

OUR MERRY MISCELLANY.

THE CREAM OF HUMOROUS STORIES SKIMMED FOR OUR READERS.

Generosity Explained.—"Hope Springs Eternal"—A Want Supplied.—Seven Reasons.—A Wise Decision.—Charley to Clara, who has already eaten two dishes of ice cream—"Will you have another dish, dear?"—Clara—"Thanks, Charley, no more."

Hope Springs Eternal, Etc. An old maid at least seventy years of age was helped into a chair in the office of a New York police justice. She was very much excited.

A farmer from the romantic region of the Chenango valley was being shaved in a barber-shop on Chatham street the other day, when some one spoke to one of the barbers and called him "Count."

Seven Reasons. The deacon told me a good story the other evening at one of our regular swapping matches. He said he didn't know it had attained the venerable character of a chestnut or not, but he vouched for the literal truth of it.

Notable Long Tunnels. The Simpson tunnel, which will very shortly be commenced, is the most formidable of the gigantic railway connections undertaken of late years to facilitate the communications between Italy and the rest of Europe; and the project suggests a comparative note on the existing Alpine tunnels.

A Famous Quack Doctor. Dr. Lighthill, who died of smallpox at San Antonio, Texas, recently, was the most famous and successful quack in the country. He had a way of drawing crowds and persuading them to buy whatever he had to sell.

His Cousin Cut his Hair. There were no barbers in those days, and there was some of the most fearful and wonderful hair cutting that was ever seen. My hair was red, and very thick, and it had to be cut.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Eight feminine physicians are regular practitioners in Paris. Of the 5,900 school teachers in Nebraska, 4,000 are women. Summer homespun come in diagonals, stripes and plain grounds.

Certain Mixtures, once forming a part of almost every medicine, are now regarded as dangerous and unnecessary. The evils they produce are worse than the diseases they were supposed to cure.

Belts of silver are costly novelties; they are ribbed, chased in rich antique and medieval designs, or are plain. Fichus of crepe cross over the bust, one end is cut off where the other crosses it, the latter extending to the waist line.

Elamine velours is the name given the new canvas-woven velvet and bouclé-striped, figured and barred wools that are to be worn in the spring. White guimpes will be worn around the necks of colored dresses, with a dog collar of velvet or embroidery fastening them high around the throat.

It is proverbial that California girls marry well, and an exchange suggests that this is due to the fact that they can throw gold dust in the eyes of their suitors. The comfortable walking and house shoe for ladies no longer young is the "nun's" or "sister's shoe," of fine, soft kid, laced over the instep and having low heels.

Bretelles, cuffs, and high dog collars of velvet, velvet straps, across full guimpes or blouse waistcoats, and velvet belts are to be used on the frocks of fine white fabrics. Several years ago Senator Ramsey gave his wife the choice of a \$800 block in Minneapolis or a spring bonnet.

For party dresses for little girls nothing is prettier than white cashmere, veiling, or chudda cloth, with collars, cuffs and borders of colored or white velvet, fringe, or striped plush or Astrakhan. Steps have been taken toward forming an "anti-plumage league" in England, with a view to checking the wholesale destruction of birds caused by the present fashion of wearing feather ornaments.

Crimoline is waging war through the French modistes with ladies of taste, but gains little ground. Worth is using the steels in almost every shape, but cannot get them to accept the bona fide thing. A novelty in watches for ladies are fac-similes of those worn by the court beauties in Louis XV's time.

Mrs. Mary Howett, now eighty-three years old, is in the enjoyment of good health and still engaged in literary work, being a regular contributor to Good Words. She resides at Moran, Austria, in a beautiful old house, which bears the name of "Marion's Rest."

Effective dresses are made entirely of plain tulle in several shades of the same color. Blue arranged in this way is exceedingly beautiful, the outer skirt being of blue-white veiling, the deeper tints imparting a cloud-like effect to the costume. Shaded ostrich feathers are used for trimming these dresses.

American Heraldry. Coats of arms and crests are breaking out on the carriages and stationery of Americans in a way that would disgust the college of heralds. Some of the combinations are unique, and display more originality than knowledge of heraldry.

Dr. Salvia, an Italian surgeon, says it is always possible to transplant a portion of muscular tissue from one animal to another, differences of species having no effect upon the definite result of the operation.

Prof. C. A. Donaldson, of Louisville, Ky., the well-known pioneer, in eighteen years spent \$10,000 in trying to get rid of his rheumatism and failed. At last he used St. Jacobs Oil, was cured and sold his crutches.

Mr. Whittier says that yellow is his favorite color, because he can always distinguish it, while the red apples and green leaves on a tree all look alike to him, as far as color is concerned.

The late State chemist of Delaware, Prof. Chas. P. Williams, says that Red Star Cough Cure is safe and valuable and contains neither morphia, opium nor any other narcotic poison. The price is only 25 cents.

Erastus Corning, of Albany, rides two hobbies at once by keeping his collection of 50,000 butterflies in his greenhouse containing over 1,100 orchids. Chronic nasal catarrh positively cured by Dr. Sage's Remedy.

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Thickening of the membrane which lines the nasal passages, thus making breathing difficult; a discharge from the nostrils, more or less copious, watery or thick, according to the stage of the disease; a sense of fulness in the head; a constant inclination to spit; and, in advanced cases, a dropping of intensely discharging matter into the throat.

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