

LAUGH IT AWAY.

Don't put on your far-off glasses hunting for a fly in the ointment.

When we look toward the sunset in the gorgeous afternoon.

A TRAGEDY IN A TUNNEL

THE night express was making its customary pause at Grantam station while the engines were changed for the next long run, 100 miles, to York.

and disclosed a body lying recumbent, inert, in a strangely stiff, haphazard fashion on the floor.

I was not a crowded train, as I easily perceived when I alighted with the rest to stretch my legs.

"All up with him, I expect. Run, somebody, along the train and see if there's a doctor aboard.

I had a compartment to myself, and I regained it without paying particular attention to those nearest me.

"None visible," replied the doctor after a brief examination.

I must have dozed off, but only for a minute or so, as I thought, and I seemed to be still asleep and dreaming when again I heard a groan in the next carriage.

"I'm inclined to agree with you, sir, always supposing there was any such man," he replied.

"Traveling up, no doubt, by the 12:00 midnight express, due in London at 2:40.

"No fear," I said, as I got into the carriage with a jarring injunction to the inspector that he had better telegraph also to York.

I was close behind the check ulster directly its wearer alighted.

He was a dark-eyed, lantern jawed, cadaverous looking, and he was shivering, no doubt with the sudden shock of his unexpected arrest.

His possession of the stolen property was enough to secure his conviction for theft, the only charge pressed, for death had really been heart failure.

The next time I met the guard of that night express he was very crestfallen and admitted that he had made an ass of himself.

One session the keeper made a pet of a young cock, which became so completely tamed that even after taking up his abode in the cover he would, at the familiar call, cautiously emerge.

This same cock, which was rather remarkable for its unusual expanse of white round his neck, afforded the keeper much amusement one day in a conversation with the woman, who wanted to know if all that white was natural.

It is well known that some sailors suffer from periodic attacks of seasickness, and are invariably ill on going to sea after a spell on shore.

Lord Charles Beresford has raised another little breeze in England by protesting that officers in the British Navy are promoted to be admirals when too old to hold that rank.

WOMAN'S REALM

THE JAPANESE WOMAN.

She is Not a Slave, But the Autocrat and Idol of the Home.

"No race can rise higher than its mothers," Japanese women are essentially a race of mothers, and the care and rearing of their children occupies so much of their time and thought that they are unable to have that extensive social life their Western sisters enjoy.

The position of a Japanese woman is a high one. She is addressed as "Okusama," the honorable lady of the house, and she is treated with the greatest consideration and respect by her husband and her family.

As her home is therefore her world, it is only natural that it has become the inherent instinct of the Japanese woman to lavish the greatest love and tenderness upon their homes, and to endeavor to make them as attractive and as pleasant as possible.

Her house is the acme of purity. To a Western eye the aspect of the interior of a Japanese home may at first seem bare and barren.

Do not stay too long. It is much to beak into the life any family, even for a few days. Pay no attention to urgings to stay longer, however sincere they seem.

Your high spirits and evident enjoyment are the only thanks your host wants.

Take some work with you, so that when your host has to work you may keep him in countenance by working also.

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Handwork of Long Ago. Pulling the handwork and the fancy work of our great-grandmothers and great-granddaughters is one more being shown on the costume of fashionably attired maids and matrons.

Satin petticoats that peep out from underneath handsome gowns are profusely decorated with this work of long ago, and so are sleeves and many of the long cloaks have thickly quilted linings.

Any woman consumed with a desire to shine in the most picturesque of picture hats will never find anything more strikingly beautiful than this large flaring chapeau covered all over and faced with cream white silk plush woven to imitate krummer.

In old-fashioned books of a quarter-century ago you used to hear a great deal about "crow's feet" appearing on the face as a sign of advancing age.

Decades ago the American woman discovered that many of the costumes built by renowned English tailors were lost to all possibility of style by a certain flinching after fit, regardless of the fact that fit without a good proportionate cut simply aggravates the offense.

In the introduction of petit gris or Siberian squirrel fur into fashionable life probably lies the responsibility of the immense vogue of gray.

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Paradise plumes are also greatly in evidence.

One of the cleverest snake chains shows the best with head and tail curled together for a pendant.

Neckwear grows more and more elaborate and the all-over collars, stocks, boas and shoulder capes are all intricate creations, bewildering to the general shopper.



New York City.—Fancy waists with boleros are always becoming to well proportioned and slender figures, and are among the favorites of the season.



Flowers in Jewelry. Flowers of all kinds are to be seen more and more in jewelry and everything. A very pretty long flower brooch has the full-blown blossom, the five petals oval opals, with a diamond in the center, and the leaves and bud of small pearls.

Draw-String Chain Bags. Draw-string chain bags, large or small, introduced tentatively last season, have much increased their vogue.

The Modish Monstrosity. The monstrosity is quite in the ascendant again, and figures in buttons and sleeve links among other things.

Woman's "Monte Carlo" Coat. "Monte Carlo" coats of cloth, silk



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soft chiffon affairs really feel warm to the hands, because they are lined with wool or cotton batting. A marabout set is very pretty for mid-season use, as Indian summer seems to linger long in this latitude.

White Brussels net makes an exceedingly dainty separate waist and a model that is as pretty as it is simple is formed entirely of net laid in wide side pleats with a deep yoke and stock of fagoting.

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