

THE CURIOSITIES OF DRESS.

COSTUMES WHOSE CHIEF MERIT LIES IN THEIR COST.

Live Butterflies on Bonnets of Real Flowers—Some Tricks in a Remarkable Trade.

"Don't sit there; there's a big beetle on the chair. Here, I'll get you a seat. What, something there also? Oh, that's only my big spider. Here—I'll soon flip him off."

The Youngest Soldier of the Revolution.

Richard Lord Jones was born at Colchester, Conn., on May 15, 1767. He enlisted at Hartford, for the term of three years, in Captain James Watson's company of the Third Connecticut regiment,

commanded by Colonel Samuel B. Webb, the father of the venerable General James Watson Webb, and was the youngest enlisted person on the payroll of the Army of the Revolution.

The regiment was at one time engaged in an enterprise having in view the destruction of a large quantity of lumber on Long Island.

Upon the arrival of the prisoners at Newport, they were taken before a British officer for examination.

Who are you? "I am one of King Hancock's men," answered Dick, straightening himself proudly.

"What can you do for him?" asked the officer, with a smile, and so strong an emphasis on the "you" that Dick answered defiantly:

"Can fight for him." "Can you fight one of King George's men?"

"Yes, sir," answered Dick, promptly, and then added, after a little hesitation, "if he is not much bigger than I."

The officer called forward the boatswain's boy, who had been curiously looking on; then turning to the young continental, asked:

"Dare you fight him?" Dick gave the Briton, who was considerably larger than he, a hasty survey, and then answered:

"Yes, sir," said the officer, and turning to the British lad, "strip, and do battle for King George."

Both boys divested themselves of all superfluous clothing as rapidly as possible, and went to work at once, and in dire earnest.

It was a "rough and tumble" fight; first one on top and then the other, cheered in turn by cries of, "Give it to him, King Hancock!" and "Hurrah for King George!"

It was a memorable encounter for both contestants, but at last the courageous little rebel got the better of his adversary. The young Briton shouted "enough," and was rescued from the embrace of his furious antagonist.

With a generosity natural to great minds, but seldom displayed during the War of Independence, the British officer ordered the discharge of our young hero, for his pluck, and he was set at liberty.

—St. Nicholas.

Protecting the Great Statue.

In erecting the great Statue of Liberty, two things had to be considered that seem very trifling, and yet, if neglected, might destroy the statue in one day, or cause it to crumble slowly to pieces.

Either of these could destroy the great copper figure, and something must be done to prevent such a disaster. The heat of the sun would expand the metal and pull it out of shape, precisely as it does pull the Brooklyn bridge out of shape every day.

The salt air blowing in from the sea has thin fingers and a bitter, biting tongue. If he finds a crack where it can creep in between the copper surface and iron skeleton, there will be trouble at once.

The pecan tree is found in a wild state in the woods of various sections of the South and West.

The canal traverses Cairo from east to west. This canal is closed, when the inundation begins, at the junction with the Nile, by a solid and well-made dike, and remains thus closed until the water-mark shall have reached a desired point.

Philosophy of Finance.

The man who economizes saves, and he who saves most can invest most, and he who invests most reaps most in the way of net profits.

LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A VISIT TO CAPE TOWN AND THE DIAMOND FIELDS.

How the People Live—The Cost of Living—Working the Diamond Mines—A Hot Place in Summer.

A Brooklyn (N. Y.) traveler thus details his experiences during a three years' residence in South Africa: "I landed at Cape Town," he said.

A small cottage there containing four or five rooms will cost \$45 a month; a good-sized dwelling will cost three times that sum. Coal is \$15 a ton; meat from 15 to 25 cents a pound; whisky is 20 cents a drink; imported ale \$1 a bottle.

At the restaurant a good meal can be had for 25 cents, consisting of such things as roast beef, mutton chops, soup, bread, butter, coffee, rolls, etc.

"I went to South Africa as a trader, speculator, and spent much of my time—in fact the best part of it—in the back country. Of course, I visited the diamond fields.

When snakes are shedding their skins they will not eat at all, as they go blind, and a snake will not eat anything it cannot see.

It is a double turtle; or, in other words, two turtles connected, a la Siamese twins. The animals are joined together at their extremities, and where the connection is made the fleshy part is nearly as thick as at any other portion of the body.

Henry Bergh, the philanthropist, was born in New York, in 1823. He received his education at Columbia college, where he manifested a considerable love for literature.

Catarrh is a type of catarrh having peculiar symptoms. It is attended by a condition of the lining membrane of the nostrils, throat and lungs.

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