

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR.

Artistic Gowns and Attractive Millinery Now Filling the Feminine Eye.

Polka-dotted fabrics of all kinds are as popular as they were several seasons ago.

Colored pongee gowns, which are considered smarter now than taffeta, or foulard, are being made up more elaborately than earlier in the season.

Another artistic gown is made of black mousseline de soie, richly trimmed with black lace insertion.

The smartest dressmakers are using woolen laces in profusion for all kinds of lightweight cloth gowns.

There is a novel way of mounting the lace founce in millinery of which one is justifiably becoming a trifle tired.

So-called "colds" are acute infection of the nasal mucous membrane produced by the action of germs constantly present.

COLD IN THE HEAD.

Advice from Scientific Authority Concerning the Treatment of Nasal Affections.

Accordingly, says the Popular Science News, the indications for treatment of an acute infection of the mucous membrane are:

Every person who is subject to cold should go to a competent nose and throat specialist and have a thorough examination.

Cucumber Sauce. Beat one-half cup of cream until stiff, and add one-fourth teaspoon salt, a few grains pepper, and slowly three tablespoons vinegar.

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IN THE ROMAN FORUM.

These Are Beautiful Monuments Which the Italian Government Desires to Preserve.

In the course of the recent visit paid by the king of Italy to the Roman Forum, Sig. Boni, director of the excavations, pointed out to his majesty the incongruity of leaving the site of the Roman Senate covered up by a comparatively modern Spanish convent.

This is not the only proof of the new interest which the Italian government and, in particular, the fine arts and antiquities department of the ministry of public instruction are taking in the preservation of ancient Italian monuments.

One illustration of this is the action of the ministry of public instruction on behalf of the old walls of Bologna.

At Genoa the ministry of public instruction has averted the danger that threatened the beautiful cloister of Sant Andrea.

It seems strange that in a country like Italy, which draws such a considerable part of its prosperity from foreign tourists and visitors, who are attracted to the country by its ancient monuments, there should be so little respect for the records of the past.

The discovery of gold in Australia half a century ago brought many thousands of honest adventurers and also not a few dishonest desperadoes to the antipodes.

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AMIAILITY A VICE.

A Trait of Our Nation That Is Said to Be the Bane of the American Republic.

Amiability is our national vice. We are a country contented. Satisfied with our own superiority, fanned or real, we have the sleek good humor which is not disturbed by fibers or sneers.

The vice of amiability is shown conspicuously in the behavior of the American audience. The audience has lost the right to hiss. So seldom does any auditor exercise this right that when some rude but honest fellow manifests his disapproval of actor or speaker his neighbors, looking for the nonce their amiability, seek to put him out.

AN ANCIENT SUN-DIAL.

One That Was Made in the City of Rome More Than Two Centuries Ago.

One of the greatest benefits from delving into the past, says the American Machinist, is that it teaches contemporary humility. It has been said that the more a man reads of ancient literature the more he is impressed with the modernness thereof.

The intrinsic history of this remarkable collection is brief. They are the property of Franz F. Nickel, member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, chief draughtsman at the Worthington pump works, Brooklyn, N. Y.

To determine the hour of the day with this timepiece it is placed on a level surface, adjusted for the latitude on the folding graduated arc tangent to the ring-shaped dial and set in the meridian by reference to the attached compass.

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HOW KINGS PAY DOCTORS.

Liberal Remuneration for Services Received by the Medical Attendants Upon Royalty.

The coronation baronetcy conferred on Sir Frederick Treves will not be the great surgeon's only reward for his successful conveyance of the king "out of danger."

The surgeons and physicians in the household, such as Sir Francis Yaking, Sir Thomas Barlow, Dr. Hewitt, Mr. Allingham and Mr. Fripp, are in receipt of from £200 to £300 per year, for which they are expected to attend upon all the members of the royal household without further charge.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Once Called Goring House and Only by Change Came to Be the Residence of Royalty.

Buckingham palace is to-day one of London's most comfortable mansions. Extensive alterations were carried out at the beginning of the year, and the private apartments were completely modernized.

Drowning is becoming a popular form of death again, as it usually is at this season. The drowning of bathers has not been so common this year as last, for the reason, no doubt, that the summer, being cool, has not invited folks to escape it by getting into cold water, and thereby getting cramps.

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Queen—Yes, I still have the first dollar I ever made, said the gray-haired passenger. "The idea!" exclaimed the traveling acquaintance.

"I suppose," said Mr. Olds, "if I were were to start smoking again it would set the children a bad example."

"I think Miss Sharp is particularly happy in the use of terms in her references to literature."

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

While their pupils are holiday-making from May 1 to September 1 many of the Swiss cantonal schoolmasters round Zermatt take situations in the hotels as waiters or porters.

A Paris review recently printed a letter written to a French priest, in which Tolstol declared that there were two professions inconsistent with true Christianity—the military and the priestly.

Mrs. Urquhart Lee, of Chicago, has the distinction of being the only woman in the country teaching parliamentary law. She is the new appointee to the chair of parliamentary law in the University of California.

Among the reminiscences of the class of '02 at Yale is the story of a stout and healthy-looking member, who was told by his tutor that "he was better fed than taught."

The society, known as the Mission to Senegal, in England, has now 74 missions stations all over the world and maintains a staff of over 100 paid workers, in addition to a large number of honorary helpers.

Barthel Young, this year's president of the Yale University Banjo Club, is of Chinese parentage, though born in this country.

Where This Foreigner Gets Fuel for His Fire and Many Articles of Utility.

There is a value to everything, and the Italian is cognizant of the fact, although the value is small.

The coal and wood they utilize for fuel in their homes, and turn the other products of their labor into money in the following way:

The old shoes and rubbers are sold to a shoemaker, usually another Italian, and bring from five to 25 cents a pair, the prices varying according to their condition.

The tin cans are sold to foundries, where the solder and tin are melted off and the iron sheets are melted up and sash weights made from them.

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It is not generally known that King Edward since his accession to the throne has become the guardian of the children of the prince and princess of Wales, and of his other grandchildren, over whom he has complete control.

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Mary Van Dyck, a Boer woman, who is known as "Mary the Riflewoman," and who states that she fought with the Boers, is creating a sensation in the smaller towns of Austria by giving exhibitions of marksmanship.