

Selections

THE REIGNING STYLES.

Pictures of Kings and Nobles as Fashion Plates

The tailor's office was littered with foreign illustrated weeklies, English, French, German, Russian, and so on. "These," he said, "are more useful to me in my business than all the fashion plates going."

"Why so?" the patron inquired. The tailor took up a French weekly and opened it at random.

"See here," he said, turning from one great photograph to another. "Here is the terrace at Monte Carlo, with the Duke of Westminster and Lord Willoughby d'Essex in the foreground. This is the Nice race course, and the men talking to the girl in white are the Grand Duke Boris, young Iselin of New York, the Comte de Choiseul and Lord Crewe. Here we have the start at the Cresta run at St. Moritz, and the young men in knickers are the Prince of Reuss, Mr. Cornwallis-West, Lord Howard de Walden and the German crown prince."

The tailor, tossing the weekly aside, lighted a gold tipped cigarette.

"Catch on now?" he asked.

"Er—no," the patron hesitated.

"An ordinary fashion plate," explained the tailor, "is all right, but how do I know if the new fashions in it are being worn? Here in these weeklies, though, I get the new fashions just as clear and distinct, and I have further the assurance that they are going—that they are not mere lifeless freak things, but things which have been taken up by the leading dressers of the world."

"And so, sir, when I recommend you a new fashion you may rest assured it has backing and authority behind it. And if you say to me, 'Oh, that is not being worn, I'm sure,' I reply to you: 'No, sir, it is not being worn in this town yet, I admit, but here, sir, is a picture of the young king of Spain in the same cut, and here is the Earl of Lonsdale, and here is the Prince of Wales, and here—'

"But by that time," said the tailor,

"I guess you are ready enough to take my word for the new fashion's authority without further evidence."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Unearthing of Memphis.

Memphis, on the Nile, one of the greatest capitals of the ancient world, is buried beneath ground which is now under cultivation by the villagers of Mitrahineh, who will have to be transferred to other plots and compensated before the work of excavation can proceed very far. It is estimated that an expenditure of about \$15,000 annually for fifteen years will be required to excavate the temple sites, apart from the city. The unearthing of Memphis, which contained the finest school of Egyptian art, will be by far the greatest archaeological work of recent times and must result in a vast addition to the world's knowledge of ancient Egyptian history and civilization. The work will soon be begun by Professor Petrie, head of the British School of Archaeology in Egypt.

A Japanese Wedding Ring.

Mrs. Post Wheeler has what perhaps no other woman in the United States has—a Japanese wedding ring. For Halle Ermale Rives, as she is known to the literary world, was married in Japan to Post Wheeler, secretary of the American legation. Although the Episcopal ceremony was used, she chose the Japanese marriage symbol in preference to that of her own country. It is a little wider than the ordinary band and is beautifully carved in oriental design. Between the chased work are inserted Japanese characters that read, "My beloved is mine and I am his." This is the favorite sentiment for the oriental wedding. This sentiment is repeated several times around the band.—New York Sun.

French Family Statistics.

The number of French families—that is to say, households—with or without children is estimated at 11,315,000. Of this total 1,894,720 families have no children, 2,968,171 have one child, 2,661,978 have two children, 1,643,425 have three, 987,392 have four, 566,758 have five, 327,241 have six, 182,998 have seven, 94,729 have eight, 44,728 have nine, 20,639 have ten, 8,305 have eleven, 3,508 have twelve, 1,437 have thirteen, 554 have fourteen, 249 have fifteen, 79 have sixteen, 34 have seventeen, and finally 45 families have eighteen or more.—Republique Francaise, Paris.

The Rat in Paris.

Parisians have found a way of turning the rat into a profitable commodity. In that city there is a rat pound. It is a deep walled pit, in which some thousands of rats are kept. A dead horse is thrown into this pit at night, and rats strip the carcass of its flesh. Once a month there is a general slaying of rats by gas. The rats are sleek and plump and their hides are in excellent condition. Their skins are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves.

Languid Lannigan.

After all is said and done, money ain't everyting. Dry Deegan—I know it from experience. I must find a five dollar bill near de center uv a prohibition state.—Puck.

More men are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.—Irish Proverb.

VALE, OYSTER!

Tempt me no more! I must not eat you now. Although from you I hardly can refrain. Relentless fashion says I must abstain. And so to her decree I humbly bow. Tempt me no more!

Tempt me no more! Or scalloped, fried or roasted. With pepper, salt, cloves, cinnamon, all-spice. I'm quite aware you are extremely nice. I hardly know which way I like you most. Tempt me no more!

Tempt me no more! Disconsolate I sit, Thinking I dare not touch your luscious fare. Oh, hang it all! For mode I do not care. There's no one looking—just a last titbit! Tempt me no more!

—La Touche Hancock in New York Press.

Studies In Natural History.



"Oh, mamma, isn't it queer? When I pull pussy's tail her head squeaks!"—Woman's Home Companion.

Seems Queer.

"George," confided the niece to her mother, "is somewhat equivocal." "What do you mean, dear?" "Well, when I said 'Yes' he said he was the happiest man in the world." "Yes—that was the proper thing to say."

"I know. But then I told him you wouldn't allow me to marry him for a whole year."

"Well, what did he say?" "He said: 'Good! I shall be the happiest man in the world for a whole year then!'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Danger to the Fleet.

The teacher was telling the class about the great American battleship fleet now bound around the world when she broke the main thread of her narrative to ask:

"Children, is there any danger to these precious battleships in going around this immense circle?"

"Do they keep going around in one direction all the time, teacher?" inquired one eager pupil.

"Of course."

"Then they're liable to get dizzy!"—Judge.

And the Moon Man Laughed.

They were joggling along the old road, and Cupid was so busy that the young man dropped the lines either side of the rumpabout. It was then that the wise old nag turned lazily around.

"What are you looking at?" queried the owl by the roadside.

"I am reading between the lines," laughed the old nag as she gave a horse laugh and showed her long yellow teeth.—Detroit Tribune.

And She is Proud of It.

Two ladies were lunching together one day when one, who is a member of the Colonial Dames, said to the other: "Why do you not join the Colonial Dames? You surely must be eligible." "Oh, yes," responded her friend. "I forget just now the name of my ancestor, but I know we have been descending for many years."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Wise Old Farmer.

"Why in the world has that old farmer a dozen pitchforks sticking in his hand of hay?" asked the astonished tourist. "Is he crazy?" "No; he is wise, stranger," replied the old gatekeeper at the crossroads. "Them thar pitchforks are to keep these pesky automobiles from runnin' into him!"—Chicago News.

Why, Indeed?

A certain spinster was being consoled with because she had no husband. "Why," she said, "I don't want a husband. I'm just as well off. You see, I have a dog and he growls; I have a parrot and he swears; I have a cat and he stays out nights. Now, why should I get married?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

A Hopeless Case.

"A great big, able-bodied man like you ought to be ashamed to ask a stranger for money," said the well-to-do citizen. "I know I ought," answered Meandering Mike; "but, mister, I'm jes' naturally too kind hearted to tap 'em on de head and take it away from 'em."—Sketch.

Considerate.

"Do you want to see your wife permitted to vote?" "Not right away," answered Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta gets so much enjoyment out of lecturing about it that it would be a pity to stop it."—Washington Star.

The Real Kick.

The bashful man had stolen a kiss. "I—I hope I haven't rumbled your feelings?" he ventured. "Oh, bother the feelings?" retorted the pretty girl in confusion. "You have rumbled my hair and my shirt waist."—Houston Post.

Like Mamma.

Mother—You must not try to monopolize all the conversation, Ethel. Ethel—Must I wait till I'm married, mamma?—Yonkers Statesman.

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