

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

A correspondent of the Michigan Medical News cites two instances which tend to show that door and window screens protect the inmates of houses provided with them from malaria.

The silk industries in the United States last year gave employment to 34,440 operatives, who were paid an aggregate of \$9,107,835 in wages.

The price of voters must be rather high in some parts of England, if one may judge from the figures given in a recent parliamentary return.

Peace is far from the minds of the European powers, if we may judge by the condition of things in the immense Krupp gun-works in Germany.

Arizona, like all the Territories, has become heartily tired of the colonial system of government, and is moving in the matter of obtaining statehood.

The Winter palace in St. Petersburg figures extensively in the Nihilist plots. The palace is an imposing pile upon the left bank of the Neva.

A record of adventurous villainy just about black enough to furnish the basis for a novel of the blood and thunder type has been made by four brothers named Killiam in Southwestern Missouri.

Beer suddenly killed a healthy young man named James Little, at Canton, Ohio. While holding a glass of beer to his lips at his boarding-house he was attacked by a violent fit of gasping for breath.

A new branch of burglary has been opened in Chicago. A young lady went into a dentist's shop to have five teeth extracted.

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Provincial papers of Germany tell of a hearty country bride in the village of Neckerunde who has been literally danced to death.

FOR THE LADIES.

Tissue Paper Parties, and How They are Given Up.

Some fashionable lady not long since planned and carried out a "tissue paper party." The public in general has, perhaps, not discovered it; but she had found that tissue papers are imported of late of a most marvelous variety and beauty of color.

News and Notes for Women.

Sarah Bernhardt is accused of using snuff. There are 23,000 feminine farmers in Great Britain. In Alaska the ruling price for a good wife is \$15 in trade.

Dozens of high-toned ladies of Buffalo make extra pin-money by doing embroidery for New York houses. A Pennsylvania woman has invented a "wrist and finger strengthener," for the use of piano and organ players.

Spanish women are famously vivacious. "There are no such fluttering, chattering, laughing beings in human form when they are young; and when they advance in life age and flesh do not appear to affect their volatile spirits."

It is said that Mrs. Senator Logan has never tasted wine. At a dinner given to Prince Arthur some years since she declined it, and at the recent lunch of a cabinet lady she was the only one of twenty-five who was abstinent.

Mrs. Polk did away with the ancient custom of dancing at the White House, and it has never been revived. An effort was made to have a ball at the White House for the entertainment of the Prince of Wales, but President Buchanan said: "No; the matter has once been settled. Let it remain so."

The body of the late Queen Dowager of Denmark was inclosed in three coffins—of fir, lead and polished oak—covered with black velvet. It was dressed in the utmost simplicity; the head reposed on the white silk wedding dress of the deceased and was crowned with wreaths of myrtle, and the body was covered with a white satin sheet.

Fashion Fancies. Norwegian jewelry is growing fashionable. The spring Tuscan frocks are closely worn. Double ribbons are the novelty for strings.

Pink and blue are favorite combinations in gingham.

Twilled silks take the lead for both dresses and millinery.

The lace of the passing moment is Spanish, white or black. Only one kind of flower is to be used to on a bonnet this summer.

The light summer serges have deep borders in cashmere colors. Tea gowns as well as cloaks are made in Mother Hubbard patterns.

All new collars, whether of linen, batiste, mull or lace, are large. Rough straw hats are to be trimmed with diagonally striped ribbons.

Maize yellow seems to be superseding cream color in ribbons and silks. Young girls still wear their hair in Chinese queue, fastened by a ribbon.

White ivory buttons are used on some of the new dark green riding habits. Oblong bars like lace pins are used or buttons on some of the spring suits.

The closer a bonnet is tied the more fashionable it is, according to the latest rule. Some of the new pol onaises are made with full, panier-like draperies over the hips.

Bows of satin ribbon are preferred to rosettes as a trimming for spring dresses. Shirred effects in skirt draperies appear on the most fashionable imported dresses.

Necklaces of small flowers fastened by one large rose are worn with high dresses. Watered silks win their way but slowly here, but they are much worn in Paris.

Some of the new striped woolen goods have gold threads intermingled with old gold silk. Colored cotton embroideries in fast colors are sold to trim the new satteens and calicoes.

A dash of yellow, blue or red is deemed essential to the finish of all dark toilets. Jerseys, which have gone out of fashion in Europe, begin to receive appreciation in America.

Faded rose, pearl and washed-out water-green blue are favorite colors for surah and surah satin. Antique or medieval cutwork, in shaded batiste, wrought with shaded floss silk, is a new and beautiful dress trimming.

The favorite shape for tea gowns of ceremony is the loose, dolman, visor-like sack with elbow sleeves, worn over a richly-trimmed demi-train skirt.

A bonnet with one string is one of the millinery novelties of this season. The string is long and wide, handsomely trimmed at the end, and is passed under the chin and attached to a pendant spray of flowers and lace on the opposite side, which does the duty of a string.

Among French modistes the most fashionable method of draping tunics over plain skirts is either on lavense—turned up in front and caught back—raised on paniers at each side, or draped at one side only. The back is generally draped by strings underneath.

Gimp garniture, with clair de lune jet, will be much used, but everywhere the popularity of black jet and gold and colored beads will be displayed, black having the preference; some trimmings are tufted with beads a quarter of an inch above the surface.

The Calculation of Interest. A well-known actuary, has devised a very simple and easily remembered rule for determining how long it will take a given sum of money to double itself at a certain rate of interest.

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Oiling Scarlet Fever Patients. A distinguished London physician, writing to the London Times about scarlet fever, says: The method of oiling patients during the period of desquamation after scarlet fever has been largely used for many years; it is far more constantly employed on the continent than in England. It possesses certain definite advantages, and whenever scarlatina patients are of necessity treated in private houses it should be adopted, except when contra-indicated by the condition of the patient, because it diminishes the risk of infection to others. It does so, however, by preventing the ready distribution of the particles of skin through the atmosphere; but neither oil nor glycerine is a germicide or disinfectant, and the scales of epidermis are just as infectious after as before their application.

Speaking of governors suggests the mention of an item we received from Mr. Henry A. Knitzel, foreman at Chas. Waters & Co.'s Governor and Valve works, Boston, Mass.: I have used St. Jacobs Oil among our employes, and find that it never fails to cure. The men are delighted with the wonderful effects of the Oil, as it has cured them of bruises, burns, etc.

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