

WOMEN: THEIR FADS.



A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE.

An old farmer was once asked the question, "Is marriage a failure?" and his reply was: "My missus milks the house, tends the children, milks the cow, feeds the poultry, looks after the pigs, makes the bread, churns the butter, and other odd jobs, and all for nothing a week, and what could be cheaper than that? No, marriage isn't a failure down my way."—London Socialist Review.

TIGHT LACING NOT HARMFUL.

From all over the country letters were received by Dr. Ernest Gallant, of New York City, concerning his views as to tight lacing, the "padding" of the form feminine, and kindred subjects which he recently discussed at the meeting of the American Medical Association.

"There's no reason why thin women shouldn't use pads," said the doctor. "And there's no reason why stout women shouldn't use corsets tightly laced, provided the corsets conform to the lines of the body. Tight lacing, scientifically done, is not injurious to health."

SHIRT WAIST SUIT STILL REIGNS.

The really practical wash dress is in shirt waist or jumper form. Shirt waist suits which are extremely attractive are made up in cotton prints having silk or gingham patterns; in French zephyrs; and in ginghams of such beautiful patterns and in such charming combinations of color for morning wear, for the ordinary shopping, or marketing, or walking, that they have a particularly appropriate air. Therefore they are attractive. Many little buttons are used on dresses of this sort, especially those covered with cotton crochet. There is a fancy, too, for giving them buttons of quite a different character.—Harper's Bazar.

A PLEA FOR LOQUACITY.

"Why do American women talk so little?" asks George Harvey, in Harper's Bazar. "Have they suddenly become so religious that they consider it advisable to heed even the dicta

The heavy and the fine laces are fashionable in combination for trimming both gowns and separate blouses.

"Very narrow satin pleatings are much used as a trimming for silk voile and net gowns. They are often introduced in some brilliant shade, such as Empire green, on a gown of neutral tint. Pleatings of this style frequently simulate a bib effect on the bodice and outline a tunic effect in the skirt.

"Buttons are used not only where they are needed, but where they are not needed on the new gowns. For the tailored suits there are the fabric-covered buttons and the braided buttons.

"The white and colored cotton

crochet button is extremely high style, and for lingerie waists there are the new pearly bead buttons."

BRIDAL VEIL ARRANGEMENT.

The brides of this season have adopted all the bizarre and beautifully decadent features of the present fashions, and anything in the way of stiff lines, heavy satin court trains, and geometrical precision of heavy hem is abolished. Even the bridal veil is tampered with in a most brazen manner. One bride wore hers in the shape of a twisted turban, like the first empire, a short lace scarf being used, its ends hanging down one side to the shoulder, while a rope of pearls festooned it, the orange blossoms thrust in as an afterthought—a charming thought—at one side. From her shoulders hung the long court train of unlined point lace, while her gown was of liberty satin twisted about her figure in a close spiral, and ending in a long scarf-like trail that hung decidedly quite to one side, balanced by the lace veil, which trailed partially on the carpetings of purple velvet strewn with white roses laid down for her feet. The gown was draped at one side of the front to show the slipper, which was of white satin, tied with white satin ribbons about a pale pink silk stocking.

Another bride, who wore a mull veil, had it bunched into a tall m

"MR. DOOLEY" ON CONGRESS

In the American Magazine "Mr. Dooley," writing on Congress, pokes fun at the Government for putting up a 500-room building in Washington for the use of members. He says:

"I see be th' pa-apers that th' government has put up a sumchuse palace fr th' comfort iv th' nation's law-givers, as Hogan calls thim. It's a mansion where they will have all th' comforts iv home an' many that are not home-like, but bether. Ivory Congressman will have a room to himself, decorated in mahogany, in-laid with pearls, where he can put his feet on an ebony desk an' throw his peanut shells an' apple cores into myriad lapus lazuly cuspidors. Ad-llin' each room there will be a bath, which a Congressman can take or leave, as th' mood seizes him. Beside each tub there will be specific instructions, prepared by thrained government experts, fr th' use iv th' bath in case iv necessity. 'Insert plug firmly in bottom iv tub; turn faucet at right. Congressmen are respectfully requested to remove shoes before entering.' An' so on. Downstairs there will be a Turkish bath, where Congressmen can be invigorated afther settin' up all night discussin' th' river an' harbor bill with th' head waiter. On th' desk iv each member, th' pa-aper says, there will be a tilyantyscope, a contrivance be which, when th' mumber is prevented be work or fatigue fr'm attendin' th' session, he can hear what's goin' on in th' house, an' th' thing hang up th' receiver an' remark: 'Cy Lumley is still gassin' about th' tariff. How many cards?'"

COUNTERFEITING INSANITY.

A New Sort—Unflattering Estimate of Hospital Corps.

Such is the lack of State or local supervision over the hospitals for the insane in South Carolina that it was left to United States secret service men to discover the fact that the State Insane Asylum at Columbia had a counterfeiting plant running at profitable speed. The perhaps unique discovery was made that one of the patients, a man dangerously if not hopelessly insane, is an expert counterfeiter of silver coins. It is hardly supposable that the head authorities of the asylum would have allowed him to ply his trade in the institution, but the attendants in direct charge of this man knew of his ability, and allowed him to exercise it—for a reason. They got him the molds and the material and set him at work, circulating the product themselves and making, presumably, what there was in it.

Though this is a new direction for display of the depravity of the class of men employed in many hospitals for the insane as attendants, this discovery will give little surprise to those who know the general character of these men. They are lacking in principle. A man who will wilfully abuse those helplessly and often harmlessly insane will rob his grandmother—or circulate counterfeit money, if he gets hold of it.—New Haven Register.

So Seasick.

The affable Captain Duggs, of the Hamburg-American liner Prince Oscar, was commiserating with a seasick passenger.

"Seasickness, sir," said the captain, "is a very nasty thing. Some people's sufferings, though, are far more atrocious than yours. I once carried a Philadelphian who suffered dreadfully.

"At the height of his seasickness this poor Philadelphian beckoned his wife to his bedside and said in a weak voice:

"Jenny, my will is in the Commercial Trust Company's care. Everything is left to you, dear. My various stocks you will find in my safe deposit box."

"The man paused and sighed. Then he said fervently: "And, Jenny, bury me on the other side. I can't stand this trip again, alive or dead."—Uncle Remus—the Home Magazine.

Red Parasol Stopped Train.

A curious incident has come to light in connection with the stopping of a London express train on the Caledonian main line near Rockcliffe station, a few miles north of Carlisle. The train was running at full speed when the driver observed a red object by the side of the line which he regarded as a danger signal.

The train was accordingly pulled up, when it was found that the object in question was a red parasol carried by a woman who, wishing to cross the line at a level crossing, was awaiting the passing of the express.—London Daily Mail.

Yukoghirs and Their Wives.

M. Jachelson has come across in Northern Siberia a tribe, the Yukoghirs, differing in every respect from other Esquimaux tribes both in aspect, language and customs. There is a fine sphere here, says the London Globe, for Suffragettes, if they have any superfluous energy—after worrying our unhappy government—for foreign missionary work, as we learn that the women are yoked to the sledges with the dogs, and draw their lords and masters. The old people are killed off when they become useless.

An English firm is to light the Medina (Arabia) sanctuary of Mehaumid with electricity.

"YOUNG MEN, DON'T GO TO AMERICA."

Official Berlin Newspaper So Advises Those Germans Hoping For Work Here.

"Keep away from America."

Such is the warning which the official Berliner Correspondenz gives solemnly to young Germans thinking of going to the United States in hope of becoming clerks in business houses. The newspaper says a visit to America during the unfavorable business conditions there can be only beneficial to those young men who have money and who aim to extend their knowledge and to increase their proficiency in their special branches of business. But those Berliners who have little or no ready money are strongly advised not to go to America now.

The Correspondenz points out that the American law which forbids workmen whose services have been contracted for abroad to enter the country applies also to clerks. Moreover, it is not customary in the United States to engage clerks and business assistants by correspondence. So the German clerk or young business man who goes to America takes a long chance. Not only does the supply of clerks and assistants greatly exceed the demand, but most American firms object to employing foreigners. The "note of warning" ends thus:

"Generally speaking, the prospects of the clerk or business assistant are not better than they are in Germany. The average wages paid in America are not higher than those paid in Germany, considering the dearthness of living there. Only in the best posts are the salaries relatively higher than in Germany. The conditions of work are more agreeable in many respects than in Germany, the working hours are shorter, but nothing is known in America of the many provisions of the German commercial code in the interests of employes in business houses, and that employes can be dismissed in the United States at any moment without notice."—Berlin Correspondence of the New York World.

WISE WORDS.

Beauty is God's handwriting, a wayside sacrament.—Milton.

It is easy enough to tell where love is. You love those, and only those, whom it makes you glad to serve.—A. G. Singsen.

Do not wait for some work to turn up, but go and turn up some work; you may work without praying, but you cannot pray without working.—Hudson Taylor.

It is cowardice to wish to get rid of everything which we do not like. Sickness and sorrow only exist to further man's education in this world; they will not be needed in the future.—Novolisi.

Our dependence upon God ought to be so entire and absolute that we should never think it necessary, in any kind of distress, to have recourse to human consolation.—Thomas a Kempis.

There must be something beyond man in this world. Even on attaining to his highest possibilities he is like a bird beating against his cage. There is something beyond, O deathless soul, like a sea-shell, moaning for the bosom of the ocean to which you belong.—E. H. Chapin.

That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter dearth of his feelings and his desires, without a glow or an aspiration, with the weight of low thoughts, failures, neglects and wandering forgetfulness, and say to Him, "Thou art my refuge, because Thou art my home."—George Macdonald.

A Grateful Son-in-Law.

H. H. Rogers, on his return voyage from Bermuda last month, said one evening in the smoking room, of his traveling companion, Mark Twain:

"He is an incorrigible humorist. Even in his most emotional moments he can't help being funny.

"When he married in Elmira in 1870 his father-in-law made him a present of a fine, well furnished house in Buffalo.

"The present came as a surprise. Mark Twain knew nothing of it till, amid a party of relatives and friends, he was shown over the luxurious place. Then, when they told him it was his, tears filled his eyes.

"But he was still the humorist, and turning to his father-in-law he said, though in a voice that trembled a little: "Mr. Langdon, whenever you're in Buffalo, if it's as much as twice a year, you are to come right up here and take tea. You can stay all night, too, if you want to, and it shan't cost you a cent."—Washington Star.

The Roll-Call.

A teacher asked her class to name five different members of the "cat" family. Nobody answered till at last one little girl raised her hand.

"Well!" said the teacher, encouragingly. "Father cat, mother cat and three little kittens."—Hebrew Standard.

A Timely Tip.

Before going to a summer resort read the chapter on what to do to revive a person who has been under water too long.—Chicago News.

WOMEN WHAT ARE WEARING

New York City.—The vogue of the sleeveless coat appears to be an ever growing one, and nothing prettier



or better suited to the warm weather could be found. This one is simplicity itself, yet drapes the figure with

Boas Hug the Throat.

The boa is dainty as possible, very small but very ruffy, with pleated butter-colored lace mounting to the ears and chin in a thick ruche, a smaller frill pleated about the base of the throat, and a ribbon tied between bowed either in front or behind.

Neck Dressings.

The latest innovation in neck dressing is the black ribbon stock, with bow at the back and ends that reach far below the hip line. These sash collars are worn with every kind of costume, from the simplest lingerie frock to the dressiest afternoon toilet.

Five-Gored Under Petticoat.

Close fitting underwear is absolutely essential to the smart fitting gown at the present time and the five-gored under petticoat makes a desirable feature of the wardrobe. This one can be laid in inverted pleats at the back or gathered as liked, although the former method is to be preferred unless the figure is exceptionally slight. It can be made from lingerie materials and trimmed with embroidery or lace and it is also suited to flannel skirts. Also it can be finished at the upper edge with a belt or under-faced as liked.

The skirt is made in five gores and when the frill is used it is arranged over the lower edge. The side gores



graceful lines and folds and can be utilized for almost every seasonable material. In the illustration it makes part of a costume and is made of buff linen braided with white soutache combined with embroidery. In place of the soutache and the embroidery applique trimming can be used if it is desirable to lessen the labor of making.

The coat is made in one piece, the only seam being that at the centre back. It is held beneath the arms by means of straps and can be closed with ornamental buttons and cord as illustrated or in any way that may be liked.

Chiffon on Straw.

The novel trimming on a large Milan straw was all of white chiffon, the upstanding part being quilts made of folds of the chiffon with a line of satin for the stem.

Silver and Gold Touches.

Plaids are fashionable for light-weight fabrics such as voile, etamine and gauze. The colors most employed are blues, delicate reds and browns fading into buff. Silver and gold trim many of the new gowns somewhere and somehow.

Coat Mystery.

The shape of many of the choicest evening coats is a mystery to every one but the designer and maker.

are fitted by means of hip darts, so doing away with all fulness at that point.



The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and one-eighth yards of material twenty-seven or two and three-quarters thirty-six inches wide with three and one-half yards of embroidery seven inches wide and two and three-eighths yards of insertion to trim as illustrated; or one yard of additional material thirty-six inches wide if the frill is made to match.

Hand-Made Trimming.

It is the gown with the hand-made trimming that is considered smart.

Our Cut-out Recipe.

Paste in Your Scrap-Book.

Southern Pound Cake.—No cook yet discovered can outdo the Virginian in the way of making pound cake. The following recipe comes from that section of the country, and is warranted to succeed if faithfully followed: Beat one pound of butter and one pound of powdered sugar together until they form a cream. Separate the whites from the yolks of one dozen eggs. Whisk the whites to a stiff froth and beat the yolks until thick. Beat the whites into the creamed butter and sugar, then add the yolks and stir all thoroughly together. Sift the flour and put in lightly, little by little, stirring only enough to mix smoothly. Pour into pans lined with buttered paper and bake in a moderate oven for one hour and a quarter. Take care not to stir or shake the pan until the cake is well set. This is genuine pound cake, which is always unflavored, but, if preferred, the juice and grated rind of a lemon may be added.

of Solomon and the injunctions of Paul? We can hardly believe this to be the case even in the Lenten period. As we have advised frequently, neither the wise king nor the eloquent apostle was suitably equipped by experience and association for the guiding of womankind; one had too many wives, the other had none; wherefore the viewpoint of each, though varying widely from that of the other, was prejudiced and untrustworthy. The very petulance of Solomon's language in expressing preference for life in a 'corner of the bouse-top' rather than with a brawling woman in a wide house' suggests the likelihood of an annoying experience still fresh in mind, else he would not have dwelt with so much particularity upon the size of the mansion."

THE GIRL GRADUATE.

Did you ever have a girl graduate from the high school out of your family? If so you know what it is, but if you have not you have missed about all that is worth anything in life. There is nothing like it. The happiness, the satisfaction, the success that has come is worth many times the money and effort put forth. What is the finest product of America? Secretary Loeb insists it is rabbits; Carnegie stands for libraries; Mrs. Hetty Green considers it ready money, while Secretary of Agriculture Wilson crowns over the American hen. They are all wrong. It's the girl graduate. As Daniel Webster remarked of Massachusetts: "Gentlemen, she needs no apology; there she stands!" For years father has poured out his money in buying her frocks and laces and hats, in paying for her chemistry and music and chewing gum. Mother has spent years of her life in teaching her morality, truth, the catechism and the proper way to do up her hair. And they feel that she's worth all the trouble and care and money she has cost.—Lawrence Journal.

THE NEW STYLES FOR WOMEN.

"If the new gowns have a conspicuous note at all this year it is in their trimmings, which seem to stand out in bold relief," says Grace Margaret Gould, in Woman's Home Companion. "Much soutache in all widths and heavy cotton braid are used, in white and dyed to match the fabric. In the skirt-and-coat suits the outline of the skirt is shown by the line of braiding, and either braid or buttons not infrequently trim the back.

"Tassels are very much used wherever a place for them can be found.

A BUSY LITERARY WOMAN.

Literary work does not interfere with the social activity of Mrs. Edith Wharton nor with her cultivation of fads. Every year this brilliant woman goes to Europe, and invariably she returns with a new hobby. This year her eccentricity runs to swans and geese. When on the Continent, a few months ago, she ran across a variety of the goose family that caught her fancy, and a large flock now paddles in the lagoons of the Wharton estate at Lenox, Mass. Mrs. Wharton's especial delight, however, is her swan exhibit. Her aesthetic nature was moved by the decorative effect of tame swans on English estates, and as a result she is now engaged in swan culture at Lenox. Beside her flock of geese and swans, Mrs. Wharton is giving time to a French reading room, where she keeps many of the French periodicals for the use of her friends. She has arranged for lectures in French, and her tendency in this direction of late may portend a novel of a Gallic flavor. The social whirl in Lenox makes further demands upon Mrs. Wharton's time, yet she finds it possible to make quick progress on a new novel. All of which shows what a literary woman can accomplish when she busies herself about it.—New York Press.

Advice to the Impecunious.

They tell us that an unusual scarcity of cattle on the hoof is to blame for the unprecedented elevation of meat prices.

The hens, so far as known, being on the hoof in the usual numbers, the indigent are hereby counseled to stick to eggs.—Life.