

**CORSETS ARE CURSES.**

**SOMETHING CONCERNING HOW AND WHEN THEY ORIGINATED.**

**Ovid Puts Them at the Head of Remedies Against Love-Oils and Unguents in Developing the Human Form Divine—A Few Points Also About Foot Gear.**

The small accessories of toilets, whether they be necessities or only pretty adjuncts, have made industries which have employed many people in their manufacture, and have added largely to the growth of that passion for dress which has, in different centuries, broken out in both man and woman. Adoration for the human form has covered the feet, bedecked the hands with jeweled trifes, and incased the body feminine in stiff whalebones until it has become of different shape than nature intended. No article of apparel is so much discussed at this time as the corset; in truth, there is an absolute war over it.

**TO MAKE THEM GRACEFUL.**

Still, this same corset has held sway long and firmly. Even in the days when the Greek sculptors builded their ideal of beauty on the Venus de Milo writers weighed against large waists, Ovid putting them at the head of remedies against love. They were an undoubted outgrowth from the bandages worn by the Greeks to restrain a tendency to corpulency, and were as much used by men as by women, if we are to believe Aristophanes. History also relates that Marco Antony had need to resort to such means "to compress his swelling figure." The bands were three in number—the strophium, a bandage wound round the bust; a zona, or the waist belt, and the tertia, wound round and round below the waist. Nor were the bandages worn as apparatus compressing undue rotundity of form. They were made wider and longer and wrapped in large folds about slight figures to give them the grace of undulating lines. From the latter use, more than the former, has descended the reprehensible habit of lacing, the cause of the outcry against the stiff, whaleboned corset of today.

In the ancient days a very thin, slender figure attained to a much admired position by being enfolded in a large and voluminous strophium and tertia, and using only one thickness of bandage as the zona, producing the first effect of an unnaturally small waist. When this did not prove effectual in disguising the lack of cushioning to their bones they resorted to oils and unguents for bathing the body; goose fat mixed with warm milk and the egg of a partridge, the conglomeration being highly scented, was deemed the most productive of the desired embonpoint. But great care was taken that not a drop should fall on the body near the waist; in fact, while going through the fattening process the zona was worn day and night.

Since the days of incense burning in the temples, a record of which is found in the books of Moses, have perfumes been used, and from the Egyptians, through the Jewish people, has passed the art of making them, of burning aromatics and of carrying about richly wrought flogons of scent which have sometimes been made in the form of smelling bottles and again as perfume sprinklers. The fashionable woman of today wears her antique silver vinaigrette suspended from her chataleine or carries her scent about in a costly flacon, rich with chasings or carvings, fit for the work of an enamel of fragile Venetian glass, or of metal thickly studded with jewels, and none of greater size than can be readily carried in the hand, which fashion Queen Elizabeth instituted in carrying about her pomander. By the way, it was in her reign that perfumes and scents began to be manufactured generally by Europeans, although as early as the Fourteenth century the Venetians competed with the dwellers in the far east in the manufacture of sweet odors.

Ingenuity today is not taxed to furnish fresh designs for scented bottles, as the gold and silversmiths have only to copy the relics of other days preserved in families and museums, the demand being largely of imitations. Some beautiful patterns are devised in the form of the most grotesque of goblins and dragons, wrought out in gold and precious stones. Others are chased with scrolls and surmounted with crowns and coats of arms, suggesting German workmanship; others are carved of wood or some one of the semi-precious stones, as the onyx, the bloodstone, the carnelian and the like. These usually have a base or cup of gold or silver filigree work, and are usually of French manufacture, although the carvings may be brought from India, Switzerland and Italy; yet another is of silver inlaid with arabesques of gold, and is evidently Moorish.

Who would suppose that the common use of shoes and all kinds of foot coverings was of a much later date than the carrying of scented bottles? No, I am sure; and yet the people of certain European countries, long after they had learned to clothe their bodies in elaborate and costly fashion, were in the habit of "going barefooted." This was the custom even so late as the Sixteenth century, and in the Fourteenth warriors equipped in full armor rode about without any covering on either feet or legs below the knees. This would seem still more strange than it does did one not recollect that even in this enlightened day of the Scots, who would scorn any suggestion of barbarism, still cling to their national dress, which leaves knees wholly uncovered, despite the cold climate. The earliest records bear witness, however, that Moses and Aaron were commanded to take the shoes from off their feet before entering the temple, and in Egypt at that time the rich and great wore sandals incrustated with precious stones, of which the soles were made of gold. On the bottom was engraved the names of such people as had been conquered by the owners, if they happened to be of the conquering sex. Sandals with points elongated and turned up were the exclusive property of royalty.—Chicago Herald.

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**Prof. John Stuart Blackie, of Edinburgh, attains his 80th birthday this year.**

**The King of Bavaria receives an income of \$1,000,000 a year from the profits of the Hofbrauhaus brewery. Senator Hampton, of South Carolina, has just concluded a long horse-back tour of North and South Carolina.**

**Edison's hair is rapidly becoming gray, and he attributes it to the fact that he was said to have been made an Italian count.**

**Labouchere is considered by many in England as the probable successor of Mr. Gladstone in the leadership of the Liberals.**

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Edward Atkinson intimates that 20 per cent of the food consumed in the United States is wasted because it is improperly cooked.

Senator Evans says that he does not care a picayune whether he is re-elected or not. He was much disappointed in the Senate as a whole.

The report about Chief Justice Fuller's return to Chicago because there was nothing "domestic" in Washington life, is reported to be pure rubbish.



**Ma Lee.** "Why, Addie, you needn't cry about it! I only said Mrs. Allen was a very well-informed woman, and I wished you would follow her example."  
**Miss Lee.** "Yes, and last week you said you would make me look as stylish as Mrs. Allen, and she makes all her own clothes. But she has what I haven't."  
**Ma Lee.** "Well, she gets all her information from the Magazine they take. I admit that she knows all that is going on, and is bright and entertaining in conversation, but I could do as well as she does if I had the same source of information. She lent me the last number of her Magazine lately, and I learned more in one hour's reading, about various social matters and the topics of the day, than I would pick up in a month by my occasional chats with friends. It certainly covers every topic of interest, from the news of the day down to the details of housekeeping, and everything in so beautifully illustrated, too. Every time I turn the page over to the Allen's she comes back and teases me to get you to take Democrat's Family Magazine, as the stories are so good. Even the boys watch for it every month, as a place is found for them also in its pages; and Mr. Allen swears by it. It is really wonderful how it suits every member of the family!"  
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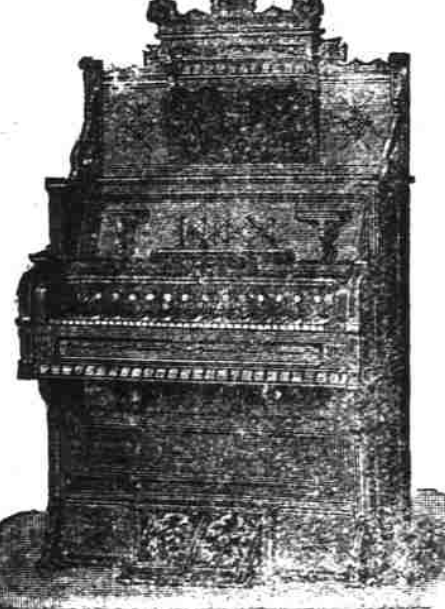
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 Ar Maxton, 5:35 a.m. 7:00 a.m.  
 Ar Fayetteville, 7:35 a.m. 9:00 p.m.  
 Ar Sanford, 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.  
 Ar Greensboro, 1:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m.  
 Ar Mt. Airy, 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

No. 1—Breakfast at Fayetteville, dinner at Greensboro.

**TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.**

No. 2. Passenger and Freight and Mail. Accommodated.

Le Mt. Airy, 3:45 a.m. 6:00 a.m.  
 Ar Greensboro, 7:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m.  
 Le Greensboro, 9:55 a.m. 7:00 p.m.  
 Le Sanford, 1:25 p.m. 2:15 p.m.  
 Le Fayetteville, 3:35 p.m. 5:25 a.m.  
 Le Maxton, 5:35 p.m. 1:05 p.m.  
 Ar Bennettsville, 6:50 p.m. 8:40 p.m.

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