The Pittsburgh Gazette.

Diplomatic Small Clothes. The Pall Mall Gazette thus discourses of the dress of American Ministers:

In the course of a few days we shall have the new Ministor from the United States among us, and almost the first question he will find it necessary to decide relates to the clothes he intends to wear on State occasions. Fortunately it is a question that need not cause him any great embarrassment. The American Congress insisted some time ago that citizens of the United States should be allowed to go anywhere they pleased in any sort of raiment, and the right is freely accorded. The ex-Minister. to this country was more than once given to understand that Her Majesty would be happy to see him in such attire as he ught proper to assume, but Mr. Adams did not deem it respectful to the English Monarch to walk into her presence in a garb which rendered him conspicuous, while the representatives of other Powers were not too proud to dress themselves in conformity with the usages of the Court. It thus happened that Mr. Adams was never seen at Royal receptions toward the end of his term, but a notice regularly appeared set-ting forth that the United States Minister was kept away "by unavoidable circumstances." This caused no diplomatic misunderstanding, for it was generally understood that the question at issue was nothing more serious than the cut of a worthy genman's coat and breeches.

We all respected the motive which led Mr. Adams to absent himself from State ceremoies; as in everything else, his course was dictated by the highest sense of courte-sy towards others. But Fenstor Johnson will be placed in such different circumstances that he need not recognize the fact of any gress already in force, and he has known no other. He has therefore only to present himself before her Majesty in ordinary evening dress and not a word will be said to him on the subject. Diplomatists of older standing might perhaps feel that Congress had interfered in what was essentially a private matter, and had even caused them to suffer some loss of dignity. Almost any sensible man who was ordered by a body of legislators to wear at Court a particular dress and no other, and singled out a dress which infringed a general custom of the country in which he was placed, would feel that he was being subjected to petty vexations and restrictions. But Mr. Reverdy Johnson need not feel that the dictation of Congress has thus followed him into his very dressing room. We trust, therefore, that he will present himself at Court, and continue to do so, even though Congress should some day prescribe as a uniform the dress of the big Indian, beautifully posed to represent Liberty, which ornaments the top of the Capitol at Washington.

Mock Gems.

Art is made to rival nature in many ways, and in no instance more remarkably than in the imitation of all kinds of gems. This form of industry is now practiced in almost every country of Europe, but probably to a greater extent in Paris than anywhere else. Great is the demand for false diamonds alone, and correspondingly great is the sup-ply. We have spoken before in these columns of the successful imitation of thesethe most admired of all jewels-to such a degree that the manufactured articles shines with a brilliancy as if it had from the rock of Golconda. These imitations were the subject of a recent article in a London journal. There are many processes; but all result in the production of what is called crystal water, which, har-dened and cut, is a perfect counterfeit. Worn it may be by a young lady at her first ball, and dazzling all eyes by its scintillations, it is not known to them to be a composition of white sand treated with hydrochloric acid, calcined potash, borax and arsenic. Add to the paste, which is the basis of this, a little oxide of cobalt, and we have the fac-similes of a great grandmother's prized collection of sapphires. Or mix with the colorless material, a little antimony and purple of Cassius, and there is a topaz before us. Would we obtain the emerald, the bride of the diamonds, as it has been called in the language of the East, we have but to add in their stead some oxide

of copper.
Of artificial pearls there are several varieties. The Japanese make theirs of rice paste, which is better known as Japanese cement, and is harder than marble. The Romen pearls are made chiefly of fish scales heated with the finest spirits of wine, and the manufacture must be carried on in highly heated rooms, but they are as light as wax and cannot possibly deceive. The The Turkey rose pears do not deserve the name. They are in fact made of roses. The leaves are heaped in a mortar having a very highly polished inner surface and pounded into a soft mass; this is dried in the sun, but not rapidly, for rose-water of the very finest perfume is sprinkled over the pink paste now and then; the damping and crying are repeated, and the pearls so called are moulded in a form, polished, steeped in oil of roses and polished again, so that they are lustrous and sweet scented. Some are tinted blue, others are odorous of storax and musk, a few, and they the most difficult to

THE railroad track layer now in use in California is said to operate successfully, and places the iron rails in position at the rate of one mile per day, though some of the work has been done at the rate of two miles in twelve hours. The machine is a car sixty feet long and ten feet wide. It has a small engine on board for handling the ties and rails. The ties are carried on a common freight car behind, and conveyed by an endless chain over the top of the machine la'd down in their places on the track and when enough are laid, a rail is put down on each side in a proper position and spiked down. The track-layer then advances and keeps on its work until the load of ties and rails is exhausted, when other car loads are brought. The machine is driven ahead by a locomotive, and is stated the work is done so rapidly that six men are re quired to wait on it, but it is asserted that they do more work than twice as many could do by the old system; and that the work is done spite as mall. This chief conwork is done quite as well. The chief contractor on the Vallejo and Sacramento railroad, where the machine is in use, gives it as his opinion that when the machine is improved by making a few changes in the method of handling rails and ties, it will be able to put down five or six miles per day.

THE population of the Austrian Empire, according to a statistical work recently published, is divided into the following nation lished, is divided into the following nationalities: 8,782,000 Germans, 6,521,400 Czechs, Moravians and Sclaves; 2,380,000 Poles, 2,985,000 Russians, 1,203,000 Russians, 1,203,000 Slovenians, 1,400,300 Magyars, 2,916,000 Croatians or terrians, 2,884,000; Roumanians, 1,121,00; Jews, 589,100 Italians, 152,860 Zingari 58,800 Pulmaians Armenians and Greek, The Bulgarians, Armenians and Greek. The same work states that the annual roducts of agriculture are as follows: 508,00,000 or bushels of grain, 203,000,000 or bushels of potatoes, 2,000,000 of tons of beet-rot, and 240,000,000 of gallons of wine.

A LARGE number of ladies from the best classes of Berlin have formed a secret so-ciety for the purpose of checking the grow-ing evil of prostitution. These philanthro-pic ladies pursue the following plan: They walk about the city at certain hours of the day and accost such prostitutes as they may meet on the street. They ascertain if they have any parents, ask them to abandon their life of shame, and, if they consent, take them to an asylum where they spend a day, and are sent on the following day to some of the wealthy families in the country, who have engaged to keep one or two of the unfortunate girls as long as they believe unfortunate girls as long as they behave well. If the girls refuse, the ladies write to their parents or other relatives, and promise to pay the traveling expenses if they will consent to take their fallen daughter back. All the members of this order wear on their breast a small black cross. They have an office where two ladies answer all letters that are received. Other members of the society call daily at the female employment bureaus, and they immediately provide something to do for girls who are unable to obtain situations. The success of the society surpasses all expectations. It numbers now upwards of two hundred members, and the infamous procuresses of the capital are seriously alarmed at the extraordinary energy with which the good work

THE art of glass-making was introduced nto modern Europe by the Venetians. Besides discovering the art of rendering glass colorless by means of manganese, the Venetians also enjoyed the monopoly of mirrors, the silvering of which was a secret long kept from other countries. These mirrors, however, have now lost their reputation, as oreign competitors produce larger plates. Glass beads are still made in considerable quantities for exportation. Venetian enams have always been famous, and among the peculiar productions of Venice may b difficulty having been experienced at the reckoned the beautiful composition called Legation. He finds a regulation of Conin the possession of a single manufacturer. The great glass works are at Murano, one of the islands of the Lagoon. The number of persons employed in glass-making at Mura-no and Venice is 5,000, of whom one third are men, and two-thirds women and chil-dren. The annual cost of the substances employed in the manufacture is estimated at about 7,000,000f. In the East there is a constant demand for beads and other articles known as "conterie." There are six glass works in Turin, three in Genoa, five in Milan, thirteen in Florence, eleven in Naples, and twenty in Venice. These fifty-eight works produce articles of the annua value of 10,276,725f.

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IN THE EVENING, at 8 o'clock, MUSICAL CONTEST Between the different Societies, at TURNER'S HALL, on Sixth street, embracing a number of choice Quartettes, Solos, Choruses, &c. Also Overtures and Pot Pourris, by Toerge's Orchestra. The German Turners have a so I indiy voiunteered their assistance, and will perform their famous Tableaux, Vivants, &c. & Admission, \$1.

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Of the various Soc'eties will be formed at Turner Hall, Sixth street, and march over, the following route: Sixth street, and march over, the following Market street, St. Clair and Pennio Iron's park, where the Festival will be continued the entire day. The public are cordilly layled to particle, pate in the vari us amusements, and be assured that the Committee of Arrangements have made ample provision to guarantee the best of order and a pleasant recreation for all.

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The Tax Payers of the consolidated City of Pitts-burgh, are her by notified that the Tax Books are now in the hands of the City Treasurer, ready for satisetion. November.

49 The STATE MERCANTILE LICENSES are now due, and sould be pull on or before the list of July, to save cost and expense of still.

S. ALLINDER,
Jefferes City Treasurer. "City Engineer,

From Morton to Clymer street, is now ready for examination, and can the seen at this office until THU asDAY, September 3d, 1868, when it will be returned to the City Tressurer's office for collection.