

OUR FASHION LETTER.

Linen and Gingham For Swell Morning Gowns.

HOW THEY MAY BE TRIMMED.

For Evening Wear There Are Light Colored Tulle, Softened by Lace Applique—Lace Wraps to Be Popular—Gossamers About Dress Trifles.

For morning wear at summer resorts entire dresses will be worn much more than shirt waists.

Gowns made of ecrú linen will be cut blouse fashion and worn with belts and stocks of different pale colors.

Gowns of lace linen will be popular.

children. But there can be no joy in motherhood without health, and without health for the mother there can be no health for the child.

It is of vital importance for women to know that the health of mother and child is in general entirely within woman's control. The thousands of women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription have testified that it made them healthy and happy in the days of waiting, made the baby's advent practically painless, and gave them health to give their children.

Nothing but leaves.

Nothing but leaves; the spirit grieves over a wasted life.

Nothing but leaves; no garnered sheaves.

Nothing but leaves; memory weaves no veil to screen the past.

Nothing but leaves; we retrace our weary way.

Nothing but leaves; we stand before Him, humble, mute.

Nothing but leaves; we wait for the words He breathes—

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Some people are afraid to make the Lord a promise, but they will promise the devil and his tempter, provided he won't tell on them.

A childlike trust of heart, that can take a hand and wonder, walk in paths unknown and strange, is the prime requisite of all religion.

God is all to thee; if thou be hungry, he is bread; if thirsty, he is water; if thou be in need of light; if naked, he is a robe of immortality.

Never despise a man because his employment is humble or his clothing bad. The best is an insect which is not very pleasing to the sight yet its life affords an abundance of honey.

We put ourselves in the way of divine visits, when we employ ourselves in honest business.

Years ago one of our fleets was terribly shattered by a violent gale. It was found that some of the ships were unaffected by its violence. They were in what the mariners call "the eye of the storm."

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GREENADINE EVENING GOWN.

has four ruffles, headed by a fanciful application composed of tucks and lace. The waist has a toothed bolero over a full blouse of tucking.

The elbow sleeves have underpuffs. There is a corsage decoration of differently shaded roses.

Fashion Decrees Pale Colors.

All tints of rose will undoubtedly be much worn this summer, but the paler and more delicate tones will be the most fashionable.

Blue and green in the very palest tints will be smart, and the combination of black and white or of delicate mauve with either black or white lace will be used on many costumes.

Cottage roses and wild roses are seen on many of the most costly hats. Chrysanthemum straw and dainty satins in straws are deservedly popular, and in many cases these straw hats are simply trimmed with a wreath of flowers.

The pearl cabochon has been introduced so that it can be now purchased for a few cents; therefore it will soon disappear from smart millinery.

The ostrich is also being imitated so successfully that women will no longer have the excuse of wearing the real article.

Sashes are to be as popular as ever.

only the bows are to be more complicated, with many knots and more than two ends.

The pretty waist in the cut is made of liberty satin. It has a double bolero effect, with chiffon front and under-sleeves. It is trimmed with heavy gipure lace.

Words and Their Origins.

The dictionary tells us of the origin of things familiar, and in its pages we may learn that the bayonet was first made at Bayonne, in France; that damask and the damson came originally from Damascus; that coffee first came to Europe from Kaffa and copper took its name from Cyprus; that candy was first exported from Candia and that tobacco was so called from the island of Tobago; the home of De Foë's Imaginary hero; that gin was either introduced to Geneva or early in its history became an important factor in the commerce of that city; that tarantula was once a notorious pest in the region about Taranto; that the unique property of being noticed in iron ore dug in the neighborhood of Magnesia, that parchment was first made at Pergamum, cambric at Cambay, muslin at Masulipatan, calico at Calicut, gauze at Gaza, dimity at Damietta, that milliners first piled their trade in Milan and that mantuas were invented in the Italian city of the same name.

Japanese Theaters.

The theaters of Japan are generally wood and inexpensive buildings. Their interior arrangements are somewhat similar to ours, but not nearly so elaborately finished. There are no seats provided for the auditors; consequently they sit on the floor. The stages revolve like a locomotive turntable, have no drop curtains, but use sliding ones instead. Their musical instruments consist principally of a kind of cross between a mandolin and a banjo, with a metal drum and some other unrecognizable instruments for accompaniment. The music has a kind of hum-drum air and but very little variation. Their entertainments are of long duration and are generally during the day. The plays are almost invariably tragedy. The admission fee is small.

Seventeenth Century Napkins.

About 1650 Pierre David published the "Maistre d'Hotel," which teaches how to wait on a table properly and how to fold all kinds of table napkins in all kinds of shapes.

The shapewipers "Square, twisted, folded in bands and in the forms of double and twisted shell, single shell, double melon, single melon, cock, hen and chicken, two chickens, pigeon in a basket, partridge, pheasant, two chickens in a pie, hare, two rabbits, sucking pig, dog with a collar, pig, carp, turkey, miter, turkey, tortoise, the holy cross and the Lorraine cross."

One Way to Cut Brass.

To cut sheet brass chemically the following method meets with great success: Make a strong solution of bichloride of mercury in alcohol. With a quill pen draw a line across the brass where it is to be cut. Let it dry on, and with the same pen draw over this line with nitric acid. The brass may then be broken across like glass cut with a diamond.

The trouble with some modern trains of progress is that they carry the headlight on the rear car.—Judge

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

The development of technical and industrial schools in Germany has increased not only the domain of Emperor William, but has enriched all other civilized nations, says the New York Evening Post.

One of the first matters taken up and studied scientifically by these institutions was the making of buttons and other useful and ornamental articles from mother of pearl.

It was soon found that the opalescent layers of the oyster shell were not the sole available material, as had long been believed by the trade, and that clams, mussels and other bivalves, not to speak of many conchs, were of nearly, if not quite, equal value.

The first result of these examinations was the prompt utilization of other shells and a consequent reduction in the price of oyster, mother of pearl and of buttons made from that substance.

The new industry prospered and finally crossed the Atlantic. Here it has taken a firm foothold and is growing rapidly.

The largest portion of the work is now done in the United States, while small concerns may be found all the way from Massachusetts to Virginia.

Thus far the best clam discovered is the pearl clam of the Mississippi and other rivers of that region. The sea clams are useful, but the inner linings are not so lustrous or iridescent.

The deep sea clam, with its rich indigo color, makes a showy and rather popular button for that reason. Rhode Island clam, has often a beautiful play of color upon its inner surface, but is usually too thin and fragile. The hard clams or cobbles vary extensively. A few have brilliant interiors; the majority are very dull.

The treatment is about the same in all cases. The clams must be gathered so as not to injure the shell. They are washed and then boiled with a small amount of alkali, either washing soda or lime being added to remove any grease or dirt held by the meat.

The meat is extracted and is utilized for buttons and for other purposes. It has been employed the flesh is well adapted for stews, chowders or for making clam broths.

Where alkali has been employed the bodies are rinsed in hot water and fed to pigs and chickens. They are said to improve the flavor of the duck and to make the domestic bird taste very much like an inferior mallard.

The shells are then cleaned and sorted into blanks. These blanks are sorted, steamed, cut down by machinery, shaped, drilled and polished.

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BANK ROBBED BY BURGLARS.

Vault Blows Open and \$48,000 Secured.

Five Men in the Gang—Two of the Robbers Were Arrested.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

GALESBURG, ILL., Jan. 3.—Five men entered the First National Bank of Abingdon early this morning, bound and gagged the night watchman and leaped boldly upon the vault securing \$48,000.

Thirteen charges of dynamite were exploded before the cash was reached. The robbers are believed to have entered the city in two buggies and to have driven north and west afterwards.

QUINCY, ILL., Jan. 3.—Two of the men who dynamited the First National Bank at Abingdon were arrested here to-day. Both men carried pistols and tried to draw them on the officers who made the arrest but were overpowered and disarmed.

The captured men gave the names of Edward Raymond and J. Haynes Raymond. One had a card bearing the name of R. A. Vint, of the government secret service. He admitted that he himself had been in the secret service department. Money found on them amounted to \$1,768.

A THRILLING RACE.

Passenger Train Parsed by Runaway Freight Car—Collisions—No One Hurt.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 3.—There was a thrilling race on the Wilkesbarre and Eastern railroad to-day in an attempt to avoid a collision. A freight car loaded with ties ran away on the steep grade at Waterville.

The passenger train, which was just leaving the station, the freight car continued to gain on the passenger train. Seeing that a collision was inevitable, the passenger train driver threw the freight car from the track. No one was injured, but the passengers received a shaking up.

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PUZZLE PICTURE.

THE WEEBITLES IN WASHINGTON.

The Weebittles visit the Capitol at Washington.

FIND THE CAPITOL ATTENDANT.