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The proposed cork trust will have little weight.

A good resolution is a better stimulant than a nightcap.

It costs 75 cents an hour to "get into the push" at the World's Fair.

A little knowledge is sometimes a dangerous thing to the party about whom it is known.

If people will pay their small bills the big bills will be better able to take care of themselves.

Queretaro, Mexico, has solved the financial problem. Soap is legal tender there.

The most accurate available source of information disclose that 920,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits were consumed in the United States last year...

A fissure has been discovered in the bluff four miles south of Ponca, Neb., from which issues a blast of intensely heated air.

France has the credit of being the pioneer in co-operative organizations, and in that country there are now 1100 co-operative societies with a membership of 600,000.

The war of tariffs now fairly on between Germany and Russia is no doubt due to more than one cause. Traditional enmity and jealousy have doubtless had a good deal to do with it...

In the Chronicle Fire Tables for the present year will be found some statistics of unusual interest. Fire destroyed in 1890 in the United States, \$100,000,000 worth of property...

GERMANY will now have a bigger standing army than ever. This is due to the Reichsrath not sitting down on the tax—Philadelphia

THE SWEETEST HOUR.

Oh, many a merry year has life, And many a month the year, And many a day...

BRIXTON'S ENGAGEMENT

BY JOHNSON BUDDER.



HERE are many varieties of matrimonial proposals besides those which appear in novels...

It seemed one day to old Budder, President of the Forty-seventh National Bank and a hearty admirer of Brixton...

"Well, John," said the President, after handing Miss Fewe into her carriage, "you owe me one. Any one of a thousand good fellows in New York would give ten years of his life for such an introduction to Miss Fewe..."

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enough character to want a husband whom she can respect, and none of the fellows who have offered themselves thus far have been of that kind.

"Oh, well, Ben and I have been in many speculations together, and she knows he always trusted me. Besides, there's no sentimental nonsense about her—she isn't afraid to unload her ideas upon an old friend of the family...

"Budder," said John Brixton, rising from his chair, "you've got a heart as big as an ox, and I'm heartily obliged to you for your interest in me."

"I should say so—failed to make a fortune. Listen to this: 'MY DEAR BUDDER: Perhaps you grow more bashful as you grow older. At any rate, I'd rather write you than tell you face to face that the reason I hesitate to avail myself of your kind suggestion regarding Miss Fewe is that I am already engaged to a most estimable young woman...'

"A million dollars—yes, three million dollars out!" exclaimed President Budder, dashing the letter to the floor.

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It is said that Miss Dickinson's eccentricities resulted largely from her appointment in love. While she was still a girl she became deeply interested in a young man who was pursuing his studies in Amherst college.

FASHION NOTES.

Duck and sail-cloth materials are extensively used for morning gowns.

Leather bindings are superseding velvet for the bottom of dress shoes.

A pretty finish for flounces is a row of heading let in as insertion, as these are threaded with dainty colored wash ribbons, and can be made very effective.

Scarfs of a bright scarlet are worn with blouses intended for town or boating suits, and they give a lightful bit of color, and are especially becoming to dark women.

A new necklace is of light links of yellow gold. From this depend light open-worked geometrical or conventionalized designs, which possibly a jewel in the centre.

A novelty in black silk is a corset-bengaline. There are also some pretty and effective striped patterns which a wide broadened stripe of alternates with one of taffeta.

In making the new dress styles, tailors and dressmakers appear to form a bit of magic, for while the hips without gore or plait suddenly expand and flare out at the feet, where they measure yards in circumference.

Stock collars, girdles and all sorts of knots of white and colored ribbons are a feature of the collection of accessories to the toilet, and by means of these dainty sets one gown of Swiss can be worn many times, producing the effect of new costumes.

The popularity of the sailor seems limitless. Young women, old, fat women and lean, wear it. This year's manifestation has a brim than last year's sailor, and less trimming, but is only the beginning to the wearer for this season.

Most of the dress bonnets are airy nothings of lace and down, capable of affording any protection against sun or wind. Were it a matter of custom one might dispute with bonnets altogether without in the least inconveniencing by their absence.

Lace parasols in black or white favorite wedding gifts, and should be accompanied by a pretty parasol—a long, narrow bag of satin ribbon, gathered at the top by satin ribbon. The case is lined with silk, and between the two folds of material a violet sachet is laid.

A pretty idea for children's eyes is a wreath instead of sunbonnet formed of a bit of lace drawn up a crown-shaped piece, and alternating of dotted muslin and lace. The ribbon, which is fastened with an edging of lace, a twist of ribbon, and rosettes of baby ribbon front.

For a simple dress there is no more stylish or prettier than a colored crepon trimmed with green and a girle of two or three bands of satin ribbon. Usually these are with a simple round corage with lace forming epaulettes, a fluted deep lace collar falling over the tops.

Drap d'Alma, a very fine diagonal, will be among the popular autumn fabrics, also satin fantasie all-wool material with self-colored dots and splinters. The latter are rich in appearance and will stand any damage from water. They are also soft, pliable and easily manipulated.