

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

Enough pretty white dresses to last into short clothes, but I made her acknowledge she visited the cheap stores and bought remnants. There are many people who think a baby cannot wear anything but silk flannel at \$2 per yard. Now, all wool at \$1 is comfortable enough for the best baby that ever was born; but fineness and finish are matters of taste. The expert baby is often dressed, and the questions and the baby both waived, but there is no more absurd idea than that five first striking specimens of babyhood that entered the family must be received as he were a young prince, and swathed in garments that cost a maternity of toil and anxiety, and money enough to have supported him respectfully for five years. A plain, sensible wardrobe, with a mother's welcome, is better than lace stomachers and christening caps for appearance. Apropos of this, six little fine knitted Saxony shirts are much better than the flowing strips of linen and thread lace, which chill the blue mottled skin like paper. Babies like to be warm—small Saxony shirts are just the thing that can be easily knifed in a day, or bought ready-made, and the warmest days in July are not too warm for a young infant. While dresses are made of such fine, fast or folly has dedicated it. Small zephyr squares are infinitely superior to the square blankets, which are only shams for covering. Look at the little blue, white and pink, and white, or common sense if they ought not to be covered. Pretty ones can be made of merino or all-wool delaine, either white, or pink, or blue, and worked around the edges in scallops.

Round silk aprons, for young ladies, of bright fancy colors, with a deep row of black or white lace laid on the edge, are in fashion again. For married ladies, black satin once trimmed in the same way, the hair is no longer worn to look high. It is so massive as to cover the ignominious curl in the thin French air, which hangs all over the back hair.

De Velocipedes go by Hand or Leg Power. This interesting question came up last week in Hartford, Conn. A complaint was made by the police that a city ordinance had been violated by one Ashmead in riding a velocipede on the sidewalk in front of a store. The officer charged was admitted, but counsel for the prisoner assumed that there was no violation of law, and argued that velocipedes are not propelled by hand, but by the legs of the rider. The officer referring especially to "velocipedes propelled by hand." The prosecuting officer held that hand-power is not the power that lies between the wrists and the finger-tips, but applies to any agency that propels a man's body. A man propelling a wheelbarrow, he contended, does not propel it by hand, but by the wheels. A velocipede rider does by his hands, but the wheels do the work. "The wheels," he said, "propel it by the movement of his legs, of his whole body. If he straps the handles over his shoulders, the barrow moves without the use of his hands. The ordinance referring especially to "velocipedes propelled by hand," which would make a clear meaning of it, but says "propelled by hand," that which is not propelled by steam, or wind, or any other human agency. The justice, overwhelmed by this legal display, reserved his decision. In view of the possibility of the velocipede man heading out very vigorously on our streets and sidewalks this summer, this question will interest our bicycle loving readers.

Railroad Thieves. A prisoner confined in the jail at Alton, Ill., on the charge of robbery, has been making some startling revelations against a gang of railroad thieves, whose headquarters are near that city. He gives their names, and says they have stolen great quantities of goods in the past two years from the railroad companies, especially the Chicago and Alton road. He says that his own share of the freight cars containing valuable merchandise, break open the boxes of goods, remove such bolts of cloth as they fancy, and then mail up the parcels, retaining everything as they can possibly to the same external appearance as before the robbery. The boy of goods would go on to his destination, and the receiver, on opening it, would find some bolts of cloth missing, but would be unable to ascertain where the merchandise had been stolen, or whether, in fact, it had ever been shipped. Two arrests have already been made. It is to be hoped that the officers have now made some arrests and obtained such information as will lead to the entire breaking up of this entire band, and the bringing of all its members to punishment.

The origin of the Cincinnati steamboat fire is a mystery. The Engineer says it began in the nursery of the Club, but how it originated is an absolute mystery to the officers of the boat. The nursery was between the upper and lower decks, a stairway leading to it from the engine room. The chambermaid was the only person sleeping in the ladies' cabin, and she was aroused by the crackling flames in the lattice-work which extended around the outside of the nursery. There was no lamp burning in the nursery, and had been no fire in it during the day or evening. The officers of the boat say the chambermaid had been on the boat in that capacity for three years, and she had always been very careful and painstaking in the discharge of her duty. There is a great deal of excitement in Troy, Pa., over a case of monstrous cruelty which has just come to light. The body of a boy eleven years old was sent to that place from Canton to be buried, and upon examination it was found that several of the ribs were broken, the thighs literally roasted, and the body otherwise horribly mutilated. The child was a son of a Mr. Tierney, Troy, and had been adopted by a man named Michael King, living near Canton. A coroner's jury have found Michael King and Mary, his wife, guilty of the murder and they have been arrested. It is understood that King lays the crime upon his wife.

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