

LADIES' COLUMN

THE FASHION IN DOGS

Bull dogs are to be the fashionable pets with women this year. The result is a particularly startling combination, the only logical "raison d'être" for which can be given is that the coat of a peculiarly ugly dog tends to enhance the beauty of the woman who leads him.

AN EXTRAORDINARY FAD

Of all the torturing fads which women are continually inventing in the fond hope of beautifying themselves, probably the most ingeniously harrowing has lately come into vogue.

The initiative was taken by a girl, who, although otherwise fairly pretty, had eyes which by reason of their smallness somewhat marred her face. She had plenty of pluck, and an inordinate desire for good looks, so she paid a visit to a well known oculist and paralyzed him by calmly stating that she wished to have her eyelids cut.

HYPODERMIC PERFUME

A Paris letter to the San Francisco Examiner says: This city is just now passing through one of the most curious manias of fashion ever known.

It is nothing else than the perfuming of persons—not merely their clothes or their hair or the surface of their skin, but the very flesh and blood of their bodies.

This curious result is obtained by the hypodermic injection of a few drops of the most pungent essence.

The fact was discovered by one who was addicted to the habit of using morphine by injections. She noticed that after an unusually heavy dose of the drug her body exhaled very perceptibly its characteristic odor.

In the spirit of curiosity she then charged her needle syringe with a few drops of patchouli, and presently observed the same result.

So powerfully did her flesh inhale the perfume that her linen was scented with it almost as strongly as though the extract had been sprinkled thereon.

She was highly delighted at the discovery, and for a time kept the secret to herself, using the knowledge to increase her attractiveness. But one day the trick was discovered by her maid, and soon it was in general use.

Ladies of the grande monde next took it up, and now the needle point syringe is a necessary part of every toilet outfit.

The most curious effects are produced by the habit. Some ladies keep themselves redolent of one perfume, while others vary the flavor according to occasion.

One grande dame, for instance, is saturated with roses at dinner, with jessamine at the opera and with violets at the ball. Unfortunately the habit is attended with considerable peril, chiefly in the form of blood-poisoning from impure extracts, while some of the extracts are themselves essentially poisonous.

No deaths have yet occurred, but several ladies have been made seriously ill, and medical authorities are considering whether the State may not properly prohibit the fashion by legislation.

FASHION NOTES

The black lace butterfly flutters and flourishes on tulle bats and bonnets, or evening and dance gowns, on the skirts, the low front of the bodice on the shoulders, and not infrequently it hovers over the parasol and the evening coiffure.

A curious combination of colors appeared in a dress of dark-blue foulard, upon which was a design in green. These two colors are not allowable to gether, according to the old proverb, but the dress was very pretty notwithstanding.

Nothing can be prettier for a half of light mourning gown than one of striped white and gray silk, open-worked white embroidery for a yoke and gumpes, and dark gray velvet bands, belt, collar and ribbons to depend the tone.

Eucalyptus green cloth gowns, having velvet sleeves, collars and cuffs applique on the cloth with gold cord braid in vermilion or intricate Greek patterns look well with turbans or capotes à match, and are suitable for any sort of a daylight function.

The applique embroidery bands, borders and motifs, which come in delicately shaded colors, with gold and silver traceries in old point coupe stitches for the grounds, are among the most beautiful trimmings that are put on summer festival gowns.

The charming idea of wearing natural flowers on bonnets and shadowy gauze hats is to be extended to fans and parasols.

A clever gardener has invented a device by the use of which expensive natural flowers can be worn several times and reappear as fresh as when first pinned on. Parasols are being made very large to relieve the immense dimensions of straw hats, and the wonder is that anybody with a capacious brain would want a parasol. This same observation doubtless led to the invention of the sun screen which is intended to be carried in place of a parasol to protect one side of the face or neck from the sun.

CURIOS FACTS

A group of foxes is called a skulk.

Egyptologists fail to agree as to the purpose for which the pyramids were built.

The Coliseum, at Rome, afforded space for 100,000 spectators. The length of the arena was 281 feet, its breadth 178 feet.

There are over two hundred persons in Chicago whose fortunes are known to exceed \$1,000,000, and half a dozen whose wealth beyond the million dollar limit would be a large fortune in itself.

During the Ohio flood in 1884 Miss Stella Adams cast a bottled message on the waters. It was picked up by Louis Renaud on the Louisville levee. Correspondence followed between the two, and they were recently married at Madison, Ind.

A family in Dover, N. J., who have long been missing valuables, were amazed to find them in the secret nest of a pet goose. Among the articles which the bird had appropriated were two gold thimbles, a tortoiseshell comb, scarf pins, spoons of silk, silver lace and a watch.

The latest researches show that in Rome's most flourishing period the city had 1,800,000 inhabitants; in 335 A. D. it had 800,000; in 1377 only 17,000; under Leo X. 40,000; in 1537 about 33,000; in 1871 it rose to 244,000, in 1883, 800,000, and in 1889 more than 410,000.

According to Herodotus, Babylon was a square fifteen miles on each side, with 100 brass gates. It was composed of twenty-five streets each way, fifteen miles long and 150 feet broad, crossing each other at right angles, besides four half streets 200 feet wide, facing the walls.

George P. Craig, of Gwinnett, Ga., has two hogs that perform the office of a calf to perfection. Mr. Craig had been complaining that his cows were falling short of milk for several weeks, and upon close examination, to his astonishment, he saw these roguish hogs had been imbibing the milk of the cows, both remaining in the same lot together at night.

While cutting a fourteen-inch stick of timber at the Omaha mine, says the Glass Valley (Cal.) Tidings, Sam Montour found a live frog imbedded in the centre of the stick. Aside from the frog's limited quarters, the timber was sound. His frogship probably derived sustenance from the sap of the timber, but where did it receive air from? Or does the frog require air? Instances such as this are frequently recorded.

In the town of Maryfield, Cal., Jose Ignacio Aureque has been confined to his bed for thirty-five years. He was injured by an accident in a mine and has not been able to put his feet to the ground since. His only attendant is an adopted son, who has devoted his time and means to the support of the aged invalid. A good woman of Menlo Park has contributed \$6 a month from her private purse for the past twenty years.

Mr. W. A. Carter, in a recent lecture on "Marine and Fresh Water Fishes," said that fish have the power of influencing one another by sounds and action. He had observed a shoal of carp following the lead of a single one, which conducted them to a quantity of food at a considerable distance away.

He had also noticed that certain fresh water fish, such as trout, were subservient to a ruler, which might be seen swimming at the head of his tribe. The same was possibly the case with some marine forms, like the herring and bass.

A \$225,000 Schoolhouse

The School Board of Mannheim, in Baden, Germany, claims to have the model common schoolhouse of the world. The building has just been completed at an expense of \$225,000. It contains forty-two ordinary school rooms, two rooms for drawing, two for singing, two for handwork, a large gymnasium, a hall for public exercises, two meeting rooms for directors, two sets of rooms for servants, and four little prison cells for refractory pupils. The materials in the structure are almost exclusively iron and brick. The ceilings of all the rooms, corridors, and the big hall, are of concrete. The floors of the class rooms are hard wood laid on asphalt. They are supposed to be so constructed as to render the accumulation of dust and the breeding of bacteria impossible. The building is heated by a low-pressure steam system. In the basement are swim baths. The boys' baths accommodate twenty at once, and the girls' bath fifteen. Half of the basement is a huge, bright room, full of tables and chairs. Here in winter 900 poor children will receive a half pint of milk and a roll each daily for luncheon. In the ninety winter days, during which this arrangement will prevail, the directors estimate that they will give away 20,260 quarts of milk and 81,000 rolls.

A Story of Bismarck

The following curious "Bismarck story" is just now current in political and social circles in Berlin. It will be remembered that General von Stosch was removed from his post as chief of the German Embassy after Prince Bismarck had accused him before the Emperor William I. of intriguing with the Radical Liberal Party against the Chancellor, of being an intimate friend of the then Crown Prince Frederick, of speculating upon the old Emperor's death, and of aspiring to the post of Imperial Chancellor. The charges were pressed by Prince Bismarck with a vindictiveness which to the general public seemed inexplicable. Now it is explained that it was due to superstition. When Prince Bismarck, then plain Count, was 58, Bismarck's own several clerical servants who were then in the Russian capital told him, professing without being aware of his identity, that he would one day be the mightiest man in a great empire, but would eventually be supplanted "by a man connected with seafaring." Suspecting General von Stosch of being his rival, Bismarck forestalled him, only to be supplanted by another chief of the Admiralty, General von Caprivi. Neither friends nor enemies of Bismarck consider the story incredible. —Galignani's Messenger.

A Jackson County (W. Va.) school teacher of thirty the other day eloped with and was married to one of her pupils of the mature age of sixteen years.

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