

FOR THE LADIES.

Fashion's Latest Trends.

A New York correspondent writes: Dainty little nail cases have become fashionable as ornaments, and are even worn during wedding gifts, when the instruments are mounted in gold and silver. One given last week was made to order in Paris, and included a buttonhook and glove-buttons. Like all the other pieces, the handles were of ivory, studded with small turquoise, and the Russian leather case was lined with turquoise blue satin.

Nowadays, if you go to call on a young lady early in the morning, ten to one you find her looking back in an easy chair, with her feet in a pair of slippers, and a finger bowl of scented water (the first step in the process), or else champagne being handed to her, and she is laboriously rubbing her nails with a fine pink powder that eventually makes them shine like diamonds.

The other day, having a desire to write up the process, I visited the establishment of a Mrs. P., and it was there I was impressed with the growth of the new fashion, being asked to make an appointment three days later, owing to the rush of customers. I noticed that only ladies were present, but when I commented on it, Mrs. P. showed me a small office, entered from the back of the house, where were seated some gentlemen, one a congressman, all looking rather chagrined at being there.

"They have not the courage to be seen entering," said the manure; "so I had to arrange a sort of back door. A great many gentlemen come here, notably ministers and actors, as in their respective professions they are given to using their hands freely, and like to have them as effective as possible.

These fashionable young men have taken up the idea, and many of them are regular customers, and pay so much a month to have their nails taken care of. My two most fashionable patrons are a Brooklyn preacher and a Washington politician and orator."

"Oh, you can see for yourself," and the manure took down a blank book in which were inscribed the autographs of her lady patrons. Among them were the names of several well-known actresses of stock companies and of an American prima donna. Amusing to relate, the list of matrons was longer than that of young ladies.

But to the point. When my turn came I sat in a row with five other ladies, in the easiest of armchairs, and with damask napkins in our laps. Finger bowls of scented water on plates of painted French china, filled with tepid water perfumed and containing an acid to soften the skin, were given us, and solemnly we sat and soaked our fingers for fifteen minutes.

"At the end of that time an 'operator' on a stool seated herself before me, dried one hand, posed it on a pink satin cushion, and with a fine steel instrument quickly scraped away the soft skin around the nail, then she filed it into a point at the top and clipped the sides with sharp scissors, then she rubbed a red salve over it, wiped it off and proceeded to polish with the diamond powder, using the palm of her hand until the nail fairly glittered, and finally warm water, castile soap and a soft brush left it clean, smooth and shining.

The process was repeated on every finger, and in half an hour for the sum of \$1.50 was finished, and the result was ten pink and brilliant weapons of defense, so sharp and pointed as to suggest the advantages of peace. The fashion of wearing these long and pointed nails has become so exaggerated, that it necessitates long-fingered gloves and extreme care to prevent their breaking off.

Fashion Notes.

Basques are worn as much as ever. The poke grows in fashionable favor. The pout in back draperies is not large. Ridged plush is at a premium in millinery. Skirt draperies are more elaborate than ever. Deep, dark red is a fine color for plush trimmings. Banners are not bouffant, but cling close to the hips. Furs will be much used this winter, whether the weather is very cold or not. Two or more materials combined to form one costume is as fashionable as ever.

Long visites, dotman cloths and circles will all be worn for midwinter wraps. Light-colored ulsters of heavy cloth, trimmed with undyed seal-skin, are very fashionable. One of the most effective stripes in new colors is of orange with hair lines of gold and edged with black.

Broad Byron collars, trimmed with Tunis lace laid on over the linen to look like embroidery, are worn. All sorts of felt, plush and furry beaver hats and bonnets will be worn, but pokes are the first favorites. Jackets are giving place to long dolmans, French pelisses, circle and Pompadour or Mother Hubbard cloaks.

Moire and surah are frequently combined in the same suit with one or more materials, and trimmings besides. Pendant pockets of white satin and moire trimmed with Spanish lace make pretty additions to evening demitelles.

Ombre watered silks come in two or three contrasting colors, such as dull red, or seal brown, with blue and olive; pale pink or brown with red and gray.

Lilies of the valley and white roses are much worn by brides; lilacs are also mingled with orange blossoms in the floral garniture of a bridal costume. Wide flounces of Spanish lace, arranged in four deep festoons near the bottom of the garment, are used as an exceedingly stylish trimming for black plush cloaks.

Tinsel plush holds a prominent position in millinery ornamentation and this style has combined with it rich chenille seedings, which give a ...

ing expression to the chapel designed for ceremonial occasions.

Beaver hats are gotten up in a showy style, the brims are remarkably wide, and some of the designs have the front rolled back considerably, which style is only becoming to a youthful face.

Small draperies arranged in huge bows with long wide ends appear on the backs of many French dresses, and the puffed flounces, doubled and forming a bag-like flounce round the skirt, which were introduced last spring, are still seen.

Novel Mode of Catching Electric Eels.

In traversing the Llanos of the province of Caracas, in order to embark at San Fernando de Apure, on his voyage up the Orinoco, South America, M. Bonpland stopped at Calabozo, his object being to investigate the history of the Gymnotus, great numbers of which are found in the neighborhood. After remaining three days there, some Indians conducted him to the Caño de Bera, a muddy and stagnant basin, but surrounded by rich vegetation, in which some grand Indian figs and some magnificent flowering odoriferous mimosa were pre-eminent. He and his friends were much surprised when informed that it would be necessary to take thirty half-wild horses from the neighboring savannahs in order to fish for the Gymnotus. The idea of this fishing, called in the language of the country, embarrascar con caballos (intoxicating by means of horses), is very odd. The word barrascar indicates the roots of the Laequinia, or any other poisonous plant, by contact of which a body of water acquires the property of killing, or, at least, of intoxicating or stupefying the fishes. These come to the surface when they have been poisoned in this manner. The horses chasing them here and there in a marsh, it seems, the same effect upon the alarmed fishes. While their hosts were explaining to M. Bonpland and party this strange mode of fishing the troop of horses and mules had arrived, and the Indians had made a sort of battue, pressing the horses on all sides, and forcing them into the marsh. The Indians, armed with long canes and harpoons, placed themselves round the basin; some of them, mounting the trees, whose branches hung over the water, and by their cries, and still more by their canes, preventing the horses from landing again. The eels, stunned by the noise, defended themselves by repeated discharges of their batteries. For a long time it seemed as if they would be victorious over the horses. Some of the mules especially, being almost stifled by the frequency and force of the shock, disappeared under the water, and some of the horses, in spite of the watchfulness of the Indians, regained the bank, where, overcome by the shocks they had undergone, they stretched themselves at their whole length. The picture presented, M. Bonpland says, was not indescribable. Groups of Indians surrounded the basin; the horses, with bristling manes, terror and grief in their eyes, trying to escape from the storm which had surprised them; the eels, yellow and livid, looking like great aquatic serpents swimming on the surface of the water, and chasing their enemies, were objects at once appalling and picturesque. In less than five minutes two horses were drowned. An eel, more than five feet long, glided under one horse, discharged its apparatus through its whole extent, attacking at once the heart, the viscera, and the plexus of the nerves of the animal, probably numbing and finally drowning it. When the struggle had endured a quarter of an hour, the horses and mules appeared less frightened, the manes became more erect, the eyes expressed less terror, the eels sprung in place of attacking them, at the same time approaching the bank, when they were easily taken by means of the long cord, and were drawn ashore without being able to communicate any shock. Having landed the eels, they were transported to little pools dug in the soil and filled with fresh water; but such is the terror they inspire that none of the people of the country would release them from the harpoon, a task which the travelers had to perform themselves, and receive the first shock, which was not slight, the most energetic surpassing in force that communicated by a Leyden jar completely charged. The Gymnotus surpasses in size and strength all the other electric fishes.

The following suggestion is made by Dr. Foose's Health Monthly: Try a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) in diarrheal troubles; give freely.

An Elkton, Md., paper mentions the case of Mr. T. Deenen, of that place, who suffered severely with rheumatic pains until he tried a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, which completely cured him.—Indianapolis (Ind.) Journal.

There are said to be fifty injurious insects in our vegetable gardens; fifty in our vineyards, while seventy-five attack our apple trees and more than fifty our grain fields. Seventy-five millions of dollars is estimated as the damage done to the wheat in Illinois in one season, and nearly ten years ago the annual loss in the United States from insect depredation alone was estimated at nearly \$400,000,000.

Cited by the Washington (Ind.) Gazette is the fact that the colts in that locality have a sort of lameness in the joints. J. P. Myers cured his by anointing it with St. Jacobs Oil.

Sheridan says that an oyster may be crossed in love, and rumor has it that a mosquito was actually mated last summer on a Long Branch belle.

Mason & Hamlin Organ Company. At the great Italian Industrial Exhibition just closing in Milan, Italy, the highest awards for musical instruments, a silver medal and diploma, were taken by an American manufacturer, the Mason & Hamlin Organ Company, whose cabinet organs were judged to be so superior that they were the only organs of any manufacture, European or American, which were awarded a medal. It is a great honor to these makers that in Italy itself, the very home of music, their organs should receive such distinction. They excited much interest among musicians, and were by special order repeatedly exhibited to the royal court by Carlo Ducci, the distinguished artist of Rome.

We know that we must meet to part, but we know not that we part to meet again.

What Physicians Say. SAN LEONARDO, Cal., January 6, 1877. Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir—I have employed your Pleasant Purgative Pills in my practice for the last four years. I now use no other alternative or cathartic medicine in all chronic derangements of the stomach, liver and bowels. A kind of nothing that equals them.

Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery' has become so thoroughly established in public favor that were it not for the forgetfulness of people it would not be necessary to call attention to its power to cure consumption, which is scrofula of the lungs, and other blood diseases, as eruptions, blotches, pimples, ulcers and 'liver complaint.'

The disease of men is neglecting to weed their own fields, and having themselves weeding the fields of other people.

How Women Would Vote. When women shall vote, every one in the land will need Dr. Pierce's 'Fruitful Prescription,' which will vote to be an unerring remedy for the diseases peculiar to her sex, by irregularities.

You are, one is rich in all the future that he dreams; old, one is poor in all the past that he regrets.

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Ball-headed men are informed that there is but one avenue of escape from their affliction, and that is Calamity, a deadly and extract of petroleum, the great hair restorer, being recently improved, is more effective than ever.

The Newspaper Man.

The reason why so few men comparatively succeed in journalism, says an exchange, is because so few have for it the temperament and the constitution. More than a moiety of mankind is slow, lacking in alacrity, and devoid of a sense of proportion. The art of putting things rapidly in shape is not well understood by the public. This is the reason why we have long-winded sermons, lectures promissive of solemnity, and magazine work which presupposes that longevity vouchsafed to the long-abiding old gentlemen and ladies of the Old Testament.

The public is not inconsiderate—it is only ignorant. The newspaper is a mystery of the manufacture of which it knows hardly anything. Those who give to it the enthusiasm of youth, the vigor of manhood and whatever of wisdom old age may have brought with it might have abiding fame in this department of literature, or the other, in the field of science, in the arena of public affairs. Taste or accident has betrayed them into a humble sphere of human exertion, nor do they quarrel with their fortune. He who drifts into journalism rarely leaves it; he still plods on in the daily toil which for him has a rare fascination. Often there is no fame for him. The cleverest newspaper man may be utterly unknown, and not forgotten only because he has never been remembered. His heart, however, is stout, at any rate; and, come competence, or the lack of it—come the highest or the humblest position, he still toils with irrepressible cheerfulness, and hopes when all is over with him that his associates who survive him will be reasonably sorry or solemn at his funeral.

The area of the dominion of Canada is given as follows in a document just issued by the department of the interior: Square miles—Ontario, 109,480; Quebec, 198,855; New Brunswick, 27,322; Nova Scotia, 21,731; Prince Edward Island, 2,134; Manitoba, 150,000; British Columbia, including Vancouver's and other islands, 890,844; Northwest Territory, 1,863,000; Keewatin district, 809,077; islands in the Arctic, 311,700; islands in the Hudson Bay, 24,400. Total, 3,406,542 square miles.

Rescued from Death. William J. Conklin, of Somerville, Mass., says: In the fall of 1876 I was taken with bleeding of the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. I was admitted to the hospital. The doctor said I had a hole in my lung as big as a half-dollar. On one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I got a bottle, and, to my surprise, I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for three years past. I write this hoping every one afflicted with diseased lungs will take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and be convinced that consumption can be cured. I can positively say I have done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness.

PERILS OF THE DEEP. "During my trip down the River Tagus, in Spain," said Captain Boyton to a representative of this journal in a recent conversation by the sea, "I did not shoot 125 waterfowl, the largest being about eight-and-a-half, and innumerable rapid. Crossing the straits of Messina, I had three ribs broken in a fight with sharks, and coming from the Spanish river in France, I received a charge of shot from an excited and terrified human. Although this was not very pleasant, it did me no harm. In America, which you know is free and easy and not cramped or cramped, I am all right. Of late I ...

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Vegetine.

I Made up my Mind to try the Vegetine. BUFFALO, Dec. 27, 1876. Mr. H. R. STEVENS, No. 548 Niagara street, of this city. I am 67 years of age. For several years past I have been in feeble health. My complaint is what the doctor calls General Debility of the system. As I have suffered severely with indigestion, I used a number of remedies without effect. My attention was called to your advertisement of 'Vegetine' in our paper. I made up my mind to try it. It cost me 25 cents, and I bought a bottle. I took it for a few days, and in a short time I felt better. I have since bought several more bottles, and am now enjoying better health than I have for a number of years. I have recommended 'Vegetine' to my sister and family. It is a good medicine, and I would also state that for a great many years I have been a sufferer from rheumatism, and since I commenced using the Vegetine I have had very little trouble from it.

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FROM THE REV. I. P. TRIGG. New York, September 11, 1876. Dr. Tobias' Venetian Lintment was brought to my notice, and during that time I have used it for the cure of Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, and all other affections of the Throat and Lungs, and I can truly say that it is the best medicine for Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and all other affections of the Throat and Lungs that I have ever used. I can positively say that it has saved more lives than all the other medicines I have ever used. I can positively say that it is the best medicine for Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, and all other affections of the Throat and Lungs that I have ever used.

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