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FANCIES FOR THE FAIR.

Blints at What Easter Will Bring Forth one who had "half an offer." It is to be feared that some most lovable women have in the Way of Bonnets-Fashions From not even reached to that dread/ul moment of London and Paris and Odds and Ends suspense. It is the "Lost Chord," and for Women. Nine or ten years ago we had hats with deeply to be deplored. It is true that in

reached, writes Ora

Scaney, the Paristan

man-milliner to

THE DISPATCH.

Voluted brims are

a rage and well

no prettier or more

becoming framing

for the face has

been designed for

many a retired village some half dozen very towering crowns that rivaled the silk hats clever, well-educated, good women pass for gentlemen and from that time to this we their lonely lives with no chance to "better have gradually changed each season to a their condition." No wonder that some of them make what their families call very lower crown until

now the climax is bad marriages. On one point I do agree reached the vanish- with Mrs. Wells, when she refers to the ing point has been they should be for

Latest Paris Hat. a many a day. Voluted brins are seen on large and small hats and on toques and there is no regularity as to their projecting parts as it may be in the front or at the back and usually those at the back stand erect. Many a man will see snakes when he first gazes on his wife's Easter bonnet. Gold and silver leads the van in stylish decorations and while they have been sparingly used for several seasons past they now supercede all others and gold hats and bonnets entirely of will be no odd sight. The fashion-able woman will shine resplendent with mock jewels and the little glass baubles that have so long served as a decoration for the costumes of actresses are transferred to trimmings of spring chapeaux. As Kipling would say "every other woman was black velvet hattel the past season" but now colors burst forth again. The low crowns are scarcely larger than a teacup. Bernhardt in one scene of "Cleopatra" wears a odice of pearls and this may account for the popularity of pearl beads in combination with metaled braids and such millinery de-visings should be in high favor.

If every lady would wear one of this sea-Bon's open crowns she would never have cause to complain of baldness. While in New York recently I asked Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller for her views on hats for health and received the following characteristic reply: "In summer I like the widebrim hat to protect the eyes, and I admirs the snug-fitting bonnet on elderly ladies. The small close-fitting toque or canote should be worn for evening and especially for theaters. For winter the hat should be of sufficient size to insure some Warmth

Mrs. Lougshore-Potts says: "Nature has provided man with beard, and their hats come far enough down on the forehead to afford some protection, while we women have to exercise our incensity and provide ourcives with wearing apparel to protect us,

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high in her favor, sought and obtained per-mission to give a theater party in her honor.

The morning of the evening on which it was to have been given the attache, full of bliss-

ful dreams, drove to the florist's, secured a box of choicest long-stemmed roses and then,

on more useful matters intent, extended his shopping to include the purchase of a pair

With the two bexes in the carriage he

drove rapidly home, and after destroying a quire, more or less, of note paper, ended by inditing only the briefest note, and giving

it to his servant, bade him to at once convey it with the flowers to his lady love. The

servant took the box, but he got the wrong one, and when the young lady read the note

asking her "to wear the contents to-night," she was very much surprised and decidedly

bored. The young man was even more bored than she was, and his capital stock in the

The Carroll-Bancroft Marriage,

Four or five years since when it was an-

bank of love shrunk to nothingness.

train ran a ruching of real orange blossoms and white tulle. . The bride's mother wore a CAPTURES BY CUPID. purple velvet costume with corset and sleeves of amethyst and silver-gemmed embroidery, the bonnet consisted of a silver butterfly with purple velvet body, and jew-eled strings. Madam Emile Zola, the wife Romantic Tales of the Little God's

Conquests in Washington. of the great realistic writer, sported a dark green gown trimmed with black Chantilly lace, and, according to a fashion which bids fair to become very popular this spring at

A RICH BELLE'S FAITHFUL BARON.

Adventures of a Beauty Who Was Petted by the Prince of Wales.

A SIX-MONTHS' TRIAL ENGAGEMENT

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. 1

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 news-

nounced after the death of Mrs. Bancroft, wife of the venerable historian, that a granddaughter, of whose existence no one had previously even heard an intimation. The marriage last June of Miss Lena was to come and preside over his house on Caldwell to Baron Zedwitz, Minister from H street, society was on tiptoe with excite-ment. It did not have long to wait, how-Germany to Mexico, was the happy culmination of a romance begun some years before ever, for the young granddaughter arrived, and from that time until her sensational marriage two years since with Mr. Charles in Washington. During the winter the Misses Caldwell occupied the old Knapp Carroll, of Howard county, Md .- one of the house, corner of Seventeenth and I streets, Carrolls of Carrollton-the young lady managed to keep society in a continuous

of silk hose.

gagement of his granddaughter to the Vis-comte de Chaunac, who owned and resided from one place to another. Whenever the two girls appeared at a summer resort, the musical Secretary was certain to loom up on the horizon and renew his protestations of Wedded in the University.

Finally he was promoted by the home office and sent as Minister to Mexico, while Miss Caldwell and her sister went abroad for a long stay. Distance, however, seemed check for a large amount to be spent in this manner, Married to Suit Herself.

It was a most interesting story altogether in no wise to have affected the lover's ardor, and society looked on with pitying solicitude for several times a year he regularly went abroad until at last his devotion was re-warded, and Miss Caldwell, returning to this country, was married to him in the chapel of the new Roman Catholic Uniwhen it was told that the young girl was soon to be sacrificed to a mercenary marriage and that her engagement with the Viscomt was an affaire de convenance arranged by an ambitions sister living abroad. The formal announcement of this engagement was subsequently made at Newport, and it was November 16, shortly after her return from this place that Miss Bancroft electrified us by walking out of her grandfather's house one morning and being married to Mr. Carroll in the parlor of St. Matthew's rectory. The service was performed by Rev. Father Chappelle, the necessary consent of Cardinal Gibbons having been secured by the young people going in person to Baltimore. Mrs. Nina Wright de Podistad, who spent

several seasons in Washington, has already had crowded into her life experiences so romantic and thrilling that were they made the themes of a romance, the public would at once condemn it as altogether improbable and overdrawn.

The Wife of a Fugitive.

Coming to Washington as the divorced wife of a fugitive from justice, a forger whose whereabouts are to this day enshrouded in deepest mystery, she at once attracted marked attention. The prestige of her worth, beauty and standing as the heiress of a prominent New Orleans family soon won for her a host of friends. Among the most ardent of her admirers was Mr. de Podistad, an attache of the Spanish legation, who, though unable to obtain the consent of his Minister or family to his projected marriage, on account of the divorce, finally decided to counts for innumerable entertainments were | brave everything and marry the woman he so madly loved.

The first thing which appears to have caused any apprehensions as to the disinter-ested devotion of the Dake was his action in seeking to borrow a large sum of money from Miss Grant's mother on the eve of an entertainment at Nice. Miss Grant then re-turned to this country, and it was scarcely during the few days which her lover lingered never left his bedside. The young fellow was urgent in his desire that the ceremony should be performed, and after a delay of some hours spent in endeavoring to gain the consent of his pries; to officiate, the services

> Scene in the Death Chamber. It is only half-drunk

Contrasted by Shirley Dare With Convention Wire-Pullers.

THE MEETING AT WASHINGTON. the morning?

Action Against the Cosmetics That Was Entirely Uncalled For.

HEAT IS A SPLENDID MEDICINE tomach on going to bed.

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. 1 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. The convention represented, perhaps, 50,000 women at a liberal guess. What are they to the 5,000,-000 good wives, mothers and girls who do their duty of individual responsibility of their own motion, without having to join a society or wear a badge to remind them of it, and who are not at all above or beyond looking as well in the eyes of those dear to them as nature will permit?

The women who do the right and pleasant tains and business men wear them under their coats, women hide them in their dresses thing naturally, instinctively, by the grace and avoid many a pain and annoyance by it. The world is full of helps for minor of God, and good mothers who keep their poise and place without needing any annual troubles if we only knew of them, and it is or triennial round up to get the convention very much safer applying heat in this brand, are the women of influence in these external way than using mustard plasters or United States as yet, and the convention stimulants in most cases. mongers will have to work vastly harden than they have yet to begin to counterbalance Correspondents bring their troubles for it,

Points on Convention Women.

solution. One lady has taken large doses of antipyrine for neuralgia and suffers a tor-We are told the purpose of the convenmenting rash in consequence, and is at a loss to know if her cosmetics have anything tions is to "educate American women to broader views." No such thing. The ob-ject of these affairs is to concentrate influto do with it. The action of antipyrine in causing eruptions is perfectly well known, ence and power in the hands of the dozen or and the cosmetics from different makers, the composition of both of which I happen to two leaders and secretaries who sit in bonnets on the platforms through the sessions and get headaches and shed their hair by so know, are innocent as the soap used in this case. A pure soap will aggravate a rash doing. Convention work is very bad for the nair anyhow; and politics turns it gray from antipyrine or bromide, and only the purest white vaseline, sweet cream or fresh faster than trouble, while as for wrinkles-you might have the serpent's tooth and the coosefat will prove soothing till the effect of the medicine passes off. Clean, fresh goosefat is nearest the comthankless child together for graving tools, and you could not write the lines deeper position of human fat of any substance known, and is readily absorbed by the skin. than carking ambition carves them in these

leading women's faces. A strict distinction must be drawn between the use of oils and fats as cosmetics or as medicinal ointments. Vaseline, lanolin, etc., are relegated to the physician as bases One thing I will say for these women con-rentions and associations from somewhat intimate inspection, that no political machine s run with such relentless accuracy or utter for his ointments and unguents, applicable to wounds, ulcers and eruptions of serious ignoring of principle as these women's litics, and no ward or county "boss" sort. Their use is temporary, and oftenest over a broken skin. keeps such rigid rule over his forces as those convention women in bonnets conspicuously good. One rule is common to women and

Cosmetics, on the other hand, are daily or nightly used as the great cosmetic, water, is, and we do not want substances to feed or or stimulate the hair-bulbs of the skin as lanolin or most fats, do. They have use Jesuits, that the end sanctifies the means and the end and the beginning are never far apart in the consummate "I" of the worker.

Where Woman's Reat Empire Is. I had ever so good an invite to the perenough in medicine and for the hair of the formance, inside view and all, but I hate to scalp. En passant, as hair begins to fall in spring, a nightly dressing of vaseline or wool fat is advisable, parting the hair in lose the early fine weather for pruning my pear trees, and then I think too much of my health and nerves to sacrifice them in close many places and applying the vaseline to the scalp with the finger, leaving it to dif-fuse itself through the hair by nightin convention air to such slight purposes. My dear women, can't you learn that the indi-rect influence of your sex is the only irresleep and brushing well next morning. The strong yellow vaseline is best for the hair, especially to keep it from turning gray. I'm afraid vaseline will darken blonde hair, and the only remedy is to let the sun sistible one you have? What the mischief does any shrewd woman want to spoil her complexion and temper in stuffy conven-tions when she can sit at home in blessed sunlight among her flowers and control from bleach it again. From now till May is the great bleaching time of year, when sunlight 5 to 500 votes, not by some irresistible spell of beauty or amiability, but by that of right has more whitening effect than in summer. German blondes go about bareheaded a great deal in the fields and gardens and feeling and sound sense which men will hear and bow to, whether from prophet, priest, workman or woman holding the force of keep the fairness of their locks into middle truth, which comes not of sell-seeking and paltry ambitions or desire to rule!

Convention leaders cannot hold in more utter contempt than I the beauty worship which makes a cult of cosmetics and by it seeks empiry over man. It is only in stories that the pretty woman wins by a walkover every time, and turns the heads of statesmen, business men and boys by a look. One may somewhat accurately appraise worth of vital enduring good looks, as worth naming in the scale with polis manners and social talent, not an end at all, but a very clever means toward making life pleasan;

Worshipers of Women's Beauty.

GIGANTIC FUCHSIAS WOMEN OF THE HOME a hot sonpatone or bag of hot sand to apply and sleep with it. Your hot water compress is a fraud, wears out too easily and wets the bed; anyhow it doesn't keep hot long enough to pay for the trouble of filling. When will druggists keep the nice thin slab of soapstone or white porous brick with cover of cartridge paper and flannel, or the sandbag and cover which keep hot-net hermark but hot-till you get up in And Other Flowers and Plants That Are Worth Cultivating.

Topical Treatment for Dyspepsia

She Took Some Antipyrine.

To Keep Hair From Falling Out.

A HEALTH MEASURE FOR WOMEN. not lukewarm but hot-till you get up in If you have a cold on the chest the ho sandbag is the best thing applied over the lungs. Aches of the abdomen fly before a Directions for Rooting Slips to Insure &

Healthy Growth. thorough heating by a hot stone, and hot fannel or silk after, and one of the best remedies for the sleeplessness of flervous persons is to lay a hot scapstone against the

BEAUTIFUL TREES FOR THE WINTER

IWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH 1

There are no plants more admired than Another thing, no better reliet for the malaise of dyspepsia exists than to apply this hot comfort to the stomach for 10 or 15 the fuchsias when successfully grown in pots, and the ornamental value of their minutes after eating. It stimulates the flow flowers and leaves is only surpassed by the of the digestive secretions and draws the blood where it is needed. Heat is a great medicine for all diseases. Lastly, dyspeptic and flatulent persons find great relief by wearing the little Japanese choice hybrid roses and a few of the exotic palms. They are among the most prolific

perennial bloomers, and where the climate and surroundings are favorable they attain handwarmers which burn a bit of punk for hours over the stomach or below it when such a size and form that they resemble shrubs or even trees rather than small disconfort occurs. This sort of hot compress can be resorted to in offices or where other appliance is impossible, as the whole affair is about the size of a card case. Sea capflower plants. On the Isle of Man a scarlet fuchsia has

been growing ever since 1834, and it has now attained the size of a small tree, being 15 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 culti-vated their flowers reach the highest perfec-

tion of coloring. The fuchsias are not easily propagated by amateurs and very few have excellent sucamateurs and very few have excellent suc-cess with them, either in cultivating them for the garden, the conservatory or the win-dow garden. The impression seems to pre-val among many that the plants are winter bloomers, while in reality there is only one species that is worth growing for winter flower-ing and that is the well-known species, with its large pink and red flowers. Failure is ex-perienced because amateums attempt to make winter bloomers out of the plants when sum-mer and early fall are the proper seasons for their blossoms. Florists, by careful cultiva-tion and surroundings, may make them bloom during the middle of winter, but for ordinary cultivation they cannot be depended upon for winter use. The pots should be kept in the cellar during winter and brought out in March, when half of the top of the plants should be cut off, and warmth. light and water be given to them.

to them. The fuchsias need plenty of rootfroom, and if The fuchsias need plenty of rootfroom, and if the soil in the pois becomes filled with the small roots the plants should be shifted to larger pots. The plants like light, but not hot sunshine, and the pots should never be placed in very sunny windows. Every other day the plants should be springed over with clear water to keep the leaves clean and the roots moist. For weddings, dimers and receptions fuchsias are always appropriate, but expensive. The florists have to receive something for the risk they take. ELLA SPARE.

ROOTING PLANT SLIPS.

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 indoors the interest which one soon manifests in the plants will relieve the mind of brooting thoughts and fears. The good is ob-tained not only from the imprance and hearty of the flowers, but from watching the blants gradually growing and developing under their kind attention.

age. When they turn housewives, put on a cap and stay by the chimneyside indoors, it turns flaxen brown. kind attention. Rooting plant slips is a difficult part of the whole art of florieniture, for everything de-pends on the start which a plant gets. Use nothing but clean, sharp sand for striking ent-tings in, and give it all the water it can absorb without becoming mud before the slips are but in it. Insert the flager-m the sand, and if water fills up the hole left by the flager the sand is too moist; but up to this point water may be given freely. Take your cuttings of heliotrope, fuchsia, aboutlon or geranium and A girl correspondent is informed that she does not want to put oil of tartar on the hair at all unless she wants to go bald. It is for the skin only in much dilution. SHIBLEY DARE. ONE PHASE OF SOCIAL TYRANNY. may be given freely. Take your cuttings of beliotrope, fuchsis, abuttion or geranium and place them in the sand, squeezing the soil close around them. The box of cuttings when full should then be placed in some warm, light place-warmth and light being the two great essentials to success. The object now is to keep the sand moist, and attention to this will be required every day, as the water will evapo-rate rapidly. Ladies Who Drag Their Hubbles to Parties Make a Mistake. In one of his interesting Lenten talks one afternoon last week, the Rev. D. Parker ed a warn agains Morgan, rector, sound the thoughtless conduct of fashionable wives rate rapidly. Some slips root slowly, but on most of the slips new leaves will start in about a week, When four or five of these have developed the and daughters in dragging overworked business men out to balls and parties night after night, says the New York Times. No man, when four or five of these have developed in slips will have strong, healthy roots, and they may be removed to small pots. The soil in the pots should be prepared carefully beforehand so that the change will be for the best, and under the new surroundings the growth will in increased rather than checked. The soil should be tight because and assume to the soil should hearty dinner and then plunge into the excitement of some social entertainment with-out feeling the worse for it. And when, as is the case with some families, such a pracbe rich, porous and composed of e lar to those constituting the soil for other pot ted plants. Fertilizers may be given later if the plants do tice is kept up night after night, it means Fertilizers may be given later if the plants do not seem to grow fast enough. This, however, should always be given in small quantities, for large doses force the growth minaturally and make the plants unhealthy. The plants that have been dormant through the winter can also be treated to small doses of fertilizers, but this should never be done until the plants begin to start up into a new growth. It may otherwise prove fatal. HELES WHARDURDON. physical ruin and perhaps death to the head of the family. A man who taxes his brain and his nervous force to the utmost in his daily business needs all the rest that he can get at night. Ordinarily he has no inclination to lead a gay life socially, but goes out nights simply to oblige his wife and daughters. Dr. Mor-



ible and nervous woman.

various kind of kisses which mark the aditself is just as subtle and unselfish as ever such reading makes a girl "love her mother mere," or that she "stays at home," growing more helpiul, and finding "indefinite in-terests enough to make single life very pleasant.





States? Mrs. Wells wittily describes some

vent and climax of a lover's regard. Love it was; passion is as true and noble; but their parasites are deadly." This is a splendid summing up. But I do not agree that

Nearly all the spring costumes from Paris have the stately, picturesque Louis XV. cont. I saw one in fawn-colored corduroy cloth that had a white satin waistcoat with

a jabot of cream lace at the throat. The front breadth of the skirt was of silk, several

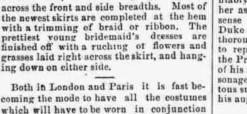
grasses laid right across the skirt, and hanging down on either side. Both in London and Paris it is fast becoming the mode to have all the costumes which will have to be worn in conjunction

maker or lady's tailor. The effect produced -her designs quite as jealously as a painter his pictures.

The rose skirt worn in the new play of the blossoms, each sewn separately onto the front of the short pink skirt. A word of

warning may be given here apropos of these flower skirts; they would look absolutely ridiculous on any but a tall slight girl, but no doubt it will be possibl, to make something of the idea that would be suitable to most figures.

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



with one another made by the same diess-

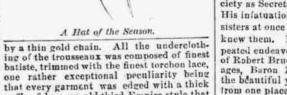
The titled lover, like many another before and since, reckoned without his host, or more properly speaking, appears to have gone ahead without much attempt at any sort of reckoning, for no sconer was it noised

married an English girl.

sation which her appearance in any assemblage invariably created during her residence here several winters since, is unde-niably due to the fame which now envelops her as the American girl who had the good sense to sever her engagement with the Duke of Cairns, a real live Duke, albeit a thoroughly unprincipled man. According to report Miss Grant, upon whose beauty the Prince of Wales had set the royal seal

of his approbation, consulted no less a per-sonage than His Highness on the momentous subject of her engagement, and upon his august advice it was formally annulled. She Was to Pay the Expenses.

Dancing Girl" is the rage in London now, according to a DISPATCH correspondent. This famous frock is after all a very simple affair, and consists of some 50 fully-blown



that every garment was edged with a thick ruffla of lace, an old third Empire style that horrible literature with which our market is flooded, turning life into a dissecting room. That, indeed, may well frighten a suscepthas entirely died out of late years. It is a shocking wrong and nuisance that popular magazines should publish stories A white satin dinner dress, designed by unalterable love.

weddings and receptions, carried an ivory-

mounted Watteau fan tastened to her girdle

Worth is covered with small gold butter which are read by young girls, enabling them, as Mrs. Wells says, to count "the flies, the bodice of silver gilt filigree-work specially made by a Milanese jeweler carries

out the butterfly idea, and behind by an ingenious arrangement of white satin and silk gauze, two wings seem to spring from the shoulders and fall back over the train; this unique gown is one of the finest costumes ever produced by Monsieur Worth, and will probably be worn by Victor Hugo's granddaughter at the Presidental ball that will be given in her honor by Madame Carnot, at

versity, which her sister Gwendolin endowed with \$300,000. The romance which first brought Miss Adele Grant into public notice as a beauty The new spring gowns made up for the young girls of London are invariably was enacted abroad. Yet it is in many ways allied to her life in Washington; as the senstraight and are well off the ground. Some are shaped to lie flat round the hips, all the fullness being drawn into pleats or gathered at the waist, others are gauged equally

the newest skirts are completed at the hem with a trimming of braid or ribbon. The prettiest young bridemaid's dresses are finished off with a ruching of flowers and

abroad that the engigement was declared off than bills began to pour in from every direction upon the astonished young lady. Not only was she expected to pay for the jewels lavished upon her in protigal pro-fusion, but the caterer's and florist's ac-

also presented to her for liquidation.

more than a year thereafter that the Duke, falling heir to a large fortune, immediately

Miss Audenried and the Nunnery.

Miss Florence Audenried, daughter of the of a Methodis: minister were finally selate General Audenried, United States cured.

Army, who within the past few months has

Baron Zedwitz figured prominently in society as Secretary of the German Legation. whirl of surprises concerning her actions His infatuation for the younger of the two and intentions. Not a month before the marriage with sisters at once became apparent to all who young Carroll took place the rumor gained knew them. Fired with that spirit of recurrency that a dinner given by the his-torian to a coterie of intimate friends had been for the purpose of announcing the enpeated endeavor which rendered the name of Robert Bruce, of Scotland, famous in all ages, Baron Zedwitz persistently followed the beautiful young object of his affections

in the magnificent chateau de Cibeaumont par Doyne (Dordoyne) in France. It was further whispered that the two costly dia-mond rings worn by her were the gift of her titled fiance, who, desiring her to exercise her own fancy in the matter, had enclosed a

articularly in changeable climate. Hence, recommend the small face veil, not necesarily covering the entire face, but coming below the nose. For summer I am in favor of the hat with the brim to protect the eyes, And for theater, I say, wear them as small as possible.

For health the hat should be light in weight as possible, and open crowns if properly worn are certainly an improvement over closed hats. The hair should be coiled on top of the head for warmth and as a finishine effect.

In selecting buts for the seaside wear, it is well to remember that feathers in plumes and tips and damp air are unfriendly to one another. As the seastde is intended for a health resort it is well to choose such materials as will not draw and retain dampuess. for unpleasant results must necessarily folow such a breach of laws of health. If the evening is to be spent on the plazza or at z lawn fete, it is best to provide yourself with a Spanish lace shawl or a light wool fascinator, for an ounce of prevention is worth a nound of cure.

The spring costume here shown is made of pigeon gray cashmere. The skirt has a fan-pleated back, and a front which is drawn up in curved folds on the hips, and is festooned with three



ribbon how-knot at the foot. The jacket bodice opens narrowly on a plain closebuttoned vest. The sleeves are enthered to close cuffs. The corners of the jacket, its fluring collar and the cuffs and shoulders of the sleeves are embroidered in self-colored silk and silver thread. The cut and description is taken from Harpers.

The and reason why most women do not marry is because they have not had a chance, announces Mrs. John Sherwood in the North Materican Review. When we read that there are 60,000 more unmarried women than men in Massachusetts alone, what shall we say of the rost of the so miscalled United Bound the hem of the skirt and edging the

A Gown From Paris.

shades darker than the cloth, and the coat appeared to be somewhat longer than that Such a dress all the appointments are as nice as one could which has been the rage. Such a dress would make any woman look important. see in a private house. On the ground floor Skirts are as severe as ever. They look | are also a cozy writing room, a reading room well on a sylph, but a stout figure is at a great disadvantage in a

riety.

clinging skirt. In gowns for mature wearers the straight outlines should be softened by the introduction of a few folds in front or a panel at the side. Some of the new skirts are slit open on either side to reveal a glimpse of a silk petticoat in a contrasting olor. Sensible women will be sorry to hear that all new outdoor gowns have demitrains. Those who have cleanly notions concerning dress will ignore the innovation. Trailing dresses are not only unclean, they

are frightfully expensive, for the hems get fraved out before they have been in wear a week. Lozenge spots, rings, line-stripes and wafers are the patterns that will be most in vogue this season. A very distinguished gown in light gray, patterned with stripes and wafers, had a scarlet silk waistcoat and a smart bodice furnished with long front ends to simulate a coat. The sleeves were slashed with scarlet.

The newest bonnets in London, says one of THE DISPATCH'S London correspondents, are covered with tiny spring flowers, sewn on to a 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 much rather mate, a how days or for the always much rather make a bonnet to order than sell a bonnet already made up. "A woman's head gear," she exclaimed, "is quite as much a part of herself as her gown, and is 20 times as important, seeing that it serves as a background, and frames the face of the wearer. Madam Virot always makes up her bonnets on a model, exactly as a hairdresser dresses the hair, and I am going to adopt the same plan. No, I disapprove of all set shapes, and prefer to work on a very soft wire foundation, that can be twisted about this way and that, so as to suit the shape of the head of the wearer for whom the bonnet is being made. The prettiest flower suitable for these new lossom bonnets is the violet. 1 recommend

the Russian variety to my chaperon cusomers, and the light blue Parma violet where a young face is in question."

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

The dresses worn at the wedding of "Peach Blossom" Hugo, granddaughter of Victor Hugo, writes a London correspond-ent of THE DISPATCH were all designed Victor Hugo, writes a London correspondent of THE DISPATCH, were all designed

by Rouff, and formed a sigularly happy ombination of coloring and effect. The ombination of coloring and effect. The which gave him the appearance of a Cyclops. ridal gown was perfectly plain, composed His school- ellows used to call him Cocles

It is said that the button is getting to be narried a count, though one of the youngest of nearly as much consideration in the capiof Washington beauties, has already had an unusually eventful life, replets with ro-mance and adventure. In the height of a tals of Europe as in China. Antique buttons are made in great variety and to suit the period the fashion of which the dress resuccessful season, surrounded by admirers, Miss Audenried suddenly became sated with vives. Some contain portraits of the beauties of the time, others are set around with the gay world of fashion, and, deciding upon peals, while more often than not they are a venture of religious enthusiasm, without warning, abjured the Episcopal faith to beencrusted with gold. These are said to have a really fine effect, and as each buttoe worn come an ardent devotee of the Church of is of a different shade there is plenty of va-Rome.

Hardly had society recovered from this sudden announcement before it was startled The "Victoria" is one of the most successby the intelligence of a still more unac-countable move on the part of the young ful of the London ladies' clubs, says Pall debutante. Renouncing the world, the flesh and the devii, Miss Audenried under Mall Budget. It was established in 1875. and has this year moved into a large and cover of night hied her to a convent, leav-ing behind as the sole clew to her action the handsome house near Cavendish square, The new premises are exceedingly pretty and comtime-honored note on the pin cushien. In vain Mrs. Audenried wrote and implored fortable. In the commodious dining room are many tables, each large enough to dine four. These are decorated with flowers, and her daughter to come home. In vain she applied for nelp to the Mother Superior of

the convent, from both alike came the same answer, namely, that the young girl having entered of her own accord and professing a desire to remain, she was not to be coerced into leaving those walls within which she

had sought shelter. State and Church in Conflict.

Then it was that her mother decided upon an equally bold plan of action, and accompanied by the family lawyer proceeded di-rect to Cardinal McCloskey in New York, formally demanded that her daughter as a minor should be at once delivered to her guardianship. At first it began to look as though the Church and State would enter into open conflict over the matter, which was, however, after a few days successfully compromised, there being considerable money at stake, and the mother departed, happy once more in the possession of her daughter. A romantic attachment next eagaged the young beauty's attention, and upon its termination a season of European travel was decided upon.

Miss Audenreid appears to have found more than the usual amount of favor in the eyes of His Royal Highness, for cablegrams received by the leading American journals shortly thereafter chronicled accounts of a fete given at one of the fashionable suburbs of London, at which the Prince of Wales

prominently in London society during the past season. A beauty of the statuesque The Story That He Put Out One of His

village of Labastide, where Joachim 'Learning that Miss Leiter and her father Murat, king of Naples, was born. It has been related that the child voluntwo summers since were about to sail for Europe, the young fellow at once engaged tarily put out one of his own eyes with a passage on the steamer which he had heard penknife, when he was at the ecclesiastical they were to take. At the last moment, discovering his mistake, he instructed his valet to proceed to England in charge of his lug-

offered the driver a princely sum if he would insure his reaching In time the dock from which sailed the steamer in reality selected his native country in the companionship of Miss Leiter and her father.

Hose Instead of Posies.

The story was wafted back to Washington and raised duite a little stir which omerville Journal.] searcely was given time to comfortably settle down before a rival one was started concerning the proposal and rejection of another aspirant to Miss Leiter's heart, hand and

Shortly after the solemn service was concluded, the newly-made wife was left a widow with the harrowing duty of arrang-ing for the burial of the man whom the Minister and members of his own legation retused to acknowledge as her legal hus-band. The reason for this opposition on the part of the Spanish Minister, who has recently been recalled, appears to have been twofold, for when he went to the house to view the body shortly after the attache's death, there ensued a scene which beggars description. Across the corpse of the young Spaniard

the Minister hurled defiance at the widow, protesting vehemently that this calamity had come upon her because in the insolence of her beauty she had dared to spurn his oft repeated avowals of love. Mrs. de Podistad, with the little son by her first unhappy marriage, is living in seclusion with her mother on the coast of France.

A Six Months' Trial Courtship. Perhaps the most novel romance is that of Miss Patten, eldest daughter of the late Mrs. Patten, of California, and Senor Ratael Gana, a wealthy man, whose brother at that time was Minister from Chile to this coun-try. Senor Gana did not speak one word of

English, while his lady-love was as gloriously ignorant of Spanish, but they met upon the common ground of French. They agreed that for six months they would be ontwardly all devotion to each other, and though all public announcement was to be avoided, they were virtually to consider themselves engaged. Senor Gana was to be the attendant of Miss Patten on all oceasions, should provide her with flowers and bonbons ad libitum, should secure choice setts at theater and opera, should carry her bouquet and fan at parties, and quietly obliterate himself during the round of dances, to appear again as surely at sup-per time. In return the young lady was to

hold herself in readiness upon all occasions to forego such social pleasures as conflicted seriously with the sedate disposition of her elderly lover. She was moreover to meet and walk with him every fine day, and when inclement weather precluded the enjoyment of pedestrian exercise was to entertain him after the most approved fashion in her own home. At the . end of six months each was to be strictly honest with the other and state what progress this intimate degree of friendship had made on the royal road to

love, and whether, all things considered, a continuance was to be desired. Strange as it may seem, the two held to their yows of absolute candor, but the end was that they mutually preferred friendship to marriage. MISS GRUNDY, JR.

THE GRANDFATHERS' CLOCKS. Ancient Timepieces Multiply Rapidly in

American Homes. Brookivn Standard-Union. 3 How the old-fashioned clocks, like the one which used to belong to your great-greatgrandfather, are multiplying. When you hear one of these ancient-appearing time-

pieces slowly striking the hour, you are apt to say, "There's an heirloom," but ten to one you will be in error. The furniture manufacturers are produc-

ing clocks right along new which can be made to appear any age desired. Some few years ago there were people who would have given their very eye teeth for an old-fashioned clock. Now they can be accommo-dated. Of course, the ancient timepieces which are produced by the dealers are not really old, but they appear so, and that safstied some people.

It's Human Nature.

Blinks-What would you do, now, if you were in my place? bank account. This also was a mem-ber of the British Legation, who, while cording to my own ideas,

naturally fuddled, weak-headed literary men and ministers who pretend to worship women's beauty. But you want a good complexion as you want your boots clean, and faulty features mended as you want your coat to set well. When all women are good the preacher argued, could go home from looking there will be very little vanity left business after a hard day's work, eat a in the world.

And now my dear young women who houor me with your confidences, about your complexions mostly, it is just the turn of the eason you want to secure good health and a clear skin for the twelvemonth. Chiefly avoid taking colds in March and

April winds. These thawy, moist days one of hels the chill more than in midwinter with dry air near zero. I can't begin to tell you the harm done by the slight colds, congestions and checks of perspiration which no-body thinks of. Especially do these account for the stray pimples, the rashes, the vexagan solemnly urged the fashionable women tions sive in the eve, and, must we say it?-New York society to be more considerate the boils which girls have as well as their n their social demands upon their over-worked husbands and fathers. in their brothers. It is a mercy when these disorders pass off with so slight though annoying effects as a boil or two, or a breaking out.

Youth throws these things off and thinks no more of them. 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 at first only a feeling o weight and dullness, are the cause of fibroids and tumors with their history ounter. 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 it. We are behind the Romans and the

Norsemen in this provision for health The hardy Finns to-day have their sweat houses in every village, where the weekly or semi-weekly bath is taken, till the bather reeks with perspiration, and the men rush out and throw themselves in the snow for relief. They find by experience that such alternations enable them to bear the rigors of their winters, and centuries would have shown their error if they were mistaken. No Northern people are hardier or more spirited than these same Finlanders. with their clear complexions and dark blue eyes. Spite of their harsh elimate, they have the most healthful living of perhaps any of the Northern races, and keep equal degrees of romance, daring and good feeling in their natures. You do not find imagina-tion, force and adventure in a race without coarse, plenteous fare, pure air and cleanliness.

Plea for the Hot Air Register. The only substitute we have for the suda-

rium is the hot air register from the lur-nace. If in younger days, led by the voice of other writers, I have ever spoken disre-spectrully of the "hale in the floor" I withdraw the expression. Since the great open fire is a thing of the past, we have nothing to compare for saving comfort with the ten-inch register and its rush of genuinely hot air, where one can heat a chilled backbone, a rheumatic leg, or thoroughly warm one's sel/ clonked and wrapped for going out. Doctors have scared women from their best riend by warning them not to sit over hot registers lest they should make them tender. Living over them is one thing, sit-ting over them when occasion requires is another, and occasion requires it pretty often with delicate women. The hole in the wall is a poor conceit, useful for nothing but to warm one's back by at times, and the modern art stove with' its high footrail and fire half way up the wainscot or there-abouts offers little chance of comfort to the chilled mortal. Some Specifics Against Colds.

If you want a specific against colds and all the "gree cs" attending them, always go to bed warm. Sit over the register in night-dress for hulf an hour till all the joints are ticular aches in any part of the trunk, have

TREES IN THE WINTER TIME.

People Make a Mistake in Running Exclusively to Evergreens, To many people trees are only attractive

when they are clothed with leaves, and ow-

ing to this fact the almost general use of ever green shrubs and trees for ornamental purposes

has spring into practice. But we only realize

the stordiness of the oak in winter when

OVER COUNTER JESTS.

How New York Shop Girls Spend Their Leisare Moments. New York Times.] In an up-town shop the other morning a

leaves no longer disguise the knotted strength ustomer heard the following dialogue: of its limbs. The birch is the most gracefu "Say, fanny?" from the ribbon counter. and attractive when shorn of its leaves, and the marvelous structure of the elms is only fully realized when their limbs and branches "What is it, ribbons?" from the fan

fully realized when their limbs and branches are bare of leaves. In the winter the eve is un-disturbed by the masses of foliage on the trees, and the full beauty and warlety of the bark col-oring are then taken in and made a prominent feature of the landscape. There is something grand and graceful about the toll, leafless pop-lar in winter, and the white-barked hickory has something to show in its bark and peculiar where "Why is it that you are so unpopular with the ladies?

"Give it up. "Because in cold weather they don't fan-

"Say, ribbons, why is your trade like that of a granger?" "Why is it?"

shape. If nothing but evergreens are planted there is no apparent change from winter to summer, and the eye becomes wearied at the monoto-nous sight. Besides the homes that are closely surrounded by the heavily-foliaged evergreens will invariably be damp and unhealthful. If "Because so much of it is gros grain." An Old Superstition Verified. will invariably be damp and unhealthful. If the spruce and pine trees are kept long enough they soon tower above the house and shut out the sunlight. All of this is avoided by placing deciduous trees nearest to the house and by sprinkling them around on the lawn. In the winter time this gives the air free dirculation and enables the dampness to expertate. C. S. WALTERS.

rville Journal.] "Are you superstitious?" asked a bytander of a slowly-rising young tragedian.

"A little," sad the actor sadly. "I have learned from experience that to have just 13 people in the audience inevitably means had luck."

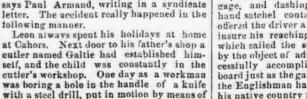


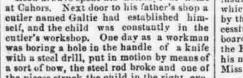
well supplied with papers and magazines, trundled her several times about the grounds in a wheelbarrow. A Mad Chase for a Steamer Miss Mary Leiter, daughter of Mr. L. Z. Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, has figured

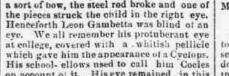
type, she has a face best seen to advantage under a Gainsborough hat with wide, picturesque brim and nodding plumes. The names of those accredited by report as her devoted admirers are legion. One of the prettiest stories told is in regard to the at-

At the age of 9, Leon Gambetta was sent to the seminary at Montfaucon, near the tachment to an English secretary of lega-

gage, and dashing into a cab with only a hand satchel containing toilet articles, he







Fit for Easter Morning

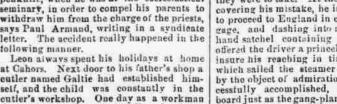
GAMBETTA'S GLASS EYE.

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by the object of admiration. This was successfully accomplished, and hurrying on board just as the gang-plank was withdrawn, the Englishman had the felicity of sailing to