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Dr. Nansen, whose plan for seeking the North Pole is to jab into the drifting ice in a stout vessel, and resign himself to certain ocean currents, proposes to lay in a four years' supply of provisions when he finally embarks on this voyage.

An article is said to be sold in Paris which consists of an aqueous solution of iodide of starch and is "specially intended for love letters."

Captivity is made as endurable as possible for the Apache Indians who, with their brutal chief, Geronimo, are confined at Mount Vernon, near Mobile, Ala.

A correspondent at Hamburg, Germany, says the deadly mortality by cholera in that city is not surprising when the condition and filth of its people are considered.

The condition of agriculture in England is so seriously depressed by competition with the cheaply-grown wheat of America that it is suggested seriously to give a bonus to wheat growers to make up to them the losses sustained by the culture of this crop.

A society called "The Association of Married Women for the Control of Husbands" has been formed.

The aim of the society is to enable members to prevent their husbands from getting into mischief. It employs detectives, who, upon complaint of a member against her husband, are sent out to watch the suspected man at night, and eventually induce him to attend a meeting of the association.

In his article on "The Betterment of Our Highways," in the Atlantic Monthly, Professor N. S. Sauer speaks as follows of the influence of bicycling in the matter: "The sudden access of interest in the construction of highways which characterizes our time is in good part due to the invention of the bicycle."

At length through an opening in a cluster of elders, he discovered Polly Wiggins. It was a raw day in early spring, but for all that Polly's hat was off and she was bowing and gesticulating, and apparently engaged in earnest conversation.

"Polly is either going crazy or else she's trying to perform like them theatre folks we saw when we took that excursion to Buffalo."

"You must quit wearing that snuff-colored, pigeon-tailed coat that your grandfather was married in. You must smoke cigars, if you can't live without smoking, instead of always having that old, black, Dutch pipe in your mouth."

"The religious fatalism in the Hindoos' life extends also to their intellectual state. In grammar, as in faith, kismet rules supreme."

FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR INAUGURAL ODE.

Over the wide unknown, Far to the shores of Ind, On through the dark, alone, Like a feather blown by the wind; Into the West, away, Sped by the breath of God; Seeking the clearer day.

Oswari and ever on? Till the voice of despair is still'd; Till the haven of peace is won And the purpose of God fulfill'd.

Now let the sun file high overhead, Driving the light from shore to shore! His burning tread we do not dread For thou art evermore.

Lady of beauty! Thou shalt win Glory and power and length of days. The sun and moon shall be thy kin, The stars shall sing thy praise.

Along her blessed shore, One heart, one song, one dream— Men shall be free forevermore, And love shall be supreme.

AN ODD COURSHIP.

BY HELENA DIXON.

Polly Wiggins and Ebenezer Stickney were both native residents of Port Ryerse, a small village on the northern shore of Lake Erie.

He lay awake until long after midnight that night. His thumb pained him a little, but his sleeplessness was not caused wholly by that.

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"The little girl received the seeds and bounded away, saying: 'The beds are all ready, and I'm to show Uncle Eben how to sow them.'"

"You've got me a lot of seeds, and you can have some of 'em—hollyhocks, and chinas, and marigolds, and double poppies, and sweet-williams, and four-o'clocks, and morning-glories. They'll want to go by the window, and you'll have to move the pigtrough."

"You haven't got many dishes, I s'pose, but I'll bring a host. I've got two whole sets of blue stoneware, all except the slop-bowls, besides the best part of a gilt china set."

"Polly, come here, quick," said Mrs. Carver, one bright morning, as she sat sewing in the window.

"Polly got the shirts, and sat with them folded attentively while she figured up her own wardrobe."

"Yes, Polly, I have come for you. You know you said you'd marry me on certain conditions. I have complied with your requirements, and now I want you to fulfill your promise."

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THE REALM OF FASHION.

WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW THEY MAKE IT.

Figured Foulards Make Very Pretty and Stylish Gowns—A Specimen Costume.

HE figured foulards garnished with guipure make very pretty and stylish gowns. The picture shows an elegant one of this sort. It is charmingly set off with deep cuffs and fichu of cream guipure and a front of white silk muslin.

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At the top it has the darts necessary to make it set well on the hips, and behind it is either formed into flat pleats or kilts. The trimmings of crape are ornamented with applications of the woolen material, but these may be dispensed with if required.



A PROMENADE COSTUME.

The illustration shows a promenade costume. The skirt is of faille, the blouse surah, and the vest is made of the same stuff as the skirt, and in front woolen material lined with silk.

Eleven Ferry Passengers Drowned. While a ferryboat was crossing the Dours, near Sinfaes, it capsized and all people on the deck were thrown into water. Many were saved, but 11 persons went down before assistance could reach them. Among the drowned were school children.

A Simple Process that Affords Entertainment to Amateurs. Striking results in photography obtained by the use of a black or white reticulated background and a process of double exposure on the same plate.

A Venomous Bird. But one species of venomous bird is known to the student of ornithological oddities—the Rhipidura, or "Bird of Death," a feathered paradox of New Guinea.

The Ideal Tea Plantation. The finest tea plantations in China are those on the mountain side, neither too warm nor too cold, where the soil is dry although rains and dews are frequent.



A MOURNING COSTUME.

obtaining water to drink.