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ITEMS ABOUT THE HAIR.

Much has been said pro and con as to be effect of salt water on the hair. Miss fantalini affirms that when properly aplied, salt water is not only not injurbus, but is an excellent tonic. She says: If allowed to remain in a damp mass, owever, it will cause the hair to fall out. The strands should be carefully combed It allowed to remain in a camp mass, lowever, it will cause the hair to fall out. The strands should be carefully combed fiter the bath and not put up till perceitly dry. Tar soap rubbed into the calp before going in helps to keep londe hair light. A three-cornered andkerohtef of rubber is the only means if keeping the hair dry in diving and bathing. It should be tied turban fashion as tightly as possible around the head. The hair curled constantly in one place angenders a fever, which causes it to fail out. It is wise, therefore, to change from topknot to Psyche and thence to Langtry as frequently as possible."—

St. Louis Republic.

AN EXQUISITE COSTUME.

The fashion for wearing gold and silver knots in jewelry has spread to dress trimmings. Beautiful metal bows of sweled passenenterie are made for triming the lower edgos of skirts and adorning trains. The jeweled passementeries made to match with the jeweled bows which are worn as actual jewelry upon the waist and in the hair. A lovely iress of shrimp pink satin has bows and cops and ends extending all around the front of the skirt and around the train of silver passementerie. The passementerie is dotted with blue stones that look won-leffully like turquoise. The waist of the dress is a shrimp pink brocaded satin, with a puffling of pink chiffon around the leck and around the shoulders. The iress is sleeveless. Upon the front of ithere is a large silver pin, set with turquoise, and a silver and turquoise neckace is worn. In the hair there is a silver in with a turquoise in the end. The fan keeps pace with the dress, for the sticks are of silver, and the outer one has a series of blue stones set in it—[New York Advertiser. ork Advertiser.

PROTECTING THE BIRDS. *

Some time ago several women in England started a society, the members of which bound themselves "to refrain from wearing the feathers of any bird not killed for purposes of food, the ostrich only excepted." The society grew very greatly in numbers, and its good influence is shown by the letter of a professional fowler to a newspaper. A year ago, he says, he was asked to get 8,000 Kittiwake gulls, but this year he has not shot one. The gull is a beautiful and useful bird, and the fashion of wearing its plumage seriously threatened its extermination.—[New York Press.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE, OF WURTEMBERG.

Wurtemberg is not wholly without consolation over the death of the late King William I. That ereatic monarch's consort, Olga, may have had the sympathy of his subjects for the treatment she received at his hands, but she never inspired their love. The new Queen, wife of King William II., is more likely to win and retain the affection of the Wurtembergers, for she is young, amiable and beautiful. She is the second wife of the King, whose first spouse died six years before he married the present Queen. The latter is the eldest daughter of Prince. William, of Schaumburg-Lippe, and was born in 1884. Her youth was spent at Ratiboritz and Nachod castles, in Bohemia, where her parents reside. She received, under the eyes of her mother, Princess Bathildis of Anhalt, a most careful education eight tutors being engaged to teach the seven children—four sons and three daughters—of the family. Thus Queen Cherlotte became well read in German and foreign history and literature, an accomplished linguist, musician and amateur artist, but was also taught how to handle a horse and how to drive a pair of fiery Bohemian ponies, not to mention her great personal attractions and the winning ways which endeared her to her future subjects.—[New York Mail and Express.

SPEAKER CRISP'S WIFE.

Mrs. Charles Crisp, wife of the new peaker of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Charles Crisp, wifa of, the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, is notat all well known to the country at large or even to Washington. She is a Southern woman of Georgia birth, and washorn and brought up in Ellaville, near American lady, "being a sort of drab brown that of a typical Southern woman. Her life was that of a typical Southern woman. Her life was that of a typical Southern woman. Her grains are as wealthy planter. When quite young she was married to young Crisp, and the pair made a home in American, where they have lived ever since. Four children came to domand Mrs. Crisp's care and she devoted herself to them and to her home. While the Speaker's wife has an exquaive position and transcalong with Cabinet ladies, it is near to be that Irs. Criss will feel in the speaker's wife has an exquaive position and transcalong with Cabinet ladies, it is near to be that Irs. Criss will feel in the control of the will be the server of the will be the server with the server with the part of the will be will be well as a newer kind, and several new forms of counters as have pricked seams, which is a newer kind, and several new forms of counters as have pricked seams, which are the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the part of the will be a server with the server will be a server

main in signific. Min. Origo has always spent the wholes with Mr. Orisp at the Metropolitan Hotel, where she is a favorite with the Southern contingent. She is a well-informed woman, interested in her husband's career.—(Chicago Post.

REVELATIONS ABOUT FALSE HAIS

Are the members of the fair sex likely to be harrowed by the revelations madd by a French contempotary as to the methods by which false hair is prepared? It is not probable. They may be expected to profess, in the first place, incredulity, and in the second—if it be required—indifference. The story is that artificial chevelures are in most instances furnished not by the "colificars." who trade in human hair derived direct from the head, but by the chiffoniers who sift out combings from the "common or garden" dustbins. These combings, it is stated, are carefully cleaned, separated, re-arranged and made up, forming the basis of some very elegant combinations. It is possible that some more than usually squeamish lover of false hair might be disinclined to wear a dustbin product if she knew of it and could help it, but, in general, ignorance is bliss, and in the majority of cases, probably, fair ladies do not inquire too curiously into the source of the "false" hair they use. Why should they? The mere wearing of such hair implies, perhaps, a carelesaness as to the means by which it is obtained. Besides, all the hair worn artificially is not necessarily even purchased. It often belongs quite properly to the head to which it is artistically applied. Moreover, incredulity in respect to the origin of false hair is not unjustifiable. The number of girls all over the world who are prepared, for a consideration, to part with their luxuriant locks is, it would appear, large, and it is not likely to be seriously diminished as time goes on. With many a maid it is her hair, and not her face, that is her fortune, and the coffeurs soon convince her of the fact. Assuredly the chiffonier is not, to the masculine half of humanity, a pleasant one; but it is readily forgotten, and it would certainly not be allowed to stand in the way of a grande passion. Are the members of the fair sex likely be harrowed by the revelations mad-

FASHION NOTES.

Silk braid fringes for wraps and dresses are the fashion.

The floral panier and the peasant bodice, made wholly of small roses, ac-companying ball toilets, are short-lived absurdities.

The latest style of arranging the hair for full dress is the "Mme. de Sevigne." The hair is waved over the head, then arranged in easy braids at the back with a cluster of light ourls falling from the centre of the knot.

Some very beautiful cloth fabrics for winter wraps have raised designs in shaded velvet. Rough-surfaced cloths fifty inches wide show flecked effects in fine brilliant colorings. Venetian cloths appear woven with fur or shaggy camel's hair borders.

Sleeves are being made with wristimming to fall over the back of the hand, as they were in the days of the Plantagenets. The fashion is decidedly the thing for women who have large hands and wrats. The coat sleeve, however neat looking, is, in its severity, inimical to broad wrists and hands inclined to he red. to be red.

One of the novelties of the winter is the Russian blouse of cloth or velvet belfed closely and edged with fur. This new blouse is a long, straight garment of simplest shape and belted all around, or else the back may be fitted and the front left without darts, its fullness, confined by the belt, giving a blouse effect.

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Simple and lovely evening dresses for young girls are of soft white Japanese crepe that has deep crimson crinkles and a very soft, silky surface. They are made with a baby waist, with two frills of chiffon falling from the low, round neck and caught up high on the shoulders. The skirt is round and full and barely touches the floor.

Bretelles appear upon many of the new toilets designed both for children, misses and slender matrops. Some are made of the dress goods, others of bengaline, surah, etc. Bretelles of lace, velvet or silk are seen that are a mere point at the waist-line, widening to almost cover the shoulders. Thence they pass to the back of the neck in full flowing plaits like a Stuart frill. Stuart frill.

The handsome robe dresses of ladies' The handsome robe dresses of manes cloth, embroidered along the selvages, or trimmed with applique velvet and bits of fur, are reduced to at least one-third of their original prices, and are commendable purchases in all the rich winter dyes, and in the more delicate tints of golden brown, dove color, Suede, chamois, beige, fawn, and turquoise blue.

Queen Victoria still wears a hat, that is, when she chooses. She appeared in one about a month ago in one of her daily drives; "said headgear," writes an American lady, "being a sort of drab brown straw, adorned with a feather which had once been white, but which the smoke and fog of London had just as thoroughly demoralized as if it had bobbed and nodded upon the head of the lowlight of the Queen's subjects."

The chief novelty in gloves lies in the

COUNTRY TOWN EDITORS.

Reasons Why They Are Rearly Al-ways Poor and Unhappy.

Although country editors are nearly always poor, there are plenty of persons who believe that half the paragraphs in a country newspaper are paid for with enormous bribes, writes the author of "A Country Town," in the Century. There are always two sides to every question, and whichever side an editor falls on, the par-tisans of the other accuse him of be-ing "bought." It is little wonder, therefore, that the editor is seldom a popular man; I never knew one who was, and I never knew one who was not often accused unjustly. Probably the people believe in bribes to editors the people, believe in brines to entors because it is a very rare editor who does not accuse his opponent of being a bribe taker, creating a prejudice against themselves and their calling. Lazy and incompetent editors nearly always explain the success of their more vigorous opponents by declaring that they carry on a system of blackmail. I once visited in a large city the

newspapers which I had long admired almost with reverence, and was surprised to hear a citizen say that what prised to hear à citizen say that whatthe city really needed was better papers; they would bring "eastern capital." Every citizen of a country town
wants his locality "boomed," to the
end that he may sell his \$50 lot for
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good paper might aid him in this, and
because his lot does not advance in
value as he thinks it should, he has a
gridynape against the editor. He longs grievance against the editor. He longs for an editor with some "snap" in him. I don't know what "snap" means, but I know this is the quality usually thought to be lacking. There are more great men in every country town than really exist in the entire nation, and if they are not recognized the local papers are of no account. I was once bothered a good deal by a certain man who said he could clean more chickens in an hour than any other chicken-cleaner in the world, and he wanted the fact mentioned. Men who are never suspected of greatness by other people accuse themselves of it to the editors, and when they re-fuse to mention this greatness they are told that their columns contain a great deal of stuff not half so inter-esting. It has occurred to me that when a citizen of a country town be-comes drunk the first thing he does is to hunt up the editor and tell him what is the matter with the community.

The Ear of Dionysius.

Of old, Syracuse was the most important city in the Island of Sicilly, and in the early part of the fourth century before Christ it was governed by Dionysius the Elder. He is century before Christ it was governed by Dionysius the Elder. He is commonly called the Tyrant of Syracuse—that is to say, a ruler who had usurped power, not a legitimate ruler who governed brutally, which is the sense in which we nowadays use the word "tyrant." Near the city there are several vast caves, formed by the action of water in the limestone rocks, and one of these is known as the Ear of Dionysius. This cavern is really a long tunnel. For a distance of nearly two hundred yards it is about seventy feet high, and then the roof begins to descend. At the further end of the high arch, and at some sixty feet from the floor, is a some sixty feet from the small hidden chamber hollowed in the rock. Here, so the story goes, Dionysius used to listen to the talk of prisoners confined below, who whispered among themselves of their plots and plans. It is said to be the fact that a slight whisper if uttered near one of the walls, can be heard in this chamber at a distance of fully

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