



WORLD OF WOMEN

Germany's Leading Woman Novelist. Clara Viebig, is the most widely read of Germany's women novelists.

Does the Piano Ruin the Nerves? An eminent Berlin nerve specialist, who had his attention attracted to the chronic nervousness of many pianists,

Scarpology. A new method of character interpretation called scarpology is attracting attention in Europe. The art is based on the assumption that the condition of the shoes of any person will tell the wearer's character.

The Treatment of Wrinkles. Our grandmothers used to date the period of their lost girlhood by the first wrinkle, but the woman has to be seen nowadays who would have the courage to say that with her first wrinkle comes old age.

Showering Bath Brush. The shower bath is now in more general use than it has ever been before, for the reason that it is regarded as more sanitary and less wasteful of water than the so familiar tub, and, at the same time, the invigorating effects of the bath under a sprinkler is said to be much greater.

Velvet circles and collars are now correct when they match instead of contrast with the material house gowns.

The advantage of a supply of water applied as the brush is moved back and forth over the surface of the skin will

be apparent to any one. Take the brush out and there is a shower attachment which can be held over the head or directed as desired by the bather to any portion of the body.—Philadelphia Record.

Built Sun Room in Her House. A woman who is superintending the building of a new home is adding a sun-room to the apartments of the house. When her friends have asked her who is the invalid of the family for whom it is presumably designed, she has replied: "There is no invalid, and I am hoping, by means of this very room, that there may be none. We build greenhouses for the plants we love, because they grow best in the sunlight, but the human plants of our household, those we love the dearest, are often ignorantly tucked away in north, sunless rooms, and we wonder that they languish. This sun-room which we have made is on the second floor, facing east and south, and an architect has worked it into a corner of the house-plan by which the numerous windows that are especially large and close together are set in a sloping roof. The room is arranged so that in case of illness it can be conveniently used independently of the rest of the house. The walls are painted and the floor is of hard wood, and will, of course, have no carpet, or even rugs, to gather dust and germs. Where the floor and walls join the builder has made a curve, as is done in modern hospital buildings, instead of the usual right angle. The furniture is to be very simple. Some comfortable cane chairs and settees and a few cushions with washable covers. We mean to use the room as much as possible each day. The children can study there, and in winter particularly I hope for good results to us all from much living in my sun-parlor. For this reason I have had it placed near the other rooms of the house that we may get in the way of going there."—Theodosia Morgan, in Table Talk.

The New Little Girl. We have, sir, within the past half century effected an enormous advance in many lines. We have women's colleges, we have kindergartens, we have flats, we have bridge whist and automobiles, we have clubs for the purpose of obviating the frightful necessity on the part of men and women to live at home. Countless diversions and dissipation obtrude themselves upon lives which might be earnest, and render them frivolous and empty! Hired nurses rear the children of the opulent. Where, meanwhile, is the rod without which in my youth the child spoiled? Where is childish modesty, parental instruction, the salutary enforcement of obedience? Do we by erasing fear from our domestic systems insure for the future anything more promising than ungovernable, ungoverned and ungoverned maturity?

A female child approached me not long ago on the street. An air of refinement and good breeding attended her. I paused and pleasantly observed her. "Hello, grampa," the child exclaimed. "Has anybody seen our cat?"

"No," said I. "Then so long," said the female child. This, sir, I presume, is the result of our system of allowing children to develop along the lines of least resistance.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Fashion Notes. Initial sash pins represent a recent fad in jewelry. Seaweed is the name given a new reddish color of decidedly unusual effect.

For evening wraps the new zibeline and plush cloths in white have the preference, although silver-gray is a much admired tint.

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

New York City.—Military coats appear to have taken the world of fashion by storm and are exceedingly chic. This one, designed by May Manton, is



MISSIE'S MILITARY COAT.

peculiarly well adapted to girlish figures and includes the deep cape that is a marked characteristic, with wide sleeves gathered into flaring cuffs. As illustrated the material is military blue, cheviot stitched with Corticelli silk, piped with velvet and trimmed with the brass buttons of the army. Varying shades of blue are, however, equally correct and all colors are seen, while smooth faced cloths as well as rough

A Late Design by May Manton.



are used. The original is made with a velvet standing collar, but one of the material can be substituted or the roll-over collar can be used if preferred.

The coat consists of the fronts, back, side backs and under-arm gores. Both fronts and back are laid in outward turning tucks which are stitched flat for their entire length, those of the back lapping over onto the side backs and concealing the seams. The cape is cut in two portions and is shaped to fit smoothly over the shoulders with extensions that lap over below that point. The full sleeves are gathered to form puffs above the wrists and are held by the wide cuffs. The closing is made in double breasted style.

Two really exquisite toilettes shown recently are worth hearing about, but they were so lovely that it is difficult to do justice to their beauty in sober black and white. The first was in the costliest satin in the palest shade of lime-leaf green, enriched with gigantic sprays of foliage shimmering with crystal beads, lined with silver and embroidered in silver and pale green chenille. The seams were all outlined with the crystal and silver beads, and the back breadth was made of white lace. The bodice was in pale green chiffon veiled with white lace, and the décolletage edged with the passementerie foliage had a fairy bow of green chiffon in the centre. The sleeve was principally made of two glittering shoulder straps, with a fall of delicate lace beneath. The second toilette was in water-blue satin, almost covered with an embroidery of little Japanese lilies, rendered in silver and irrides-

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

The great artist is the slave of his ideal.—Bovee. Toleration is good for all, or it is good for none.—Burke. Too elevated thoughts often unfit a man for society.—Chamfort. Pleasure is a bubble that never lasts as long as it takes to make it. A clear conscience is of inestimable value; its worth is above rubies. The power of man can hang no weight on the pendulum of time. There is a difference between being overcome of sin and coming over to sin. The greater the vanity of a man's pretensions the more vain he will be of them. To misjudge another is an awful shock to the vanity of the average individual. Adversity is the diamond dust heaven polishes its jewels with.—Leighton. There are many things in which our senses are like a sun-dial at night.—Ram's Horn. The only trouble with using one's common sense is that one may be convinced that one hasn't any. All love literature to the contrary notwithstanding we must look upon broken hearts as imaginary ills. An average convalescence is a series of more or less successful attempts to again catch onto life's merry-go-round.

LITERATURE AND WALKERS.

Where Many Writers Drew Their Inspirations. If one comes to think of it, how much literature owes to the country walk, writes Arnold Haultain in Atlantic Monthly.

Presidential Baby Naming. President Roosevelt has been more "named after" than any president in the country save Washington. If the present ratio of naming babies for our strenuous chief executive continues for ten years, Theodore Roosevelt will be more deserving the title of "father of his country" than any of his predecessors.

Newsy Cleanings. Uncle Sam's printing bill amounts to \$6,000,000 a year. Florida's orange and pineapple crop is estimated at \$2,500,000. The Republic of Panama has reduced its postal rates fifty per cent.

Peril in the Handkerchief. It is in fact a grave sanitary question whether the handkerchief does not do more harm than good, as it is ordinarily used. When we assume that the healthy nose does not need to be wiped, we face a reasonably broad proposition as to the danger of the handkerchief as a disease propagator.

Fire Set by Sun's Rays on Glass. A correspondent, commenting on a paragraph recently published in the San Francisco Chronicle reporting the burning of a haystack near Monteban, France, through the focusing of the sun's rays by an empty glass beer bottle left on the spot by some picnicers, says: "It might interest you to know that such a thing as that is very common in some countries. I spent some years in North Queensland in the 'Never-never land' and in the summer time we were careful not to leave any glass lying around after breaking camp, as destructive bush fires were often so caused."

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WORLD'S FAIR TOPICS.

The thirty-five miles of roadway at the World's Fair have been practically finished. November 15 has been officially decided upon as Brooklyn Day at the Exposition. Sculpture will be a feature of Oklahoma's exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair. The New Jersey World's Fair Commissioners have decided to make October 5 New Jersey Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The design for the Russian building at the St. Louis Exposition has been approved. It will be a handsome structure, on the style of the Palace of Romanoff Boyards, at Moscow, and will cost \$150,000.

The Chamber of Deputies of Paris has unanimously adopted a credit of \$40,000 to permit the French labor organizations to participate in the World's Fair at St. Louis. Texas' unique star-shaped building at the World's Fair is receiving its staff ornamentation. Its peculiar shape and its great dome renders it conspicuous among the State structures.

President Diaz agrees to extradition from Mexico of Charles Kratz, a former Councilman wanted in St. Louis, Mo., on a bribery charge. The Board of Education of New York City has passed resolutions to discontinue playgrounds and vacation schools and to cut expenses in other lines.

The heirs of Isaac Goldfarb, who was murdered in Chicago, Ill., twenty-two years ago, have just learned of his death and fortune, and now lay claim to his \$5,000,000 estate. Andrew Carnegie has set apart \$4,000,000, the interest upon which is to form a fund to relieve workmen injured in the Carnegie Steel Company plants, and to aid the heirs of those killed while at work.

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