The Pittsburgh Gazette.

FASHIONS.

Translated from Le Follet.

All sorts of gay colors are continually worn, and the contrast of the various shades gives our toilets an almost Oriental appearance. I have seen material with pale gold and purple stripes, for instance, which looked exceedingly pretty. The tunic was looped back *en paniers*, but unicolored, while the hat of Italian straw, had small clusters of cherries, scattered in a most original manner, for ornaments. Almost every tunic assumes now-a-days the form of a square or rounded apron in front and of *paniers* behind, more or less looped up. For full dress toilets next Winter this description of costumes will be worn altogether. The style for Winter hats is also forecasting its shadow already. As might have been expected, they will have high crowns. The principal ornaments will be puffs, feathers, and aigrettes. This style of head-dress will be admirably adapted for the costumes of the Louis XV, and Louis XVI. age, which are so far from going out of fashion as to become still more complete, and powder and beauty spots are seriously spoken of. In the mean time, the fashion of head-dresses is mixed, neither high nor low. Flat *chignons* on the head, small hats with flat caps, narrow *fanchonettes* with flower puffs, are all the rage. To return to costumes. I have seen a very pretty one on the beach of *Trouville*. A round skirt of silver-gray Mexican silk had a high flounceand a fold of scarrabee-taffeta for ornaments; an apron of the same material was bordered with a small flounce and a fold of scarrabee-taffeta at the top. What was visible of the back part of the skirt looked very original on account of a knot of a scarabee sash being fastened to it, while the sleeves of the dress were half-tight fitting and ended in a puffing of the same material as the dress. The toquet of a very fine silver-gray straw was bordered with scarabee satin. The somewhat high cap had a lustre of scarabee feathers for ornament which fell gracefully down on one side over the ringlets of the chignon, which had been put very high on the back part of the head. Another not less original costume was made of green glaced silk, the lower skirt had pipings of flounces placed below at certain distances from each other, while the upper skirt looped back in three *paniers* repeated the same trimming on a smaller scale. The waist was cut square in front, and completed by a *Marie Antoinette* mantelet, knotted on the chest by a *Papillon* knot and falling down over the sides so as to become fastened—behind at the top of the skirt a few centimeters lower than the waist. This mantelet is bordered by pipings at certain distances, and moreover ornamented with microscopic knots, visible on the intervals left by the pipings. A splendid dinner costume has just been finished for the Marquise of V. It is a vapory skirt of white gauze held up *en paniers* in a very original manner, over a turquois blue transparent, by a large turquois blue sash. The waist is cut low and square, and has very rich wide lace, fastened by turquois clasps all round the shoulders.

I am at a loss what to say of linen wear Bonnets always keep the *fanchon* or the *Catalan* style, and only vary in the style of borders. The most becoming is a *Catalan* bonnet of embroidered muslin. A ribbon, corresponding in shade to the toilet, forms a square which indicates the top of the head, and falls down under the *chignon* which it half covers. Small knots of embroidered muslin and of ribbon form the front of the bonnet, while two long ribbons float behind. Another pattern is the guipure *fanchon*. The front of the bonnet is looped back over the top of the head in two points bordered by a narrow ribbon. A flounce of guipure serves as an ornament for the back part, and extends in flaps fastened under the chin by a rich guipure lace covering a knot of ribbon.

MM. DUVE and Lemaire, two young mechanics in Paris, have invented a new kind of safety lock. The key opens the lock without ringing the bells; but if a false key be introduced, a "jemmy," or any piece of metal, the bells are set gcing as long as the piece is applied. This is effected by the disposal of the several tumblers with regard to a small lever which completes the battery circuit when elevated. When all the tumblers are lifted simultaneously, as by the master key, the lever is not raised and no alarm is given; but if one, or two, or three be lifted the alarm lever is raised and the ringing takes place. If the burglar, knowing the mechanism of the lock, try to force the lock plate by any of the usual burglars' instruments, as soon as the metal is attempted to be wedged in the ringing commences. The safety lock can be applied to all doors or fastenings without distinction. The acting agent of alarm is a feeble current of electricity, produced by a small battery of two elements. The pile used is that of Leclanche (small model), with peroxide of manganese and a single liquid, which does not require touching for several months, and then even a little water is all that is necessary to replace that lost by evaporation. The master key is protected by an insulating substance, so that when introduced it establishes no contact, nor does it raise the alarm lever when the tumblers are lifted. Now, supposing a burglar to have a dozen or so isolated keys, he could introduce any one of them silently, but on his attempting to turn it, the wards not being those of the master key, the alarm would be continuously given, and put an end to his experiments, so that he could not try one key after another.

LONDON is greatly concerned about its supply of water. Enormous sums have already been expended to secure a supply, but something more is needed. Five new schemes have been presented. They embrace the source of the Severn, the Cumberland Lakes, the Thames water filtered through the Bagshot sands, reservoirs placed near the sources of the Thames, and the waters flowing down the Derbyshire and Staffordshire hills. All these may be called great and costly undertakings—two of them even immensely so. Either one of these plans, if adopted, will cost between sixty and seventy millions of dollars. Now every gallon of water delivered in London has to be pumped up from nearly the sea level to an average height of 250 feet, and then the supply is unreliable, while the people pay one shilling and five pence in the pound sterling water tax.

THE officers of the Mont Cenis Railway Company are engaged in remedying the damage done by the late heavy rains. It has been decided that the fragments of rock hitherto employed, and which are easily carried away, shall be replaced by heavy blocks measuring at least ten metres cube, and capable of resisting the most impetuous current. The cost will amount to less than 500,000 francs. The expense of the reconstruction of the railway is estimated at 600,000 francs.

DISRAELI, it is asserted by the English papers, will probably make another of his bold political changes of opinion. The Pall Mall *Gazette*, from a sentence in Sir J. Packington's election address, draws the conclusion that Mr. Disraeli is preparing to throw over the Irish Church, and again divert the popular feeling from the Liberal party towards himself.

How to Sleep in Church.

Assuming that it is a duty, let us consider the manner of performing it. Like all Christian practices, there should be uniformity in the manner:

First—It is an improper manner in performing this duty to nod, and for the plain reason that it attracts too much attention. We are everywhere taught to avoid ostentatious display in our whole worship. The Pharisees were condemned for praying at corners of the street, that they might be seen of men. On the same principle the nodding worshipper is making too public a display of his devotions;

Second—Nor is it proper to snore in the performance of this duty--partly for the forgoing reasons; but mainly because it is a direct infraction of the golden rule. Suppose, for instance that your next neighbor is asleep, by your snoring he will be disturbed, probably awakened. This is not doing unto others as you would they should do unto you.

Third—It is wrong to injure one's health while offering worship; and all physicians admit that to sleep with the head thrown back and mouth wide open is liable to produce sore throat and hoarseness. Besides, flies sometimes get into the mouth on such occasions, and by their injurious explorations tickle the delicate membranes and cause horrible sternutations and coughing, which is very injurious to health.

Fourth—To sleep with the head resting upon the arms of the worshipper, and the face buried up in the cuffs of the coat, is the most improper way of offering sleep worship. First, because it is also injurious to health, and mainly, because it is a direct violation of the Scriptures, which commands us to let our light so shine that men may profit by our example. In this case it is impossible to know whether the Christian worshipper is asleep or awake. It is a positive case of lukewarmness—neither the one thing nor the other.

Removing a Tight Finger Ring.

It is seldom necessary to file off a ring which is too tight to readily pass the joint of the finger. If the finger is swollen, apply cold water to reduce the inflamation, then wrap a small wet rag wet in hot water around the ring to expand the metal, and soap the finger. A needle threaded with strong silk can then be passed between the ring and finger, and a person holding the two ends and pulling the silk while slowly sliding it around the periphery of the ring may readily remove the ring. If the ring is a plain hoop, this process is easy; if it has a setting or protuberance more care will be required. Another method is to pass a piece of sewing silk under the ring and wind the thread in pretty close spirals and snugly around the finger to the end. Then take the lower end, that below the ring—and begin unwinding. The ring is certain to be removed unless the silk is very weak. The winding compresses the finger and renders the operation less difficult.

JAPAN.—The commissioners sent from Japan to the United States to purchase vessels of war, and who recently returned to Japan in the ram Stonewall, Jackson, have filed to San Francisco, it being unsafe for them to remain in Yokohama during the present political disturbances. The leaders of the Southern faction have threatened to decapitate them if captured. The earthquake wave occurred in the harbor of Yokohama the day following that convulsion of nature in South America.

MEXICO.—Recent advices from California state that in Sonora and Sinaloa the desire for annexation to the United States is very strong among the intelligent classes. The Mexican Government is organizing its forces in the States of Guadalajara, Durango and Sinaloa, with the intention of attacking General Lagoda, at Lepre, as soon as the dry season permits. General Lagoda is also making extensive preparations to resist the Government forces.

AN IMPERIAL MATCH.—The advocates of the annexation of Belgium to France have suggested the idea of a marriage bet veen the young Princess Marie Amelia of Belgium, and the Prince Imperial. In case no other male heir is born to King Leopold, the union of France and Belgium would be effected without war and without opposition from England.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH R. FRICKE, a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts and other claims provable under said Act, by order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all persons who have proved their debts, and others interested, to appear on the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., before SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., Register, at No. 93 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, Pa., to show cause, if any they have, why a Discharge should not be granted to the said Bankrupt. And further, notice is hereby given, that the Second and Third Meetings of Creditors of the said Bankrupt, required by the 27th and 28th sections of said Act, will be had before the said Register, at the same time and place.

se5:w75-8 S. C. McCANDLESS, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN M. TILLEY, a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts, and other claims provable under said act, by order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all persons who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 2d DAY OF OCTOBER, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., before JOHN N. PURVIANCE, Esq., Register, at his office, No. 116 Federal street, Allegheny City, Pa., to show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said Bankrupt. And further, notice is hereby given that the Second and Third Meetings of creditors of the said bankrupt, required by the 27th and 28th Sections of said Act, will be had before the said Register, at the same time and place.

se12:x9-8 S. C. McCANDLESS, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

ROBERT C. SUTTON, a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts, and other claims provable under said Act, by order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 30th day of September, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., before JOHN N. PURVIANCE, Esq., Register, at his office, No. 116 Federal street, Allegheny City, Pa., to show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said Bankrupt. And further, notice is hereby given that the Second and Third Meetings of creditors of the said bankrupt, required by the 27th and 28th sections of said act, will be had before the said Register, at the same time and place.

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LEGAL.

NOTICE.—Whereas, Letters of Administration on the estate of JOHN S. DAVIDSON, late of Oakland Township, deceased, have been duly granted to the undersigned by the Register of Allegheny county, all persons indebted to or having claims against the estate of said deceased are requested to present the same without delay, for settlement, at the office of THOS. EWING, Attorney, No. 156 Fourth St., Pittsburgh.

ANNIE DAVIDSON, Administratrix;
HENRY FLOYD, Administrator.

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NOTICE.--Notice is hereby given that Letters of administration have been granted by the Register of Allegheny county, to the undersigned, on the estate of FREDERICK SAUER, late of Allegheny county, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to pay the same, and all persons having claims against the said estate, to present the same, properly authenticated, for settlement.

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