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MIDDLEBURGH, PA., NOV. 9, 1893.

Uncle Sam furnishes forty-one per cent, of the world's silver.

Lord Mayors of London have collected during the past twenty years a little over \$50,000,000 for charitable purposes.

Mr. Street and Miss Lane were married in Charleston, S. C., recently. Whereupon the Hartford Journal facetiously observes: "It was an expeditions way of changing a lane into a street."

There is an indication of the extent to which shorthand prevails in this country in the statistical report that during the year ending June 30th, 1890, 57,375 persons received instructions in stenography in the various schools of the United States.

'The "goober" industry of Norfolk is unique. Here is a little city in Virginia that has become the greatest distributing center of peanuts in the world. A peanut is a pretty small item, but an annual crop of something Tike 5,000,000 bushels, worth millions of dollars, makes a pretty big item.

The Gila monster has only recently been recognized as a useful animat. The skin is utilized for making a fancy leather. The Gila monster is one of the most repulsive looking of the ligard tribe, and is the only member of its order known to be venomous. It receives its common name from the Gila River in Arizona.

J. H. Biles, designer of the ocean steamships New York and Paris, believes that in "the third year of the twentieth century," or within ten years, the best transatlantic steamships will be able to leave New York at noon and arrive at Southampton in four days. Such an exploit, states Public Opinion, would require a speed of almost thirty-five miles an hour.

General P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, Minister to Guatemala, a friend in Augusta in glow-

try. "Just think, " ays, "of having to plant sugar-cane only every twelve or fifteen years, and coffee every twenty years or thirty years. Two crops of corn a year, and one hundred bushels to the acre. And every vegetable and fruit that we have at home. and many more that we have not. The truth is that so much grows without cultivation that the poor will not work as they should."

' Professor Philipson, President of the British Medical Association, recently stated that there are few diseases peculiar to miners. The pitman's asthma is much less frequent than formerly. Contrary to what might be expected rheumatism and rheumatic fever rarely affect the coal miner. The miners of the north of England have an average of three years longer life than the average Englishman, eight years longer than the Cornish miner, nine years longer than the South Wales miner and only one year less than that of the men of the healthiest districts in the

The proportion of the sexes over the whole world is said to be about equal, although in separate portions of the globe it varies greatly. In the United States, for instance, it is estimated that there are ninety-eight women to every 100 men; in Europe there are rather more than 100 women to 100 men. Canada has ninety-five women to 100 men. In uncivilized countries the men are believed largely to outnumber the women, this on account of the fact that more men are needed to carry on the wars in which such people are constantly engaged, and because of the rougher ways of living.

"I expect to see the profession of train robbery grow and prosper in an alarming degree this coming winter," says a Western sheriff. "All railroad men know that nothing is so easy as holding up an express car, and as there are thousands of this class out of work all over the country, it will surprise me if they do not band together toroh their former employers. After a train is stopped and the engineer and fireman cowed-an easy matter-there is nothing in the way of a successful train robbery. The companies offer no inducements to the trainmen to risk their lives in defence of their property, and as the large majority of engineers, firemen and messengers

THE GOSPEL IN POLITICS.

THE REV. DR. TALMAGE SELECTS

An Odd But Instructive Text. Politics Should Be Above Reproach

TEXT: "Some therefore eried one thing, TEXT. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was confused, and the more part knew not where fore they were come together. And they drene Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander becknowl with the hand, and would have made his defense unto the people. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about his served out. about the space of two hours cried out: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" -Acts xix., 32.

Epheaus was upside down. It was about the silver question. A manufacturer of silver boxes for holding heathen images had called his laborers together to discuss the behavior of one Paul, who had been in public places assaulting image worship, and consequently very much damaging that particular busi-ness. There was great excitement in the city. People stood in knots along the streets, violently gesticulating and calling each other hard names. Some of the people favored the policy of the silversmith. Other people favored the policy of Paul. There were great moral questions involved, but these did not bother them at all.

The only question about which they

The only question about which they seemed to be interested was concerning the wages and the salaried positions. The silversmith and his compeers had put up factories at great expense for the making of these sil-ver boxes, and now, if this new policy is to be inaugurated the business will go down, the laborers will be thrown out of employ-ment and the whole city will suffer. Well, what is to be done? "Call a convention." says some one, for in all ages a convention has been a panacea for public evils. The convention is called, and as they want the

largest room in the city they take the theatre.
Having there assembled, they all want to get the floor, and they all want to talk at once. You know what excitement that al-ways makes in a convention, where a great many people want to talk at once. Some cried one thing, some cried another. Some wanted to denounce, some wanted to resolve. After awhile a prominent mangets the floor, and he begins to speak, but they very soon hiss him down, and then the confusion rises into worse uproar, and they begin to shour, all of them together, and they keep on until they are red in the face and hourse in the throat, for two long hours crying out "Great is Diana of the Ephesians. Great is Diana

of the Ephesians."

The whole scene reminds me of the excitement we have almost every autumn at the elections. While that goddess Diana has lost her worshipers and her temples have gone into the dust, our American people want to set up a god in place of her, and they want us all to bow down before it, and that god is political party. Considering our superior civilization, I have to declare to you that Ephesian idolatry was less offensive in the sight of God than is this all absorbing Ameri-

an partisanship.

While there are honest men, true men, Christian men, who stand in both political parties, and who come into the autumnal elections resolving to serve their city or their State or the Nation in the best possible way, I have noticed also that with many it is a mere contest between the ins and the outs -those who are trying to stay in and keep the those who are trying to stay in and keep the outs out, and those who are trying to get in and thrust the ins out. And one party cries, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" and the other party cries, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians in neither of them honest enough the "Great is my pocketbook!"

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"The or twice a year it is my custom to the table to people about public affairs from what I call a Christian standpoint, and this moraling I have shown for that duty. I

this moraing I have chosen for that duty. hope to say a practical word. History us of a sermon once preached amid the high-lands of Scotland—a sermon two hours long on the sin of luxury, where there were not more than three pairs of shoes in the au-dience, and during our last war a good man went into a hospital distributing tracts and gave a tract on "The Sin of Dancing" to a man both of whose legs had been amputated But I hope this morning to present an appropriate and adapted word, as next Tu my at the ballot box great affairs are to be

The Rev. Dr. Emmons, in the early history of our country, in Massachuserts, presched about the election of Thomas Jef-terson to the Presidency. The Rev. Dr. Mayhew, of Boston, in the early days of our republic, preached about the repeal of the There are times when ministers of Christ must look off upon public affairs and discuss them. We need go back o no example. Every man is, before God, esponsible for his own duty.

responsible for his own duty.

If the Norwegian boasts of his home of rocks, and the Siberian is pleased with his land of perpetual snow if the Roman thought that the muddy Tiber was the layored giver in the sight of heaven, and if the Laplander shivers out his enlogy of his native clims, and if the Chinesa have pity r anybody born outside of the Flowery Kingdom, shall not we, born under these fair skies and standing day by day amid those glorious civil and religious linerties, be public spirited? I propose to tell the provery plainly what I consider to be their

First, set yourself against all political false. his country are during the elections. I stop at the door of a Democratic meeting liston and hear that the Republicans are liars, I stop at the door of a Republican meeting and listen and hear that the Democrats are secondreis. Our public men microscopized, and the truth distorted. Who believes a teath part of what he reads or hears in the autumnal elections? Men who at other sea sons of the year are very careful in their speech become peddlers of scandal.

In the far east there is a place where once a year they let the people do as they please and say what they please, and the place is full of uproar, misrule and wickedness, and they call it the "devil's day." The nearest approximation to that in this country has been the first Tuesday in November. The community at such times seems to say, "Go to, now, let us have a good time at lying. Prominent candidates for office are nounced as unprincipled and renegade. smart lie will start in the corner of a country newspaper, and keep on running until it has newspaper, and keep on running unit it de-captured the printing presses of the whole continent. What garbling of speeches: What misinterpretation of motives: What mis-representation of individual antecedents: The trouble is that we have in this country

two great manufactories -manufactories o lies the Republican manufactory of lies and the Democratic manufactory of they are run day and night, and they turn out half a dozen a day all equipped and out half a dozen a day all equipped and ready for full sailing. Large lies and small lies. Lies private and lies public and lies prurient. Lies cut bias and lies cut diagonal. Long limbed lies and lies with double back action. Lies complimentary and lies defamatory. Lies that some people believe, and lies that all the people believe, and lies that nobody believes. Lies with humps like camels, and scales like crocodiles, and necks as long as storks, and feet as swift as an an-telope's, and stings like adders. Lies raw and scalloped and panned and stewed. Crawling lies and jumping lies and soaring Lies with attachment screws raffers and braiders and ready wound bob-bins. Lies by Christian people, who never lie except during elections, and lies by peo-ple who always lie, but beat themselves in a

political campaign.
I confess I am ashamed to have a foreigner visit this country in these times. I should think he would stand dazed and dare not go out at nights! What will the hundreds of have families dependent upon them for support, there seems no reason live think of us? What a disgust they must have for the land of their adoption? The only good thing about it is that many of them

Nothing but Christianity will ever step such a flood of indecency. The Christian religion will speak after awaile. The billingsgate and low scandal through which we wade almost every autumn must be rebaked by that religion which speaks from its two great mountains, from the one mountain intoning the command, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and from the other mount making plea for kindness and love and blessing rather than cursing. Nothing but Christianity will ever stop such

O Christian men, frown upon political falsa-hood! Remember that a political lie is as black as any other kind of a lie. God has re-corded all the falsehoods that have been told at the city, State or National elections since the foundation of this Government, and though the perpetrators and their victims may have gone into the dust, in the last day

The falsehoods that Aaron Burr breathed into the ear of Biennerhassett, the slanders that Lieutenant General Gage proclaimed about George Washington, the misrepresentations in regard to James Monroe, are as fresh in God's book to-day as the lies that were printed last week about our local can-"And all liars shall have their part in the lake which ourneth with fire and brim-

stone, which is the second death."

Again, I counsel you as Christian men to Again, I counsel you as Christian men to set yourselves against the misuse of money in political campaigns. Of the thousands of dollars already spent this autumn, how much of the amount do you suppose has been prop-erly used? You have a right to spend money for the publishing of political tracts, for the establishment of organizations for the carrying out of what you consider to be the best; you have a right to appeal to the reason of men by argument and statistics and by facts. Printing and renting of public halls and political meetings cost money, but he who puts a bribe into the hand of a voter or plies weak men with mercenary and corrupt motives commits a sin against God and the Nation.

Bribery is one of the most appalling sins of this country. God says, "Fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery." Have nothing to do with such a sin, O Christian man' Fling it from the ballot box. Hund over to the police the man was attempt to tamper with your vote, and remember that elections that cannot be carried without bribes ought never to be carried at all. Again I ask you as Christirn men to set yourelves against the dissipations that hover over the ballot box. Let me say that no man can afford to go into political life who is not a tectotaler. Hot political discussion somehow creates an unnatural thirst, and hundreds of thousands of men have gone down into drunkenness through political life.

After an exciting canvass through the evening you must "take something," and rising in the morning with less animation than usual you must "take something," and going off among your comrades through the forenoon you meet political friends, and you must "take something," and in the afternoon you meet other political friends, and you must "take something," and being night has come something has taken you. There are but few cases where men have been able to stand up against the dissipations of political

Joseph was a politician, but he maintained his integrity. Daniel was a politician, but he was a tectotaler to the last. Abraham was a politician, but he was always charac-terized as the father of the faithfui. Moses was a politician, the grandest of them, but e honored God more than he did the Phar nobs, and there are hundreds of Christian men now in the political parties maintaining their integrity, even when they are obliged to stand amid the blasted, lecherous and loathsome erew that sometimes surround the ballot box -these Christian men doing their political duty and then coming back to the prayer meetings and Christian circles as pure as when they went out. But that is not the ordinary circumstance, that is the excep-

How often you see men coming back from the political conflict, and their eyels glazed, and their cheek has an unantural flush, and they talk louder than they usually do, and at the least provocation they will bet, and you say they are convivial, or they are exce ingly vivacious, or you apply some other sweet name to them, but God knows they are Some of you, a month or six weeks ago, had no more religion than you ought to have, and after the elections are over to calculate how much religion you have left will be a sum in vulgar fractions. Oh, the pressure is tremendous

How many mighty intellects have gone down under the dissipation of politics! I think of one who came from the west. He was able to stand out against the whole American Senate. God had given him faculties enough to govern a kingdom, or to frame a constitution. His voice was terrible to his country's enemies and a mighty in-spiration in the day of National peril. But twenty giasses of strong drink a day were his usual allowance, and he went down into

the habits of a confirmed inebriate.

Alas for him! Though a costly monument has been reared over his resting place, the soung men of this country shall not be nied the awful lesson that the agency by which the world was robbed of one of its mightiest intellects, and our country of one of its ablest constitutional defenders, was the dissipation of political life. You want to know who I mean? Young man, ask your father when you get home. The adverse tide is fearful, and I warn you against it.

You need not go far off to find the worn out politician. Here he is, stumbling along the highway, his limbs hardly able to hold him up. Bent over and pale with exhaust-ing sickness. Surly to anybody who accosts him. His last decent article of apparel pawned for strong drink. Glad if, when going by a grocery, some low acquaintance in-vites him in to take a sip of ale and then wiping his lip with his greasy sleeve. Kicked off the steps by men who once were proud to be his constituents. Manhood obliterated. Lip blistered with a curse. Sears of brutal assault on cheek and brow. Foul mouthed. A crouching, staggering, wheez-ing wretch. No friends. No God. No hope. No heaven.

That is your wornout politician. That is what some of you will become unless by this morning's warning and the mercy of God your steps are arrested. Oh, there are no words enough potent, enough portentious, enough consuming, enough damning, to de-scribe the horrible drunkenness that has offed over this land, and that has bent down he necks of some of the mightiest intellects, until they have been compelled to drink our of the trough of bestiality and abomination warn young men against political life, uny are tectotalers and consecrated Christian men.

Again, I counsel you that when you go to he ballot box at the city, or the State, or the the ballot box at the city, or the State, or the National elections, you recognize God and appeal to Him for His blessing. There is a power higher than the ballot box, than the gubernatorial chair, than the presidential White House. It is high time that we put less confidence in political platforms and more confidence in God. See what a wak thing is human foresight! How little our wise men seem to know! See how, every autumn, thousands of men who are clamberautumn, thousands of men who are clamber-ing up for higher positions are turned under! God upsets them. Every man, every party every Nation, has a mission to perform. Fail-

every Nation, has a mission to perform. Fafling to perform it, down he goes.
God said to the house of Bourbon, "Remodel France and establish equity." House
of Bourbon would not do it. Down it went.
God said to the house of Stuart, "Make the
English people free, God fearing and happy."
House of Stuart would not do it. Down it
went. God says to the political parties in
this day, "by the principles of Christianity,
remodel, govern, educate, save the people."
Failing to do that, down they go, burying in
their ruins their disciples and advocates,
God can spare all the political intriguers of
this day, and can raise up another generathis day, and can raise up another genera-tion who shall do justice and love mercy.

If God could spare Luther before the re-formation was done, and if He could spare Washington before free government had been fully tested, and if He could spare Howard before more than one out of a thousand

Swedish and French papers translate it all. and if He could spare Thomas Clarkson will be could spare Thomas Clarkson will be could spare Thomas Clarkson and if He could spare Thomas Clarkson while yet millions of his fellow men had chains rusting to the bone—then He can spare any man, and He can spare any party. That man who through cowardice or blind Idolatry of party forsakes the cause of r ourness goes down, and the armed battailons

ourness goes down, and the armed battailons of God march over him.

O Christian men, take out your Bible this afternoon, and in the light of that word make up your mind as to what is your duty as citizens! Remember that the highest kind of a patriot is a Caristian patriot. Consecrate yourselves, first to God, then you will know how to consecrate yourselves. to your country. All these political excite-ments will be gone. Ballot boxes and gu-bernatorial chairs and continents will smoke in the final conflagration, but those who love God and do their best shall come to lustrous dominion after the stars have heaved its last billow, and the closing thunder of the judgment day shall toll at the funeral of a world! Oh, prepare for that day

You may vote right and get the victory at the ballot box, and yet suffer eternal defeat, After you have cast your last vote, where will you go to? In this country there are two parties. You belong to the one or the other of them. Likewise in eternity there will be two parties and only two. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal." To which party will you belong? God grant that, while you look after the welfare of the land in which God has graciously cast your lot, you may not forget to look after your soul—blood bought, judgment bound, immortal God

save the people'

Cable Cars in New York. A lady who does a great deal of riding on the Broadway cable cars, after a particularly unpleasant experience the other day, went home and wrote a long letter of complaint to the superintendent, says the New York Herald. She signaled two cars in succession at 39th street without success. Then she walked down to the Marlboro hotel, where she knew the cars were compelled to stop to drop the cable, and caught a car in the act of actually standing still.

She boarded it in a hurry, and when within half a block of 30th street requested the conductor to stop at the corner. But the car went right along.

"Why don't you stop?" she asked as the car flew by.
"Next corner," he answered calmly,

pointing to 29th street. "But I asked you to stop at 30th

street," she protested. But he only answered like a man wound up to say one thing-

"Next corner." "It's a shame," said a lady who sat next to her. "The men on these Broadway cars are dreadfully insolent. I always have trouble with them.'

The conductor smiled broadly and rang the bell to stop. "Twenty-ninth street," he yelled.

"Hurry up there."

His passenger alighted, thankful she was alive.

Now she is telling her story to her friends, and she says that nearly everybody has had a similar experi-

Heavier than a Bride's Biscuit.

The weight of the earth is 5,852 trillions of tons. The method by which scientists obtain this result is as fol-tows: First, they ascertain the force of attraction by certain bodies of known dimensions, and then, the size of the earth and its attractive force being known, they week out the probem in this manner: As the size of the earth is to that of the object tested, so would its attractive power be if the specific densities were the same, atraction being in proportion to densi-If the proportion of attraction is not the same the earth and the other body must be of different densities, and it then remains to be ascertained what specific density of the earth, its size being known, would give the attractive power it is known to possess, The average of several experiments gave the earth's mean density as 5,472, or, in other words, the earth was as nearly as possible five and a half times beavier than a globe of water of the same size. As the result of careful calculations, based upon actual measgrements, the solid contents of the earth are 259,373 millions of cubic miles. Taking these dimensions of the earth, it is easy to calculate its weight, for the exact weight of a cubic mile of water is well known, and on this basis Sir John Herschel found the weight of the earth to be 5,852,000,-000,000,000,000,000 tons of 2,240 pounds to the ton. - Brooklyn Eagle.

London's Feminine Stock Broker, Amy E. Bell has been for several years a stock broker in London. She has an office hard by the Stock Exchange, and does a large business, especially among women clients. Her peculiar aptness for the profession was shown when she was a little girl. An old gentleman, a visitor at Miss Bell's home, happened one day to be diligently reading the money article in the Times. He was in no mood to be interrupted, so he said to the child when she hung around him: "Run away, little girl! I am busy with my essons, and you must go to yours." "Yes," said little Miss Amy, "but what's your lessons is my play!" For t was the highest recreation of the infant phenomenon to study the stock quotations

To Estimate the Weight of Iron.

A simple way of determining the weight of sheet iron without putting it on the scales is thus described: "It has been found by experience that a square foot of iron plate one-eighth of an inch thick weighed almost exactly five pounds, and this forms ; basis for a very simple and easy rule. As a square foot of iron one-eighth of an inch thick weighs five pounds, a square foot of one-fourth inch from will weigh ten pounds, and, therefore, the area of any sheet iron (or plate iron) in square feet multiplied by the thickness in one-eighths and multiplied by five will give the approximate weight of the piece."

To Serve for Leather.

A new material is proposed as a substitute for leather. It is called "flexus fibra," and is derived from flax, suitably prepared and oiled. It has the same appearance as leather. is particularly supple and takes a

WOMAN'S WORLD

PLEASANT LITERATURE FOR FEMININE READERS.

CIRL COLLIERS.

Considerable excitement prevailed ecently at the Locust Gap (Penn.) olliery owing to the discovery of two rirls in male attire working among the date packers. Their sex was divulged by a boy associate, and in a few minates the employes in all parts of the mill were aware of the fact. The girls were immediately discharged and taken to their homes, where it was earned that they were sent to the colsecure other employment. -- New York Recorder.

LONG GLOVES IN VOGUE.

An expensive fad has just been rerived, that of wearing long gloves at fashionable functions during the day-When only evening dress detime. manded them it was bad enough, but now the cost will be considerably increased. The smart set wear gowns with their huge sleeves abbreviated just below the elbow with a falling frill of lace, the arm between being con? cealed beneath wrinkled folds of suede. Yellow chamois with big brass buttons are the accepted style for driving. The most accepted method for washing these is to make a strong lather of a teaspoonful of ammonia. Wash the gloves thoroughly, rubbing with the hands. After rinsing well in warm water with a little ammonia, press dry dry. Do not rub any soap on the gloves, and when quite dry rub the scent affection. stiff parts, if any, between the hands. -New York Telegram.

THE POPULARITY OF BLACK IN DRESS.

One of the striking things about the new colors which are shown for autumn is that almost without exception they are in shades that will harmonize well with black, which is but one of the many indications that black is to play a still more conspicuous part in autumn and winter costumes. and white is still a stylish combination when it can be worn becomingly; but it is trying to many persons, and when this is the case it is a comfort to know that the black is the important thing, and that the effect will be just as stylish if it is combined with some becoming color. Many persons who cannot wear black combined with pure white will find a very softening and becoming effect in the combination of black with eeru, which is now one of to ivory. the very fashionable combinations .-Demorest.

BISMARCK KISSES PRETTY GIRLS. Bismarck recently won the hearts of all the German women by his exhibi-tion of that fondness for kissing fresh

man was so famous.

Lilli Finzelberg, a young German sculptress, went with her sister to call to hop-sacking and basket weavings upon Bismarck in Kissengen. His These woolen stuffs are forty-six inches habit is to let devoted women kiss his wide and are serviceable and very hand. When leaving these young women tried to kiss his hand, but the Prince said: "Hold on; we will do that much simpler.

He then laid hold of the two girls and gave each several loud, hearty kisses. The result is that both young women have become famous through-

out the empire.

Bismarck's habit of letting women kiss his hand has given rise to a strange custom. In certain circles women make collections of kisses of celebrated men. Some of these are valuable and most interesting-more has a border forming overlapping so than all the stamp and coin collections in the world.

Real Bismarck kisses, however, are ceedingly rare, and the Finzelberg girls are the envy of all kiss collect stylish.

COSTUMES FOR CYCLING.

Though eveling has of late years become such a favorite means of locomotion with women, very little attention has up to the present been bestowed on dress for this particular purpose. Working a cycle is under no circumstances a graceful occupation for a woman, and if the style of dress is not studied and garments chosen with particular care the result too often proves unsightly and unfemining to the last degree. A great variety of costumes have been designed to meet the occasion. Neat and workmanlike is one in a light make of gray cloth, with full zouave knickerbockers reaching below the knees and falling over chamois leather gaiters. The bodice, a kind of Norfolk jacket, is made with a deep basque and full sleeves, tight fitting from elbow to wrist. The collar, turned back, with revers, displays a neat white shirt front and tie. leather belt confines the waist, and the sailor hat is trimmed with red velvet and gray quills. Yet another dress for a fair cyclist is of chinchilla cloth. The knickerbockers tasten tightly with a band below the knee, and tartan stockings are partially concealed by gray gaiters. A deep basqued blouse is worn, which fastens on the chest at the left side with three large buttons. The little cap is in cloth to correspond. -New York Commercial Advertiser.

SOME BRIDAL SUPERSTITIONS.

a marriage in May, says the Philadel- six months. For a parent the parent six months. phia Times. This time is supposed to is the same as above. The lo be peculiarly unlucky, as death or misfortune of another character is promised to attend the union of two hearts mourning. The crape period was that beat as one if they select the fifth | merly three months. It is now a month for their nuptials. The bride-to-be watches the weather forecasts months black, no half mourning. with an auxiety that proves her faith in the old adage, "Happy is the bride that the sun shines on," and, of course, she knows that the friends left at home

are equally concerned, as the weather on the wedding day tells to a nicety the peculiar future disposition of the bride, while that of the day following is equally prophetic in regard to the bridegroom. "Something old and something new, something borrowed end something blue," is a couplet that rules alike the troussesu of the richest and poorest bride. To walk to the altar without having falfilled this poetical injunction is to call down upon the union the wrath of all those gods whose particular duty it is to look after the newly wed. On the day of the great event so many superstitions enter into every detail that it is a very wise bride, indeed, that remembers all those little acts that are so sentient with tiery to work owing to their inability meaning in regard to the future. If by chance she should happen to put on her left shoe first her married life will prove unhappy, therefore, it behooves her to look carefully to this portion of her toilet and be certain to select the right foot as the first one to be attended to. No bridal guest should wear a costume entirely black, as such a choice will bring sorrows to the bride. If the best man stumbles on his way to the altar it is regarded as a most ominous proceeding, and, at any rate, is awkward enough to merit rebuke. The wedding ring should be a circlet of gold, unbroken by any jewel, as the significance of the ring demands that the form shall be typical of the endless love that prompts its bestowal, To try on the ring before marriage is white soap in a basin of warm water with certain to bring sorrow to the bride. To lose it is prophetic of dire misfortune, and many there are who would regard taking it off as an actual sin, holding fast to the belief that it was in a towel and hang by finger tips to placed on the finger for all time and not merely as the symbol of an evane-

PASHION NOTES.

For party slippers white brocaded satin is admired

English walking hats are to be in force again with wider brims. Black gloves embroidered in gold

are the correct thing just now. The armured silks glace with spots,

splinters and stripes are especially rich in their color-schemes. Leather belts are fastened with superbly carved silver buckles, lo-

zenge shaped and as wide as an enve-Gored yokes and collarettes developing from the collar have the seams covered by jet gimp or Hercules

braid. Umbrella handles are handsomest of carved ivory. Silver is quite sup-planted, and is used as an ornament

You must part your hair and west soft curls at the side and a high Empire knot if you would be in touch with "our set."

Black Hercules braid is wove open design and placed over pobraid on black cloth gowns and wrater young faces for which General Sher- and black braid is edged with white

Serges are yielding their popularity stylish.

Immense ruches of the dress material edge with lace like a boa are put at the neck and skirt of silk and gauze dresses. Velvet ruches, silk lined, are seen even on heavy cloth coats.

Finely twilled glace surahs giving the effect of satin come in a variety pretty plaids in cashmere colorings in nacre tints, in pin dots, stripes, are the all-prevalent ombres, changing like the beautiful foliage.

A new white pocket handkerchief squares of thicker linen placed corner ways and edged with lace. The tiny spray effect all over in embroidery desirable and the simple lace borde

Felt hats with double-faced brim are the rage. A soft velvety black fel with a white facing is one of the ver popular styles, or one of cream-whi with a black fur felt facing, with trim mings of black and white satin ribbo and black Valkyrie wings.

Crepons for evening wear are mot deeply fluted than ever, and of various weights, from one as transparent gauze to others almost as heavy Henrietta cloth or carmelite. heavy-weight qualities make up in elegant autumn gowns trimmed wi velvet and iridescent passementeries.

Half-long fur capes are this y finished with cape collars or Vandyke collarettes of fur of a contrasting ki -monkey capes with seal or Astraks Persian lamb and otter, mink w sealskin, or mink and black fox, et and for evening, royal ermine es with accessories of sable or the darks of otter or black fox.

Satin antique is used for entire he or as a garniture only. Shirted ings of satin appear on some of dress hats, a pointed edging of galloon finishing the edge of the brit On winter hats and bonnets fur tr mings are mingled with wings, pompons, or a trio of sea-swallow black birds or yellow canaries.

Mourning Periods in England.

In England the period of moura for a father-in-law is twelve mont ten months black, two months mourning. Crape is seldom worm It is a brave girl who will consent to though the crape period was formed period for a brother is six month five months black, one month period of mourning for a fatheris often shortened to six months relatives reside at a considerable tance from each other.