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LESS TOBACCO AND MORE COTTON.

From various localities throughout this section covered by our correspondents come reports that farmers will plant less tobacco and more cotton.

Tobacco is now bringing a fairly good price. But that fact should not entice the farmer to plant at all heavily.

Go light on tobacco for a year or so and it may help the demand for the weed.

A STEP FORWARD.

Hon. J. Adam Bede, a Republican member of the house from Minnesota, made his maiden speech in the house Thursday.

This was of course put forth in jest, but there is a lot of truth in his contention that the Republican party is aided by dissensions on the Democratic side.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.

During Senator Simmons' address on the canal treaty the other day Senator Tillman interrupted, asking about the comparative demerit of stealing and of receiving stolen goods.

Politics will cause some mighty strange things to be done. One of the latest outbreaks occurred in Chicago.

When war is declared over in the east and Russia and Japan begin to fight, then we will believe there is something in it, but not until then.

Likely to Do So.

"We had known each other slightly," said Miss Evvy White, "but never to speak to until one day while out skating I fell down quite near him, and."

His C. O. D. Delivery.

"You do not remember the man who was that man's C. O. D. delivery?" "Yes," answered the politician, "I had to be particular about the delivery of that speech. It was a C. O. D. transaction." Washington Star.

Climatic Cures.

The influence of climatic conditions in the cure of consumption is very much overrated. The poor patient, and the rich patient, too, can do much better at home by proper attention to food digestion, and a regular use of German Syrup.

JAPAN'S WAR CHIEF.

General Masatake Terauchi, the Mikado's Minister of War.

General Masatake Terauchi, Japanese minister of war, who will direct the operations of the Mikado's army should the threatened clash with Russia take place, is a soldier of wide experience in actual warfare.

He studied in the German universities forty years ago and on his return to Japan entered the army, in which he served in various capacities until shortly before the China-Japanese war, when he was made a member of the board of strategy.



GENERAL MASATAKE TERAOCHI.

As a major general under Lieutenant General Yamaguchi, who commanded the Japanese troops, General Terauchi is fifty-eight years old, is known as an able tactician and was made minister of war in March of last year.

General Terauchi is regarded as one of the best informed military authorities in the empire, and to him is due much of the credit of reorganizing the army according to western methods.

Since becoming the head of the war department General Terauchi has kept in close touch with all European improvements in military equipment and man-killing devices.

SMART SPRING WAIST.

Attractive Garment Made of Modish New Material.

In times of peace the wise nation prepares for war; likewise in the woman's kingdom in times of sartorial peace and quiet the wise woman prepares her early spring and summer campaign of gowns and waists.

Mohair is to be specially modish this spring as a material for gowns and separate waists. It is not the mohair we



A NEW SPRING SHIRT WAIST.

have known, but a soft, grained and beautiful fabric, which makes up particularly well into the separate waist.

The attractive waist illustrated is of blue mohair flocked with white. It has a shirred shoulder and yoke effect which is arranged in so deft a fashion as to give the appearance of the shoulder shirring being a continuation of the yoke.

Two box plaits form a trimming down the front, decorated with eight large, handsome buttons made of mohair trimmed with gun metal.

The shirring is held down with a narrow blue and white cord. The turnover collar is of the mohair outlined with cord. At the top as a softening face trimming is a piece of Persian lace in fine silk disks. This lace is a new and very smart trimming.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

There was a woman at the bottom of it when Maggie fell into the well.

An emergency is a case of unexpected company on Sunday.



The best is the dearest in the case of girls.

If it were not for the fools, deadbeats and sharpers would have to go to work.

Eternal lustre is the price of success.

The beauties of a snowstorm are more appealing when viewed from a comfortable second story window than when seen from the middle of a drift.

If some people were as luminous as they think they are the world would be one dazzling blaze of glory.

The best thing about a Christmas programme is that it can't be repeated for a year at least.

The health of the small boy shows a great improvement during the skating season.

There is not so very much difference between giving and living.

Perhaps a thief can catch a thief, but why should he do it?

Perhaps pride goes before a fall, but it is sure to come after a hit.

Little girls are never too young to notice whether their hats are becoming to them.

When a man begins offering to help his wife about the house it is time to call in the doctor.

The Usual Thing.

She wrought with patient, loving pride A garment for her fiancé; The back was short, the sleeves were wide.

She fondly hoped that when he mused In idle hours with his cigar He'd wear the coat, while he confused The things to be with things that are.

And so she sent it by express That he might get it Christmas day, Bestowing on it a carress Before she sent it on its way.

He took it from its coverings And held it upside down, and then He said he wondered how such things Could be acceptable to men.

He tossed it in a closet dim Among some slippers badly mired And wrote to say she'd sent to him The thing that he had long desired.

Can't Afford to Lose Her Now.

"What makes Roberts so attentive to his wife?" "She has threatened to sue him for a divorce." "I did not think a little thing like that would faze him." "Oh, you see, her millionaire next of kin is about to die, and Roberts considers that it would be bad judgment to let her cut loose now."

Mean Thing.

Ernestine: Will Grantley is the meanest man I know. Josephine: Why, what has he done? Ernestine: I had the cleverest joke of the year on him and meant to tell it to all the girls. Josephine: Did you tell it? Ernestine: No. He went before me and told every one of them.

Pene Pictures.

Jack Frost has etched, with careful hand, A picture on the window pane— A garden full of lilies and A lot of trees along a lane.

This seems a mocking travesty Of singing, smiling summer time. This glimmering, sparkling mimicry Of summer done in winter's rime.

But Jack is wise, he wants to show That he knows love and laughter bright; That ice and frost and drifting snow Are not the whole of his delight.

And so he makes with skill and care A picture full of birds and bees That we may know he's had his share Of happy summer harmonies.

It Was His Business.

"I tell you, that fellow has seen some pretty sharp practice." "Detective, criminal lawyer or what?" "No. He sharpens razors in a barber shop."

Strong on the Arches.

"Madge is in full chase after that archduke." "Sort of an arch conspirator, is she?"

Song of the Boy With the Cutler.

Chin the belles, chin the belles, Chin them all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride With a new girl every day!

Had the Evidence.

"Are these eggs fresh?" "I just bought them from a fresh young woman."

It Was Coming to Him.

"One of his ancestors was huna." "Too bad he didn't inherit the tendency."

CHRONIC SORES

Signs of Polluted Blood.

There is nothing so repulsive looking and disgusting as an old sore. You worry over it till the brain grows weary and work with it until the patience is exhausted.

A chronic sore is the very best evidence that your blood is in an unhealthy and impoverished condition, that your constitution is breaking down under the effects of some serious disorder.

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Luther McCormons: Color, black; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, about 160 pounds; age, about 40 years; prominent white teeth; quick speaker; full eyes, and thin side whiskers. He was polite.

DAL F. WOOTEN, Sheriff.

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