

Without taste fashion is helpless. The widow of General Grant leads a very quiet life. Her eyesight has become poor.

There is a veil made that has two patches of pink to cover both sides of the face.

Goldribbons is in demand for trimming Empire dresses of mull and muslin, silk and crepe.

The woman is dressed best who impresses you that she could not be dressed differently.

So handsome are the new sunshades that the girl of the period will take more exercise than ever.

Clara Barton, of the White Cross Society, is the only American entitled to wear the iron cross of Prussia.

Six young ladies from Canada have recently departed for China, in connection with the China Inland Mission.

A London genius has invented a hot-water apparatus to warm piano keys, so that dainty fingers may not be chilled.

An English lady is about to open a barber shop in London in which all the attendants are to be of the weaker sex.

Charming little bonnets for young ladies are seen this season, the biggest bonnet, of course, for the biggest head.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland has discontinued her monthly receptions at her Madison avenue house in New York city.

Queen Victoria has sent a silver punch bowl to the officers of the Prussian dragon regiment of which she is Colonel.

A most striking necklace worn recently at a New York entertainment was made of pearls and four fine pigeon rubies in skeleton settings.

Notwithstanding the very tiresome utilization of its name, "Eiffel Tower" colors and designs in trimming remain in fashionable favor.

There is nothing exhibited in millinery just now more stylish and unobtrusive than the medium-sized round hats with their sable plumes.

Apricot and ash-of-roses waists of faille or bengaline silk are worn with pretty Venetian jackets of russet or Eifel-red English cloth.

A new freak of fashion, says one of the Paris correspondents, is a looking-glass stand for the menu, in order that ladies may see how they look at table.

Margaret C. Bland, of New Orleans, is both a writer and a musical composer. She is the mother of three sisters who achieved such a reputation in journalism.

Helen Allingham, widow of William Allingham, the poet, is the first woman to be elected a member of the English Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors.

The ladies who constitute the committee for the World's Fair have decided upon their seal emblem. The engraving will be "Columbus sighting land."

Mrs. John A. Logan is doing remarkably well with her new magazine. She is living at her home in Chicago, and she has her regular hours of editorial work.

The first lady at the German Court is Countess Waldenau who was a Miss Lea of New York. She lives like a Queen in a palace adjoining that of Von Moltke.

General Sheridan's three little daughters are pupils of the Convent of Visitation in Washington. The girls are day scholars, living in retirement with their mother.

The plain skirts give the girl of the period quite a "prim, precise" appearance, which she does not always deserve. It is not a fashion that is likely to last a very long time.

For traveling costumes or school frocks there is a very excellent fabric of linen and wool. All patterns are light ground stripes, plaids and checks in black, gray and pale colors.

For mourning dresses this season there are new silk and wool fabrics in light qualities imitating China crepes, also a serviceable silk called Antoinette surah for light mourning.

A pretty fashion prevails just now of wearing a graceful French toque of velvet—reseda green being a favorite color—the front of which is adorned with a full aigrette of fine green foliage.

Lustrous mohairs are inexpensive and may be recommended for service and durability. Fabrics of this sort shed the dust, cling to the figure gracefully and are as light as cotton in weight.

While there are numerous charming fashions in hat wear there are a host of extraordinary creations like the "Madge Wilshire" style bidding for favor, twisted and bent here and there without apparent motive.

Styles in cuff-bonnets change frequently. Round ones fluted with diamond centers are much worn. The correct buttons for mourning wear are oval enameled in dead black and rimmed with tiny pearls.

The New Century Club, of Philadelphia, is said to be the largest women's club in the country. It is devoted to the interests of self-supporting women, and its representation embraces every industry in which women are engaged.

Harris cloth, made on the islands off the coast of Scotland, was first introduced to Londoners from motives of benevolence by persons interested in its poverty-stricken representatives, but it is now the leading cloth of the season for tailor made dresses.

A young lady of Walker, N. Y., received a present from a New York friend of an elaborate silken, lace-trimmed robe, girdled with ribbons, in which she soon made her debut at an evening party and received many compliments upon her attire. She fainted upon hearing from her New York friend that the exquisite costume was a nightgown.

THE FARM AND GARDEN.

ASHES AS A FERTILIZER. Ashes are too much wasted by many farmers who do not seem to appreciate their importance as manure. They are among the best fertilizers that can be applied either directly to the land or mixed with the compost.

THE CARE OF COWS. As an adjunct in producing wholesome milk, sound food is of prime importance to cows, and this must be applied so that the requirements of the body are supplied. In this connection the value of something approaching the succulent quality of green grass cannot be too highly commended.

THIN PLANTING FOR ENSILAGE. Corn grown for fodder, either as ensilage or dried for winter use, should always be planted or drilled thickly enough to permit the formation of some ears. What distance apart this will be must depend largely on condition of the soil.

REMEDY FOR SMUT. The prevalence of smut in grain crops is a matter to be considered with due seriousness. This is a parasitic disease which experience has shown may be prevented by very easy measures.

ECONOMY IN FARMING. Improved farming implements and labor-saving machines are now so common that the farmer that is content to plod along with only these of the long-time ago pattern is seldom to be found in any good farming community.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Currants and gooseberries need one good trimming annually, cutting out old wood and thinning the new.

REQUISITES FOR PEACHES. Our best cultivators agree very nearly as to methods of treating a peach orchard; are equally alive to danger of yellows, and no nearer than ever to securing a regular annual crop.

CHILDREN ENJOY IT. The conditions for growing the best sorghum are different from those for grain crops. Mineral and nitrogenous manures should not be used, except that the latter may be applied very early.

A CHINESE MANDARIN'S POWER. A Chinese mandarin has power to order a subject's head lopped off at a moment's notice, but within three months he must forward to the Emperor an affidavit from two citizens that such execution was in the interest of religion and good government.

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

There are, it is said, over 1,000,000 miles of telegraph wire in the United States, or enough to encircle the globe forty times.

It is reported that a Japanese druggist has succeeded in converting wild hemp into a substance possessing all of the essential qualities of milk.

Some odors, though mingled together, can still be dissociated and recognized by the olfactory nerve-ends, whereas others, on the contrary, overwhelm one another, so that one only may be perceived, the others being completely suppressed.

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There is a growing tendency among chemists to regard the elements as varying arrangements—produced at successive stages in the process of cooling—of one original form of atom.

The question of the wholesale destruction of swallows by electricity has at last been taken up in France. In the south of that country long wires are systematically erected along the seashore, and when the tired swallows alight on them they are stunned or killed by an electric shock.

Recent observations of the waters of Great Salt Lake prove conclusively that the statements made that no form of animal or plant life exists in the lake are erroneous. No fish or other large form of animal life has been discovered, but the presence of vegetable organisms in the lake may be considered a fact from the abundance of minute animal existences.

English manufacturers have lately produced a new waterproof fabric which is claimed to possess some special advantages over ordinary materials of the kind, being free from the objections pertaining to those that are impervious to air, the result of the coatings of India rubber and other non-porous substances which are applied as a film over the textile base of the cloth.

The opening of the first submarine telephone cable has recently taken place. The cable runs between Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, South America, and is thirty-two miles long, the total length with the overhead line being 180 miles.

Those who have spent a half hour or so trying to ring up a man at the other end of a telephone line, and have found out after much effort that there was no one there, would feel better if there was at once, when a box was rung up, give a signal stating that there was no one to receive a message, and have contentment if some attachment could be devised for communicating the time the person would return to receive the message.

One of the most remarkable products of French ingenuity at the present time is a fibrous substance called cellulose, and which, by some called mechanical process, is obtained from the ordinary cocoon husk. When compressed, its specific gravity is far less than that of cork—it is claimed, indeed, that it is the lightest solid known, and, therefore, of peculiar value for life belts and life mattresses.

It has been learned that potatoes require a due proportion of nitrogenous and mineral food, as has long been held by good farmers, and that mineral manures alone produce little result. The liberal use of barn-yard manure seems to be justified by the large yield, which is thought to offset the disadvantage of greater liability of disease. Continuous growth of potatoes in the same land appears to render the crop less liable to disease instead of more so.

While the artificial method of chicken growing, hatching in incubators and rearing with artificial mothers, is necessary to growing broilers for market, it will not supersede the old-fashioned method for growing breeding stock. The artificial chickens are less able to look after themselves, and are generally smaller and less vigorous than the same breeds grown naturally.

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Said Sarah to Mary: 'Pray, tell me, dear cousin, what can be the matter? Sure, a few months ago you were fairer and fatter. Now your cheeks, once so rosy, are sunken and pallid. Your thin, trembling hands are as husky as talons; your nerves are unstrung, your temper is shaken; and you act and appear like a woman forsaken.'

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