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NEW YORK, June 1st 1878.
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NEW YORK FASHIONS: TRAVELING COSTUMES; SEASIDE TOILETS; GLOVES; FANS; FASCINATIONS; PANIERS; BUTTONS.

TRAVELING COSTUMES.

Before entering upon the question of costumes to be worn at the seaside, it behooves me to say a word in regard to what we shall wear in going thither; what indeed will be prevalent and popular for traveling anywhere. And here especially I have the pleasure of saying "I told you so." I knew that the idea of short costumes, planted somewhat timidly last fall, would by this time bring forth abundant harvest, and it has been so. Upon them the changes are rung incessantly and every day almost some new variation comes to light. All manner of material furthermore, is being brought into requisition. The greater number are made with light plaid skirt, small apron or scarf like drapery relieving the out-line around the hips, while the cut away jacket and vest give completion. Often too, we find scarf or apron finished with embroidery, and the effect is very pretty. Percalé and gingham costumes are also made in this way, but to the exclusion of a demi trained skirt trimmed with flowers or knife platings and round overskirt above. The *Louise*, or washerwoman's overskirt is designed especially as part of a short costume, and it is very tasteful. As a walking or traveling costume for girls from twelve to sixteen years of age, the Victoria Princess dress is extremely pretty—convenient also, as it can be made up in all kinds of dress materials, and is unusually well adapted to a combination of colors or materials. For traveling driving, etc, the Carrick Ulster, with double Carrick collar is stylish and practical, as it is suited to light cloth, waterproof or linen.

SEA SIDE COSTUMES.

The problem of how we shall get to the sea side being settled, it comes next in order to know how one shall dress after reaching such destination. The leading novelty in material is very thin camell's hair cloth in white and all pale shades, and crape in similar hues is also very fashionable. Open work basketweave in crape-like patterns is made up into elegant polonaises to be worn over silk or velvet underskirts. Some of them are richly embroidered around the edges and finished with superb fringes; the embroidery appearing also of course, on the cuffs and sleeves. Grenadines in high and low degree appear and in such variety that a grandmother of seventy can wear one as appropriately as her granddaughter of sixteen. The former would of course select the plain woven in black, while the latter would choose a style so remote as scarce to seem grenadine. For we have them wrought in all manner of damaree and bourrette tuftings, and in every combination of color, from the delicately refined to such as are brilliant reflections of every rainbow hue. Samples of all new materials are forwarded gratuitously to all parts of the country, on application, by the leading firm of Jaud & Johnston, Broadway and Twenty Second Street, thus enabling ladies out of town to make their purchases in New York as advantageously as residents of the city. They also have a millinery and shoe department, as well as all that is novel and desirable in Gentlemen's furnishing goods, costumes, housekeeping goods, carpets and upholstery. Now as to the making of dressy materials adapted to

HOTEL HOPS

and the like, we find that the greater number are high neck and with sleeves reaching to the waist. The Alexandra Princess dress is a handsome model for this style of dress. But sometimes one does well to show a pretty neck, and such as one may therefore choose the Pompadour front, with elbow sleeves, and if one has a well formed hand and arm, why there is the long lace mitt either black, or in any color to match the dress. It brings up the question of gloves for summer. For morning, there will be a great demand for lisle thread, and so we will bring out in great variety—plain woven, open work, with embroidery on the outside. Lay it to heart however that a glove of any kind in order to be stylish, must be long on the wrist. This is a law of the Medes and Persians which admits of no exception.

ASHAMED TO TELL MOTHER.

Such was a little boy's reply to his comrades who were trying to tempt him to do wrong.

"But you need not tell her; no one will know anything about it."

"I would know all about it myself, and I'd feel mighty mean if I could not tell mother."

"It's a pity you wasn't a girl. The idea of a boy running and telling his mother every little thing."

"You may laugh if you want to," said the noble boy, "but I've made up my mind, as long as I live, not to do anything that I would be ashamed to tell mother."

SHALL IT BE

that an odious panier will again be worn? I trust not, yet we have some few imported dresses which, being made fuller at the back, require such addition. Let us hope they will fall flat, for if there is an accommodation in my eyes, it is a panier or something related to the bustle family.

Cheap and very pretty fans—the cost about \$1, painted with bright Autumn leaves, not set in bouquets, but scattered over the fan, each leaf on its own responsibility. Richer fans are of feathers painted in Japanese styles. Then again we have Russian leather, black and white painted satia, lace covered, others show

A STRUGGLE FOR LIFE WITH A BABOON.

The particulars appended are taken from a South African paper: Mr. John Pringle, who lives with Mr. Christian Nester, in the Hantam, died a few days since in search of a stray sheep, taking his double barreled gun with him. While climbing a mountain he suddenly came upon five full-grown male baboons, and thoughtlessly fired and disabled one of the number, the others beating a retreat. Pringle then went up to the disabled animal in order to put it out of its misery, when two of the others made a rush to their wounded comrade's assistance.

Pringle saw them coming when they were only twenty yards off, and fired his remaining barrel, in his hurry missing both, but scaring one of them away. But the other made for his human antagonist, and sprang upon him, gripping him by the shoulder with one pair of hands, and holding to his waist with the others. In a jiffy the animal had tore off Pringle's upper clothing, and was gnawing at his throat, which was fortunately protected by several folds of a thick handkerchief, and the animal's teeth being very long, prevented him from opening his mouth wide enough to get a good hold. A struggle ensued, but Pringle could not get rid of his assailant until he (Pringle) tipped and fell on his side, when as he lay he caught the baboon by the throat with his right hand, and succeeded in getting him under.

He then seized a stone and battered the animal's head until life was extinct. Fortunately for him the remaining three held aloof, or the consequences might have been very serious. Mr. Pringle, who is a strong and active man, standing several inches over six feet in his stockings, tells us he has several times had to struggle hard with a strong man, but he never had a tougher job than to master that baboon. These animals are very destructive, and do great damage to lands and gardens. Mr. Moolman of Zaalfontein, Hantam, had a fine lot of water-melons, which he intended to bring to market. When he went to pick them, he found that the baboons had been before him and had scooped out the pulp of every ripe melon on the land.

REPTILES IN MADAGASCAR.

Bests of prey are unknown in Madagascar; but the rivers abound in alligators, more especially at Bambatooka, which Lieutenant Bateleur had an opportunity of ascertaining, by accidentally displacing a large stone on the declivity of a projecting point, a little above high-water mark. A black scorpion, five inches in length, was coiled up underneath, but in so lethargic a state, that, although when touched with a stick it resented the attack by stinging with its tail; yet it would not change its position until repeatedly irritated in the same way. He afterwards removed several other stones, most of which were found with one or more of these venomous reptiles beneath. It is not perhaps generally known that the most destructive enemy to these reptiles is the common mouse. They never meet with-out a contest, which almost universally terminates in favor of our little domestic autonymouse, who, either by force of arms or stratagem, contrives to destroy his enemy. This he does by irritating the scorpion with his constant and agile attacks, until the reptile becomes so fatigued as to be an easy prey, or to become, as some suppose, his own executioner. Lieutenant Jones and Dr. Gulaud landed on the Island of Rattow with their guns, and in a very short time returned with several birds of different kinds and a large serpent, of the boa constrictor species, which they suddenly encountered whilst walking through the jungle. When first seen it was scarcely five yards distant, and either frightened or irritated at being disturbed, it assumed a most menacing attitude, its bright eyes glaring with fury, and coiling itself up, as if preparing to spring on Dr. Gulaud, who happened to be in advance. But that gentleman, before the monster had time to accomplish his purpose, lodged the contents of his gun in its head. The wound was fatal, and after lashing with its tail the surrounding bushes and grass for a few minutes, the huge reptile expired. It measured twelve feet in length, and the thickest part of its body was nine inches round. About half-way down the stomach was distended far beyond its usual size, which appeared evidently to proceed from something it had devoured. On examination a young springbok, about the size of a cat, was extracted in a perfect state, with the exception of a small portion of the head, upon which the monster's digestive organs had begun to act. The last time the doctor had visited this island he was encountered by a crocodile about eight feet in length. The animal was frightened, and retreated one way, while Dr. Gulaud, whose gun was only charged with small shot, most readily availed himself of the other.—London Daily News.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

SPRINGFIELD, May 31.—A pall of gloom to-day overpends this city. About eleven o'clock last night Mrs. Thompson, a widow of about fifty years, deliberately killed her daughter while she lay sleeping in bed, and then killed herself. The weapon used was a razor. Mrs. Lawson, an elderly daughter, occupied rooms adjacent, and hearing strange sounds in her mother's room, hastened thither, to find the mother and the daughter weltering in their blood. An alarm was given, but both victims were beyond human aid before it could reach them. Mrs. Lawson at once became unconscious, and is now in a critical condition. The shock, it is feared, will produce death. Her husband, who is engaged in business in St. Louis, was telegraphed to this morning, but cannot reach here before to-morrow morning. The sad news which flashed forth to him this morning produced sorrow in every household, as the parties were well known and highly respected. Miss Nettie was a beautiful and charming young lady of about sixteen years, and was a general favorite in her circle. No cause can be surmised for the terrible tragedy.

A FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

A Dark Leaf from the Criminal History of Virginia.

Among the numerous most grown old tombstones in the graveyard at Williamsburg, Va., is one which bears the following inscription:

Sacred to the Memory of SARAH SEMPHILL.

Who died at the age of twenty-five, slain with her two infant daughters by her own husband.

She was fain to look upon pure as snow, and beloved by all that knew her. Divine Providence alone knows why she had to perish so miserably.

This epitaph, some of the words of which are hardly legible any longer, is the only record left of one of the most terrible domestic tragedies that ever took place in the Old Dominion.

It was in 1763 that John Semphill, a young man, who said that he was from Santa Cruz, in the West Indies, arrived at Williamsburg, and settled there as a tobacco planter. He had plenty of money, and was able to purchase about ten thousand acres of the finest soil within a short distance of the town.

Being apparently a gentleman in every sense of the word, Mr. Semphill was admitted to the best society in his new home, and a year later he was married to Sarah Jones.

A BEAUTIFUL HEIRRESS.

The wedding festivities being celebrated with extraordinary pomp and splendor. In course of time two daughters were born to the young couple, and everybody predicted a long career of cloudless happiness for them.

Alas! how terribly these bright anticipations were to be disappointed. It was on Christmas eve, in 1801, that a strange looking man, in a sort of military uniform, appeared at the house of Mr. Semphill, who was in Richmond at the time. Mrs. Semphill received the stranger in the parlor.

"Do you speak French, madam?" he said to her in very broken English.

"Then, madam, please send your two nurse-girls, with the children, out of the room."

She did so, and looked interrogatively at her visitor. The latter hesitated a moment. Then said in a tone of deep emotion:

"Poor lady, I have terrible tidings for you."

"Heavens!" she cried, turning very pale.

"Your husband—"

"Your husband is an INFAMOUS VILLAIN."

"Sir!" she exclaimed, indignantly.

"He has basely deceived you. He is an escaped galley slave, a thief and a murderer!"

"She uttered a heartrending scream.

"Do you tell me the truth?" she gasped.

"He is a Spanish thief, and was sent to the galleys of Barcelona for life. He made his escape from thence, and fled to Cuba; where he robbed and murdered a rich planter. I am here to take him to Cuba, where the sea-fog surely awaits him.

The afflicted lady had become strangely calm.

"Sir," she said to the stranger, before you arrest him will you permit me to hold a private interview with—"

"His true name is Juan Cefino. If you will let me remain in an adjoining room until he returns from Richmond, where he has gone I understand, you may see him privately."

"I expect him back every moment."

Half an hour later, Cefino alias Semphill, made his appearance. His wife briefly told him everything. He flew into a TERRIBLE RAGE!

He shot her through the heart, and rushed out of the room to the nursery, where he stabbed his two little daughters.

The next moment the Cuban officer, who had rushed after him, grappled with him, and succeeded, after a desperate struggle, in shackling him.

The news of this horrible tragedy spread like wild fire through the old town, and in less than twenty minutes a large concourse of people had gathered in front of Semphill alias Cefino's house.

Vociferous threats to lynch the murderer were made, and the deputy sheriffs, who were promptly on hand to arrest him, had the utmost difficulty in taking him to jail, where he was chained to the floor, having threatened to commit suicide.

The villain was hung out the 17th of May, 1803.

REPTILES IN MADAGASCAR.

There are no signs of volcanic action in any of these mountains, but the North Carolinians are praying night and day for an eruption. They say that it wouldn't hurt anybody and would be a great help to the State. The excitement four years ago was the signal for a general religious revival. Two brothers, William and Geo. Logan, owned much land in the vicinity of the mountain. George was a judge, and both are church members. The mountain, it is said, shook quite lively during a quarterly meeting. Thereupon William fell upon his knees and fervently prayed for the mountain to be still. The judge followed him with a heartfelt petition to the Throne of Grace. He prayed that the mountain might shake, and shake longer and stronger, until all the sinners were shaken to repentance. The Great Court of Appeals heard the judge's argument and decided in his favor; for it is said the mountain began to quake and roar like Sinai, and all the barn cases in the range were converted. Moonshine whiskey fell ten cents on the gallon. When the shaking ceased, however, three-fourths of them became back-siders, and the market for moonshine whiskey became inflated.

BALD MOUNTAIN.

Mary, said a lover to his intended "give us a kiss, will you?" "No, I shan't said Mary, 'Help yourself.'

A Detroit woman is reduced to her last shift, because silk is so high that she can't afford it, and calico is so cheap that she won't wear it.

Why is coal the most contradictory article known to commerce? Because, when purchased, instead of going to the buyer, it goes to the cellar.

Swell—'I want you to make me a short coat, without tails or seams in the back. Do you know what I mean?' German tailor.—'Yaas, yaas, I know vat you vant. You vant a straight jacket.'

A country paper exclaims: 'Lives there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, 'I'll pay before I go to bed the debt I owe the printer!—Yes, there are some we know full well who never such a tale could tell but they, I fear will go to—well the place where there's no winter.'

'I shall not go to the masquerade unless I'm masked,' said a young man to his companion, as they were promiscuous up Main street Monday evening. 'I shall not unless I'm asked, either,' she replied. He took the hint and invited her on the spot.

Young lady (who has selected some nice moire-antique for a dress)—'You will please charge that moire-antique to pa.' Affable clerk—'Excuse me, now, but my employer says your pa can not have any more on tick until he settles his last year's bill.' Exit young lady in high dudgeon.

CON ANY ONE IN THE SCHOOL TELL ME WHY A SHIP IS CALLED SHE?

asked a teacher in a suburban school the other day. 'Because she is rigged up?' answered a smart boy in the back row.

A Sunday school scholar who, being told how God punished the Egyptians by causing the first born of each household to be killed, rejoined with, 'What would God have done if there had been twins?'

A Russian General rides forward to the Grand Duke. 'I have the honor, your Imperial Highness, to announce a great victory.' 'Very well, go and catch up your troops.' 'There are none left.'