

OR THE FAIR...

OF INTEREST ON THE FASHIONS.

and Matrimony. Tortoise Shell Combs. Forty Styles of Cycling Costumes. How to Win Rosy Cheeks.

GIRTON AND MATRIMONY.

The curious statistician has been at trouble of compiling a report showing the number of women who, after getting out of Girton and Newnham colleges for women, in England, during the last fifteen years, have condescended to the marriage state. With the announcement that of 1,500 only 200 have deserted the cold and classic life of learning for the frivolous life of matrimony, it will at once be seen that Girton is not considered by the male sex a good qualification for matrimony.

TORTOISE SHELL COMBS.

Platinum-sized tortoise shell combs mounted with applied silver are more popular than anything else just at the moment. They really show off better in the hair than in any other. Black and jet combs and hairpins being imported from Paris and are very popular. Many of them are crescent and butterfly shapes, and are thickly studded with rhinestones. The side combs match, and the ends of these novelties in blonde hair are gorgeous and striking.

STYLES OF CYCLING COSTUMES.

Forty girls in forty styles of cycling costumes were on exhibition, to women in Philadelphia the other day at a session of the Women's Congress. Every sort of costume was represented, from the most elaborate to the most simple, in all lengths and sizes, and in all colors. Divided skirts, bifurcated in various styles, and an abundance of different sorts of plain skirt dresses. The dresses were: the working girls in the city, and a committee of the Congress investigated the merits of the various styles, with a view to a report of some kind. A style was fastened firmly on the girls, and on this many of the girls imitated the appearance and advanced of their particular costume in their wheeling practice.

HOW TO WIN ROSY CHEEKS.

Now whereof I speak when I say fully one-half the world comes each day in direct violation of the law of health, writes Mary Abbott, sleeping all night in a closed room, the windows double, the air hot, in wintry weather, turned up with its fumes of disease and death. Let my lady, dresses herself and about the business of the day out a thought of the bed she has in and is going to sleep in again, undressed and unshaken, it lies just as left it until somebody comes and takes it up, puts on the embroidered gowns and folds down the dainty and that transforms it into a veritable "whited sepulcher," full of the fumes of disease. Get out your physics and read about the waste that comes from the pores of the body during the night, and then dream pleasant dreams. If you dare, in an unwarmed bed and an unventilated bedroom. When can bring me a flower that blossoms in a charnel-house I will show a woman who has won rosy cheeks and bright eyes from unhygienic surroundings.

WOMAN'S GLORY.

Woman's crowning glory is as a luxuriant head of hair. "If a woman have long hair," says St. Basil, "it is a glory to her," and special praise is given to the tresses of Helen, the son of David. Long hair is highly desirable, and to promote and maintain it when secured is worth no little care. Countless tonics and washes are in use, many of them potent in their way, but the best for the locks is absolute cleanliness and tireless grooming (if you employ the word), with the proper kind of brush.

It is a mistaken idea that the hair does not need frequent washing. In summer it should be cleansed at least once a week and stiff brushing. There is no danger of catching cold if the hair is carefully dried with a tablespoon-full of whiskey rubbed into the scalp.

That disfiguring and unbecoming condition of the scalp, is not a disease, unless in a most aggravated form. In frequent cases it is due to neglect of the brush and proper washing. You can keep dandruff from accumulating but you cannot keep it from forming. One of the best ways the writer has ever tried is as follows: Beat thoroughly the yolk of a fresh egg, squeeze into it the juice of a small lemon, stir together, and before using drop into the mixture ten drops of ammonia. Then, the ends of the fingers dipped into the mixture, thoroughly saturate the scalp, rubbing vigorously. When all the mixture is rubbed in, dip the hands in water and rub the hair with the palms, then dry the hair with a towel and let it dry.

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curved around at the sides and back to the shoulder points, and has tabs in front falling two-thirds of the length of the cape.

A stylish hat is low-crowned, narrow-brimmed, and has a roll of velvet around the edge. The trimming is of pompons of curled ostrich tips, and a scarf of velvet laid loosely over the crown and fastened with gold pins.

Frock coats of Louis XVI. cut will be worn in velvet, in rich combination with wool skirt and brocade waistcoat, making very handsome street gowns that will render an over garment unnecessary until very cold weather. Many of the new coats are very gorgeous affairs, exceedingly rich of material and displaying no little artistic ingenuity in their designing.

The material most favored for coats is a rather rough surfaced black cloth, depending for its style on the smartness of its cut and the extra large gutta percha buttons. A simulated buttonhole is counted in very bad form, and the best tailors invariably have a double set of buttons and a double set of buttonholes, so that if one side should show any sign of wearing, the other can be lapped over and utilized.

Blue cloth, very heavy but smooth surfaced, is also in vogue. Plain smooth-surfaced silks are chosen for the linings, a brocade being only used when a rather more elaborate style of design is chosen. Hussar effects in black braid continue to be liked, and are arranged in the usual picturesque fashion across the front of a coat, so that they give to a slender woman a decidedly broad appearance. Velvet for lapels, collars and cuffs is frequently seen, although on what is known as the useful jacket no trimming is used.

A piquant little jacket is of tawny brown cloth. It does not close in front. The skirts are very full and arranged in a series of triple box plaits. Between every cluster of plaits at the waist line is a loop of black satin ribbon. The rolling collar is lined with gray fur—a pretty color idea—and ends with falls of black chiffon. On each side, below the collar, the jacket turns away in short, almost perfectly square tabs, which are covered with heavy cream guipure.

Wonderful Engineering Work.

A wonderful engineering work has just been completed in India, which practically compels a river which formerly entered the sea on the western side of India to reverse its course, to pierce its way through the lofty central watershed, and flow down to the eastern coast, thus affording irrigation to a vast and arid region in which famines have been common for centuries. This territory extended from the central watershed eastward to the Bay of Bengal. It occurred to an officer of the Madras Engineers, Captain Caldwell, in 1803, that it might be possible to divert one of the western rivers, near its source in the hills, towards the east. The most important of those western-flowing rivers, the Periyar—literally, "The Big River"—rose not far from a head-water of the Vaigal River, which runs southeastwards into the Bay of Bengal. But while the Periyar deluged the western coast strip with destructive floods, the Vaigal was almost completely exhausted on its course through the dry regions east of the watershed. Captain Caldwell's project was again brought forward in 1867 by another officer of the Madras Engineers, Major Ryves, and complete plans for diverting the waters of the Periyar into the Vaigal were drawn up. These included an enormous dam to close the valley of the Periyar, a vast reservoir to hold the waters thus collected, and the driving of a broad tunnel, nearly 7,000 feet long, to convey the overflow through the ridge to the dry channel of the Vaigal River. This huge work has just been finished at a total cost of about \$2,500,000.

Catching Bears With Bear Kegs.

Bear kegs are being used with great success for the odd purpose of catching bears in the vicinity of Hoquiam, Wash., and are said to make the best traps ever used in that region. One end is knocked out of the keg, and then a number of strong, sharp spikes are driven into the sides, the points slanting slightly towards the closed end. A big dab of honey or other delicacy especially liked by a bear is then placed at the further end, and the keg is carelessly dropped in the woods where the bears are likely to stumble across it. The device caught five bears in one week for one keg recently. The bear just pushes right into the keg after the honey in the end, and the spikes effectually prevent him from backing out, and all he can do is to roll around until he is tired, and then wait for the trap layer to come.

"A Human Arrow."

A novelty at the Westminster Aquarium entertainments is the shooting of "The Human Arrow." The "arrow" is a girl 10 years of age, and she is shot from a monstrous bow at a target. She passes through the target, and is caught by another girl who is hanging by her feet in mid-air, nearly twenty yards away.

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His Share.

Among the many anecdotes relating to the celebrated Dr. Chalmers, an amusing one was told by a gentleman on his return from his first visit to Edinburgh. He had heard a great deal about the wonderful oratorical powers possessed by some of the members of the General Assembly, and, being anxious to hear and judge for himself, paid an early visit to it. Next to him sat an elderly, hard-featured, solemn-faced man, who was leaning with both hands on a heavy stick, which he eyed with great concentration of gaze, scarcely raising his eyes from his absorbed contemplation of it. Soon the stranger's attention was riveted upon the speaker who had opened the day's discourse. The wonderful command of language which he possessed, combined with his eloquence of style and the peculiarity of his manner, excited the listener's curiosity.

"Can you tell me who is speaking now?" he asked eagerly, turning to the sober-faced old man beside him. "Who's speaking now?" echoed the old man, raising his eyes from the contemplation of the stick to fix them in contemptuous amazement upon his interlocutor. "That, sir, is the great Doctor Chalmers, and I'm holdin' his stick!"

Chinese Horrors.

The poor wretches supposed to have been implicated in the Hwasong outrages were handcuffed, looking filthy, wild, ghastly, half-starved; but a few days of Yamen prison life makes them more like beasts than men. Their handcuffs are taken off while in the court—an exquisite irony of hinted mercy, for they have to kneel all the time while before the court; and as they all begin by lying, swearing they were nowhere near the scene, and so on, the instruments of torture are quickly brought in. A thin-linked chain is coiled on the floor. On this the prisoner, bare-kneed, must kneel; then his head is dragged back and up, and his pig-tail is tied high up to a rack; a pole is then thrust across his legs or the back of his knees and two soldiers stand on either end, crushing the poor wretch's knees into the chain coils, causing intense agony. This the English consul, Mr. Mansfield, could not stand, and insisted the thing should be stopped.

The Sea Cow is Delicate.

The manatee, states the American Naturalist, is extremely sensitive to a change in the temperature of the water, and last February during the "freeze" in Florida, numbers of them died, the cold coming so suddenly that they were unable to reach deep water before being overtaken by the frost.

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Doctored Drugs.

Dr. Tucker, the chemist of the New York State Board of Health, has been looking into the question of the adulteration and deterioration of drugs with startling results. Out of 8,305 samples of drugs investigated during three years, not one-half were rated "good." Dr. Tucker thinks that some valuable and well-known old-fashioned remedies have fallen into disuse because the thing that made them efficacious is left out in the simulacra sold. Twenty-six out of 123 samples of chloroform were found to be impure.

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