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The nimble nickel works wonders in all lines of trade, and the oftener it is turned the greater is the purchasing power in any line.

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Writing on the decline of the French language, M. Jean Finot points out that at the end of the last century French was the language spoken by the greatest number of civilized people, whereas now it stands fourth. English is spoken by 116,000,000, Russian by 85,000,000, German by 80,000,000, and French by 58,000,000.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

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Annually Says Take
Hood's Sarsaparilla

In the spring those Pimples, Boils, Eruptions and General Bad Feelings indicate that there are cobwebs in the system. It needs a thorough brushing, and the best brush is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which sweeps all humors before it. This great medicine eradicates Scrofula, subdues Salt Rheum, neutralizes the acidity which causes Rheumatism—in short, purifies the blood and thoroughly renovates the whole physical system.

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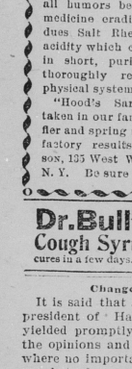
Is the best remedy for bronchitis. It relieves the troublesome cough at once, effects an easy expectoration and cures in a few days. Price 25c. at all druggists.

Changed the Place.

It is said that Jared Sparks, chosen president of Harvard college in 1849, yielded promptly and courteously to the opinions and wishes of the faculty where no important interest was at issue, but wherever the welfare of honor of the college or of its individual members was concerned, he adhered immovably to his own judgment. A case in point, says Doctor Peabody, in his "Harvard Graduates Whom I Have Known," occurred when Kossuth was making his progress through the country. Mr. Sparks was one of the few who were disinclined to pay homage. The then usual spring exhibition, normally held in the college chapel, was at hand, and it was understood that Kossuth would be present. The faculty voted unanimously, or nearly so, to hold this exhibition where the commencements were held, in the First Parish church. Mr. Sparks declared the vote, but added: "It is for you, gentlemen, to hold the exhibition where you please. I shall go to the chapel in my cap and gown at the usual hour." The vote, of course, was reconsidered.

A MOTHER'S STORY.

Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.



"MRS. PINKHAM:—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is flowing all the time, and has been for about three months. The doctor does her but very little good, if any. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use. I have become very much alarmed about her, as she is getting so weak."—MRS. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., May 21, 1899.

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NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—The Puritan maiden will remain beyond Easter, for she represents a fetching spring fashion.

THE PURITAN MAIDEN.

Demure as she looks, this fin de siecle Puritan, she may be a daughter of Marie Antoinette as well as of Priscilla, for, with all her quaintness, she does not lack coquetry.

Her kerchief is of gauzy chiffon, white or black or palest gray or blue, and it fastens above her bosom with a glittering brooch that would not be approved by the elders.

Or it becomes a fichu outright, and knots in front and falls to the waist, and knots again upon the hips and flutters where it will in long ruched and ruffled and lace-edged ends.

The Puritan maiden is the girl with the new scarf, and that it suits her to wear it with a gray Lenten gown and a modest poke hat adorned with spring flowers is just a part of the girl's charm and whimsically—these qualities being often one.

It is said that Miss Beatrix Hoyt, the famous girl golfer, was the first to wear the new scarf. Fashionable dressmakers are adapting it to costumes for the South, to bridesmaids' dresses for Easter weddings and to all manner of fresh and filmy summer gowns.

Tucks on Everything.

The vogue of the tuck is something startling. Everything is tucked from milady's hat to the bow on her dainty evening slipper.

The shirt waist revels in tucks until one is ready to vote the shirt which boasts none a sorry affair. Then there's the entire bodice, for evening wear or otherwise, which is tucked. And very beautiful it is. In some elaborate instances the entire dress is tucked to below the knees.

Then there's a mere tucked yoke; most dainty little finish in taffeta for a taut little blouse bodise. The tucked guimpe is the yoke plus sleeves, though it is tucked in the opposite direction—crosswise that is. The one pictured in the large illustration is of mousseline.

As we all know the world of lingerie rests on a foundation of tucks. A few ornament the plainer specimens, while the splendid sorts are masses of tucks, tucks bias, tucks straight, tucks in lattice effect, tucks without number.

So much for the tuck, and it seems that the "latest tuck" is to get as many tucks as possible.

Great Vogue of White.

As to colors there's a new choice.

It is white!

Time was when this color—or lack of it—was supposed to be the especial prerogative of babies and brides. Such is no longer the case. White has been declared ever so proper and modish, which means that everybody, from the debutante to your grandmother, is thus arrayed.

And it's rather a pity, since all the women in white and all the men in black give assemblages rather a dull appearance.

Belts For the Shirt Waists.

Belts for the new shirt waists are of the familiar little narrow-stitched bands of silk to match or of contrasting silk, when the waists are trimmed. When the waists are tucked lengthwise, the tucks on the sleeves going around, instead of lengthwise, are pretty, and make the arm look larger. Many of the sleeves are finished with a few little tucks across the top of the sleeves, such as have been worn for some time.

Style of the New Corset.

Corsets are important factors of dress. The new corset is absolutely straight in the front, curving in only at the sides and back. Corsets are left very loose at all points above the waist line, where they begin to tighten, and the hips are laced snugly. This gives the required decided dip in the front of the waist line. Everything is done to stand correctly that these lines may be produced.

Golden Ribbons.

Some beautiful new ribbons are woven of gilded threads and are soft, shining and wondrously flexible. They deserve their name of gold ribbons. If you buy them wear them at once and get the good of them instead of saving, because there is the possibility of their tarnishing, when the odor of the rusting metal becomes unpleasantly in evidence.

Wrought With Silver.

How showy is the waistcoat, collarband or fichu of white satin clouded with silver-wrought net! Sometimes the satin is wrought with silver and then the effect is liked almost as well. Silver cords are appliqued down to a white satin stock collar, and are also used to loop across from one silver button to another.

Tucks in the New Skirt.

A popular skirt for spring and summer wear is that which is tucked to fit the hips closely. The tucks are usually narrow, and depend to the knees or a little above. Here they terminate to form Vandyke points and a gracefully flowing flounce, which may or may not be ornamented with lace in applique designs.

Ways to Wear the Hair.

Many ladies are wearing their hair parted a little to the side, slightly waved, and a few soft curls straying over the forehead on one side only. Young girls dispense with the waving and fold the hair loosely on either side, so that it falls over in an artistic fashion, but a girl needs to be pretty to wear her hair this way.

Jackets For Spring.

Jackets for spring are very short and simple in style, finished with rows of stitching alone, or very narrow piping with stitching above. Some of them are doublebreasted, with handsome buttons for a finish. Eton coats are shaped down below the waist line in front much as they were made in the autumn.

SOME VARIATIONS OF TUCKING.

The Popularity of the Chain Purse.

Chain purses still continue to retain their hold on milady's fancy. Very pretty new ones for spring now on view have a hinged top with amethyst, topaz, turquoise and other bright-colored stones for ornament. Bright silver, French gray and oxidized finishes are all to be had.

A Novelty For Separate Waists.

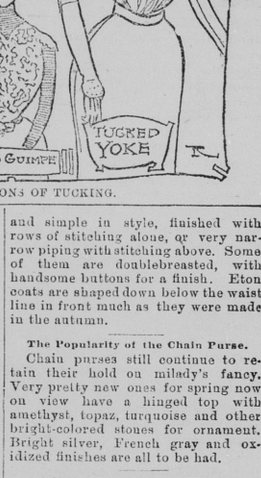
One of the novelties in material for separate waists is a plaid silk, either pale blue or pink and white, divided in diamond square with narrow Valenciennes lace insertion.

A Brace of Handsome Hats.

Here is a brace of spring hats, both pictured by Vogue, which is lovely enough to appeal to any feminine reader. One is in a dead old-rose straw, very soft and satiny, and is simply festooned with chrysanthemums. These beautifully-made flowers, looking very natural in the various shades of old rose, are bunched high at the left. The same design is carried out in other floral favorites and even followed with cherries and frosty grapes.

The second example is in black chiffon, its odd feature being the cut applique in point de Venise on the accordioned length which forms the brim. This is pleasing, as well as new, for the lace, being applied over the edges of the plaits, gives a rich depth rather than a flat effect.

The accordioned chiffon is merely drawn up with a swirl at the left.



TWO PRETTY SPRING HATS.

NATURE'S MIRACLE.

He who loves not a noble tree
No fellowship may claim from me.

Deep in the earth its great roots spread,
But heaven's own blue surrounds its head.

It holds the joy of summer morn,
The strength of winter's wildest born.

God's birds find shelter in its arms,
Secure from everything that harms.

It bows when south winds wander past,
But breasts unharmed the fiercest blast.

'Tis Nature's miracle to me,
Her fairest work—a noble tree.
—Ninette M. Lowater, in the New York Sun.

MOLLY'S DRESS.

BY MIRA L. COBBE.

Molly was determined to go to the party, and yet she knew she would be the worst-dressed girl in the room. Her frocks were shabby, and none of them more so than the one she would be forced to wear if she accepted Frank Gillman's invitation. With a deep sigh she rose from the bed where she had been lying thinking the whole matter over, and turned towards the tiny closet where all her dresses hung. Reaching into its musty recesses, Molly drew forth a much bedrabbled gray dress and looked at it sadly. When new the preceding summer it had served as a best gown, and in that capacity did enough service to have been placed upon the retired list, but Molly was not as considerate as that. With considerable ingenuity she had transformed the coat basque into a low-cut evening waist, and the long sleeves into pretty little puffs. Around the neck she had draped a little cheap chiffon, and above it her soft white neck had emerged like a lily. Now, however, the dress was creased and stained and the chiffon rumpled. She might afford new chiffon, but that would not cover the stains or a great tear in the skirt. All the other girls were going to have new dresses, but that was something beyond her scanty purse.

"Oh, dear," she sighed again, tossing the dress aside and sinking back on the bed, "if I were a girl in a story book I'd have some convenient garret to go to and there I'd find a handsome piano cover, or a lamp mat or a bedspread, or something equally useful, out of which I'd rig up a dress that would make all the other girls turn green with envy. As I am just Molly Fresbiss, a clerk on five dollars a week I can't have a new dress, oh, dear! Oh, dear!" and poor Molly buried her pretty face in her hands and sobbed little by. She was only 20, and it was so hard to deny herself all the things of her age most love. At last she roused herself, and sitting down wrote a courteous refusal to Frank Gillman's invitation, although her eyes were so blinded with tears that she could scarcely write the address. Not waiting, for fear she would change her mind, Molly caught up a shawl, and, throwing it around her, rushed out to the nearest letter box and dropped the letter in. As she saw it disappear she caught her breath, and would have given worlds to have recalled it, but it was too late, and she returned to her room very much depressed in spirits.

A boarding house is not the most cheerful place in the world, and Molly thought hers had never seemed so gloomy as it did that evening, and when she went to bed at last she sobbed herself to sleep.

The party upon which she had set her heart was not a great social event, but to her it was of vast importance. It was merely a dance given by the young men in the store where she was employed, and Frank Gillman was the floor walker of Molly's department. For some time she had noticed that he had paid her special attention, overlooking little things she said and did, but it was not until she had read his note, which was awaiting her when she reached home the preceding night, that she realized that he regarded her with any special favor.

When she took up her position behind the counter and tied her black apron about her waist, Molly saw that Frank's eyes were fixed upon her face, which still bore the traces of her weeping, and she tried to smile at him, but her eyes filled with tears. The young man noticed her emotion, but was too busy to go over and inquire into the cause of it for several hours. When he did so she had recovered her self-possession and merely laughed away his inquiries. When Frank received her little note, however, he began to understand that something was worrying her and he resolved to discover the cause of her depression. During the days which followed, however, Molly avoided him constantly, and he felt that he must have offended her in some manner or other, when he overheard a little conversation between another girl and her which enlightened him wonderfully. It was the day of the party, and all the girls were chattering about it upon every opportunity.

"Say, Molly," whispered one of the girls to Molly, as the two were sorting out some of their stock towards the close of the day, "what are you going to wear tonight?"

"I'm not going," Molly replied, with a little catch in her voice.

"Not going? Come, now, that's too bad. Didn't you get a bid?"

"Yes."

"Then why don't you go?" was the astonished question.

"Because I have no fit dress," Molly replied, the tears standing in her eyes. "I won't go in debt for anything, and you know I have nothing except what I earn, since my brother died last winter."

"Oh, that's too bad," returned her companion, carelessly, turning away to wait upon a customer, and Molly, after making a dab or two at her eyes, continued her work, unaware that Frank had been listening to her little confession. A few moments later she was waiting upon a disagreeable customer, and he was calling to the cash girls to hurry, yet he managed to give her a tender, bright smile as he passed, that lifted the heavy cloud which was hanging over her, and she started for home with an almost light heart. As she was hurrying along the street she heard some one call her name and, looking around, saw Frank. Her cheek flushed, and she looked as though she would have liked to have run from him. He gave her another tender look, saying, as he took her hand and drew it through his arm—

"Why didn't you tell me your reason for not accepting my invitation?"

"Because," Molly began, and then hesitated.

"I know what it was. I heard you telling Nelly this afternoon," Frank continued, looking down at her blushing face.

"Oh, gracious!" Molly said, half crying. "I wouldn't have had you know it for anything."

"And why not?"

"Because I wouldn't," Molly returned, striving to draw her hand away from his arm.

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She was sure, she said,
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That she had not the least inclination
To take to herself,
For love or for pelf,
A husband, no odds what his station.
She would talk every day
In a masterly way
(And her speech was as good as a tonic),
Of the beauty that lies
If we but ope our eyes,
In affection that's purely Platonic.

It was certain, she claimed,
Hearts would cease to be maimed
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