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The Work of the Car Inspector.

It is interesting to watch the trained car inspector examining a long freight train which has rolled into the yards. He moves along the side of the cars and notes all the wheels, brake beams, bolsters, rods, etc. He uses no hammer, but has his eyes open for defects. He will stop suddenly, look carefully at a wheel and follow the faint lines of a crack running, perhaps, from the flange to the center. Such a wheel is condemned at once and the car is shunted off until a new pair of wheels can be placed under it. If there is a flat place on a wheel which measures more than two and a half inches across, that wheel must go, too. Then there may be a sharp flange, and that must be looked after. A coupling may have faults. A brake rigging may have given out, and all these things the inspector must note.

He must be an honest man, as thousands of dollars' worth of property and many lives might be sacrificed in case he neglected something. Box-cars doors he looks at carefully. They are dangerous things if they are loose. Many an engineer or fireman has met his doom by having the cab strike a loose car door. It may be hanging in place in the yard, but when it reaches a point where a strong wind catches it, it goes, and the passing train strikes it. In such cases there is a shower of splinters, a broken cab, and it is lucky, indeed, if there is no one killed. Engineers have a dread of loose doors, and are always glad when a freight train is past them when they are running at full speed. Another thing the inspector must watch is the hopper-bottom dump car. If the fastening gets loose and lets a load of ore or limestone down on the track while the train is in motion it means a bad wreck.

Taking all things into consideration, the car inspector is a very important man in the railway service, and efficiency on his part comes only from long experience and careful training.—Pittsburg Post.

Superficial Indications.

"You can't judge a man by his neckties," remarked Mr. Blykins. "When you see a man with great big checks in front of his shirt bosom and wild colors breaking out all over his costume, you regard him as a flashing sort of personage, qualified to mow his way through the metropolis and bend every obstacle before his iron will."

"Yes," said his wife. "One would naturally think so."

"Well, don't you think anything of the kind. The chances are that his wife buys those clothes and makes him wear 'em."—Washington Star.

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FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT.

How Mrs. Dewey Returns Call.

The wife of Admiral Dewey has raised another social tempest in Washington by announcing that she will be unable to return calls except by card. Before her marriage Mrs. Dewey's visiting list was comparatively short, but when she became the wife of the hero of Manila and the admiral of particular interest and there was a long string of carriages in front of her house every afternoon, bearing people who expected that she would reciprocate their attentions. Now, when they are informed that she does not intend to take the trouble to visit them in person, but merely send a card by the hands of her footman or through the postoffice, they are inclined to say saucy things.

Hats of Mole-skin.

More lace than embroidery is being used by the best dressmakers, and more new furs are being used for millinery and trimmings. Mole-skin looks very smart made into a toque, and in Paris chamois skins are used extensively for the same purpose. Kid and dooskin, of course, have been in use some time. Some of the new millinery flowers are enormous, gigantic roses, made of crepe silk, big tiger lilies, orchids, pansies, and even immense silk and velvet morning glories in the most exquisite colors are worn on evening bonnets. One of these new moleskin toques is lightly draped with tulle of the same shade, and raised high on one side are three water lilies in tints of cream and faint rose color. A chinchilla toque is tucked up on one side by a knot of emerald velvet, and is adorned with oig roses in black, white and pale blue gauze. One of the very new soft felt hats, pastel blue, falls into the most graceful of curves, and is trimmed with large velvet roses in shades of blue and pale green, and placed among them is a soft chain of gray satin.

Lady Salisbury's Dowdy Gowns.

A beautiful woman in her younger days, of that blonde, stately type of comeliness so frequently to be met with in England, Lady Salisbury retained even to the last traces of her former good looks. She never, however, gave much attention either to dress or to coiffure of feminine elegance. Indeed, she was perhaps in her attire one of the most dowdy women in London, and when Lord and Lady Salisbury were contemptuously turned away from the doors of the Casino at Monte Carlo by the gatekeepers, who took exception to the more than shabby attire of the party, it was not alone in consequence of the shocking hat of the British premier, but also by reason of the odd cut and color of the dress of the marchioness and the dinginess of her bonnet and extraordinary blue veil.

Lady Salisbury's gowns during the last twenty years of her life were always of a sort of dark blue cloth, which were neither a credit to her dressmaker nor to her maid, and which conveyed to the public the impression that she had but one single dress.

Colonel N. H. Irene Eldridge.

It is not an unusual thing for the wives and sisters of crowned heads to hold honorary commands as colonels, with the privilege of wearing the uniform and insignia of rank, but it is an unusual thing for an American girl to have that honor. Miss Nellie Irene Eldridge, colonel and daughter of the Missouri department of the Grand Army of the Republic, takes great pride in the title. She is also the only lady chosen and recognized daughter of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Missouri.

Colonel Eldridge is a pretty girl with an oval face, regular features, a delicate, peachy complexion, large, clear blue eyes and a luxuriant mass of chestnut brown hair. She is of medium height and has a good figure, which her natty military uniform sets off to advantage. She is pleasant to talk to, and knows as much about military affairs and tactics as many officers. Her ability to drill a body of soldiers has made her most popular.

She is daughter of Major J. W. Eldridge, prominent in Missouri. She was born in Huntsville, Ala., on July 24, 1878, but has lived for the last ten years in Springfield, Mo., where her connection with the Grand Army of the Republic began. It was at the suggestion of J. P. Tracy, congressman from the Seventh district of Missouri, that she was made colonel.

New Winter Models.

Some few new models have appeared with frillings of ribbon. Quite light colors are chosen, with little headings of black, the ribbon being of the special kind that can be drawn up by a thread interwoven in one of its edges. A capeline form, drooping on the right and slightly lifted on the left, is covered with a frilling of white ribbon headed with black, laid on in a spiral form, the edge of the brim to the center of the crown. The brim is lined with black velvet, and two half amazons are attached at the side. Underneath is a bunch of crimson roses, says the Millinery Trade Review. A taste for shaded velvet has been revived, and also for combinations of two shades in the covering of a hat. Velvet shaded from deep pink to amaranth is used for a new model, the brim of which is folded back, its border standing up at right angles against the crown. Two jet brooches in the form of buckles are inserted so as to keep it in this position and between the edge of the brim and the crown are fastened three black ostrich tips. And for another, mauve

and bright dark violet velvet, the upper side of the brim and the side of the crown are covered with the former, and the top of the crown with the latter, while the brim is lined with folds of the same coming over the edge. The hat is turned up in the same way as the preceding, the brim fastened to the crown by a large bunch of pale Nice violets. These flowers have come in early this season; preference is given to the lilac varieties, and they are being ordered largely, both double and single.

The Modern Trouseau.

The day when a bridal outfit meant dozens of each article of clothing a woman wears belongs to the past. The keynote of the modern trousseau is common sense. The girl of today considers what her future life is to be and prepares for it as well as her means will allow, but without any of the excess which once was apparent in every outfit of the sort. A wedding gown that can be made to serve for evening wear, one of less costly material and darker in color for dinners and the like, a tailored gown of handsome broadcloth, a simple one of cheviot for traveling and later morning and shopping use, two pretty afternoon gowns and two for mornings, with a half dozen odd waists, means not sufficiency alone, but ample and even elegant provision, while the list can be further curtailed if need be.

Underwear need never mean more than a half dozen sets, and can easily be kept from extravagance if the work be done by the girl herself. Dainty finish and fine material there should always be, but handsome tucks make the most elegant of all trimmings, and there is no need of costly edges if frills be made of fine nainsook rolled and whipped up by hand.

Cheap display is always vulgar. Excessive elaboration on machine-made garments is far from refined. To be correct the material should be nainsook of fine English longcloth, and all sewing except the seams should be done by hand, but there is no law demanding fine lace and the like. Valenciennes edgings and fine needlework frills are attractive and desirable beyond a doubt, but they should be a second rather than a first consideration, all the important place being given to material and workmanship.—Modes.

Growing Old With Grace.

In society the old lady is beginning to die out. I said beginning, for happily there are still some charming old ladies to be met with, sensible, snow haired kindly people, who are respected and revered by their contemporaries. But they are becoming fewer and fewer. Old old ladies are often delightful; young old ladies are nearly always, saddening, frightful, deplorable.

To grow old nicely is a great art, and old people are mistaken in imagining that they must necessarily be bores to the young, though some elderly people are certainly trying; the old gentleman, for instance, who coughs despairingly, not because he has a cough, but because he has known lie and found it hollow; the old lady who perpetually shakes her head, not by reason of an attack of the palsy, but to proclaim an abiding sense of the wickedness of the budding world.

There are other specimens of old age that might be mentioned with reasonable disapproval. A not pleasant old age, ripeness, mellowness, fulness of knowledge, white haired sense combined with white haired tolerance, strong-hearted faith—how good it all is! Old age reads aloud to us the fascinating pages of the book of experience. Yet nowadays the old lady whom we can all love and admire seems dying out, and her place is taken by another who goes about with a waist of sixteen, hair of twenty-five, and eyes and mouth of between sixty and seventy. Age can rarely be hid altogether. It will peep out somewhere.

Even if you can train your eyes—a difficult task—your hands will betray you. If you can school your limbs, strap in your waist, be-wig your head and paint your lips, yet your voice will tell the secret. The crow's feet will come and the wrinkles round the mouth and the furrows in the forehead. And why should we be afraid of them.—Woman.

Fashion's Fads and Fancies.

Fob chains for fans are among the novelties. Pineapple silk handkerchiefs with embroidered edges are sheer and pretty.

One-buttoned castor gloves are modish for street wear with cloth walking costumes.

Butterfly ornaments for the coiffure are of chiffon or net spangled in gold, silver and gay colors.

Camel's hair cloth, very soft and fleecy, is one of the dress materials very much liked for morning wear.

New satiu matelasse gowns show opal and moonlight effects in faintest sea-green, tea-rose pink and silver gray.

Gourmra sigrettes, which resemble a bunch of daisies blown by the wind, are one of the fashionable hat trimmings.

Winter sky is the last departure in fashionable grey-blue shades. Vichy is a soft water-blue, and marquis and cocoa are favored shades in brown.

Gold beads are often employed in the afternoon hats. A stylish turban has a brim of shirred grey velvet, with white satin crown, daintily embroidered with gold beads.

Some of the newest lining coats of light fawn cloth are made with a deep-shaped flounce which rests on the floor all around, and is entirely covered with runs of stitching.

PLANTS THAT SHOOT BULLETS.

Mimic Battles Often Take Place Between Wistaria Vines.

Many common garden plants shoot bullets; not as big nor as hard as those shot from a gun, but they go quite as far and are as effective proportionately. If the plants which shoot them were as big as a gun, these vegetable bullets might do great damage. As it is, battles take place between plants, during which the bombardments are fierce enough while they last. The common wistaria has been known to shoot a bullet over 50 feet.

This curious property is the result of nature's effort to scatter the seeds as far as possible. Many plants have seed pods which are held, so to speak, in a state of tension. As the plant grows its fibres become stretched, until when the seeds are fully developed the bursting capsule bursts open violently, and the seeds literally are hurled in every direction. The wistaria has seeds which in size and shape are much like a pistol bullet, and as the plant loves to grow on hill-sides and on eminences, the distance these vegetable bullets travel before touching the ground is very great. When the number of plants is large, and they all shoot off together, a mimic battle takes place which must be alarming indeed to the small animals in the neighborhood. One can imagine the consternation of the squirrels and the birds during the time when the black pods are flying. If one of these bullets were to hit a bird in a vital part it would undoubtedly injure it. The wild geranium is another plant that hurls its seeds in all directions.

The story is told of an invalid who had placed some wistaria plants on a mantel near her bed and forgot them. Some time afterward, when she lay sick in bed, her family heard her scream out, and rushed into the room to find her in a nervous, frightened condition, exclaiming that a bullet had been shot into the room. She was soothed and quieted by assurances that such a thing was impossible. But later in the day she cried out again, this time insisting that a bullet had struck the window pane and had come across the room. Sure enough, the "bullet" was found at the foot of the bed. When examined it turned out to be a wistaria pod. Then she remembered the plant on the mantel. They had ripened and shot their seeds. One had gone across the room, struck the window pane and bounded back to the bed. The distance as measured was 30 feet.—Pittsburg Leader.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

It is estimated that the earth receives not more than one-thousand-millionth part of the total radiation of the sun's rays. If any considerable portion of this heat were concentrated upon the earth it would not only become uninhabitable, but become speedily consumed.

It has been found that an apparatus for killing animals with chloroform in England would not work in India, because the high temperature prevented the concentration of the chloroform vapor. That this was the cause was proved by the fact that by placing ice in the box the animals were readily killed.

Recent studies of the Kadars, a race of short, dark-skinned, curly-haired natives living in the Anamalai hills of southern India, show that they possess a remarkable custom, not elsewhere known in India, viz., the sharpening of the incisor teeth. This they accomplish by chipping the teeth to a point, giving them the form of cones.

Lyddite, the high explosive which plays quite an important part in modern artillery practice, is so named on account of the experiments producing it being first made at Lydd, in Kent, England. There is considerable secrecy observed in its manufacture, but it is known to be practically the same as melinite, ecrasite, and other high explosives. Its base is picric acid, which is brought into a dense state by fusion, but when fired it burns violently, and consequently explodes with great force. Picric acid is also used in dyeing processes, as it produces beautiful yellow dyes.

M. P. Ganarchy has made an exhaustive study of the phenomenon of "mausim" in the vegetable kingdom. His general conclusion is that the peculiarities which distinguish the external form and the internal structure of plants are, like other characters, largely dependent on the environment, and are displayed more strongly in the vegetative than in the reproductive organs. A dwarf plant is not a miniature of the species with all its organs developed in the same proportion as they are in a plant of normal size.

M. Henri Moissan has recently devised a new process for the production of ozone, which he has described in a communication to the Paris Academy of Sciences. It consists of the decomposition of water by fluorine, and the operation takes place when the water is at the freezing point and has fluorine passed into it rapidly. The oxygen is set free and when analyzed is found to contain a percentage of ozone which in some experiments was as much as 14 per cent. The ozone thus produced is said to be practically pure, and there is a possibility that the new process will be available on a commercial scale.

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A Ridiculous Shipwreck.

The shipping community of Kingston is divided between amusement and disgust over a shipwreck which has just happened here. A few days ago an Italian brig named the Fabio, bound from Genoa to Pensacola, ran aground on the Palisades, the narrow sand spit which forms the breakwater of Kingston harbor. The weather was perfectly calm at the time. The vessel drifted aground for lack of wind a few minutes after the anchor had been weighed, with the object of making Kingston harbor.

The Italian captain and his crew made absolutely no effort to save the ship, though the sea was as calm as a mill pond, and by heaving on a kedge anchor they could have lifted her off the reef. They at once deserted the ship, rowing ashore with the Jamaica pilot, who was aboard. The vessel is now a total wreck, but the crew are enjoying a fine holiday in Kingston, quite happy in the conviction that they did enough for honor.—Jamaica Correspondence Chicago Record.

Little King's Pocket Money.

Five thousand dollars is the sum allotted to the young King of Spain as pocket money every year. The youthful monarch, however, has to pay various subscriptions to charities out of this amount, as well as to defray the maintenance of several orphanages for which he is personally responsible, so that he has but little left for his private use.

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