



DESIGNED TO WEAR IN THE SPRING.

New Styles to Be Introduced by the Arbiters of Fashion.

Spring fabrics of every weight and kind are displayed in the store windows...

For separate waists, striped silks with white grounds and finished with Persian designs or spirals are used.

In neckwear larger effects will be much worn. Some of these are made of a deep, round yoke of all over lace...

Another style, intended more for house wear, fastens at the front. It is made of wide insertion and chiffon...

In velvets a new color has been introduced, that is, it partakes of the shades of royal blue and purple...

With the advent of ankle ties will come a great number of designs in fancy stockings. Many of these have the appearance of high shoes...

Spring raglans are of black taffeta, with the bell shaped sleeve. An especially elaborate one has the collar, revers, cuffs and facings of white moire...

Novel Form of Entertainment.

A geographical party was the form which one of the holiday entertainments assumed. Everybody was asked to come representing by costume or decoration...

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A large capital C cut out of white paper was instantly guessed at a first glance, and was down on every paper as White Sea; its correct reading was, however, "Bearing C," Bering Sea.

Beautiful Odd Bodices.

A "blouse" of oyster-tinted Louisiana has two fronts cut away from the neck and down either side in scallops...

An old bodice of black chine silk shot with a rich brocade pattern of flowers in all shades was quite plainly made...

A bodice of tannour lace, with downward stripes of black velvet to meet a broad piece of Venetian guipure...

A blouse of pale gray taffetas, worked with roses, is slashed down either side of the front and down the sleeves...

A pink flannel shirtwaist is patterned with flowers in a faint check, the top of the corsage and down the front outlined by a strapping of pink taffetas...

The Impatient Woman.

The greater part of the disappointments of life can be attributed to impatience. An impatient woman should never be the mistress of a home of her own...

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

Pearl cabochons as hat ornaments are much newer and better style than rhinestones.

Smart-looking belt buckles in silver

are designed in characters of the Chinese alphabet.

Hats of foliage, trimmed with grapes or cherries, are among the smartest and most exclusive effects of the spring.

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All sorts of things in old rose, verging on the oxblood shades, are going to be worn by little girls this year. There are many pretty things made up for them in wash and other materials.

A big white hat which sets off the face is trimmed with a big knot of pale blue satin ribbon and a feathery spray of white flowers, while there is a knot or rosette of the ribbon over the face.

Some ingenious mortal has introduced an effective novelty this season, namely, black velvet roses, about the size of the palm of one's hand, ready to applique onto silk, lace or chiffon.

THE SUBURBAN DISEASE.

Victims of the Commutation Period in Our National Life.

The city doctors do not know and cannot be made to understand that there is a large and well-defined group of diseases peculiar to the suburbs...

It is unnecessary to say that the vast majority of these diseases are of the nervous order, and are superinduced by various causes. Fear seems to be at the bottom of most of them...

The nervous diseases arising from these fears are innumerable, and are even more serious than those resulting from the bundle habit, the don't-forget-the-lettuce-and-the-radishes habit...

The suburban doctors are probably wise in forming an organization for the discussion of these problems. The average suburbanite does not know what ails him when he is acting strangely in the presence of his friends...

One on the Officer. Officer Martin McNally, of the Seventh Police District, is a most efficient patrolman, and his memory for faces is wondrous...

The other day Officer McNally happened to meet a little boy in skirts near Peabody Corner crying bitterly. The big police officer loomed up over the infant...

"Where do you live, little man?" asked McNally, kindly, for he has children of his own.

"Boo, hoo!" wailed the diminutive boy, gripping a whip he held in his hand tightly. "I don't know. Boo, hoo!"

"Come wid me," said McNally. "Pfat can th' fa-ather av ye be tinkin' av 't a little wan av your soize etray away?"

"Where y' goin'?" asked "Pickles." "Oim thyrin' to find this little wan's parents," answered McNally.

"Come off!" said O'Hearn. "Don't you know your own children?" McNally stopped, astounded, and took his first good look at the little one...

"Pat" was assistant cook on one of the dining cars on the Great Western Road running into St. Paul. He was obstinate and ill-tempered. The chef was equally so, and as a result, constant warfare waged between them.

One day last summer Pat was making ice cream, and in spite of the chef's warnings, insisted upon sitting in the doorway of the pantry while he turned the freezer.

The train, going up grade, made a sudden lurch, and Pat and his can of ice cream fell out the door, as his superior officer had predicted.

Francis with fright the chef in his white cap and apron trow through the train looking for the conductor.

"Mon Dieu, Monsieur Conducteur!" he cried, wringing his hands, when he found that person, "ze ice cream freezer, he fall off, and Pat go wiz heem; stop ze tram-way or we will haf pas dessert pour le diner. Trouble, trouble always wiz zat Irish man."

The conductor pulled the bell and stopped the train, but it had already gone two miles past the spot where Pat had rolled out.

He climbed on the train, looking foolish, but all he ever said of his miraculous escape was, "Be kosh, it jarred me some, it did thot!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS

PRODUCTS OF ALL FACTORIES MADE ON SIMILAR SPECIFICATIONS.

Standardization For Engines, Dynamoes, Box-Cars and Steam-Pipe Flanges—Long Struggle For Uniformity of Railway Gauge.

The principle of standardization, the adoption of uniform systems of measurements and units, is being extended to more and more branches of engineering and the mechanic arts.

One of the most recent systems of standards adopted is the standardization of engines and dynamoes, drawn up by a committee of the American Society of Civil Engineers...

Another report on a standard of much interest to railroad men is that of the committee of the Master Car Builders' Association, recommending dimensions for a standard box-car...

Standard steel rails have been rolled by all the mills for years past, but there is now a demand for revision of the standards in certain particulars.

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In departments more familiar to the general public the same tendency has been manifested in almost countless ways. The uniform sizes in shoes, gloves and hats of all makes, uniform calibers in all makes of rifles, shotguns with interchangeable parts, and the American watch, which does not (like the Swiss) have to have every part that is replaced specially made and fitted by hand, are a few examples.

It is not generally realized that complete uniformity of gauge on all the American railroads was only secured within the last fifteen years. Prior to that time there were differences of a half-inch or more between some of the roads.

The standards of screws and bolts in use throughout the country were drawn up in the sixties by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia.

Matrimonially inclined couples who in the future contemplate eloping to Kentucky to get married, will do well to put an extra half dollar in their pockets, because the license has been raised fifty cents.

The former price was \$2 a license, but County Clerk Yates of Covington received a notice from the State Auditor that an extra fifty cents will be charged in future for the seal on the document.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.



CURIOUS FACTS

To make canned fruits, the West Indians first cut the fruit into cubes. They leave the cubes several days in sea water, and then immerse them in hot syrup.

Mr. Edison's "toy," the phonograph, is said to be growing in use as a substitute for stenographers in the dictation of correspondence. It was used recently as a witness in a coroner's inquest.

Among the fishing population of Lancashire coast there exists a strong prejudice against learning to swim. The belief being that swimming only serves to prolong the agony of death by drowning.

Certain months in the year, the Town Council at Yarmouth, England, employs a band to play twice daily in the Wellington Gardens. An admission of a penny a head is charged. Last season the receipts were \$13,500.

The resistance of cedar wood to decay has long been famous, and cedar fence posts often last for generations. A remarkable instance of the indestructibility of cedar has been noted in the State of Washington...

Among the birds that are living a higher life, it is the female bird who carries the hod during building time. The husband sits on twigs and tells her how to do it.

The moment a woodpecker's mate gets through nesting, he tells her "to take her clothes and go"—then he establishes himself in the house she has built—and she goes and builds another for winter.

For Overstaying Her Leave. "It's an old story that the United States Treasurer, occasionally pays warrants for the sum of one cent to creditors of the Government."

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What becomes of old tram cars? The increasing favor of electric tramways all over the country, and the consequent sale of large numbers of by no means worn-out "stage carriages" of the horse traction type, give point to the inquiry.

Coal is the Chief Problem in Industry. A hindrance to industrial growth, second in importance to that of the demand of the war-chests, is the lack of coal.

Resisting Inevitable Changes. How little we realize the changes that are going on and how stubbornly we resist them! We hate the motor car as our grandfathers hated the railway.

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"SURRA" ATTACKS ARMY MULES.

Gravely Fatal Indian Parasitic Disease Mistaken For Glanders.

The fatal and much dreaded "surra" of Indian Burmah has invaded the Philippines and is destroying horses and mules with amazing rapidity. The disease was at first mistaken for glanders but failed to yield to treatment and puzzled for months the best veterinarians.

In Manila alone the Quartermaster's Department lost 300 horses within four months. General Chaffee has issued an order to the officers in the island urging the isolation of all affected animals, and giving the results of bacteriological investigations of the disease made by the Manila Board of Health.

"The mode of infection is not yet known, but there is a strong probability that the parasite is introduced through the bite of some suctorial insect, probably either a fly or a mosquito.

The pathological change caused by this parasite is a rapid destruction of the red blood cells, causing an acute anaemia. The change occurs in the blood coincident with the invasion of the parasite.

The Army surgeons who have studied "surra" admit that a remedy is yet to be found and until this is done isolation is the only method to be pursued in stamping out the disease.

An Easy Messenger Job. The position of messenger at the British Embassy is a place much sought, and is now, for the first time, held by a colored man.

The messenger's job can be termed a sinecure. Once a week, or perhaps, twice or three times a week, he goes to New York, carrying the outgoing mail and returning with that brought over on the English vessel.

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