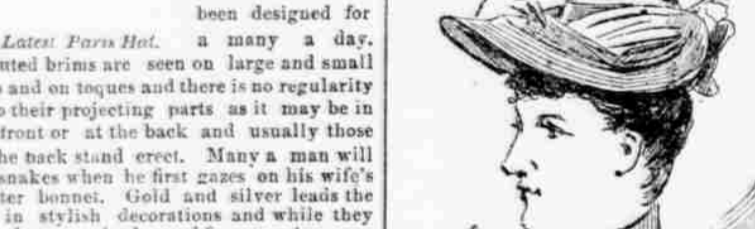




FAIR WOMAN'S WORLD

Blinds at What Easter Will Bring... Nine or ten years ago we had hats with towering crowns that rivaled the silk hats for gentlemen and from that time to this we have gradually changed each season to a lower crown until now the climax is reached.

Latest Paris Hat... A white satin dinner dress, designed by Worth, is covered with small gold butterflies, the bodice of silver filigree-work especially made by a Milanese jeweller.



A Spring Beauty... Both in London and Paris it is fast becoming the mode to have all the costumes which will have to be worn in conjunction with one another made by the same dressmaker or lady's tailor.

Nearly all the spring costumes from Paris have the stately, picturesque Louis XV. coat. I saw one in fawn-colored corduroy cloth that had a white satin waistcoat with a jabot of cream lace at the throat.

Hygienic dressing is really coming to the front in England, thanks to Lady Harborton and Mrs. Hancock.

It is said that the button is getting to be nearly as much considered in the capitals of Europe as in China. Antique buttons are made in great variety and to suit the period of the fashion which the dress requires.

The "Victoria" is one of the most successful of the London ladies' clubs, says Pitt Mall Budget. It was established in 1875, and has this year moved into a large and handsome house near Cavendish square.

shades darker than the cloth, and the coat appeared to be somewhat longer than that which has been the rage. Such a dress would make any woman look important.

The newest bonnets in London, says one of THE DISPATCH's London correspondents, are covered with tiny spring flowers, sewn on to lace foundation. I had a chat with one of the greatest lady milliners in London the other day; she told me that fashionable women now always have their hats and bonnets made to order, in fact, to fit, and she said that for her part she would always rather make a bonnet to order than sell a bonnet already made up.

GAMBETTA'S GLASS EYE... The Story That He Put Out One of His Optics Purposely, Disproved.

At the age of 9, Leon Gambetta was sent to the seminary at Montfaucon, near the village of Labastade, where Joachim Murat, king of Naples, was born.

Every artificial flower made by the best artificial flower makers is now scented before being sent out.

The dresses worn at the wedding of "Peach Blossom" Hugo, granddaughter of Victor Hugo, writes a London correspondent of THE DISPATCH, were all designed by Rouff, and formed a singularly happy combination of coloring and effect.

The old reason why most women do not marry is because they have not had a chance, announces Mr. John Sherwood in the North American Review. When we read that there are 60,000 unmarried women than men in Massachusetts alone, what shall we say of the rest of the so miscalled United States?

CAPTURES BY CUPID.

Romantic Tales of the Little God's Conquests in Washington. A RICH BELLE'S FAITHFUL BARON. Adventures of a Beauty Who Was Pettied by the Prince of Wales.

A SIX-MONTHS' TRIAL ENGAGEMENT... WASHINGTON, March 7.—Every season Washington furnishes the materials for half a dozen three-volume novels. The romances of society here are stranger than fiction, and the best of them seldom get into the newspapers.

The marriage last June of Miss Lena Caldwell to Baron Zedwitz, Minister from Germany to Mexico, was the happy culmination of a romance begun some years before in Washington.

Not a month before the marriage with young Carlill took place the rumor gained currency that a dinner given by the historian to a coterie of intimate friends had been for the purpose of announcing the betrothal of Miss Zedwitz to the young Duke of Channac, who owned and resided in the magnificent chateau de Cibemout par Doynes (Dordogne) in France.

It was a most interesting story, and the young Duke, who was the gift of her father, was subsequently made at Newport, and it was November 10, shortly after her return from the United States, that she was married to Baron Zedwitz.

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WOMEN OF THE HOME

Contrasted by Shirley Ware With Conventions Wire-Pullers. THE MEETING AT WASHINGTON. Action Against the Cosmetics That Was Entirely Unsuccessful.

HEAT IS A SPLENDID MEDICINE... Of course the Women's Convention at Washington cannot get on without its little fling at the frivolity of cosmetics and the women who use them.

Four or five years since when it was announced after the death of Mrs. Bancroft, wife of the venerable historian, that a granddaughter, of whose existence no one had heard for many years, was to come and reside over his house on H street, society was on tiptoe with excitement.

It did not have long to wait, however, for the young granddaughter arrived, and from that time until her sensational marriage two years since with Mr. Charles Carroll, of Howard county, Md.—one of the Carroll family—the young lady managed to keep her existence in continuous mystery.

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GIGANTIC FUCHSIAS

And Other Flowers and Plants That Are Worth Cultivating. A HEALTH MEASURE FOR WOMEN. Directions for Keeping Slips to Insure a Healthy Growth.

BEAUTIFUL TREES FOR THE WINTER... There are no plants more admired than the fuchsias when successfully grown in pots, and the ornamental value of their flowers and leaves is only surpassed by the choice hybrid roses and a few of the exotia palms.

On the Iole of Man a scarlet fuchsia has been growing ever since 1834, and it has now attained the size of a small tree, being 10 feet high, with a girth at its top of 80 feet.

It was planted by a servant girl, who made a hole in the ground and inserted a cutting of the fuchsia in it. In the South of Ireland the fuchsias are used for garden hedges and the brilliant pendant flowers form beautiful boundary lines to the places. In Chile, however, the fuchsias are found in their wild, native state, and they average the largest dimensions there, and when cultivated their flowers reach the highest perfection of coloring.

The fuchsias are not easily propagated by amateurs and very few have excellent success with them, either in cultivating them in the garden, conservatory or the window garden. The important reason for this is that the plants are winter bloomers, while in reality there is only one species that is worth growing for winter flowers, and that is the well-known species, with its large pink and red flowers. Failure is especially apt to occur in attempts to grow winter bloomers out of the plants which summer and early fall bloomers are found in their native surroundings, may make them bloom better, but they are not winter bloomers. In cultivation they cannot be depended upon for winter use. The pots should be kept in the greenhouse, or in a cold frame, and in the middle of the month of the plants should be watered and washed. Light and water be given to them.

The fuchsias need plenty of room, and if the soil is poor, the plants should be shifted to larger pots. The plants like light, but not hot sun, and the pots should never be placed in very sunny windows. Every other day the plants should be sprinkled with clear water, to keep the leaves and stems cool, and to keep the soil moist. For winter use, the plants should be kept in a cold frame, or in a greenhouse, and should be watered and washed. Light and water be given to them.

How to Handle the Tender Shoots to Insure a Healthy Growth... A physician recommends all invalids to cultivate flowers, and during the long winter days they will receive more benefit from a window garden of plants than from drugs and medicines. If the work of tending and caring for them will take the invalids out of doors, it will prove a double health-measure, but even if the invalids are unable to do so, the plants will relieve the mind of brooding thoughts and fears. The good is obtained in the form of fragrance and beauty of the flowers, but the plants themselves gradually growing and developing under their own hands.

Rooting Plant Slips... Rooting plant slips is a difficult part of the work of floriculture, but everything depends on the soil in which the slips are planted. The soil should be light, sandy and well-drained, and should be kept moist. The slips should be planted in a cold frame, or in a greenhouse, and should be watered and washed. Light and water be given to them.

ONE PHASE OF SOCIAL TYRANNY... Ladies Who Drag Their Husbands to Parties Make a Mistake. In one of his interesting Lenten talks on afternoon last week, the Rev. D. Parker Morgan, rector, sounded a warning against the thoughtless conduct of fashionable wives and daughters in dragging overworked business men out to balls and parties night after night, says the New York Times.

Worshippers of Women's Beauty... It is only half-drunk politicians and naturally fuddled, weak-headed literary men and writers who are to be blamed for women's beauty. But you want a good complexion as you want your boots clean, and faintly featured mended as you want your coat to set well, and your hair to look like a crown of glory.

The Old Time Vapor Baths... But the old girls, ranging from 35 to 50, married and unmarried, find these checks of circulation a more serious matter. These retentions of secretion, these minor congestions which leave the face only a faint glow of weight and dullness, are the cause of fibroids and tumors with their history of horror. We have got to go back to the old practice of hot vapor baths and fumigations by which the Middle Ages made up for the want of surgery by preventing the need of the knife.

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