WOMEN: THEIR FADS.



### IT CAUSES RHEUMATISM.

Too many children are seen with short socks and bare legs in cold weather. Mothers justify this on the ground of its being a toughening process. This is a mistake. It should be unnecessary to urge mothers to clothe the little ones as warmly as they do themselves.

### HARPS APPEAL TO HER.

Mrs. V.'s fancy runs to the collection of harps. She does not know a note of music, and of course cannot pick a string, but she loves harps for heir shape and has three or four of them in her house. She declares, much to the annoyance of her family, that she intends getting as many Post. more.—New York Tribune.

### GERANIUMS IN MAIDS' ROOMS.

So much in earnest is Mrs. M. in her aesthetic crusade and efforts to beautify the village where her magnificent country home is situated, improve its schools and churches and raise the art standard of the community, that she has carried the campaign for the beautiful right into her own home and has provided pots of scarlet geraniums to decorate the window sills of her servants' rooms. -New York Tribune.

STAMPS HER OWN INITIALS. Mrs. X.'s chief diversion is embroidering initials on face towels, and the supreme test of her affection is evidenced when she presents a friend with a half-dozen strips of expensive damask with the friend's monogram done in red embroidery cotton. Mrs. X. does not go in for old English, script cross stitch or fancy lettering. Instead, she marks the towels in her sprawling, stylish hand, with pencil, and outlines them. The effect is dashing, to say the least.

### WOMAN FAMINE IN GERMANY.

Germany is threatened with a woman famine in 2007 A. D. Herr Gustav Kukutsch, a noted statistician, foresees that the male populaincreasing at its present rate, tion. will a hundred years hence outnumber the female Germans by two millions

At present there are several thousand more females than males in Germany, but the sterner sex is catching ma with the fair ones by leaps and bounds. In forty years, calculates Herr Kukutsch, the sexes will be in equal force, but in 2007 the women will te the minority.

In his publi, hed prophecy of a wife famine, the man of figures asks, "What will the superflous German man in 2007 do to obtain a wife?" There will be nothing for him to do but either remain a bachelor or seek a wife abroad.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING. Men like girls who are original, gentle and unselfish, and whose outward appearance indicates personal refinement

To draw threads easily, for hemstitching or drawn-work patterns, rub the cloth between the fingers, or rub a little white sonp on the cloth where the threads are to be drawn.

"It is," announced Tibble, calmly, "Here he's been coming and sitting wi' me all these times, and never a word o' merrying. So long at last L said to him: 'If you've no mind to take me, Rab, ye can jist say so, and I'll spend nae more on bright ribbons to sit up wi' ye, but I'll tak my money and buy one o' those talking machines, that plays tunes, after I've paid for a strip o' new ollcloth to cover the floor where you've worn out the old one, and then I'll tak my relegious books and settle down in quiet.

drear prospects and the thoughts o' my savings he said he would hae me whenever I got ready."-Boston

## COMBS MUST MATCH FROCKS. If you would be numbered among

the elect, provide yourself with jeweled combs to match every gownstreet, house and calling. Mrs. Longworth, who has been affecting brown this autumn to the utter annihilation of her former favorite, "Alice blue," has been displaying a high-backed comb in her golden tresses, dotted with sardonyx set in dull gold. The side-combs are similar, only in smaller pattern. At the opera the other night Mrs. Longworth looked her best in pale green tulle, with garlands of leaves, and her hair, piled high and adorned with little clusters of curls, was gay with pins having emerald tops. A big comb studded with emeralds looked imposing. Several fashionable women have sets of coral studded combs and hairpins to wear with afternoon gowns, while pearls and diamonds are common now in fashionable throngs as tlaras and necklaces .- New York Press

AMERICAN GOWNS SMARTEST. Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the American Line steamship New York were Mrs. Stuy-

vesant Fish and her daughter. Mrs. Fish said that she was very glad to get back to America. She took occasion to boost American dressmakers when a zealous reporter asked her if she had brought back many Paris clothes.

"No," smiled Mrs. Fish, "I did not. I brought back very few, for the reason that American-made gowns are far better than those one gets in Paris. The materials are more durable, they are better made and the dressmaker in this country is, to my mind, more original in her ideas than are the dressmakers of Paris. The American woman is the best dressed in the world because she is not bound by style. She is original, and her individuality is expressed in her garments. In Paris that is not so. The women there are slaves to mode. They are all of a pattern."-New York Sun.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DRESS. Dress is an expression of charac-The higher a woman's social ter. position the more subdued should be her dress in public.

Extreme smartness in dress is usually the result of simplicity. Good taste in dress, as in music or painting, harmonizes the whole. A cultivated mind is always asso clated with graceful and elegant at-

# Seeks to Improve Race

On the estate near Perm, in north-1 and healthiest villagers. east Russia, of a wealthy man named Reshetnikoff, a singular marriage took place recently. The bridegroom, Vasilieff, was a handsome peasant, the bride a beautiful girl of 18. M. Reshetnikoff gave them a large wooden cottage and a plot of land, and at the wedding breakfast greeted them as the second generation of his nurslings "who are to make of holy Russia an earthly Olympus peopled with Apollos and Hebes.' At the time of the Russo-Turkish war M. Reshetnikoff, struck with the inferior, illnourished physique of many recruits, set aside annually out of his large fortune 10,000 rubles for the purpose of eliminating the unfit by encouraging marriage only between young people of exceptional beauty, health and in-"Rabbie was so concerned at my telligence. He employed as workers

These he encouraged to enter upon matrimony by grants of land, payment of marriage fees and an annuity of fifty rubles a year for every child born. He removed from his estate all deformed and sickly persons and attracted handsome giants from all parts of the province by granting them valuable privileges. Those who refused to marry the partners he were unceremoniously selected de ported. Since the institution of his scheme forty marriages have taken place, and over 100 children have been born, nearly all of them being immensely superior to the average Russian peasant children in strength and beauty. Vasilieff's marriage was celebrated with exceptional display, he and his bride being the first couple both of whom sprung from unions on his estate only the handsomest | arranged by M. Reshetnikoff.

The Origin of "Kickers"

"I believe that the origin of the ex- | gesting that cross pieces of timber be pressive bit of slang 'kickers' may be found in the very lowest form of occupation any member of the human race follows," Mr. W. M. Robinson states.

"Between Wormsley's and St. Helen's in Cornwall, is an underground canal connecting the lower levels of the coal mines at Wormsley's with the surface station at St. Helen's, which saves a great deal of money for the mine owners in handling the coal, which is simply loaded on the barges in the mines and transported by the canal under the mountains to the harbor at St Aelen's. When the canal was dev d, however, how to provide for ...comotion for these barges was a problem.

"Mules couldn't be used, and there were circumstances which made steam impossible, but an inventive genius finally solved the riddle by sug-

placed along the roof of the canal, which was very low, and men could lie on their backs on top of the loaded barges and 'kick' the vessel along. After the barge was once started this was found to be feasible.

The men could easily keep the load in motion by the means suggested, and it has ever since been in use. There is no question about the low grade of this sort of work, and even the men who follow it are constantly 'kicking' around the villages where they live. They were known at the mines officially as 'kickers' because of their work, and their vocal complaints continually indulged in, caused every one at Wormsley's or St. Helen's, no matter what their station or employment, who indulged in complaints to be called 'kickers.' I presume that the origin of the word, as we use it,

is just what I have suggested."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat

## Melon Was a "Peach"

the culinary feats he can perform upon a two-burner gas stove in his apartments is the wonder of his friends. He has been on the lookout for delectable delicacies potent to cool and refresh. The luxury that tickled his palate most was a watermelon that had been doctored with rum and claret and cooled to the freezing point. Inspired by this work of art, Gustam forthwith planned a surprise for a few of his friends. He procured a huge watermelon, the necessary rum and wine, and, in accordance with the recipe, stirred up a mixture, plugged the melon, poured in the liquid, inserted the plug and set the whole in the refrigerator to cool for two days. Then, summoning his friends, he cut the melon.

Before taking a bite himself, Gustam broudly awaited laudatory remarks and exclamations of praise. His friends ate in silence. Upon tasting slice Gustam could detect but the faintest flavor of rum and wine. What had become of the two quarts of 1 New York Press.

Gustam is truly a connoisseur, and | liquor he had put in? Much mystified, he explained the circumstances, but all the comfort he got was the accusation that he had been "stingy with the booze" and the admonition "to put more in next time." As It was, however, they got away with half of the melon and then Gustam called the janitor and gave him the other half.

> An hour or so later the janitor's wife knocked at the door, and as she faced Gustam and his guests she began with a great show of righteous wrath: "Misther Chus (hic) tum, wot did yez put (hic) in that malon? Me ould mon (hic), me ould mon-me ould mon (hic), ish down there yellin wid (hic) th' jimjams! Ol wanta know whash yez put (hic) in thotin thot malon! Ish ut a joke (hic) -a joke that yez put up (hic) on um? Oi wanta know (hic)----"

The truth dawned upon Gustam. By reason of the melon lying two days in one position the rum and wine had all settled in the lower end and he had given that end to the fanitor .--

## Odd and Fanciful Idea

An odd and fanciful idea is advanced by Zona Gale, writing for Outing, in which she gives her reason for her "discovery" as "the coming of Semiramis." Now Semiramis is evidently a cute, furry little kitten, and so the wner of this dainty feline says:

"It has long been my belief that fairles are the little souls of something. \_ At first I was puzzled to know of what, but since the coming of Semiramis it is quite simple. Her mysterious amber eyes and lithe little body of furry silver have taught me the truth; fairles are the souls of all little kittens. And let only him deny this who can cast the first proof to the contrary!

"I say let 'him' deny it; for what- queen."

ever is fragrant to believe and pleas ant to preach about the kittens of the world, every woman is fain to accept and to repeat. How gladly, then, will she welcome such a fair doctrine as this concerning the kittens that have left the world! And if her own 'little lion, small and dainty sweet," be still her daily companion, she has only to sit with it in her arms for an hour some night when the moon is full, to understand that to all strange, sweet influences and potent, hidden presences the reticent, eerie little creature is akin. Especially will she feel this if, as I trust every woman who loves a kitten knows, it has been named for some beautiful dead

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For the girl who likes to knit and wishes to make her brother, or other relative, a present, the new knitted tire. 'helmet hood," to be worn with the sweater, for skating, will prove most acceptable.

attire possesses a charm for the mas- will always prevail in the selection of the small details, such as shoes and gloves, is all important .- The Circle.

HAD TO KISS HER AUTOMOBILE. Just before the boat train left the St. Lazare Railway station in Paris purse. for Havre a luxurious automobile. loaded with luggage bearing innumerable continental labels, rolled up, and two men and two women alight-After attending to the removal suitably and well dressed. of the baggage one of the women impulsively kinsed the smooth wood surface of the coach to the amazement of open-mouthed porters, travelers and giggling urchins.

"There, I couldn't help it!" she esclaimed to a man who seemed to be her husband. fully common to make an exhibition of one's feelings, but I must show gratitude to the dear machine which has given me such good times all summer. It has never broken down, never killed anybody nor anything. I just love it.

"Louise," she said, as she turned to the other woman in the party, "if you care for your sister at all you'll look after my darling motor car, won't you, until I return next spring?"

THE MARRYING POINT.

Tibbie was a Scotch lass, hardworking and comely. She ruled over a grateful and suppressed family of New Englanders for eight years, and then announced her intention of marrying within six weeks.

"I suppose it is Rab whom you mean to marry, Tibble?" asked her ninal mistress, referring to a tall,

Nothing is in good taste that is worn at an inappropriate time.

There may be little money to lav-The dainty freshness of a girl's ish on dress, but a certain quality culine beholder to a lar greater ex-tent than stylish clothes. The care once proclaims the woman to the manner born.

A well-dressed woman bears the imprint of a lady.

The selection and arrangement of the dress usually reflect the wearer's taste, no matter how slender the

To be well dressed gives one ease and self-confidence.

Self-respect will win the respect of others, and to gain this one must be

A woman cannot be at perfect ease and have sweet peace of mind when she sees herself reflected in a mirror as having a bodly hung shirt and a cont out of fashion.

The knowledge that her gown is a cood fit, becoming in color, grace-"I know it's fright- ful in lines, will impart to a woman a superior air and a sense of comfort produced in no other way.

We are judged by our dress as well as by our manner of speech. To be appropriately and well dressed is one of the signs of good breeding.

A becoming hat and a well-made, becoming dress may be a passport into good society.

To be well dressed will be found of great assistance to the courteous stranger in having the doors of hospitality or success opened to her.

A woman need not be either handsome or rich to be well dressed

Good taste will embellish even poverty.

The love of beauty will create a desire to express good taste, which even the rich, who are without it, might well envy

The artist has only a bit of cheap canvans and a few oil colors, yet he creates a masterpiece; so a woman mild-faced young Scotchman who had may transform the simple things ant more or less time in Tibble's about her into pictures of good taste as kitchen for the last three with the aid of needle, thread, scissors and brains .- The Circle.

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