

Who reach their three-score years and ten As I have mine, without a sigh, Are either more or less than men— Not such am I.

Men would not hear me then, and now I care not, I accept my fate. When white hairs thatch the furrowed brow Crowns come too late!

This time she did not ward him off. "No woman wants to be loved for any other reason," she said; "and I shan't mind the money and things any more."

The Knot in the Pearls.

She was young and remarkably pretty, with the prettiness that is quite unmistakable and generally acknowledged, that can even triumph over a frown that is not quite fresh or a style of hair-dressing that is not altogether suitable.

have seen him—and he only posted it into his pocket. Having been written to her, it was sacredly hers, and to have it about him gave him a feeling of pleasure he acknowledged with a laugh, and for once did not try to account for in words.

"And then?" She still hesitated. "By then," he amended. "Oh, I'd like to finish," she said, bravely. "By then, I was so anxious for your letters I couldn't untie it. You see," she almost whispered, "my heart was caught in the knot and it wouldn't untie until you helped me."

DEBT FORGIVEN DRIED HER EYES.

Western Widow Displayed Undoubted Talent in Note Transaction.

At a meeting of bankers in Clay Centre F. P. Blake, responding to the toast "Securities," told of a pretty young widow who got into financial straits and borrowed from his bank \$20 on the security of a fine Jersey cow, says the Kansas City Journal.



Good for Tired Nerves.

When you feel fagged try the harmless stimulant of hot milk. Heat the milk till a skin begins to wrinkle on the top of it, and then drink it in sips. You'll find it wonderfully refreshing when you are feeling "fagged out," and it will do you more good than the best beef tea, for hot milk is both nourishing and stimulating, whereas beef tea is only the latter.

About Sleeves.

In making a new sleeve or in altering an old one there is one general scheme. The fulness which appears at the elbow and below is either pleated in or shirred in from the shoulder nearly to the elbow. As to the cuffs, into which this fulness is caught, there are two styles, either a broad, narrow cuff or a deep and tremendous flaring one, reaching almost to the elbow. This holds good for coats and coat suits especially. For shirt waists suits the narrow cuff is more popular.

High Crowns in Women's Hats.

Once more we are confronted with the problem—a return to higher crowns imminent? One or two first rate firms answer this in the affirmative, whereas others of equal importance flout the idea altogether. The same uncertainty prevails with respect to the much talked of revival of small toques and bonnets. They undoubtedly have a following, both in the millinery world and with the public, but whether this is sufficient to ensure them an all-round success, remains to be seen.—Millinery Trade Review.

Vassar's Queen of Beauty.

Of all the women's colleges Vassar usually has the prettiest students, although beauties are rarely of an intellectual turn of mind. An exception is one of the seniors of this year. She is Miss Edith Randall of Bay City, Mich., and she was chosen the prettiest girl in her class. Miss Randall is tall and blonde, and her Michigan friends call her a "typical Gibson girl."

To Reduce the Waist.

Lie supine, the arms at the sides. Raise first one leg and then the other until the knee is on a level with the waistline. Let the movement be slow at first, and afterward as quickly as possible, and do not exceed six times for the first week. After two weeks, let the movements continue until the legs are tired.

Next, lie prone, the arms parallel with the sides and the hands resting on each side of the bust; then, without moving the legs, rise slowly until the arms are perfectly straight. This action will be felt at the waist and in the arch of the back.

The next exercise should not be attempted until the two first described are done with perfect ease. Lie prone with arms and legs stretched apart as far as possible, then lift both limbs at the same time, raising them until the body is supported only by that part below the waist. Rest between each movement.—American Queen.

Amphibious Children.

Ways of keeping the babies comfortable these breathless days are as hard to come by as recipes for cooling beverages that call for less than five pounds of ice, says an exchange. One desperate woman found that her own strength was not equal to giving the two small boys in her nursery the number of cold baths they seemed to need during the day. She determined to let them play Roman bath all day long and run the chance of getting pneumonia as an evil only equal to asphyxiation from the heat. Her bathroom is big and bright, and the tub is a generous modern affair. It was filled one-third with tepid water, into which was thrown a few handfuls of sea salt, such as is sold for bathing purposes.

The sweltering small boys were then given permission to hop in and out of the tub and make the bathroom their playground for the day. Nothing more delightful had ever been proposed to the pair, and they spent a moist and pleasant Sunday, sailing boats, playing whale and otherwise disporting themselves in their tiled playground, where anything could be spilled and where the full-dress uniform was of tropical simplicity.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Mother in the Home Circle.

The mother ought under all circumstances to cultivate the utmost confidence of her children until they take pleasure in whispering into her ears all matters pertaining to their private associations and personal experiences. No child ought to keep any secret from

the mother. And there are many things of which children are ignorant that the mother in her own delicate way is the only one qualified to impart to them the proper knowledge concerning such matters. If she does not do it, then some indiscreet outside person will volunteer to them the information; and it will be done in such a way as to lower the tone of innocency in the minds and hearts of these unsuspecting boys and girls. But the wise mother can take her children into her confidence and give them all the facts necessary for them to know and leave them untainted by evil thoughts and suggestions. No mother's false modesty ought to prevent her from doing her full duty in such requirements, for she may rest well assured that there are others always ready to tell to her children questionable things and in a harmful way enlighten them on delicate matters. But if she is a wise mother she will not permit outsiders to steal the confidence of her children and thus make their minds impure right on the threshold of their experience.—New Orleans Uicayune.

The Summer Fashions.

In the summer styles long, flowing lines, sloping shoulder effects, quaint collars and berthas are extremely picturesque, and never before have materials lent themselves with such grace to the fashionable modes. There is no end to the variety of collars, pelerines, and other waist garnitures in lace. The embroidered lilies exhibited express in the highest degree the present luxurious trend of fashion; they are unquestionably the novelty of the season. The pure white and creamy batistes and mulls are beautiful enough this season to fashion a gown for the most exclusive function; they are procurable in both plain and embroidered effects. Gowns of all grades are shown and are especially well liked for morning frocks. Daintiness and simplicity are the chief considerations in their make-up. Lingerie dresses evolved from the sheers and finest of lawns, organdies, batistes and handkerchief lilies are elaborate enough for the most formal occasions. No more serviceable dress can be found than one of a thin silk of Japanese or China weave, for, when soiled, it can be washed perfectly. Fashion has decreed that the summer wardrobe must contain a loose white coat of some sort, and the practical woman will make it of canvas. In the street frock—the tailor mode—white canvas is ultra-smart. Fans of lace, gauze, feathers and flowers will be carried this summer. Summer gloves are an important item in the outfit and are shown in both silk and linen and really fit the hand better than kid.—The Delineator.

Making Slip Covers.

It's decided economy to cover one's furniture in the summer. Besides, it's so much cooler and restful that this feature alone is a paying one. Everything possible should be done in hot weather to save one's nerves and conserve energy. And a hot, stuffy environment makes not only for mental anguish, but for actual physical discomfort. Belgium linens are the best materials to select. They are heavy and wear well. All slip covers should be calendered on the under side to prevent the goods from rubbing the fine damask or other materials of the furniture it protects.

Slip covers should be made full to allow for shrinkage. They need not look baggy if cut properly, but with the correct allowance made, there will be none of that puckered, drawn look so often seen after laundering.

The binding should be shrunk before putting on. Worsted binding is the kind usually employed, and this shrinks more than the linen. Consequently, if it is put on without being shrunk, the first trip to the wash tub brings back a puckered, unsightly slip cover.

A good cutter is essential to success, for the slips must be as carefully fitted to the shape of the furniture as is a gown to its wearer's figure. The best materials can be ruined by a poor cutter.

The stuff should be laid on the furniture and cut, then and there, following the outline of the furniture, and pinned together while still in place on the article to be covered.

Two sewings are necessary for a good job, one for the material and one to put the braid on. Some do this all at the one sewing. But it is a case where haste makes waste. The two sewings make the cover doubly strong.

And slip covers get a deal of hard wear, especially if there are children in the family.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Point the hour hand of your watch to the sun, and south is exactly halfway between the hour hand and the figure XII on the watch, counting forward up to noon, but backward after the sun has passed the meridian. For instance, suppose that it is 8 o'clock, point the hand indicating 8 to the sun, and the figure X on the watch it due south.

The current in motor nerves, says Professor Mathews, shows a marked fluctuation if the tip of the nerve be dipped into acids, alkalies or salt solutions. The acids quickly depress the current, alkaline salts increase it. The current may thus be many times abolished by acids and reappear on dipping into sodium hydrate. This is due to the electrical charges in the dissociated atoms.

Important tests of the fatal proportion of carbonic oxide in the air have been made by Professor Mosso at the Turin Physiological Institute. A heroic subject was confined three times in a hermetically sealed iron chamber, the air of which was mixed first with 1-323d of carbonic oxide, then with 1-285th, and lastly with 1-233d. On the last experiment the man ceased to breathe, being restored only by oxygen.

Through a series of investigations in the University of California Dr. Joel Stebbins, fellow of the Lick Observatory, has made the discovery that the variable star Omicron Ceti, which has been known to vary at certain intervals since 1596, is at present undergoing extraordinary fluctuations and a variation of brightness of at least 7,000 times its ordinary intensity. The discovery is of unusual value to the astronomical world because the scientists had believed the star to be inert.

A recently invented automatic life belt is made of rubber and when flat contains a chemical. The whole is strapped about the body of a passenger, and in the event of a shipwreck or accident the wearer is to throw himself overboard. Valves open automatically and permit a small quantity of water to enter the belt. This water coming in contact with the chemical (which is probably calcium carbide) forms a gas which inflates the belt and causes it to act as a regular life buoy.

Facts About Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, 1850, of Irish parents. First employment, messenger boy at 61 cents a week. Early education at night school in Glasgow. Ran away to America at 15, having saved money for storage passage. Worked two years on South Carolina farm. Came to New York earning passage as stoker. Stoked to Glasgow, being without money. Went to London with \$400 saved by his parents. Opened small general store in which he was clerk, bookkeeper and delivery boy. Business developing he opened others, and then still more. Incorporated as Lipton, Limited. He now owns nearly 450 stores throughout England. Fortune estimated at over \$50,000,000. His income \$7,500 a minute. His business watchword, "Advertising is the Life-Blood of Trade." Owns packing houses in Omaha and Chicago. Knighted after the Queen's jubilee in 1898. Given baronetcy in 1902. Bought the yacht Britannia from the Prince of Wales (now King Edward), who was forced to raise money, and gave it back to him. Contributed \$125,000 for the Princess of Wales (now Queen Alexandra) dinner to the poor of London at the time of the Queen's jubilee. Residence—Osidge, Southgate, England.—World.

Social Customs in Mexico.

Ladies do not attend the funerals. Children kiss the hands of their parents. The host is served first at table. The bridegroom purchases the bride's trousseau. Feminine friends kiss on both cheeks when greeting or taking leave. Gentlemen speak first when passing lady acquaintances on the street. The sofa is the seat of honor and a guest waits to be invited to occupy it. Men and women in the same social circle call each other by their first names. When a Mexican speaks to you of his home he refers to it as "your house." When you move into a new locality it is your duty to make the first neighborly calls. When friends pass each other on the street without stopping they say adios (good-by). Even the younger children of the family are dressed in mourning upon the death of a relative. Daily inquiry is made for a sick friend, and cards are left or the name written in a book with the porter. Dinner calls are not customary, but upon rising from the table the guest thanks his host for the entertainment. Mexican gentlemen remove their hats as scrupulously upon entering a business office as in a private residence. After a dance the gentleman returns his partner to her seat beside her parents or chaperon and at once leaves her side.—Modern Mexico.

A general strike seemed imminent among the German coal miners. The Bricklayers' International Union has a membership of over 80,000. Philadelphia textile works employ 6008 children under sixteen years of age. Applications for three charters in Porto Rico have been received by the National Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Striking shoe operatives at Montreal, Can., have returned to work, their strike resulting in an ignominious defeat for the organization.

It is reported that the Western Union contemplates an advance to its operators which will average \$5 a month. About 5000 men will be affected. A number of firms in Wheeling, W. Va., have refused to concede the demands of the union tinner. The latter's strike has been dragging on in consequence since April 1. It is expected that it will be but a few months when a sufficient number of schoolteachers are organized in various parts of the country to warrant the formation of a national organization.

Carpenters at Toledo, Ohio, who were holding out for thirty-seven and one-half cents an hour, have compromised on thirty-five cents. This agreement lasts for a certain period, when the advanced scale goes into effect. Under agreements signed by the Hotelkeepers' Association and the Waiters' Union at Chicago, 6000 employees receive a ten per cent. advance in wages and improved working conditions. The agreements run until August 1, 1905.

During 1902 labor disputes in the United Kingdom were fewer than in the preceding year, but they affected a greater number of workpeople than in the preceding five years. The time lost, however, was less than in 1901, and was below the average of the last five years.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Herr Kubelik, the violinist, reached his twenty-third year a few days ago. Senator Cockrell possesses a remarkable memory. He never forgets a face. President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to attend the Frontier Association reunion at Cheyenne, Wyo. Venetian friends of Pope Pius X. said that he looks ten years older than he did before his election to the Pontificate.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Dublin, Ireland, the sum of \$140,000 toward the erection of a free public library.

Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, President of the university, has sailed from San Francisco, Cal., for a two-year tour of the world.

"Kid" Lavigne is teaching Frenchmen how to box. He has many pupils at his school in Paris. Billy Lavigne, his brother, is running a club in Seattle.

Probably the oldest public officer in the Nation is Judge John Slaughter, assistant to the State librarian of Wyoming, who has just passed his ninety-fourth birthday.

King Charles I. of Rumania, who recently celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of his coronation, is described as "one of the wisest and most beloved monarchs of the time."

Charles Stevens, Secretary of the Anti-Vaccination League of Minneapolis, Minn., died from smallpox. He had frequently denounced vaccination as inefficient and a barbarous practice.

Joseph Wingate Folk, who has been mentioned as a Presidential possibility in the Democratic ticket, is the young Circuit Attorney of St. Louis who successfully pushed the recent "hoodie trials" of that city.

Mary E. Wilkins (Freeman) made at one time the curious discovery that in writing to her intimate friends she unconsciously imitated the handwriting of the person she addressed. This is an unusual form of plagiarism.

A Life-Saving Kite.

Of late years the kite has emerged from the position of a mere toy, and has been successfully employed for meteorological observations at high altitudes. A more recent application of the kite principle is as a life-saving appliance to be carried on shipboard, its particular duty being to establish communication between a stranded vessel and the adjacent shore. It stands to reason that a ship in this position generally has the assistance of the wind in carrying anything shoreward, and it would be far easier to launch a kite under such conditions than it would be to fire a rocket in the reverse direction. The kite carries a guide rope and contains in a pocket a set of signals and instructions. It is also furnished with apparatus for telephonic communication between the crew and their would-be rescuers. But we must confess that, seeing the frequent difficulty of telephonic conversation ashore in a quiet office, we can hardly believe that it would be possible in a howling tempest. The kite is the invention of Comte Brossard, and it is said to have been tried with success at Toulon and at Brest.

Golden eagles are increasing in the Scottish highlands, owing to the efforts made by large landowners for their preservation.

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