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### LITTLE FOLKS' FASHIONS.

Children's cambric dresses are made in simple styles which may be easily laundried. A little more embroidery is used than last season. Very frequently a full ruffle of the dress material, about four inches deep finishes the neck of blouse dresses. Black velvet sashes of ribbon about two inches wide are used on small children's dresses, and they often begin on the shoulder, go down to the waist line, where they cross directly in front and pass around to the back where they are tied in a bow, with ends.—Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.

### WHAT AN ENERGETIC WOMAN DOES.

Mrs. Jane Fraseur Safley, of Tama County, Iowa, is the owner of 1040 acres of fine prairie land and does her own farming. She sold $5000 worth of fat cattle, $1205 worth of fat hogs and $450 worth of horses last year. About 800 acres of her land is in grass, the balance in oats and corn. Mrs. Safley has attended every school election in her subdistrict for twelve years, and, while refusing to be elected director, has universally voted for director and, according to the Tipton Advertiser, secured the best man for said office. The same teacher has taught her school for eight consecutive terms. Mrs. Safley's only son, Fred, is a graduate from Cornell.

### NEW GOODS FOR REAL SUMMER.

The new goods for real summer are exquisite in coloring, design and texture, and Parisian is stamped upon their every detail. Everything is shot or shaded or patterned in some indescribable way, crepon taking the lead perhaps. Among these one is dice patterned in straw color and black, another in old rose and black, which is both novel and striking. Another rather curious material is of olive green patterned with heliotrope, with a woven border of black ribbon, which is everywhere outlined with jet. It is prettily made up with short zouave fronts to the bodice, while the underbodice and sleeves are of olive green bengaline. — Frank Leslie's Weekly.

### CAN'T READ A NEWSPAPER.

Queen Victoria isn't allowed to handle a newspaper of any kind, or a magazine, or a letter from any person except from her own family, and no member of the royal family or household is allowed to speak to her of any piece of news in any publication. All the information the Queen is permitted to have must first be strained through the intellect of a man whose business is to cut out from the papers each day what he thinks she would like to know.

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These gold trimmings will be returned to him in time as they are expensive, and the Queen is kindly and thrifty, but for the Queen's presence they are imperative.—Fashion Bazar.

### ABSURD HEAD-DRESS.

Stewart, the great hairdresser, says: "At no period in the history of the world was anything more absurd in head-dress worn than at the close of the Eighteenth Century. The body of these monuments of ugliness was formed of tow, over which the hair was turned and false hair added in great curls, bobs and ties, and powdered to profusion, then hung all over with vulgarly large rows of pearls or glass beads, fit only to decorate a chandelier. Flowers as obtrusive were stuck about this heap of finery, which was surmounted by broad silken bands and great ostrich feathers, until the head-dress of a lady added three feet to her stature." Imagine the discomfiture of people who attended the play and wished to view the stage! Three feet of finery hiding from sight the very thing one came to see. In this era of tiny theatre bonnets the picture drawn by the famous Stewart reduces to a minimum the inconsideration on the part of our women of to-day who but yesterday, or quite recently, wore the broad flaring street hat to the theatre and expected the people sitting behind to dodge about, in order to catch an occasional glimpse of the play and suffer from a crick in their necks for days thereafter.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

### WOMEN AS DOCTORS.

The world moves. Until a generation ago a woman doctor was hardly known within the circle of the regular medical profession, and they were looked upon in every community as charlatans or cranks. The prejudice against them entering the medical profession was almost universal, and strange as it may seem the prejudice of women against their own sex in a profession for which they should be specially fitted and in which they are specially needed, was even more profound than the same prejudice among the sterner sex. But steadily, though slowly, public sentiment has advanced to accord to women the obvious just right of entering any of the professions, and women now practice both law and medicine in every section of the country.

The progress of the age in advancing women to their just rights in the battle of life was impressively illustrated in the Academy of Music during the last week, when forty-two young women appeared upon the stage as graduates of the Woman's Medical College, of this city, with their fairly won titles of Doctors of Medicine. It is gratifying to know that this college has been in existence for forty years, but it is only within the last score of years that it has been able to present anything approaching a graduating class respectable in numbers. Now women practitioners are not only known but respected in almost every community, and the success they have attained in the profession more than justifies the great battle that was fought to win for them open doors to distinction in the profession.

It will seem strange to the readers of history half a century hence to learn that women were excluded from the professions of the country until even after the noon-tide of the Nineteenth Century, for there is little reason to doubt that in much less than half a century women physicians will fairly divide the medical practice with their professional brethern, and men physicians, in the many cases in which every consideration of delicacy should prefer a women physician, will be quite as uncommon as women were generations ago.—Philadelphia Times.

### FASHION NOTES.

For skirt and blazer white pique is a preferred fabric.

Yachting suits of burnt sienna are considered very natty.

Corded challies sprinkled with flowers are a summer novelty.

All white costumes are to be more popular this season than ever.

Field thistles nod from the top of the most fashionable chapeaux.

Fine cloth with close upstanding cords of contrasting color is much seen in the shops.

Mantles are made in the visite form, and are of fine cloth in light brown, electric blue or terra cotta.

Hats are a mass of flowers these days, and the art of imitating nature is fruitful of most charming results.

Short sleeves have again returned for dinner and theatre toilettes. Sometimes lace is ruffled at the top of the gloves, and often gold bracelets set with precious stones are worn on the arms.

One of the most distinguished and stylish costumes of the season is a lustrous black silk gown, jet trimmed, with tan parasol, tan suede gloves and tan-colored velvet "calf leather" shoes.

A tea gown recently seen was of old rose bengaline, trimmed elaborately with embroidery, the front made loose, the back en Watteau, a full frill about the throat and point lace edging the sleeves.

The Eton jacket has been sadly abused by foreigners in its makeup. Sometimes a garment is called that when it has long coattails, whereas the veritable "Eton" should not come below the waist.

A pretty tea gown recently worn was of heliotrope crepon, made with a close fitting coat back, opening over a front of yellow trimmed with gold and pearls, the sleeves pendant, with ruffled undersleeves.

A Russian coat to be worn for traveling is made of green cloth, drawn into the waist with a leather belt, the sleeves ending in a band at the wrist, and embroidered like the collar, in blue, yellow and red, large buttons and loops of yellow fastening it down the front.

Fur is as much used on evening dresses as in midwinter, and especially on the new changeable velvets. A hem of fur borders the skirt and defines the neck and sleeves. Chinchilla, otter, blue fox and black fox are the furs used. Neither flowers nor ribbons may be worn, but a bertha of lace frequently falls below the fur.

The outside of some of the new pocket-books represents more value than the inside. White ivory and white kid with silver or gold mountings, gray suede with a covering of woven steel, and lizard skin in dull green with gold filigree decoration are among the novelties. Heart-shaped purses are newest, and in every case the purses must match the costume.

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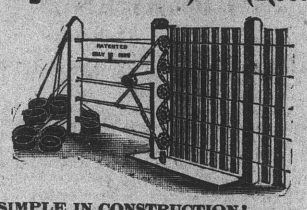

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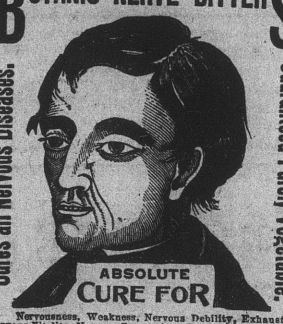


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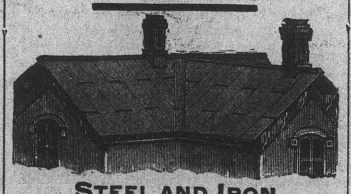

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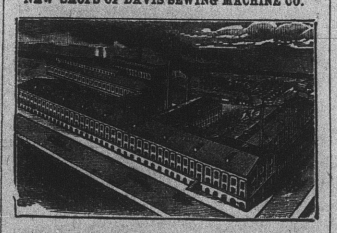

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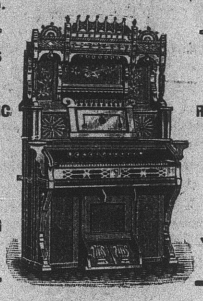

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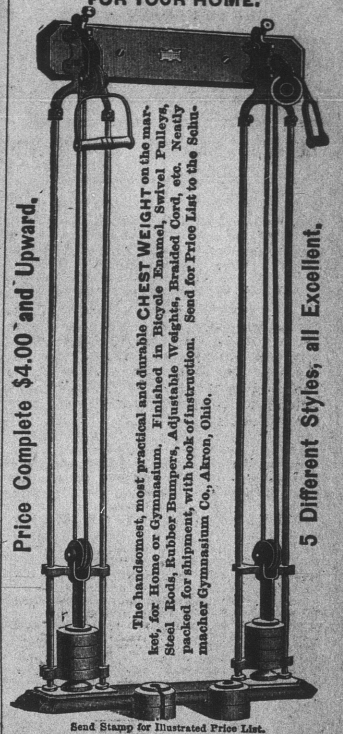

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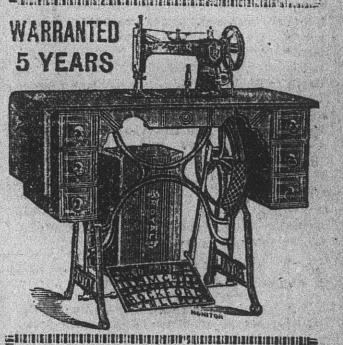

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