#### CHANGES AND FASHIONS IN THE HIRSUTE APPENDAGE.

Sometimes Regarded as a Mark of Servitude, and at Other Times as a Badge of Liberty.

Beards have had a most eventful history. At one time they were considered a distinctive badge of old age and wis- Japan. dom, none but those of advanced age philosophers being permitted to and wear them. Afterward they came to be looked upon as one of the requisites of manly beauty. Then both old and young vied with each other in cultivating luxurious specimens. The inhabitants of what is now called Germany wore long beards, as did also the Lombards, or Largobards, of Italy, from which circumstance they took their name. Otha's into a fight. beard was famed for its length, and his most solemn oaths were taken upon it.

Scipio Africanus, one of the most it was not worth \$5. famous of the warriors of ancient Rome, who seemed to care little for the flats of fashion, ventured the bold experiment of living and in jolly health. shaving off his beard. His example was immediately followed by all of his countrymen. Slaves and servants alone were commanded, under pain of severe punishment, to wear beards, and thus the adornment decended from the high ran's of being a badge of honor and became the distinctive feature of the lowest menials. It was not until the accession of Hadrian that it was restored to its original post of honor, and the slave again became known by its absence from dowed with life, and the recent bacilli their faces. This Emperor's reason for investigations have again turned attenresurrecting the old fashion was that in | tion to the subject. order to cover up some very disfiguring The greatest distance at which artiscars on his chin it was absolutely necessary for him to cultivate the growth of a beard.

Prior to the time of Alexander the Great, the Greeks wore full beards, but that monarch required his soldiers to shave so that their enemies could not grasp them by that appendage during battle, a very ordinary proceeding in those days in a hand-to-hand conflict.

In the early days of France a beard was considered a badge of liberty, and great care was bestowed upon it, the possessor of a long curly beard being looked upon with envy by his less-favored brethren. The pious monks and friars regarded this as a mark of frivolity and shaved off their beards. The Bishop of Rouen, espousing their cause, hurled invectives from the pulpit at the custom of wearing them. He so impressed hundreds of the religious-minded that they immediately followed the priestly example. Many, however failed to do so, and, as a consequence, there existed in numerous localities two factions-the smooth-faced and the bearded-and many bloody meetings occurred between them. In fact, these conflicts became so general and sanguinary that Louis VII., in order to bring about peace, removed his beard, and thus for a time settled the vexed

question, "To shave or not to shave." This marked another period in the downfall of the beard, and it quickly came into disrepute. Persons elected to the office of magistrate, or who desired fell in the well, and only thirty-five to become members of Parliament, were pounds less when it was taken out, apnot allowed to assume their positions unless their chins were clean shaven. Thus fast. it was that many a beard, but a short time before the pride of its wearer, fell before the ruthless edict of fashion. In the case of petty magistrates, however, an exception was made and they were allowod to retain this facial ornament. again become fashionable, and for the and that George M. Pullman's fortune self-same reason as that which caused its | was \$40,000,000. "I don't suppose," restoration in the days of Hadrian. he went on, "that anybody in the world, Francis I. received a disfiguring cut on not even the gentlemen themselves, his chin which precluded shaving, and knows how much either of them is worth; to conceal the scar he was compelled to but to us, who live here in Chicago, the allow his beard to grow. Louis XIII. became King at the age know of property worth over \$10,000,-of nine, and, as a matter of course, was 000 that is gwned by Mr. Field, and I beardless. His wily courtiers, desiring am not including his business in this, to show their allegiance and respect, im- The usual estimate of Mr. Field's wealth mediately scraped their chins and again the beard was relegated to obscurity. think even that is low. Nor, Mr. Pull-They did not, however, sacrifice all of man is a very rich man and he grows this hirsute adornment, but grew mus- richer every day, but it is absurd to put taches and a small tuft of hair under the him down at \$40,000,000. He may have lower lip. This was also done when an income based on that sum, for you Philip V. ascended the Spanish throne. must remember that his business is ex-The early history of the rise and fall ceedingly profitable and pays a very of the beard in England is somewhat large interest on the amount of capital similar to that aleady detailed, and dur- invested. It is the same way with P. D. ing the reign of Queen Elizabeth long Armour, who is at various times credited beards were interdicted by statute. Those with a fortune ranging from \$15,000,000 who had the temerity to wear one of to \$50,000,000. Armour does a tre-"above a fortnight's growth" were fined mendous business and a very remuneraand lost many of their privileges. This tive one, but I doubt if he retired tostate of affairs lasted one year; then morrow he could raise \$20,000,000 on fashion proved triumphant, and the all the property he possesses. I tell you, odious law was repealed. Peter the Great rendered himself very a man's pile, and you're almost sure to unpopular by levy a tax on beards, re- figure it larger than it really is."- Chiquiring any nobleman, gentleman, tradescago Post. man or artisan wearing one to pay 100 roubles for the luxury. If any member of the lower classes affected one he was taxed one copeck and compelled to pay it to a regularly appointed collector. Upon refusal or dereliction the beard was summarily removed by a public bar- Soon it was drifting like snow before ber, who often performed the operation the winds of winter. From the distant with a dull razor in the public street, surrounded by a throng of indignant friends of the victim. Many of those and tried to shield our heads with our who could not afford to pay for the grips, but it was no use. The wind and maintenance of such an expensive ap-pendage, reluctantly parted with it, and sensate fury. A sand-storm was upon in numerous instances preserved the severed beard with the greatest care, di-recting that it should be placed in their coffins at the time of their decease. This custom was also observed by the Jews was not a moment's cessation. At last of the olden time. Among the Turks, Persians, Arabs and three miles, where we jouned some freight Mohammedans the removal of the beard cars. Into one of these we tumbled always was and is still looked upon as a without necessary delay. Here the wind mark of degradation. In ancient Egypt was broken off from our persons, but the the men were smooth-faced except in time of mourning, when they allowed their beards to grow, as a distinctive sign the desert. The weariness of that day of grief. The orthodox Jews of the present day improvement. As the sun went down still cling to the mourning customs of the wind wrapped us about with a heavy their forefathers, and for thirty days chill and it was cold enough for a fire, neither trim nor cut their beards.

THE HISTORY OF BEARDS. great majority of men who became prom-inently identified with the early history of America were smooth-shaven, but at present time the fashion among our statesmen and other noted personages is to cultivate, if possible, luxuriant mustaches or beards .- Detroit Free Press.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The oldest reigning dynasty is that of

Suicide in hotels has come to be a great evil.

The battle of Waterloo was fought on Sunday, June 18, 1815.

A bell Napoleon stole in Switzerland is now used in a schoolhouse in Paterson, N. J.

It was President Madison of whom it was said that he could not be kicked

Thoreau graduated at Harvard; but declined to take his diploma. He said

Charles Tebo, of Barre, Vt., is the happy father of twenty-seven girls, all

The town of Athlone is called the heart of Ireland probably because it is situated in the exact geographical centre of the island.

Twenty-six people named Mahoney are employed in various capacities by the city and county and county government of Chicago, Ill.

Yeast was discovered fifty years ago to be composed of minute oval particles en-

ficial sounds are known to have been heard was on December 24, 1832, when the cannon at Antwerp were heard in the Erzebirge, 370 miles away.

Twenty-six lepers were recently bantized at Purulia (Chota Nagpore), India, making in all 118 lepers received into. the church since the commencement of the asylum there two years ago.

A wealthy woman in Atchison, Kan., made her will recently, and in it she says that all of her fortune is to be given to her husband at the end of five years if he can prove that he has visited her grave ten times during that period.

Cardinal Lavigerie has founded a prize of \$300 for a camel race, to be held annually at Biskra, in Algeria. The improvement of camel breeds which the Cardinal thus hopes to foster is an important object in view of his anti-slavery crusade.

A good rat story comes from Michigan. A straw held in the mouths of three rats drew the attention of citizens of Nashville to a strange sight. They were traveling along the road, three abreast, when it was discovered that the two outside rats were thus leading the centre one, which was old and blind.

At Crawfordsville, Ind., the other day Michael Sellers found in the bottom of a forty-foot well a hog, "which had been there for forty-one days without food or water. It weighed 180 pounds when it parently none the worse for its long

#### HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

#### BEAUTY OF CARPETED CETTING.

Did the possibilities of matting ever occur to you? Every one, of course, knows how fresh and wholesome it looks on the floor and it is quite as effective for veranda portieres. But here is a new use for it. The entire ceiling may be covered with it and divided in huge squares by split bamboo sticks. The alls, too, could be effectively treated this way with frieze or wainscoting. Tables, book-cases, cabinets are now shown of matting and bamboo. Fancy an entire room furnished and decorated in this way with yellow silk draperies and lots of blue and white jugs and things. Would not it be a pretty conceit for a country house or a suburban cottage?-Chicago Herald.

EVERAL WAYS OF MAKING GRAHAM BREAD Housekeepers who have no gem pans can make very nice warm graham bread tor breakfast in several ways. Make a dough of flour and sweet milk, skimmed or creamy as you prefer or find convenient, still enough to roll out easily. Knead this a little, roll it an inch thick and cut it into diamonds; or cut off strips and make it into rolls with the hand; or roll it into balls two inches in diameter, flattening them a little or not at all as you choose; or roll the dough very thin and cut into square crackers, pricking them well to prevent their puffing. Crackers are best with some cream in the mixing, and crackers require more kneading than diamonds and rolls, which are expected to be soft inside .--- Washington Star.

WATERING PLANTS IN THE HOUSE. Plants while kept in the house are wholly dependent upon the care and

timely attention of the culturist for water, which, under such conditions is more than ever a necessary element of their existence. Sprinkling the surface of the soil in pots and vases is of itself. not sufficient, for it soon evaporates, and when the soil is saturated throughout a disagreeable drip often follows.

Quite a good plan to facilitate the watering of plants kept under shelter is to have a water-tight zinc pan with a turned-up rim of about two inches, and the dimensions of the pan to suit the table or other rest on which it is to be placed. Then fill the pan with pure sand, on which the pots may be placed. and the sand being kept a little wet all the while the moisture evaporated will not only reduce the amount required by sprinkling, but will also correct dryness in the atmosphere of a warm room.

Plants with an abundance of roots and large, spreading leaves will require more water in the pots than those of scantier foliage and slower growth. While all will suffer from an insufficient supply, a surfeit of water will be equally damaging, and by keeping the bed of sand quite moist the soil in the pots need not be overcharged. It will add greatly to the convenience of this arrangement to have the table or platform carrying the plants mounted on castors, so that it be readily moved from one part of a can room to another; as may be desired .---New York World.

THE ART OF OMELET MAKING. Nothing is seemingly more simple than

### NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Montana has a woman lawyer. Cleopatra crepe is a new fabric. Hats are mostly of medium size. Coat basques are considered smart. Plum purple is becoming to most faces.

Shell hairpins again usurp those of metal.

Black silk handkerchiefs are considered vulgar.

Paris, France, employs 195,000 dressmakers.

The latest toilet invention is a waterproof rouge.

Bedford cords, lace and ribbon stripes appear in grenadines.

All wool surah cloth in all the latest colors is new and pretty and cheap. Serviceable jackets for ladies are made

of black and colored fancy woolens. The Chicago (Ill.) Presbytery has pro-

nounced against training women as deaconesses. The Empress of Austria, who suffers

much from rheumatism, has a lady doctor in attendance. Stripes will reduce the width of a fat

woman, and even Sarah Bernhardt would be fat in a plaid dress.

There is a dressmaking establishment in London, England, where ladies' own materials are made up.

According to statistical reports 130,-000 married women are engaged in business pursuits in Germany.

Women who long ago discarded ti. hanging, dangling, clashing things in silver still cling to the crystal chatelaine watch.

The prayer book fad for brides has had its day. Miss Ava Willing, now Mrs. John Jacob Astor, reinstated the bouquet.

"Old man Worth," as the modistes call him, is said to be the worst tempered man in the world, since Carlyle. His growl is simply terrifying.

The Princess of Wales has displayed a penchant for brown, which is likely to make the color fashionable. This is fortunate, as it is a most becoming color to most women, and can be charmingly blended with gold, soft pink shades and palest blue.

The tailor-made dresses are so stiffened and made firm with canvas and bones padding that but little reference is made to the actual form of the wearer. Indeed, these gowns are as perfect in outline as are the garments of men with their always superb shoulders.

Mrs. Anna C. Fall, of Boston, Mass., is the third lady of that city to be admitted to the bar. Mrs. Fall has a husband, with whom she studied, but owing to the laws of the State, which forbid legal contracts betwen husband and wife. there will be no partnership.

The Dolly Varden style of decoration seems this time to have had a permanent revival, for never before was there such riot of buds and blossoms and trailing vines on every variety of material except, perhaps, the homespuns, cheviots and other varieties of medium weight woolen goods.

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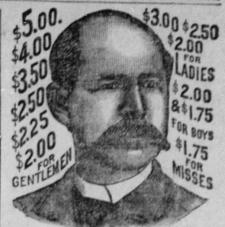
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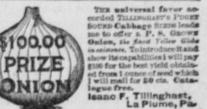
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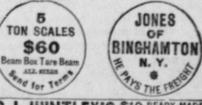


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## **Overestimated** Fortunes.

"How little the general public knows about the private affairs of our millionaires," exclaimed a broker who had been reading in a New York newspaper that It was not until 100 years later that it Marshail Field was worth \$5,000,000 estimate appears ridiculous. Why, I here in Chicago is \$25,000,000, but I my boy, it is a mighty hard thing to size

A Far Western Sandstorm.

When we emerged from this moving restaurant a sand cloud had risen, and little tongues of sand were pushing forward in Vs, with the point foremost. the train of flat cars moved back two or ho tongue can tell, and the night was no though at Yuma, Arizonia, the night be-In America, no edict has ever been is- fore the thermometer marked 112 degrees

to make an omelet, writes Mrs. E. P. Parker in the Courier-Journal, yet few cooks do it well. For making omelet the eggs should never be beaten too light, or it will be dry and without flavor. The fire should be hot, and the pan to be used must be clean and smooth. Good omelet should not be solid, but creamy all through, and the whites and yolks should never be beaten separately. The mixing of an omelet is of little importance compared with the cooking, for the very best made can be ruined after pouring in the pan.

When ready to make omelst, sct the pan on the fire; break the eggs in a dish; sprinkle with salt and pepper, and give twelve vigorous beats with a spoon, put a tablespoonful of butter in the pan on the fire, turn it about so it will moisten the bottom of the pan; let heat very hot, and put in the eggs; carefully shake backward and forward and from the side, then let stand a moment to set in the bottom a little; the pan should be large enough to allow the omelet to move about. Some cooks can toss the omelet lightly from the pan to the center of a dish when ready to take up, but if this is not done, it must be handled very carefully, and dished by holding the pan in the right hand and the plate in the left, when the pan and plate should come together and the omelet will come off easily.

To Make Plain Omelet-Beat six eggs with a cup of milk, season with pepper and salt; cook in a buttered omelet pan, and serve immediately, or put them in a bowl and give twelve vigorous beats with a fork; put a piece of butter in a very smooth frying-pan, shake over the fire until melted, turn in the eggs and shake over the fire until they are set; sprinkle with salt and pepper, roll and turn on a hot dish.

A scrambled omelet may be made by adding to a plain omelet a tablespoor-ful of finely chopped onion, with a table-spoonful of minced parsley, oysters, chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes. or fish may all be added to omelet, and will be

found very palatable. Omelet truffles are a dainty luncheon or company breakfast dish. To make it, take six eggs, the juice of a lemon and three tablespoonfuls of sugar; grease a quart baking dish with butter; beat the whites of the eggs very stiff, then the yolks of them very light, add them to the whites, then the sugar and the lemon juice; stir carefully and quickly pile into a baking dish; sprinkle with powdered sugar, and set in oven; bake until a golden brown, and serve ummediately. It may also for particular ocoasions be baked in paper cases.

The Otahoiteans, although great lovers of society and very gentle in their man ners, feed separately from each other, each particular member of the family taking his or her basket and turning with back to all others in the room.

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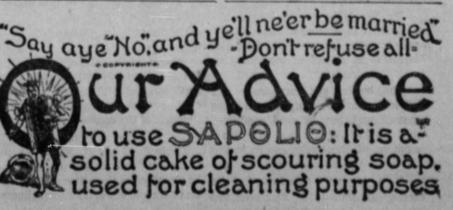
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