

Talks About Womankind

Praises American Women.
After visiting this country Miss Ella Hepworth Dixon, the English essayist, declares that "there is no woman, not excepting those agreeable charms, our French contemporaries, who is so easy to get on with as the American young woman." She admits the forwardness of the American boy, but praises his brightness and adaptability.

About Letter Writing.
Correspondence, beyond the interchange of brief notes for which there is some good reason, should not be encouraged between young men and women unless they are related or betrothed.

Letters should be answered as soon as they are received as one feels in the humor for letter writing. It is very difficult to write a readable letter unless one is in proper frame of mind. In writing speak first of the things which interest your correspondent, and afterward of those which concern you. A letter should have a flavor of personality, but all of it should not be devoted to oneself.

Never write anything to anyone of which you might, at a future time, be ashamed.—American Queen.

The Fortunate Twentieth Century Girl.
It is indeed a good time for girls to live, and I think they should realize by whose efforts it became the "good time." Do they ever think what women and girls had to contend with before this time dawned upon the world, and how much they owe to some of these same women?

Just think of it! The women breadwinners of the United States, by the report of the last census, count away up into the millions, and it is not so very long ago when not only the industrial avenues, but those of education as well, were closed to girls. Think of their lack of opportunity even half a century ago, and contrast it with the present. What were the possibilities of education? Unless she happened to be the daughter of a family who believed in advance of the age—that a girl had the brain and ability to learn, and that education would not spoil her or make less of a woman of her, and a family could afford to give her private masters, she had to be content with the merest common-school education, less, even, than children get now in the lower grades of the grammar schools; and even that was grudgingly bestowed upon them.—Sallie Joy White, in the Woman's Home Companion.

Swell Stable Owned by Mrs. Hearst.
Mrs. Phoebe Hearst takes great pride in her stable, located on M street, in Washington. In her stalls Mrs. Hearst keeps six high-stepping hackney-bred bays, all sons of the famous Matchless, imported. In the rear are the kennels of the much-admired Scotch skyes, so closely associated with Mrs. Hearst. Peter O'Rourke and four assistants look after the horses.

The building in which the menage is located is a two-story brick, heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The wainscoting is of pine and ash, and that of the stalls of oak and pine. There are four very elaborately constructed box stalls and three open ones. The harness room is at the right of the entrance, and here one sees all the finest goods in the horse line that wealth can buy. All of the mountings are of silver and bear the monogram of their owner. So does every blanket and wrap.

As is the fashion in all up-to-date stables, all of the steel is displayed in a glass case. The bits and chains of a first-class establishment are quite an item of cost. To begin with, they are made of the very best of tested steel, because if a bit breaks great damage to life and property is liable to result. The cost of steel in a modern establishment runs all the way from \$20 to \$500. Complete living rooms are located in the second story of the building, and the feed room is well away from danger of ignition. Mrs. Hearst uses, as the necessities of the case may demand, a victoria, a landau, a theatre wagon, and when she wishes to play whip herself, a spider. The Hearst livery is all blue.—Washington Star.

Summer Sporting Clothes.
Sporting clothes are growing dangerously and delightfully becoming and picturesque. The Directoire coat is bound, they say, to force, eventually, the abdication of the English habit for riding; the new brown, red and white linen golf skirts have got a ruffled bottom this spring, and the cycling outfits, that are now turned out by the tailors, would appear to advantage at garden parties and in drawing rooms. Just now we are hailing joyously the new sporting skirts of silk, linen and silk flannel, their bosoms laid with stitched down tucks that have a piped edge and high turn-over L'Algon collars, faced with a bright plaid silk. The sleeves of such waists are a modified bishop in shape, with small, round, stitched cuffs holding the fullness of the waist.

Inch by inch and season by season the cycling skirt has grown longer, and for the warm weather that is surely coming they are offering the most beguiling English mohair skirts and jackets. There is a mushroom suit of gray trimmed with blue silk braid. The jacket is also decorated with some coquettishly superfluous buttons of blue enamel, and shows little false vestlets in front of striped blue and white silk poplin. The garment is worn over a jaunty little blue and white calico skirt and the mohair skirt is garnished with blue braid

about the bottom. A dish shaped straw of blue, with a spotted foulard handkerchief and a blue quill, comprise the appropriate cycling headgear. The very dresy cyclist and golfer is, by the way, ordering her next suit of serge, mohair or linen, to be made with a many gored corselet skirt. Eight gores will not be considered too many for such service, and the seams of every gore must be strapped, stitched and piped with satin. Of course it will require the figure of a nymph and the grace of a psyche to carry off one of these skirts effectively, and it is sad but true that along with the corselet skirt has arrived the satin ribbon bretelles, or suspenders, that had a passing vogue seven years ago, but which were laughed out of use and never worn by the truly modish.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Gowns For Every Day.
The day gowns are as pretty—and not infrequently quite as airy—as the evening dresses in this topsy-turvy age of pastel cloth dinner costumes and tailor-made silk suits. Fancy a foulard in soft gray and white, with a deep dounce of white mousseline de sole, wonderfully embroidered with scrolls and leaves of the foulard. The bodice was veiled by a bolero of tucked mousseline similarly trimmed, while the waist was finished by a deep shaped band of black satin, most becomingly arranged to suit the lines of the fashionable figure. There were touches of blue de ciel satin at the throat, and quaint little lappets of embroidered muslin on either side of a delicately tucked vest.

A blue voile is much tucked, and elaborately strapped with narrow bands of blue and white spotted foulard. A vest of tinted lace and mousseline and a tie of the foulard complete a most original toilette.

Another dress is of voile mousseline in a soft creamy shade of white, much tucked, and trimmed with raised and prinkled bands of mauve gage edged with very narrow white cord, a lace and muslin vest, and many tabs held down by tiny gold buttons.

A beautiful dress for smart occasions is pale gray crepe de Chine with broad insertions of duchesse point on the skirt, while the bodice is semi-transparent with lines of the same lovely lace. The dress is shaped in princess, and the waist is outlined with gray ribbon velvet, and gray velvet, too, is on the tucked collar and in bands to the elbow of the beautiful sleeves, which finish with full undersleeves of lace.

A soft black and white foulard, "by Paquin," has a becomingly draped skirt, with small box pleats, calculated to make any one look very tall and slight, and the bodice finished with a bolero of black crepe de Chine crossing simply, but beautifully fitted, and edged with a band of black tucked gage, piped with white and trimmed with groups of small white tabs and gilt buttons; while, as a last smart touch, was one of those wide, perfectly adjusted belts which are such a charming finish to a pretty figure.

A useful little serge frock, suitable for a rather cold day on a yacht, was fashioned of finest blue serge, with a very full skirt in folds back and front, and a beautifully fitting tight little coat, all braided and strapped; the throat and wrists finished with touches of scarlet, black and white; and the little turn-over tucked lawn collar so dear to the heart of a Frenchwoman.

Another coat and skirt is of blue tweed with smart trimmings in two shades of self-colored canvas with a spot embroidery of blue; and this little dress is being copied in rose-colored linen and embroidered canvas with a most happy effect.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

—Pretty Things—
to Wear

The "necktie bow" of black velvet resting on the hair in the back is the newest millinery wrinkle.

Two-clasp Milanese suede gloves in French gray, black and white are very correct gloves for present wearing.

The newest gowns show a marked disposition to cling to elaborate blouse effects rather than bolero or separate waists.

An exceeding flat front model, with a high heel, is the seemingly incongruous combination in the smart summer shoe.

Ribbed leather and leather laid over like scales are two of the recent fancies in belts for shirt-waist accompaniment.

Polka-dotted scarfs are being used to a threesome degree to swath utility dresses—too much so for the exclusively-dressed woman.

Instead of slipping through a loop in the back and then passing to the front, as in former years, this season's fancy stocks all fasten in the back.

Many of the newest bodice girdles take a broad Empire form across the back, but taper into a very narrow stitched band to form a pouch elongated point in front.

Startlingly novel are the new remanie golf shoes with dark leather ramps and bright red or green cloth uppers. With a green or scarlet coat they are quite effective.

Sleeves vary much in cut, but for the most part are tight to the elbow, where they develop balloon tendencies and extend to the wrist on innumerable varieties of shapes.

It is whispered that the extremely high-band turned-over linen collar is to have a fall from its high estate and be reduced at least an inch or inch and a half in height, but still to remain very close in front, with sharp points.

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One of the most unique lines of business, and one which is followed by but few persons in the United States, is that of buffalo farming, and near the little station of Cochrane, Wis., is located one of the most extensive farms of this sort in the country. The ranch is operated by Huber Brothers, and they have a large herd of this species of animals. Twelve years ago C. Huber went to Thief River Falls, where he secured two buffaloes that were owned by Indians. These, with a few others, were taken to his Wisconsin farm, and formed the nucleus of a herd that now numbers 42 full-blooded animals. Huber Brothers have sold specimens to various parks in this country, and one animal was sent to the London zoo. Recently Burgess & Hanson, of Linn, Ia., purchased a herd of six from Huber Brothers, with which to stock their ranch. Included in this lot were Old Tom and Lincoln, the kings of the herd. Tom has lived in captivity for years and was captured without much trouble, but when attempt was made to corral one of the cows, a party tame animal, she ran against a fence and sustained injuries of such a nature that it was found necessary to kill her. At present the Huber herd numbers 20 full-blood, and a large number of cross-bred animals.

Growing Boilers.
There is an Australian curiosity called because of its peculiar form, the "bottle tree." It grows to a height of 60 feet and seems to represent bottles of all shapes, both right side up and up side down. The interior of the tree contains a glutinous substance that makes a refreshing drink, and to obtain which it is often tapped in the same manner as our maple sugar. The natives some times hollow out the trunks of these trees and thereby make excellent canoes.

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New Food Plant in Africa.
German papers speak of an annual plant growing in tropical Africa, belonging to the leguminous class, which is largely cultivated by the negroes as a food article, writes Consul General Richard Guenther, of Frankfurt. It has also been introduced to some extent in Southern Asia and in Brazil. It is called woandou by the African negroes; the botanical name is Glycine subterranea. The French expert chemist of aliments has recently analyzed the fruit of the woandou with reference to its chemical composition and its value as food. The fruit, like the peanut, matures under ground. The eatable kernel has the shape of an egg, and is dark red, with black stripes and a white hilum, like most beans. It furnishes a very white flour, whose flavor after cooking much resembles that of chestnuts. The chemical composition is 58 per cent. of starchy substance, 19 per cent. nitrogenous, 10 per cent. water, 6 per cent. gily, 4 per cent. cellulose substance and 3 per cent. ashes. It will be seen that two pounds of these beans would supply the daily requirements of the human system.

Tibet is larger than France, Germany and Spain combined, and has a population of 6,000,000. It is ruled over by Dalai Lama, who acknowledges only nominal allegiance to China. He is the head of Lamaism, which is the oldest and strictest sect of Buddhism. Nearly all Mongolia is the religion of the Dalai Lama of Lassa, and an ambitious man in the place could make trouble for China.

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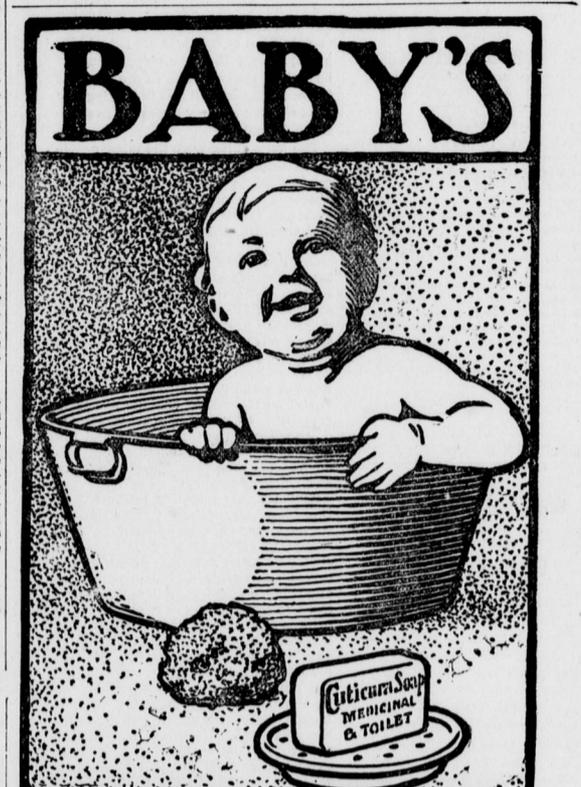
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