

LADIES' DEPARTMENT

THE SASH BELT.

The sash-belt is an elegant addition to the waist of the slim woman, but when it encloses a circumference of twenty-five or more inches it loses its fascination.

"SPOTS OF LIGHT."

What Edmund Russell calls "spots of light" are worn more than ever. They are solitary diamonds worn everywhere as well as on the finger.

HOW TO BECOME SWEET AS A ROSE.

Smart Parisian ladies furnish the drawers of their wardrobes with mattresses of satin in delicate shades, tied with satin ribbons and smelling deliciously of lavender, rose leaves, verbena, orris root and cloves.

HAIR UNDERGOING A REVOLUTION.

Hair is undergoing a revolution this season. It no longer should be trained into a sharp curly point between the eyebrows and then fringed and creped to meet the puffy chavelure just over the forehead.

THE SILK WAIST IS DOMINANT.

The silk waist dominates the mode. It is the bodice of most fashionable tailor gowns, which have the heavy coat for outdoor wear and the silk shirt beneath for home use.

"THE GRANDMOTHER'S BAG."

A fancy of the season is "the grandmother's bag," an ample, square bag, which for street use is made of black moire silk and sealskin leather.

RIDICULOUS DRESS REFORMS.

The dress-reformers are having considerable to say just now; the lamentable fashion of trailing the gown in the mud and filth of the street giving them great scope for their powers of eloquence.

The most salient feature of the gown was that it escaped the ground all around by a good five inches, which was about four too many. It was as ridiculous as the street-sweeping dresses are untidy and foolish.

FASHION NOTES.

Some beautiful dyes have been added to the color list.

The newest camel-hair fabrics are exceedingly handsome.

The Rubens hats are favored, as the brims are moderately wide.

The English walking-hat and the new saliers have rolling brims.

To a beautiful figure nothing is more becoming than a close, perfectly fitted bodice.

Much attention is given just now to costumes designed for receptions, grand dinners and teas.

Gloves are now embroidered to order. The favorite shades are all the tints of tan and yellow.

Light-green and pale chamois-yellow low felt hats are trimmed with black ostrich tips and a great quantity of handsome satin ribbon.

An English model in cloaks is made with straight Russian fronts, a Princess back and a glove-fitting vest, covered with Russian Arabesque trimmings in black copper and with tufts of seal-skin in the design.

A little cluster of zephyr curls not more than three inches in length is allowed to escape from the softly braided Grecian coilure arranged a little below the centre of the head in the back.

There is a new patent for fastening gloves. A clasp holds them at the wrist, and some stiken cords, which are said not to get out of order, are drawn together by pulling a strand to which the arrangement is attached.

The inartistic effect of light-colored gloves, except for dressy evening wear, is now acknowledged, and the pale heliotrope and coral colors of former days are almost forgotten.

Black tulle brocaded with pompadour bouquets are among the favored materials for Parisian party gowns. White moire striped with satin will be ventured for bridal gowns.

Imported dresses of French gingham, batiste, Indian muslin and linen lawn are made with elaborate bodices and simple skirts. These are models for summer gowns, and they are very dressy frocks, indeed, being fashioned like those of fancy silk and fine sheer wools.

Some Time Ago.

Studios Boy—Father, did you ever study arithmetic? Father (indignantly)—Of course I studied arithmetic.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

SEA-FOAM OMELET.

Separate the whites and yolks of three eggs. Beat the whites to the stiffest possible froth, add one-third to the yolks and mix thoroughly, adding half a teaspoonful of salt and two liberal dashes of white pepper.

ORANGE CHARLOTTE.

Orange charlotte is a most elegant and tasty preparation. Line the inside of a plain, round, straight-sided mold with sections of Tangerine oranges by dipping the sections into jelly just ready to firm and fixing them on the tin.

CARROTS IN SALADS.

Carrots boiled and cut into discs or strips are a help to many salads, especially a vegetable salad, writes Octave Thanet. The great attraction of a vegetable salad is that it can utilize all left over vegetables, being the most tolerant of salads.

MUTTON BROTH.

This may be made for the family table from the remains of a joint of mutton. For an invalid what is called the double neck, allowing a pint of water to a pound of meat, although a very cheap part, is the best and most juicy.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Almond meal is very softening and whitening to the skin.

Naphtha is good for cleaning kid gloves, but keep it away from the fire.

Ordinary ickling plaster makes a good remedy for corns, as it keeps them soft and prevents the rubbing.

Wash white flannel in cold water with suds made of white soap, and they will not shrink much nor look yellow.

Never sweep dust and dirt from one room to another, nor from upstairs to the lower part of the house.

A good dentifrice is made of two ounces of pulverized borax, four ounces of precipitated chalk, and two ounces of pulverized castile soap.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

FOLLOWERS OF JOHN WESLEY

Assembled in General Conference at Omaha. Summary of Proceedings.

MONDAY'S SESSION.

The third week of the Methodist Conference was ushered in with sunshine and balmy weather. Bishop Hurst presided this morning.

A resolution on Chaplains in the army and navy was offered by Dr. William Swindell and others. It directs that the bishops recommend to the President such members of the Methodist Episcopal Church as appointees in the Army.

The conference laid on the table the report of the Committee on Episcopacy relating to foreign residences. This defers Episcopal residents abroad. The committee's recommendation that no more bishops be appointed was adopted.

The voting question of amendments will soon be summarily disposed of if a memorial signed by men of the most eminent character receives the desired attention. They petition for the removal from the Discipline of all specification of improper and vicious amusements.

Bishop Doxey presided to-day. Each Bishop has presided once, now, and the list will be gone through again. The Committee on the State of the Church, in its report, condemns the Southern outcast and demands that congress take suitable action to suppress these growing unjust and inhuman acts.

Bishop Foster presided this morning. Several resolutions denouncing the conference in favor of equal representation of ministers and laymen, and asking that the conference be divided into two equal parts were received and referred to the Committee on Equal Representation.

The action of some members in hissing Dr. Tigert, the fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was discussed freely, and many unfavorable comments were heard. The great church is a member of the Southern white men. The dark-skinned delegates and their sympathizers did not believe this, and groans and hisses were directed at the speaker.

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It is to be remembered that this subject has not been presented to the conference by the committee and is not likely to be heard of during the session. The resolution as referred to is not in the agenda. That all specifications of amusements not to be taken be stricken out of the discipline so that it shall read instead, "taking such amusements as are obviously of misleading moral tendency or in disobedience to the order and discipline of the church."

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HOW THEY STAND.

Action of the States Conventions Regarding the Disfranchisement of Minors.

There will be 99 delegates at the National Republican Convention which meets at Minneapolis on the 7th of next month. Conventions have been held in all the States and districts.

Table showing the action of states conventions regarding the disfranchisement of minors. Columns include State, Total Delegates, and Disfranchisement.

TO DISPLAY AT THE FAIR.

List of the Nations and Colonies Which Have Decided to Exhibit.

Table listing nations and colonies that have decided to exhibit at the fair, including Argentina, Austria, Brazil, etc.

Heavy Snowfall in May.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 21.—Snow began falling here this evening. Advice from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota all report a heavy snow. At Pine City a blizzard has prevailed all day.

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PENNSYLVANIA PICKINGS.

SOME IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

Of Interest to Dweller in the Keystone State.

At the Beaver court Judge Wickham signed the necessary papers, changing the name of Vincent Lockerman Bradford Townsend, son of Hon. C. Townsend, to Vincent Lockerman Bradford. This was the name of his late grand-uncle who died in Philadelphia August 9, 1844.

The first street car accident in Albion since the electric system was introduced in July last, occurred when Mrs. Frank Shaffer walked in front of a car, which had approached unobserved. She was knocked down and dragged some distance.

The house and barn of Dr. T. L. Flood, editor of The Chautauquan, at Meadville, were burned.

H. KENNEDY'S slaughter house and stables at Albion, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,000, fully insured.

FRANK SULLIVAN died at Conneville from injuries received in the machinery of a grist mill.

ED. FITZPATRICK, of Oil City has a hen that laid an egg the other day which measured eight inches in circumference. Frank Mays of same place has an egg eight and a half inches in circumference, laid by one of his hens.

HARRY PAUL, a young German of Plymouth, who is working at a day's wage news of the death of his father in Germany, by which the young man falls heir to \$50,000. He ran away from home six years ago.

LAWSON J. W. SNEY, of the Lawrence Junction Hotel, near New Castle, has six well-trained tows, which he has been instructing for three months. The reptiles are trained to march, or hop, in squads to catch roaches. One has been trained to climb a ladder, while another turns the crank of a small churn.

ANNIE JOHNSON, at Johnstown, begun suit for divorce from his wife, Sarah, because she could not bake good bread and, incidentally, for faithlessness.

Mrs. ELLA KENNEDY, wife of Martin Kennedy, of Port Perry, while carrying her 4-month-old girl baby upstairs, tripped and fell. A lamp, which she was carrying, exploded, burning mother and child so that they died some hours later.

CHARLES KEENE sat on a keg of what he thought to be sawdust to put a rivet inside a boiler at the Philadelphia and Reading shops at Pottsville. The hot rivet fell, set the keg on fire, exploded the dynamite and probably fatally injured Keefe.

FARM LABORERS NEEDED.—Farm laborers in Berks and neighboring counties have never been so scarce for many years. Farmers apprehend the same trouble as last year, when some of the best crops have been lost when the harvest time arrived. To overcome this a movement has been started to communicate with the Castle Garden authorities to send to Eastern Pennsylvania several hundred industrious emigrants, German professed, who have been used to work on farms. In Berks county there have been instances where farmers gave up farming because of their inability to secure farm laborers.

The little son of Robert Byers, of Franklin township, near Uniontown, had his eyes blown out by two kegs of rock powder, which he exploded by throwing a lighted match into one of them. The powder had been left in an out-house. The child was blown 50 or 60 feet away. He is internally injured and will die.

The telegraph operator and ticket agent at the Baltimore and Ohio station at West Newton was attacked in his office by four unknown men and bound hand and foot. The till was robbed of a small sum.

Professor Lowrey, of Frederickburg, O., was elected principal of the Greenview, Pa., public school.

The Ministerial Association of New Castle, has recommended the abolishment of all public funeral displays on the Sabbath, and the exhibition of dead bodies at church or home, and that the officiating minister should be consulted before a definite hour be fixed for the funeral.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY STATISTICS.—The annual report of Secretary of Internal Affairs Stewart on railroads, street railways, canals and telegraph and telephone companies will be ready for distribution in a few days. The report is replete with statistics of great interest to the public. For the year 1893, 140 street railway companies made report; this year the number has been increased to 207. The returns show that the cost of these roads has been \$183,943,127.13. The combined length of lines is 983.32 miles, an increase during the year of 98.72. While the electric and canal systems are supplied with the horse cars, there are still 11,693 horses in use, an increase of 954 over the previous year. In 1890 there were carried 219,505,916 passengers. In 1891 the number was increased to 257,731,172. The total receipts for the year were \$12,633,483.97, an increase of \$1,174,218.10. Of this revenue \$7,388,945.42 have been expended in defraying the operation expenses. Twenty-two persons were killed and 121 injured during the year, and increase of two killed and three injured over the previous year. The total owned by the companies reporting is \$2,797,702.56. There are 34 more steam railway companies reported this year than last. Total length of roads, 11,744.78 miles, an increase of 988.33 miles over last year's figures. Capital stock paid in, \$830,320,82, an increase of \$39,548,703.17. The railroads of Pennsylvania are represented by more stock and bonds per mile than those of any other State. The aggregate cost of construction of railroads, \$1,413,352,335, or \$294,454,794.71 less than the combined amounts of capital stock and bonded debt, a rather peculiar condition of affairs. The number of railroad employes is 187,666. They received last year as wages, \$192,915,304.44, a per capita average of \$948.69. The total income of all Pennsylvania roads was \$284,352,379.44, an increase of \$15,000,000.00 over the previous year. Total expenses were \$245,522,426.02. There were 1,372 persons killed on the roads and 7,290 were injured. The nine canal companies that still make reports to the department show capital stock paid in of \$39,983,085, with a funded and floating indebtedness of \$40,480,488.50. The cost of the canals and their fixtures is given at \$30,180,622.21. The total receipts for the year are given at \$2,808,005.81, and the expenses at \$611,248.39. There are twenty-three telegraph and telephone companies in the State, three less than reported last year. The length of lines in miles is 190,294.81, an increase of 4,261.52. The length of lines in Pennsylvania is 11,088.07 miles. The receipts are given at \$24,277,443.11, an increase of \$35,132.82. The expenses are reported at \$17,337,011.05.

A woman in a circus parade at Reading the other day attacked its keeper in the cage and would have torn him to pieces had assistance not come quickly. The keeper was badly chewed up.

HENRY J. STALLER, editor and proprietor of the Gettysburg Compiler since 1845, died of apoplexy. He was 60 years old.

CHARLES STALLER, the 18-year-old son of John Stallar, a wealthy farmer living near York, was thrown from a horse he was riding and dragged until dead.