

The Fashions of the Century.

ECCENTRICITIES OF THE PAST ONLY ARE LACKING.

LOOKING back through the history of clothes from the year 1801 to the year 1901 it is easy to see that while different phases have repeated themselves from time to time, the fashions of to-day combine the beauties of the various stages of the past, omitting the eccentricities. The graceful, clinging skirt of the beginning of the last century, almost the same bolero, and a copy in the gown of 1900. The graceful fawn of 1838 serves as a model for our day while the voluminous skirts are happily passed by. Though expensive, it was not yet the crinoline, but the petticoat that was responsible for this particular feature. It is said that the skirts widened themselves to balance the width of the shoulders for this was the time of the pelerine. Sleeves, too, were larger, of necessity. Early in the '30's was an interesting epoch in the manners of the mere man, for then he was settling down to the simplicity of the present-day attire and dispensing with his elegant knee-breeches—this, however, only after a struggle between the practical and the ornate that had lasted since the close of the eighteenth century. By 1842 all gowns were trailing again. This was the time of the lace mitten and of the odd little parasols with long fringes and double handles.

Majuba Hill at Last. This illustration furnishes convincing proof that the British have at last reached the great goal of their desires—Majuba Hill—for here is the



picture of one standing on its summit. He might be taken for patience on a monument, so rigid and erect he stands, but, no, he is only a plain, every-day adjutant of the Nineteenth Hussars who attained to this proud eminence by the skillful use of his legs.

But what a memory to Brits here is Majuba Hill, where General Joubert, leading an undisciplined mob of Boers, broke a British square and at the same time almost broke the British heart. Here it was that independence was won, though it has since been lost, and here the "embattled farmers"

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PENSIONS GRANTED

Congressman Mariott Erosius Dead—Gettysburg National Park Commissioner's Report—Aged Embezzler.

Pensions have been granted as follows: George Wetherbee, Spartansburg, \$6; William Black, New Kensington, \$6; Jabez A. Condit, Amity, \$8; John Kyler, James Creek, \$8; Samuel Otto, Tipton, \$8; Elijah Palmer, Everett, \$17; Thomas D. Omney, Bellefonte, \$8; Joseph W. Appleton, Industry, \$8; John Anderson, Bellefonte, \$12; James Wyble, Howard, \$12; Isaac Shaw, Mercer, \$50; William C. Johnson, Rice Landing, \$10; H. H. Cupples, Houtzdale, \$8.

Congressman Mariott Erosius, of Lancaster, chairman of the committee on banking and currency, died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning from a stroke of apoplexy. He was stricken at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. He at once became unconscious and remained in that condition until death. At no time was there any hope entertained for his recovery.

The Standard Glass Company's plant, located near Greensburg, was totally destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Within the past few months over \$15,000 worth of repairs had been placed on the works. The cause is thought to have been an explosion of gas. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, said to be fully covered by insurance.

Three deeds involving the transfer of 25,000 acres of coal land in Shade and Stony Creek townships, have just been recorded at Somerset. The purchasers are Thomas J. Hayward, of Baltimore, who represents a syndicate of New York and Baltimore capitalists. The price was \$279,000. Big operations are promised soon.

The annual report of the Gettysburg National military park commission shows that 225 mounted cannons have been placed on the field, and that 370 monumental tablets and about 700 monuments have so far been erected, making Gettysburg one of the best marked battlefields in the world.

The Berwind-White Coal Mining Company has posted notices at their mines at Windber, Osceola Mills and Horatio, that the scale granted April 1, 1902, will be continued until April 1, 1902. The company employs 10,000 men, 25 per cent of whom are organized.

Three children of Guy Williams, Washington county, aged 1, 3 and 5 years, were burned to death while the father was falling timber on his farm. The mother had gone to Connelville to do some trading, leaving the children in the house at play.

Tons of rock suddenly caved in at Slippery Rock colliery, near Shamokin, and two miners, George Ramsey and William Blyer, were caught and buried under the mass. Ramsey was found dead, but Blyer was alive and may recover.

Cyrus M. Ludwick, ex-cashier of the Freeport bank, has confessed that he, and not his son Charles, is a defaulter. The confession was made to Isaac Guckenheimer, who afterward stated that the exact amount of the shortage was \$25,062.

The strike of 500 men at the Hickory colliery, Shamokin, operated by the Union Coal Company, ended by the employees returning to work. All non-union men joined the United Mine Workers.

Miss Mollie Ross, of Uniontown, aged 78 died from heart disease, believed to be due to the fact that several years ago she was bound, gagged and tortured by members of the notorious Cooley gang in an effort to rob her of her savings.

Prof. John W. Springer, of the Beaver High school, has been elected to a chair in the preparatory department of Geneva college, at Beaver Falls, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Prof. Smith.

John Jents is dead at Renovo, Clinton county, aged over 100 years. He was born in Prussia June 24, 1800, and had lived in this county for the past thirty-five years.

The women of the United Brethren Church of Greensburg propose during the present Lenten season to raise \$100 for a mission school in the Philippines. They have each pledged themselves to contribute a dollar, which must be earned by them.

Mrs. Saloma Myers, who brought suit against the borough of Greensburg for \$3,000 damages for injuries sustained by a fall December 30, 1898, by tripping on a loose board in the sidewalk, received a verdict of \$2,000.

Consumption was placed on the list of contagious diseases by the board of health of Philadelphia, and physicians must now report to the health officer all cases and deaths.

The Pittsburg Wall Paper Company's factory, located at New Brighton, has just broken the factory record, making over 70,000 rolls of wall paper in one day.

Henry J. Bishop, a well-known tailor, has been arrested at Greenville on the charge of burglary. The information was made by Ellis Bros., whose store has been entered on four occasions during the last two weeks.

Mary Butler, the colored girl who is mail carrier between Uniontown and Jamonville, has been appointed postmistress of the new postoffice at the foot of the mountains.

The Loller in Albert Douy's portable steam sawmill, near Rebersburg, exploded, blowing the mill to atoms and injuring three men.

Samuel Martin, of near Waynesboro, who is an extensive hog-raiser, says that over 2,000 pigs were killed in Franklin county this winter by the cold. Many farmers were left very short of pigs, and the loss is considerable.

The finding of \$16,000 in the chimney corner of a cabin occupied by Sabine Beers, near Madison, has caused many women from all parts of the country to forward claims for it.

Fire damaged the Beaver county General hospital at Rochester to the extent of about \$5,000. The building was a two-story structure of 12 rooms.

A Preacher's Predicament.

A few weeks ago a noted minister went to one of the local railroad stations to meet a friend, says a Cleveland paper. Upon entering the station and looking around he saw an elegantly dressed woman, who apparently was about to board a train.

She was carrying a number of parcels in her arms, and besides had with her three of four children that with great difficulty she was trying to help along. The clergyman approached the lady and offered his assistance, which she accepted, afterward thanking him very graciously for the kindness. The train moved out of sight, and he went on his way thinking of the endless opportunities one has for doing good, when all at once he discovered that he was carrying a beautiful silk umbrella with pearl and gold trimmings. The reverend gentleman is now enduring distress of mind, fearful that the victim of his absent-mindedness may some day discover him in the pulpit.

Fablie Bequests Made Last Year.

During the year recently ended the total amount of public bequests in this country was \$62,461,644, against \$79,749,965 in 1899. The amount given to educational institutions in 1900 was \$34,932,644; to charities, \$13,621,123; to churches, \$5,800,605; to museums and art galleries, \$2,145,333, and to libraries, \$2,961,000.

Distribution of Victoria's Wealth.

It is reported in England that Queen Victoria's will bequeathes \$700,000 each to the Duke of Connaught, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Louise and Princess Beatrice, and includes liberal legacies for the Duchess of Albany and a number of the late queen's grandchildren. The bulk of her private fortune, however, goes to King Edward, and both Balmoral and Osborne Houses are given to the king. Two small houses on the Osborne estate are given to Princess Beatrice.

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OUTDOOR FASHIONS OF THE LAST CENTURY

By 1800 the tide had turned, the skirts were wide and the shoulders narrow. By '68 the crinoline had ceased to exist, and the revolution from width resulted by about 1876 in the peculiarly monstrous costume of that day. In the crinoline our grandmothers could scarcely sit down. In '76 their daughters could neither walk nor sit with any ease.

Even so late as 1805, the huge over-balancing sleeves put to flight the ideas of grace and symmetry. The accompanying illustration is from the Gentlewoman.

In men's attire, 1840 was the age of the gorgeous waistcoats, while at that time the tall silk hat supplanted the beaver, the new species coming from Paris and very rapidly becoming a permanent institution, though abused during all these intervening sixty years.

A Prehistoric Elopement.

Faster and faster sweeps the glistening cave-man to and fro; lower and rearser grows the crooning-song. Dazed with the motion of her head from side to side to watch the ever-changing love-play, she does not heed the player's gradual approach, when with a sudden spring he dashes in upon her, seizes her with his strong arms, and drags her screaming, struggling down the sloping path.

But the glamour is dispelled, and, alive to the instinct of self-defence, the woman bites and struggles, and in her young strength proves no easy conquest. Driven to desperate measures, the cave-man seizes from the ground a stone, stuns her with a sudden stroke, and as she throws up her arms to fall, seizes her about the waist, and, casting her lightly across his shoulder, hastens down the path.

Down through the leafy, sunlit glades he strides, bearing the warm and yielding burden of senseless flesh, the nerveless arms adown his back, and the yellow hair streaming to the ground; and the forest, with its green depths, closes about them.—Dr. Merick Whitcomb, in "New" Lippincott.

of the Transvaal drove the British soldiery like sheep before them. Much has happened down in South Africa since that time, and despite their sharpshooting, which won them the victory at Majuba, the Boers have in the main been defeated, and at last Majuba has been "avenged," though the memory of its disaster can never be effaced.

Quaint Customs in Shetland.

The only part of the United Kingdom in which the old style of reckoning time is adhered to is the archipelago of Shetland, and there Sunday, January 15, was New Year's Day.

But Sunday being with the natives a strict dies non for business or for pleasure, the next day witnessed the high jinks incident to the occasion. These included processions of "guisers," or mummers, and the drinking of various strange toasts, such as "Helt to man and death to da grayfish," and the health of the twelve apostles.

In Shetland the remnants of the old Norse language linger to such a degree that the dialect is almost a sealed book—even to Scotsmen. The last specimen of the great auk whose eggs are now valued at something like 100 guineas apiece, was done to death there, but the little auk still retains a precarious footing on the lonely islet of Foula.—London Daily Mail.

Ah!

Mrs. Greene—"Notwithstanding Mr. Snarler is a man of good judgment, I notice that everybody is going into ecstasies about that picture of Mahstick's, and you know Snarler said it was a perfect daub."

Mr. Greene—"I didn't say his judgment was good. I merely said he was a distinguished art critic."—Boston Transcript.

A new electric railway is under construction in Germany. One hundred and sixty miles an hour is the maximum of speed which, it is hoped, will be attained on the road.

DEATH

begins in the bowels. It's the unclean places that breed infectious epidemics, and it's the unclean body—unclean inside—that "catches" the disease. A person whose stomach and bowels are kept clean and whose liver is lively, and blood pure, is safe against yellow fever, or any other of the dreadful diseases that desolate our beautiful land. Some of the cleanest people outside are filthiest inside, and they are the ones who not only "catch" the infections, but endanger the lives of all their friends and relatives. There's only one certain way of keeping clean inside so as to prevent disease and that is to take CASCARETS. Perfect disinfectant and bowel strengtheners. All diseases are

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