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At the recent Indian national congress a woman appeared for the first time in the tribune. This was Mrs. Vladambini Ganguli, a doctor and a graduate of arts at the Calcutta (India) University, and she is reported as evoking extraordinary enthusiasm.

M. E'ffel, of tower celebrity, having achieved high honors as an engineeris now ambitious of becoming a legislator, and has issued an address to the Senatorial electors of the Department of the Cote d'Or. He declares that he will do all he can to insure to workmen, whether in city or in country, a proper return for the work they produce.

The Australian colonies have dismally failed in their effort to keep John Chinaman out by imposing a heavy poll-tax, alleges the Argonaut. Each immigrant from the Flowery Kingdom has to pay when he enters the colonies about one hundred dollars, and yet, in spite of this drain upon his resources, he sends for his brothers and cousins, and there are to-day in Australia four thousand more Chinese than nine years ago. There are over forty thousand Chinese in Australia, and forty-seven thousand in Tasmania and New Zealand. a rather large pig-teil population.

Statistics just published concerning Portuguese finances are of an alarming character. The debt of Portugal has increased 400 per cent. in the past 40 years, and the Government expenses have increased 500 per cent. The revenue has only trebled meantime, and the annual deficit has become fourteen times greater than at the beginning of the period named. Negotiations are being conducted between the Portuguese Government and a French syndicate for the consolidation of the floating debt of Portugal. If the negotiations are successfully accomplished before the maturing of the existing debt the syndicate will receive certain privileges.

Under the suspices of the Depart. ment of Agriculture, announces the New York Telegram, an experiment will be made in May to test the feasibility of drawing rain from a clear sky by the detonations of heavy artillery. All the arguments in advocacy of this gunning for showers are presented in a little volume recently compiled by Mr. Edward Powers, a Wisconsin engineer, who stoutly maintains that rain can be produced at will in the most arid districts. From an exhaustive search of the records of our Civil War and of the Franco-Prussian War he undertakes to prove that every great artillery duel was followed by a dreuching storm, and he quotes copiously from other writers who give substantially similar testimony. Mr. Power's theory is that there is always a current of aqueous vapor moving high above the earth. Rarefying this by concussion, he contends that it would rise to meet a colder current and would promptly be condensed into rain. It is quite possible that the trial projected for May will be made with nitroglycerine automatically exploded from a balloon, instead of gunpowder discharged from old siege-guns. If the expectations of Mr. Powers are justified, millions of acres of waste and arid lands will speedily be reclaimed and made valuable. Then very delicate yet very stringent laws will have dynamite practice placed under abso-Inte control of the Weather Bureau or some other scientific board of regulation. To allow one man to precipitate a miniature deluge for his garden truck while his neighbor was saving hay, would be to promote manslaughter and invite anarchy.

Binds are the only animals which can be taught distinctly to articulate and utter sentences, which, though of course not understood by the birds themselves, are none the less suprising to listen to.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE HAIR.

The outline and contour of the head are kept as small as possible, and for evening and full dress the hair is well drawn up from the neck and dressed high on the head, often with a quanty of little curls on the top a la Josephine. Some women wear the hair slightly waved on the brow and temples and the rest turned back a la Marie Antoinette. - Brooklyn Cit-

MON'R JEWILLS FOR BONNETS. The rage for mock jewels has exended to bonnets. Some pretty little apotes are being made without rowns, and consist of a bandeau of reivet-red, blue, vellow, as may be -resting on the hair, and a second one bove of gold, studded with imitation tiones. An aigrette, either of white or to match the velvet, is placed in front. This is an idea imported direct from Paris, where the capote carries he day beyond all other headgear. Sometimes folds of crepe are used instead of velvet to support the jeweled andeau. The effect for evening wear, the head-dress resting on the wavy hair now so much worn, is quite regal, and, where the regal is in place, becoming .- [New York Star.

NOVELTIES IN FANS.

One of the latest novelties in fans has one side of silken rose petals in he natural hues of the flower and the other of delicate gauze. When this fan is open it seems impossible that it an be closed without hopelessly crushing the delicately curling petals, but the clever designer has overcome all difficulties, and the "rose fan" may be brought together like any other with perfect impunity. Another novely ias the woodsticks graduated in size and length, exquisitely carved and delicately outlined in gold and silver, and placed on the outside of the mateial of which the fan is made. Of feather fans, of which there is an ntinite variety, those of long. full ostrich plumes, set on sticks if finest polished tortoise shell, or of arefully selected mother-of-pearl of one shade of color, are the handsomest and most fashionable. A recent fancy, which is very much like painting the ily, is that of painting flowers on the white plumes of these fans. The material most used for these fans is a lelicate silk gauze. This is oftenest mounted on sticks of enameled wood and is quite plain or ornamented with some of which are the work of eminent artists. Lace of all kinds, in black, white and ecru, is a favorite material for fans, and buyers can please themselves as to prices in these as in gauze ans, as there is the widest opportunity for choice in this respect. - [Atlanta constitution.

TEA GOWNS AND DIGNITY.

The tea gown has yielded to what s known as the art gown, which is merely its predecessor over again in a modified form. It is curious how dress and demeanor accord. The rich procede develops at once in its wearer stateliness which another fabric can lever evolve. The tea gown has always seen a negligee costume; although tolorated on more or less formal occasions for a time, its effect was soon aoticeable, and society, which after all nends its foolish ways more prompty than it is credited with doing, soon rowned upon it for other than purely iome occasions. At an "at home" ast winter a gay girl who had presidad at the tea samover for two hours became a little reckless toward the end of her service. In proflering a up of the gentle beverag o a seeking man she discovered that the sugar bowl was temporarily absent from the tray. "Never mind," she said, gavly, "I'll sweeten it for you," and a taper finger stirred lightly the cream and tea together. It is a significant fact that this young woman wore a tea gown, which may account for her sudden relaxation of dignity. At all events the tea gown wanes and the art gown waxes in some quarters. At many of the receptions held so far this season exquisitely fine cashmeres in delicate hues have been worn by the young women of the household and those asked to assist. Those are made in severely simple styles, fitting hips. to be enacted, and the artillery or snugly to the figure, with half-high throat and sleeves, which is a still further departure from the long-timepermitted teagown .- [Chicago News.

> A TEN MILLIONAIRESS AT AN AUCTION. Mrs. Seward Webb, daughter of the late William H. Vanderbilt, was a regular attendant during the auction sale of the curios of the late Allen Thorndike Rice in New York city recently. She is rather plump and comfortable in appearance and she was reated with all the gentleness and de-

ference that the ownership of \$10,000,. 000 inspires even in an anctioneer, She arrived early on every day of the sale and advanced to the front row of seats. Indeed, she went a little further than this, for at each side of the little platform on which the auctioneer stood were two chairs which partially faced the audience. Here Mrs. Webb arranged herself comfortably, pulled off both of her gloves, loosened her jacket, fished a pencil and pad out of her pocket and started in to buy at the lowest possible price. She figured and worked along with the auctioneer in the most businesslike fashion imaginable. If one of the attendants was holding up a piece of drapery so clumsily that the spectators could not see it to advantage Mrs. Seward Webb would lean forward and hold up one end of the cloth good-naturedly herself. A piece of tapestry with a large negro on one end and a \$10,000,000 heiress on the other naturally sold for a very stiff figure. Mrs. Webb's manner was essentially English, but she may not have known it. When society women attend an auction sale in London the auctioneer does not have easy running by any means. It is a question of business with them from the very outset. They always settle down for the day .- [Chicago Post.

FASILION NOTES.

Long gloves are only worn with sleeves that terminate at the clbow.

White kid gloves have replaced those of tan shades for evening toilets, and are worn smooth on the arms.

(irecian tea gowns of cashmere, embroidered with a tinsel border.

A ball queen chain pendant has small leaf-shaped pieces as ornamenta-

Fancy hairpins of shell are taking the place once more of silver and gilt

In Burope the latest novelty in fur made up in muffs and boas is the blue This is the era of rings; never were

they more beautiful, more unique and fascinating than now. The jeweled dog collars are gener-

ally mounted on velvet to correspond with the dress, but a darker shade. Violets are also placed in juxtaposi-

tion with fur, the mingling of winter and spring being somewhat anoma-

The low bodices of new gowns are round at the waist line and very boufusets of lace or with painted designs. fant on the shoulders above the short

Chains and other ornaments made of the reticulated quar.z known as "love's arrows" are very odd and

Some of the handsome fans have light colored tortoise shell mounts, ornamented with moonstones and dia-

The deep basques which are gradually effecting a revolution in bodiess are said to have been introduced by the women who hunt in England.

There is a decided reaction against the heavy mourning formerly worn. Each season the aversion to heavy black crape veils and draperies in-

The Stanley hat-named in honor of the explorer's wife-is round in shape. with a very narrow brim, a round putfed crown, and a single quill feather erect on one side.

Jacqueminot roses seem also to have aught the popular taste, and nod aggressively from the big hats, nestling comfortably in the midst of beaver-like plumes.

Maiden-hair ferns of pale-green velvet is one of the newest fancies, and are very pretty upon small black lace bonnets or picture hats of a dark shade of green velvet.

Violets appear to be the favorite millinery blossom, for they peep out from folds of black velvet, yellow gauze or even blue; the blue must, however, be of that very pale greenish tint, or the contrast is abominable.

The rich brocades worn by fashionable young married women have either the simple round bodice and high puffed sleeves, or else they are pointed in front and back, and a deep basque is added by cross seams on the

A charming imported model was of cedar colored velvet in toque shape; on each side of the low crown were JAS. A. BRYAN, pale green wings; another stood up- Chas. S. Bryan. J. H. Hackeurn. right in front and was tied by knots G. H. ROBERTS. of green velvet, and a bow of ruby studded passementeric.

The new woolens designed for opring wear are rough, soft goods, of lighter weight than the camel's hairs wern now. Scottish homespun twills in stripes, indistinct checks and mixtures are a noteworthy feature of the season's importation.

It was in a passenger coach on the Delaware and Lackswanns road. A woman who had a seat alone had a covered basket on the other half of it. Across from her was a mother and her boy, the latter about eight years of age. He had been asleep, but awoke just as the woman with the basket got comfortably seated. For about two minutes he wondered over the contents, and then he settled down to the belief that the basket held half a peck of fried cakes. The thought made him hungry, and he whispered to his mother: "Ma! Ma! I want it!"

She was leaning against the window, and half asleep, and she made no reply "I say I want it!" exclaimed the lad "Yes, Charley," she sleepily replied.

"I'm hungy!"

"Will she care ?" No answer.

"I say, will she care?" "Don't bother mamma now, dear."

"But can I get it?"

"I-I gness so The owner of the basket was looking ont of the window. The boy watched her for two or three minutes, and then carefully slipped out of his seat to the one in rear of hers. From that point he could reach the basket, and he lost no time. A peg held the cover in place, and he drew it out and carefully pushed his hand under the lid. It was only fairly in the basket when there was a spit and a hiss, followed by a wild yell from the boy, and the next instant a thumping big tom cat, which had nearly bitten a finger off, leaped out of the basket upon the boy's head. It staved long enough to draw blood from half a dozen scratches, and then bounded to the floor, san down the sisle, and leaped out of an open window. The boy's yells roused the car in an instant; and his mother soon had him in her arms. It took several minutes to explain the situation; and then the wo-

"I was a-takin' that cat up to my sister Mary. So it was my basket the boy wanted, ch? I heard him teasin' and teasin', and his mother said he could have it, and I guess to swum he got it, and all there was in it!"

man with the basket added:

Became Gray.

Jawson, who is an inveterate yarnspinner and a bore of the first magnitude, had been retailing to an friend some harrowing story of a woman whose hair had turned gray in a single

"Fact, I assure you; I knew the party," he concluded.

"If you say you knew the lady in question, I can quite believe your story to be true," commented the friend in a tone which made the story-teller feel rather uncomfortable.

"Ofscourse I know her." was the testy answer: "and it's not such an uncommon occurrence as you seem to imagine. I kuew a man also -

"And his hair turned gray, too?" in-terrupted the victim. "Well, I don't wonder at it in the least."

This made Jawson a little sulky, but he speeduly became interested when his friend remarked:

"Your stories remind me of a lady I used to know, but she became gray in a single hour-in less than an hour, in "Some terrible shock, I suppose," re-

marked Jawson. "I daresay it would be," continued the friend: "at anyrate, it happened

while she was getting married. "Oh, I understand," said Jawson, sagely: "the man would have another wite alive; it would all be discovered at the eleventh hour; a terrible scene

would ensue, and all that sort of thing. ") on're not within a mile of it, Jawson," was the unfeeling answer. "This lady I refer to married a fellow named Grav, and she of course, became Grav as soon as the knot was tied."

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