

A TALK ABOUT PARROTS.

THIRTY THOUSAND POLLYS IN THE METROPOLIS.

A Bird That is an Interesting Subject of Study—Taking Care of Parrots—Their Memory.

The parrot population of this city is estimated at twenty thousand. The Pollys, as they are called, without distinction of sex, are interesting subjects of study.

The screening nuisance can be discarded and ultimately reformed by judiciously administered punishments.

A Sun reporter had his attention attracted by a fine parrot in front of Jefferson Market the other day.

"Sam is a very smart bird," said he. "When you are disposed to pity Sam on account of any impression on your part that he is in any danger of losing his excellent health, you are away off."

"The hen who is disposed to pity Sam on account of any impression on your part that he is in any danger of losing his excellent health, you are away off. I have these other parrots in just as good shape as I am the effect of their care and diet."

"I am very sure that I have these other parrots in just as good shape as I am the effect of their care and diet. They get no bread, no coffee, no fruit, no vegetables, no hemp seed, and especially no meat."

"It occurred to me that canary seed contained all the necessary elements of nourishment in a simple, easily digestible form. I determined to make the experiment."

"Do parrots have to be kept in a very warm temperature?" "That is the popular belief, but my experience has been that parrots can be made capable of enduring as much cold as any other bird."

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Harrowing Corn.

With the slanting tooth harrows all the small weeds may be destroyed in corn fields, and the size of eight inches high, and without pulling up enough to damage the crop.

The young grass on the damp ground and in the cool air will cure slowly (if it should do to make the finest cow hay), and the machine probably need not be stopped the first day to rake the hay.

Every really fashionable dress now-a-days must have a long, pointed waist, full fitting, clinging skirts, puffed sleeves, high collars and a giraffe.

Not content with a single necklace, people who are fortunate enough wear them all at once, no matter how incongruous in appearance.

Very fine plaiting is now worn and where formerly flitting was used, and in white dresses for young girls this sort of trimming for the undershirt is stylish.

Banded girdles are very stylish and elegant, but the very heavy silver, linked fetters with which the fashionable young woman burdens herself at present.

A new way of showing off a handsome locket or pendant is wearing it attached to a dainty bit of ribbon on the left side of the corsage, in the style of a military decoration.

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The latest fancy in hair dressing is the raffish, or *enferme*, not big on the head, but drawn in a loose coil, rolled under something like a French twist on the back of the head, brushed off the temples and forehead, with only a few light curly tresses falling from under a riviere of jewels or a Greek fillet that just touches the top of the forehead and describes a straight line to the back of the head. The whole effect is very close, and an additional hair is required.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Farrier's Colla.

Farrier's colla is becoming a fatal disease, if what a local farrier tells me amounts to anything. It is contracted by working on fine floors and inhaling the small particles which rise from them.

White serge costumes are very stylish when perfectly made with tailor cut and finish.

The colored Jersey is a very convenient and also attractive garment, and may be trimmed to correspond with any costume.

Pine French satines are always worth getting and are stylish this season in cashmere colors trimmed with plain velvet.

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