nature fails, art steps in to set tottering mouths right to cover d. nuded heads and to fill our flattened chests. My friend had no idea to what extent contrivance had been pushed in the manufacture of supplemental busts and hips. Of the former he was able to bear away a few specimens, which he has dissected, not with the scalpel, but with scissors. They are beautifully elastic, a quality derived from the fine wire springs inside. These springs are set in a layer of horsehair and have an outer coating of soft and tough silk into which elder-down is quilted. It keeps out of sight and touch everything harsh and metallic. The artfully-contrived busts resist the tight tailor made corsage just like natural roundness, and is sufficiently yielding not to start the seams. Its effect would take in the most practised eye.

United States Marshal Wilson, of the District of Columbia, in a conversation told the story of a goose that cost the Government \$160. When Fred. Dongass was Marshal it was customary to summon a large number of witnesses to appear before the Grand Jury, the ability of the jury to examine all thus summoned in one day not being considered by the Marshal. This was particularly the case where the party charged with the offence happened to be a colored man.

The per diem being \$1.25, every negro residing in the vicinity where the offence was alleged to have been committed, struggled to have himself summoned. On one of these occasions Mr. Wilson was foreman of the Grand Jury. A negro was charged with having stolen a live goose. Over thirty witnesses were summoned by the Marshal, and the Grand Jury spent two days in their examination.

When the case was concluded the foreman reported the facts to Judge McArthur, an expressed the opinion that witnesses were summoned in many cases for revenue only. The foreman was instructed not to spend time in examining such witnesses, and the Marshal was directed thereafter to summon no more witnesses than the Grand Jury could examine on the day for which they were summoned. This resulted in correcting the abuse during the continuance of Mr. Wilson's term as foreman of the jury. "I inquired into the cost," said Mr. Wilson, "of our inquest over that goose, and found that the expense to the government was over \$160. The experience has been of service to me as Marshal and enabled me to save to the Treasury a pretty large sum in witness fees."

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