

## WOMEN OF HOLLAND.

Dutch Feminine Costumes Are Too Complex For Words.

The women's costume is a trifle too complex for verbal description, as feminine belongings usually are, but the white lace cap which covers the head from eyebrows to nape of neck and from ear to ear, curving out in rounded wings on each side of her cheeks, is always a conspicuous and inevitable portion of a woman's attire. It may possibly be that on Sunday this cap is a trifle whiter or stiffer or different in not very apparent.

The ladies assure us there is a vast difference in the quality of the net and the amount of handwork employed, but the lens made no special note of that. In shape and outline the camera finds great distinction between these caps and those of Katwyk or Marken or Bois le Duc, but between Sunday and Monday caps in Volendam it records none whatever. For the rest of the costume feminine Holland asks above all things apparently a very flat, narrow chest surmounting enormous hips, and Volendam is no exception to this fashion rule. The invariable black "best waist" of the elder women is usually brightened by a square yoke of lighter color and material, and the dark apron or overskirt is topped by six inches or more of gay plaid or bright colored band worn over an underskirt of dull blue striped or black material and unaccountable petticoats. About the throat a collar formed of many rows of heavy dark red coral beads is fastened by huge silver clasps, and the number of rows, the size and quality of the beads are matters for feminine pride. Long hair is not the glory of women in Holland, save perhaps at Marken. It is usually hidden and at Volendam is out quite close and entirely covered by a tight fitting thick black silk cap concealed beneath the snowy white lace. The younger girls, from the tiniest toddler to the young matron, old enough to wed, wear dresses and caps the exact counterpart of their grave mothers, no less full of skirt or narrow of chest, but much sayer in color. A group of tiny maidens in a stiff breeze on the dike resembles nothing more than a swarm of butterflies.—Florence Craig Albrecht in Scribner's.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

No small noise sounds as bad as that made by squeaky shoes.

Lift any little woman's thumb and you will find a man under it.

How few people are so polite to their friends as they are to strangers!

People seem to begrudge a preacher everything he gets except his vacation.

The child that is ruled by love and the child that has its own way live at the same house.

If you were a mind reader you would learn a lot of unpleasant things which now you can only surmise.

The man who prides himself on being a "great observer of little things" can usually be relied upon for a few unpleasant remarks.

Soon after a boy ceases to credit his father with being the smartest man on earth he imagines his father should consult him on all doubtful issues.—Aitchison Globe.

## Infection.

The wife of an army officer at a western post recently had occasion to visit a small neighboring town to do some shopping at what is called the general store. She was much entertained by the variety and antiquity of the stock of goods, and as she passed out her eyes were attracted by a pile of mottoes, elaborately lettered and ornately framed, the upper one being the Scriptural passage, "Walk in love."

As she paused the clerk, a dapper young man of more affability than advantages, stepped forward with the remark: "These are the latest things in mottoes. This top one is swell to put over a young lady's door.—Walk in, love."—Lippincott's.

## The Outdoor Boy.

Let the boy learn to hit the bright spot with a rifle, and if war comes he can hit the button on the coat of an enemy the first shot and does not have to be taught to shoot over again after he enlists. If he is familiar with guns, boats, water and the wild woods, he will be handy anywhere, and you can't lose him. Any boy who has got a father who won't do the right thing by him and give him a chance to love the woods and the water and the free, clean air that God serves free, when you get far enough away from man's city can come along with me some time, and I will show him how to have the time of his life.—Outer's Book.

## He'll Get the Girl.

Tommy Rattles was turned down when he asked Elsie's father for his consent. The old man said that Tommy was a good boy, but lacked persnancancy.

What is Tommy going to do about it?

He goes to the old man and asks him for his daughter three evenings every week.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## His Reformation.

"Yes," said the reformed cannibal chief, "I used to eat every missionary that came out here."

"That was before you got religion, eh?" queried the new missionary.

"No; before I got indigestion."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Learning.

Soker—I won \$50 from Blings last night playing poker.

Joker—Why, does Blings know how to play poker?

Soker—Not yet.—Lippincott's Magazine.

## Why the Dial Has Sixty Divisions.

We have sixty divisions on the dials of our clocks and watches because Hipparchus, who lived in the second century before Christ, accepted the Babylonian system of reckoning time, that system being sexagesimal. The Babylonians were acquainted with the decimal, but for common purposes they counted by "sossi" and "sari," the "sosso" representing sixty and the "sares" sixty times sixty—3,600. From Hipparchus that mode of reckoning found its way into the works of Ptolemy about the year 150 A. D., and on that authority it has been perpetuated.

## ODD WAYS OF POETS.

Tennyson, Artistically Fastidious, Was a Personal Slob.

There is a sort of idea in the public mind that the poet is what scientists call a "fixed genius," that every poet is the exact counterpart of every other poet. There is probably no class of men in the world—if class it can be called—whose members differ more widely in personality.

Pope, for instance, was a miser. Dryden, Sedley, Rochester and Shelley seemed to have no use for money and "splashed it about in the most insane fashion. Shakespeare was a keen man of business. His contemporaries, Marlowe and Massinger, did not leave enough to have their bodies decently buried.

Coming down to modern times, Tennyson was artistically the most delicate and fastidious of men. A misplaced comma, an epithet which was not the perfection of expression, gave him nights of insomnia.

Yet he was perhaps the most utterly careless man of his generation regarding his personal appearance. Had he not been carefully watched by his devoted wife, he would have been quite content to wear a suit of clothes until it dropped off him bit by bit in obedience to the law of gravitation.

A great admirer of Tennyson once described his first meeting with the great poet.

It occurred at a roadside public house in the Isle of Wight. The late laureate was seated by the kitchen fire, with a short black clay pipe between his lips, burning grease spots out of a pair of check trousers with the point of a red-hot poker.

It was probably Tennyson's "faculty of silence" which helped him to secure the friendship of the greatest talker—in both senses of the phrase—of his generation, Thomas Carlyle.

Carlyle had occasional fits of silence, and he and Tennyson would sit on opposite sides of the hearth for six hours at a stretch without exchanging as many words.

At the expiration of such a period of silent intercommunication Carlyle would knock the ashes out of his last pipe and remark with every symptom of the keenest intellectual satisfaction, "Aye, Alfred, mon, we've had a glorious night!"

Tennyson's great and friendly rival, Browning, was as different from him in his personal peculiarities as he was in point of genius.

He always looked as if he had just been turned out of a bandbox. Tennyson was one of the most silent of men, Browning one of the most ebullient and loquacious. Tennyson was pessimistic and somewhat morose. Browning was always bursting with optimism and expansiveness.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## ANCIENT ARMIES.

Ten thousand horse and 100,000 foot fell on the fatal field of Issus.

The army of Artaxerxes before the battle of Cunaxa amounted to about 1,200,000.

An army of Cambyses, 50,000 strong, was buried in the desert sands of Africa by a south wind.

A short time after the taking of Babylon the forces of Cyrus consisted of 600,000 foot, 120,000 horse and 2,000 chariots armed with scythes.

Ninus, the Assyrian king, about 220 B. C., led against the Bactrians his army, consisting of 1,700,000 foot soldiers, 200,000 horse and 16,000 chariots armed with scythes.

When Xerxes arrived at Thermopylae his land and sea forces amounted to 2,641,610, exclusive of servants, eunuchs, women, sutlers, etc., in all numbering 5,283,220. So say Herodotus, Plutarch and Isocrates.

## Why Paper Cuts.

Have you ever cut yourself with a piece of paper? The edge of a piece of glazed paper looks much like that of a knife under the microscope. Of course the little teeth have not the strength of steel, but if the edge of the paper is drawn swiftly over the finger without much pressure that peculiar property of matter called inertia comes into play, and the tender tissue will cut the flesh before they are broken. The same property it is which allows a candle to be shot through a one inch plank or permits a bullet to pass through a pane of glass without shattering it, leaving only a clean, round hole.—C. H. Claudy in St. Nicholas.

## Lincoln and a Suit of Clothes.

On one occasion a judge was ill and, being unable to sit in a case, delegated Lincoln to hear the matter. The account of a guardian was in question. He had paid \$28 for a suit of clothes for his ward and justified it on the ground that it was a necessary expense. Lincoln held against the guardian on the ground that it was an extravagant expenditure and in passing on the case stated that he had never in his life owned a suit of clothes that cost \$28.

## Wasn't Sure.

"Remember," said the lawyer, "you have undertaken to tell nothing but the truth."

"I'll do my best," answered the expert witness, "but I won't know how far I have succeeded until I'm through with the cross examination."—Washington Star.

## The Doubt.

Burrows—By the way, Knox, did I leave my umbrella at your office yesterday? Knox—You left an umbrella, but I don't know whether it was yours or not.—Exchange.

Thunder in September indicates a good crop of grain and fruit for the next year.—Old Proverb.

## A Quick Guess.

The small boy entered the shoe store and appeared to be somewhat bewildered.

"What will you have, my son?" asked the clerk.

"I—I have forgotten what I was sent for," replied the boy bashfully, "but—but it is something we have at home every time ma goes into the kitchen while the cock is there."

The clerk smiled knowingly.

"Oh, I see. You want spats?"

"Yes, that's it, mister," replied the lad, his face brightening. "I came after a pair of spats."—Chicago News.

## ADAM AND EVE.

The Forbidden Fruit, the Fall and the Three Mystic Gifts.

Many are the attempts to identify the forbidden fruit. Some say it was the fig, others the grape, others, again, the pomegranate, but the most "Arabian Nights" description paints it as an ear of wheat which looked like a ruby and was as big as an ostrich egg and grew on a tree whose trunk was like gold, its branches like silver and its leaves emerald.

Our first parents were expelled about 5 o'clock of the afternoon of Friday, the 10th of May, having resided in Eden seven years, two months, two weeks and three days. Adam was banished to Ceylon and Eve to Mecca, and they remained apart for 200 years. Adam, according to some accounts, spent half his time weeping, with his face to the earth. Others less charitable aver that his solitude was cheered by Lilith, who resumed her former relations with him.

When he repented and rejoined Eve, he begged that something might be given him from the happy garden of innocence which he had forfeited, and, lo, in answer to his prayer three mighty archangels were sent to him, Michael bringing gold, Gabriel frankincense and Raphael, mystic gifts in after years associated with the offering of the magi, whom early Christian tradition identified with Enoch, Melchisedek and Elias.

## FLY FISHING RODS.

It is the Weight Outboard From the Hand That Tells.

Much pleasure will be found in buying rods and tackle. If inexperienced, any old angler will rather enjoy helping you out, or you can go to a first class shop, ask for a salesman who is an angler and tell him where you propose to fish. If economy is an object to you, very fair working tools can be had for a little money. It is surprising to handle some of the rods that are priced at \$5 to \$10. I do not consider weight in the scales of great importance, as I like a good sized, comfortable handle. It is the weight outboard from the handle that tells. One of the lightest rods I ever saw weighed eight ounces on the scales. It had a big, fat wooden handle and substantial fittings, but the rod proper was very light. My individual preference is for a rod of ten feet, but lots of men prefer something shorter. I have seen good work done with an eight foot rod, but there is a great difference in the power of rods of the same length. A tall, strong man can handle a rod of great power and with a suitable line bring out all there is in it. He may be able to do this all day long without great fatigue, while a weaker person would be heavily handicapped and tired to death.—Forest and Stream.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Don't Develop the Mind at the Expense of the Body.

The man or woman who would train the mental faculties without any reference to the physical shows a faulty qualification for the work in which he or she may be engaged. The mind may be ever so well trained and stored with knowledge of the books, but unless there is behind it a reasonably strong body life runs the risk of being a failure; if not that, an existence of pain that serves as a limitation upon its possibilities. It is a species of cruelty to educate the mind at the expense of the body. Better let a child grow up into manhood or womanhood with an inferior education than with a better education of the mind and a body weakened in the effort.

The fact that so many men in this country who have succeeded in business and in professional and public life have been the sons of farmers, whose early life has been spent out of doors, has been a subject of remark. May it not be accounted for on the ground that in their boyhood their physique was developed so that in after life, besides their mental attainments, they had strong bodies with which to do the work they have so successfully performed? This is not only possible, but very probable.—Knoxville Journal.

## A Stolen Trade Secret.

The manufacture of tinware in England originated in a stolen secret. Few readers need to be informed that tinware is simply thin sheet iron plated with tin by being dipped into the molten metal. In theory it is an easy matter to clean the surface of iron. Dip the iron in a bath of boiling tin and remove it enveloped in the silvery metal to a place of cooling. In practice, however, the process is one of the most difficult of arts. It was discovered in Holland and guarded from publicity with the most stringent vigilance for nearly half a century. England tried to discover the secret in vain until James Sherman, a Cornish miner, crossed the channel, insinuated himself surreptitiously into a tin plate manufactory, made himself master of the secret and brought it home.

## Women and Jewelry.

"Women know a great deal more about buying jewelry now than they knew twenty-five years ago," said a jeweler. "When I first started in the business a clerk with a persuasive tongue could talk a woman into buying most anything. It wasn't safe for her to step inside a shop unless she had a man along. Now the average woman knows more about jewels than the average man. Of course they can be fooled—anybody can—but an expert—but as a rule she buys with a surprising knowledge of value, and her taste in the cutting and setting is excellent."—New York Post.

## Brains.

"A man stood on his head twenty minutes in order to win a wager. He died the next day."

"What killed him? Congestion of the brain?"

"No; if he had had any brains he wouldn't have done it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Specified.

"When in trouble," said the eminent lecturer, "refrain from worrying."

"But, doctor," asked a woman in the audience, "how can we?"

"Anyway," replied the lecturer, "refrain from worrying other people."

## Worse Still.

She—You'll be glad to learn, dear, that I've got out of visiting our relatives. He—Grand! Splendid! It hung over me like a cloud. How did you manage it? She—Oh, I asked them here!—Life.

## Meeting the Situation.

"I wonder if there's anything serious between that tall girl and the little captain?"

"I think there is. She has had the heels of all her shoes lowered."—Philadelphia Blatter.

## Cause of His Joy.

"What are you looking so happy over, old man?"

"I am rejoicing over the birth of twins."

"Great Scott! I congratulate you!"

"Don't congratulate me. Go and congratulate Evans. He's the lucky man. I never did like him."—Philadelphia Enquirer.

## His Attention.

Nan—How attentive young Mr. All-gawn is to his pretty wife! Fan—I don't wonder you notice it, but you must have been misinformed. They are not married yet.—Chicago Tribune.

## AN ARGUMENT OF FORCE.

Napoleon Smashed a Vase, and the Treaty Was Signed.

Early in April, 1797, the people of Austria demanded peace with France. Negotiations were begun in the vicinity of Leoben. Bonaparte, in an interview with the Austrian plenipotentiaries, said to them, "Your government has sent against me four armies without generals, and this time a general without an army." In the treaty which the Austrian commissioners projected the first article stipulated that the emperor of Austria thereby recognized the French republic. "Erase it!" exclaimed Napoleon. "The existence of the republic is as plain as the sun. This article is only fit for the blind. We are our own masters and shall establish any government we prefer. If one day the French people," he continued, "should wish to create a monarchy, the emperor might object that he had recognized a republic." The preliminaries were soon settled, Napoleon signing for France, thus placing himself on an equal footing with the emperor of Austria. The formal treaty known as Campo Formio was signed in October, 1797. Austria fulfilling the pledges she had already given. The Austrian plenipotentiary protested against the distribution of the provinces beyond the Adige. Napoleon was angered at this, and, seizing a vase, dashed it to the ground, exclaiming, "If it is not so arranged I will break your monarchy as I have broken this vase!" This argument of force, as demonstrated to the diplomat was convincing, and the treaty was signed.

How Columbus Missed the Honor of Discovering This Continent.

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After a long discussion he yielded to the opinion of Martin Alonso Pinzon, the commander of the Pinta, and steered in his opinion solely by a flight of parrots which took wing in that direction. It was good luck to follow in the wake of a flock of birds when engaged upon a voyage of discovery, according to widespread superstition among Spanish seamen of that day.

If Columbus had kept to his course, he would have entered the gulf stream, have reached Florida and then probably have been carried to Cape Hatteras and Virginia.

On the Bias.

"What do people mean when they talk about tacking?" asked Bobby, who had listened to a detailed account of his sister's first experience in a sailboat, but in much confusion of mind.

"Oh, you'll know when you're a little bit older," said his sister, but the small round face wore an expression of injury, and she had to explain further.

"Why, it's just turning halfway round," she said, with slight hesitation, "and then—and then you sail on the bias."

Old Age and Work.

Old people make a great mistake when they give up work. Many men who have made a competency in business and feel entitled to retire from active work find themselves declining in health and becoming prematurely old for want of occupation. In most aged persons the vital functions continue in active exercise under normal conditions, but if the regularity and moderation of business life are departed from trouble will surely follow—

## THE COTTAGE.

It Should Be Without Sham Elegance and Elaboration.

There are cottages and cottages. Any modest, unpretentious house designed on strictly economical lines may be fitly called a cottage, and it is more satisfactory to regard one's own simple little abode as a well built, commodious cottage than as a small house of comparatively cheap construction and cramped dimensions. It is when given to the big swaggering seaside houses of the rich that the term "cottage" becomes a misnomer and an affectation. To the man of moderate means the very idea of building a cottage rather than a house carries with it a sense of making a home within his means free from vain striving for a sham elegance and elaboration. The cottage which apes the mansion is as absurd as the affected and exaggerated dignity of the pompous and undersized individual who seeks to create an impression out of all proportion to his real importance.

Since simplicity is one of the main attributes of a well designed cottage, its charm and effectiveness must depend upon the quiet excellence of its proportion and the harmonious and unobtrusive quality of its coloring in relation to its surroundings.—Robert C. Spencer in House Beautiful.

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## AERIAL TELEGRAPHY.

First Attempted by Amontons in the Fifteenth Century.

One of the first systems of aerial telegraphy was attempted in the fifteenth century. The originator was Amontons, at that time considered one of the cleverest scientists of the world. Yet you never hear the name nowadays in connection with that of Morse or Bell. However, Amontons developed a system of signal telegraphy so that a message could be sent from Paris to Rome in three hours. Those who assisted in the transmission of the message along the line were unable to tell the nature of the message.

Posts were placed from Paris across the Alps at consecutive points, where men were stationed with telescopes. Different signals, representing combinations of letters, were run up at each post. The man at the other end, seeing the signal, placed a similar one before his post, and so the message was carried to its destination.

The key to the signal was known only to those who sent the messages in Paris and to the recipients a thousand miles away. Amontons was not encouraged in his work by the puffy, gouty functionaries of the time and discontinued his efforts.—Philadelphia North American.

A Domestic Distinction.

"They say that your wife wears the pants," commented the tactless friend.

"She does not," responded young Mr. Enpeck with some spirit. "She merely selects 'em."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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