

AMONG THE MINGRELIANS.

HABITS OF THE MOUNTAINERS OF THE WESTERN CAUCASUS.

Their Elaborate Salutations, Odd Table Etiquette and Peculiar Judicial Proceedings.

In the highland regions of the western Caucasus the manners of the Crusian mountain folk are pretty much what they were a quarter of a century ago when the Mingrelia first came into the country.

Mingrelia is still an elaborate performance that takes no account of time. As in Palestine and elsewhere, Grusinian etiquette requires that salutations shall be exchanged as soon as the parties meeting come within sight of each other, and to leave out the most trivial inquiry relating to the most insignificant member of another's household is accounted extremely bad form.

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In remote villages the old patriarchal system of the Grusinians is in full force. The Mingrelia father is lord and master in the fullest sense. His power is unquestioned, and he is honored so long as there is breath in his body.

The wife of Hermann Kaubach, the painter, is a beautiful, clever and a notably fine swimmer. She has received the gold medal of the Order of Merit of the Bavarian Crown for saving, at the risk of her own life, a young man from drowning.

Contentment consisteth not in adding more fuel, but in taking away some fire.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

A revival of coral and gold jewelry is predicted.

Seal brown cloth is a favorite material for riding habits.

Miss Jessie Patton won the honors at the University of Texas this year.

There are four women studying medicine at the Christiania University, Norway.

Advices from the French capital state that short waists are again coming into vogue.

Mrs. Cleveland wears a Gainsborough hat of black leghorn in her afternoon drives.

Crepe lisse is a popular material for parasols covers. It is gathered or laid on in full folds.

Professor Maria Mitchell has been offered a home for life at Vassar College free of cost.

Polonaises may be draped alike on both sides, or long on one side and short on the other.

Black and yellow, black and pink and beige and red are favorite color combinations in millinery.

Belts to wear with dressy blouses are of silk belt ribbon, with buckles of Rhinestones and other brilliants.

Some of the newest street jackets are fastened only at the collar, falling away below in a modified away style.

The corner-stone of the State Industrial Home for Girls, was laid a few weeks ago in Chillicothe, Missouri.

White feathers, either alone or combined with ribbon, are by far the most elegant trimming for Leghorn hats.

Poppy red, cerise, old rose, reseda, and Gobel blue are popular colors for the foundation of dressy black lace toilets.

A Hindoo Girls' High School has been started at Allahabad, India. It has already more than one hundred pupils.

Mrs. Mackey recently presented her daughter, Princess Colonna, with a pair of jeweled bracelets valued at \$40,000.

An Albany (N. Y.) physician asserts that many young ladies of that city use belladonna to give brilliancy to their eyes.

The wife of the Russian Consul at San Francisco, Mme. Olarovsky, is considered one of the beauties of the Pacific coast.

Vests of white pique, plain or embroidered in all over designs, appear upon tailor gowns of light rough woolsens.

White lillac and Guelder roses, with ivy and maiden-hair fern, are the fashionable artificial flowers of the summer season.

Garden hats of basket braids are very stylish, and are simply trimmed with a garland of wild flowers carelessly arranged on the front.

Eighteen young women were passed as qualified for the sick chamber by the Illinois Training School for Nurses, at their commencement.

A pretty feature of a cream-tinted surlal tea gown was a bag front, with a box-plait in the centre, which was delicately feather stitched.

Miss Tosse Jones, of Oregon, Kan., is only eighteen years old, but she ploughed, planted and cultivated forty-five acres of corn last spring.

Mme. Alice de Plongeon, wife of an eminent man of science, claims to have found Maya writings which locate the Garden of Eden in Central America.

At a "yellow breakfast" given to a lady recently on her departure for Europe, gandelwood were the flowers used for decorating the table. Violet perfume was in order, too.

As many as three slender bracelets are often seen on each arm of very young girls, while the number of rings worn by some fashionable women would seem to indicate great strength of wrist to carry such a burden.

Fine checks in sunshades are stylish, and with a wide flounce of lace are very dressy.

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Who into him that greeth his neighbor drinketh. But he that drinketh his neighbor's drinketh himself.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: to him that soweth righteousness shall be a true reward.—Prov. II, 18.

Liquor Causes a Terrible Tragedy. Michael Flaherty, aged 28, of 183 Morgan street, Jersey City, is locked up in the First Precinct Police Station, accused of murdering his mother, Mary Flaherty.

The old woman fell on a stove and hurt herself. He was arrested. His mother was found lying on the floor in the back room of her apartments.

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He demanded an immediate examination, but as the prosecution was not ready the case was laid over until this morning and he was committed without bail.

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One of Edin's Innumerable Victims. A man clothed in rage, tottered into a hotel on Bergen avenue, Grosvenor, Friday night.

He had not tasted food for many hours and he was in a very bad way. He was taken to the police station and committed to the lock-up.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

Quince Culture.

Failure in quince culture is mainly attributable to two causes—lack of nourishment, and inattention to borers.

Copperas as a Fertilizer. Favorable reports from France regarding copperas as a fertilizer have caused considerable inquiry of late.

Potatoes in Apple Orchards. Shade is demoralizing to the potato beetle, and the latter preferably seeks the sunlight to deposit its eggs on potato leaves.

One of the Connecticut station bulletins cites an instance where copperas was used as an experiment in this country on corn with good results.

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Rules for Testing Rops.

A German paper, in an article on the present methods of rope manufacture from hemp, and the determination of the different qualities and probable strength.

Cured of Malaria. I have been using ALLECOCK'S PLEASANT TABLETS for the last five years.

Annually it takes 70,000 acres of timber to supply railroad crosses.

It is the current report about town that Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs is making some remarkable cures.

The remedy for baldness recently discovered by H. A. Felcher, of New Haven, Conn., seems to be almost infallible.

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MUCH of the chafing of children under the joints where the skin lies in folds is due to the use of Soap containing too much alkali.

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