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DRESSING FOR CHURCH.

IT IS A DELICATE ART WHICH FEW UNDERSTAND.

Olive Harper Tells How Some New York Women Do It—Some Information Regarding Mourning Gowns for Young Ladies—The Coming Autumn Styles.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, July 9.—Let us be sober today and think about going to church, and talk over the most suitable dress for such occasions. Time was when a lady put on her very finest and best for church, but now she remembers that there is a time for everything, and that

FOR CHURCH.

is a very convenient argument in favor of an entirely new costume. A dress intended for church wear should not be gaudy nor overtrimmed, nor should it be in too bright colors; nor, on the other hand, is it right to put on just anything that comes to hand. To dress in perfect taste for church is a delicate gift more than having the means of buying anything one wants.

A very modest and suitable gown for church for a young lady was made of pale gray cashmere worked on the tabs that bordered the bottom of the skirt in black silk. These opened over another skirt of white embroidered pongee. A small mantelet in black surah, with a little passementerie trimming and a ruffle and jabot of embroidered black pongee, is worn, and a plain white sailor hat with a gray band completes a costume that is in every way suitable for church.

Another gown which can be worn by women of any age has an underskirt of lusterless silk, and this is entirely covered, waist, sleeves and almost all of the skirt, by black Spanish lace. It is looped up on the left side and held by two black satin butterfly bows without ends and a pointed girdle of the same ties in the back. The bonnet is of black chip with jet and gold bead band and ornament in front. Nothing could be more refined or elegant. A small silk or lace wrap can be worn if liked, as some ladies never feel fully dressed without some kind of a wrap.

Cashmere, serge, plain black silk and such goods are always in good taste for church dresses, and the wealthiest ladies in New York dress the plainest in church, though they naturally have fine material and are very careful in the matter of gloves and boots and such like articles of toilet. Prayer books are carried in dainty little bags, made on purpose, of velvet, satin, kid or silk, or even in netted beads of steel or jet. Some prayer books, however, are carried between neat celluloid covers or satin stiffly embroidered with gold. A sweet serenity and far away look is always put on with the surah dresses, and it is very becoming too.

The fall importations are now beginning to arrive, and the early fashion

MOURNING GOWNS FOR YOUNG LADIES.

writer gets the first news, which is this—the coming season is going to be a somber one as far as coloring goes. Nearly everything is to be black. Velvet, satin, silk, woolen goods all black. The general blackness will be relieved with Japanese folds and Japanese pipings in light colors wherever pipings can be placed, and it is astonishing how many places can be found for it. Sometimes there will be only one fold or piping, and then there may be four or five in different colors or shades. When neatly done this forms a very refined and pretty trimming.

The newest silks are of the coarse ribbed kind, faille and ottoman having the preference. There will also be some failles with a deep brocaded border for the bottom, which is very rich and handsome. OLIVE HARPER.

It is such an unusual thing to allow women in Italy to take part in public affairs that the newspapers have made much of the appointment of a woman to the Congregation of Charity, which disposes of the trust fund for the benefit of the poor.

Pupils in Schools for the Blind.

The total number of pupils in schools for the blind in the United States in 1880 was 2,261, while in 1880 the number was 2,041, an increase in the decade of 880. It must be borne in mind that the apparent increase in the decade is due to some extent to the increased facilities for the reception and education of the blind in the schools established for this purpose.

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TRAGEDY OF A LODGING HOUSE.

A Deliberately Planned Attempt at Murder and Suicide.

Alexander Weiss was a newspaper advertising agent and general business solicitor, a jollyand only tolerably successful German of forty-three, and Minnie Stadang was a merry and not particularly handsome German domestic of twenty-two. They went to Mrs. Hart's lodging house, at 90 Third avenue, New York, and took a room as man and wife. About 10:30 the next morning a fearful uproar was heard in the room. Screams, struggles, several pistol shots and the sound of a falling body. When the first policeman to arrive broke open the door, this was what he saw:

ALEX WEISS.

The girl, naked and covered with blood, lay upon a large double bed at the left of the room. She was black in the face. A clothes rope, six feet in length, had been wound around her neck and then drawn taut. It had been knotted and the ends dangled from the bed. The rope had sunk so deep in the flesh that the policeman had difficulty in cutting it. On the floor at the foot of the bed, near the window, Weiss was lying in a pool of blood. He was clad in a white flannel undershirt and cotton drawers. His jaws were set in agony and one arm lay at his side, while his right arm, which was upon his breast, clutched a small, three bladed, horn handled penknife with the large blade open. The blade was only two and a half inches long, but it had done fearful execution. There were ten stab wounds and three pistol bullet wounds in Weiss' breast, but he was still alive. A 42-calibre five chamber revolver, evidently recently purchased and with its entire five chambers empty, was under him.

He died in a few minutes. The girl, with a bullet deep in the left side of her abdomen and various knife wounds, was taken to a hospital, where, it is barely possible, she may pull through. Then the "unraveling of the mystery" began. Minnie was an incorrigible girl in Bueckeburg, Westphalia, and her parents persuaded her married sister in New York city to take charge of her. After various trials as a domestic she became a waiter in a cafe, where she met her slayer, and soon went to live with him.

MINNIE STADANG.

Alex Weiss was a native of Buda-Pesth, where he inherited some money, and at Vienna he made a small fortune, but lost it again and removed to America. His wife inherited some $15,000 in Vienna and returned there, intending to get a divorce from him, as he believed. They had not lived happily together. Then his relations with Minnie began, and to the amazement of his friends—for he was a man of unusual culture and education—he became infatuated with her and madly jealous of her.

And now appears the strangest fact in the whole affair. He had been preparing for suicide for weeks and trying to get Minnie to die with him. She had consented and then refused, and he had tried to drown her, to strangle her, to hang her. Their latest "mutual agreement" appears to have been to jump from a high bridge together. As near as can be determined she had consented once more to die with him in the room, and once more backed out, and he had decided to make a sure thing of it. But he is dead, and she has chances for life.

AN ACCOMPLISHED RASCAL.

Though Very Young He Has Wide Notoriety as a Swindler.

Mr. Harry O. Watson, alias Harry Oliver West, alias C. P. Moore, alias A. P. Day, is (or perhaps one should say are) a gentleman of peculiar versatility and considerable talent. The great trouble is that his talent runs chiefly to rascality, for at the early age of twenty-two he had been expelled from college, had swindled a large number of friends and chance acquaintances, had run off with and married a young New York beauty of good family, and had won the affections of an actress with whom he is at present "on the road somewhere."

H. O. WATSON.

The first warning the general public had came in the shape of a circular letter from Guiding Star lodge, No. 202, I. O. O. F., of New York city, warning the fraternity in general that H. O. Watson was an expelled member of that lodge, and had swindled many, very many of the brethren. The circular ended thus:

He was last heard of in Palisade, Nev. Said Watson is twenty-two years old, slender, tall, with a fair complexion and clean shaven face. He is a rapid talker, very plausible in conversation and is apparently well up in the work. He is an expelled member of this lodge. Look out for him. Fraternally,

WILLIAM PALMER, N. G.
F. A. MYRICK, Recording Secretary.

The out townships were soon heard from, and the returns came in rapidly—all one way. It appears that Watson is such a plausible talker that he could convince the brethren anywhere that his remittances had been delayed, and borrow anywhere from $10 to $50 on the strength of a check, which invariably came back protested. His marriage was quite romantic. He met Miss Leone Pearl Preston, of 104 West Eighty-third street, New York, in 1889, at Dion Boucicault's school of acting, and won her love so completely that in 1890 she committed herself and her $300 to his keeping. They were married in Buffalo, and had a good time as long as the money lasted.

She was not long in finding out his character and returned to her parents. He soon consoled himself, however, with Miss Thornton, an actress, with whom he is now supposed to be traveling in the west. His father, H. D. Watson, of Greenfield, Mass., is a well to do real estate dealer and a very respectable gentleman. Princeton is the college from which young Watson was expelled, after "taking in" students, hotel keepers and many others. His motto appears to be quick deals and small profits, for he seldom strikes a victim for more than ten dollars.

The term "camerists," as applied to amateur photographers, is rapidly growing in popularity, and it will undoubtedly soon be generally used.

MASCULINE MENTION.

Secretary Proctor is said to be devotedly fond of whist and horses.

Senator Vilas owns 2,200 acres of land in Wood county, Wisconsin.

Goddard Clarke, the juryman who created a sensation by questioning Wales, is a Fellow of the Royal Statistical society.

Heinrich Schmilinski, the greatest millionaire of Hamburg, has decided to leave his immense fortune to build an asylum for unmarried women.

Robert Lincoln, during the time that he was secretary of war, was never once known to sign the appointment of a woman for any position under his jurisdiction.

The Rev. Dr. Bridgman, the Liberal Baptist preacher whose name has become known to the entire nation recently, is fifty-six years old. He is a New Yorker by birth, and his first pastorate was in Morristown, N. J.

Ex-Senator George W. Jones, now living in retirement at an advanced age in Dubuque, Ia., had the distinction of giving the states of Iowa and Wisconsin their names. He is a neat, precise and courteous old gentleman.

Senator Pettigrew is a Vermont man who went west and grew up with Dakota. He went there in 1869 as a laborer for a United States deputy surveyor. When South Dakota came into the Union he went into the United States senate.

John Burns, the British socialist and labor agitator, is a man of wide reading and great cultivation. He was educated at one of the famous English public schools and was an early and profound student of Ruskin, Carlisle and Adam Smith.

Grover Cleveland is less of a club man than almost any other New Yorker of equal prominence. He is a member of the Manhattan, Democratic and Reform clubs, but rarely visits any of them except on the occasion of a dinner party to which he has been invited.

E. P. Weston, the famous heel-and-toe pedestrian, is now making more money out of financial schemes than he did in his palmiest days on the tanbark track. Mr. Weston looks to be sixty-five years of age, is fifty, and does more hustling than a man of thirty.

Sir William Whitenay, the Newfoundland premier, whose defiance of British control has made him famous, has long had a reputation for able statesmanship. He is a man of middle life, stout and well preserved, with expansive side whiskers and a military mustache.

Charles Henry Wilson, father of the young man who precipitated the Tranby Croft scandal, is a Liberal of Liberals, it is stated. He represented Kingston upon Hull, West, is a warm personal adherent of Mr. Gladstone, and adopted home rule in 1886 when many Liberals declined to accept it.

Sir William Gordon-Cumming is a high tempered, impetuous, brusque, outspoken, resolute man, with capacity for instant anger, sensitive, irritable, ready with a word or a blow, the military temperament at times unduly developed; stern with men, and infinite in sympathy for dogs and dumb domestic animals.

CROWN AND SCEPTER.

The Duchess of Fife's baby will be known as Lady Alexandra Duff.

Henry VIII was the first English sovereign addressed as "Your majesty."

The empress of Austria is one of the finest zither players on the Continent.

The Prince of Wales devotes acres of his estate at Sandringham to the cultivation of lilies of the valley.

Emperor Wilhelm usually travels with an ironbound trunk filled with decorations, which he bestows on those who please him.

The pope, according to The Royalist Moniteur, of Paris, sent an early copy of his encyclical on the social question to the Comte de Paris, thus putting him on a level with reigning sovereigns.

Mrs. Sherwood writes about Italy's queen in this style: "Truly a royal beauty! a wonder on a throne! An accomplished scholar, a thoughtful woman, Marguerite of Savoy is the rose of the Nineteenth century. Her smile keeps Italy together."

Not until 9 in the evening does Queen Victoria sit down to dinner. The meal lasts usually an hour and a half. Her majesty suffers from the gout and has an occasional touch of rheumatism, but for a woman of seventy-two her general health is most excellent.

LIGHT AND AIR.

Don't Kick.

Though the weather be wet
And your clothing be mussed,
Be a brick;
Don't grumble and fret,
For the rain, don't forget,
Is laying the dust.
Don't kick.

Though the weather be hot
And boiled be your blood
Till 'tis thick,
Be content with your lot,
For the sunshine is what
Is drying the mud.
Don't kick.

Speaking of the shifting weather,
Tell you what I wish you'd do:
Wish you'd please inform me whether
It is (hot) enough for you,
It is (cold) enough for you.
—Detroit Free Press.

His Former Occupation.

Head of House (to new clerk)—Just write to Mr. Smith and say, "I'll call on him this afternoon." Later—"You wrote to Mr. Smith?"

Clerk—I haven't finished the letter yet, but I'll soon be done.

Head of House—Soon be done! Why, it was three hours ago I told you to write. What's all this? Why, you've got a dozen pages written already! See here, young man, how were you employed before you came here?

Clerk—As space writer for a Sunday paper.—Boston Transcript.

The Princess of Wales created a sensation at the opera in London, when the house was thronged by the fashion of London, by inviting Mrs. Arthur Wilson to sit in her box. This royal favor, rarely accorded any but intimate friends, completely rehabilitates the baccarat hostess.

Prince George of Greece is a young Hercules. He is almost 6 feet 4 inches tall and is built in proportion. While in the Danish navy he was the idol of the sailors. He delighted in measuring his strength with the strongest tars. He can climb a mast barefooted as well as the best sailor. He is also a good boxer.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Electric motors are now used by many of the smaller printing offices all over the country.

Phosphorus is now being made by decomposing a mixture of acid phosphates and carbon by the heat of an electric arc within the mass.

There is now being built at the Thomson-Houston works in Lynn an electric freight locomotive which is to weigh ten tons and to be of 60-horse power.

A fire engine that does away with the use of horses and forces the water by means of power generated by a storage battery is a recent electrical invention.

The first Thomson-Houston installation with alternating currents and transformers in France is that used to light St. Bricuc. The plant is run by water power.

There is some talk of connecting the Maine towns of Belfast and Northport by an electric road. A survey has been made and it is possible that work may be begun this summer.

The effect of the electric light current on the compasses of some vessels is so great that it becomes necessary to determine how many hours the dynamo has been running before working out the vessel's reckoning.

It has recently been observed that when liquid carbonic acid is allowed to escape into a stout canvas bag in the dark, and by its expansion to freeze into a snowy mass, the effect is accompanied by a pale, greenish violet light and electric sparks.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WOMAN'S WORTH RECOGNIZED.

Her Value as a Director of Educational Matters in Cities.

Woman's importance as an active factor in educational matters is now widely recognized, and in many places she figures prominently in the administration of affairs connected with the instruction of youth. The Chicago board of education, recently reorganized under an act of the Illinois legislature, contains two members of the gentler sex. One of these, Mary E. Burt, is a "hold over" from last year's board. The new appointee, Mrs. J. M. Flower, who succeeds Ellen Mitchell, is a native of Boston and a graduate of Packard's institute at Brooklyn. After leaving school she spent six years as a teacher at Madison, Wis.

MRS. J. M. FLOWER.

While a resident of the Wisconsin capital she met and married Mr. Flower, a well known lawyer. She is a sister of Professor Elliott Coues, well known as a scholar and scientist. Since becoming a resident of Chicago her labors have covered a wide range. She was one of the founders of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, and has been vice president and chairman of the executive committee of the school since its foundation. She is chairman of the committee on moral and social reform of the world's congress auxiliary, ex-president of the Women's club, a prominent member of the board controlling the Chicago Home for the Friendless and an active worker in the Lake Geneva Fresh Air association. Mrs. Flower is interested in many other philanthropic undertakings, and is a member of the Fortnightly club and of St. James' Episcopal church.

MISS LYDIA STOCKWELL.

A year before the Kansas legislature passed the suffrage law the conservative city of Atchison elected a woman, Mrs. N. A. Maher, to a place on the school board, and was the first city in the state to recognize the rights of women in this respect. Mrs. Maher proved such a valuable member that the following year Miss Lydia Stockwell was chosen by a unanimous vote to sit with her on the board. Miss Stockwell was reelected in 1889 and again last spring. She is now serving her fifth year. In 1888 Mrs. Kelsey Hudson, a colored woman, was appointed a member of the board to fill out the unexpired term of her deceased husband.

ELIZABETH HAMBLETON.

Last spring Mrs. Elizabeth Hambleton, the wife of a physician, was chosen unanimously to serve with Miss Stockwell. The board is now composed of eight men and two women. By the influence of the latter a woman has been clerk of the board for several years, the present incumbent being Annie M. Nicklaus. Atchison is the only city of the first class in Kansas that has or ever has had women members of the school board.

Limestone Statistics.

Government statistics show the total value of all limestone mined in the United States to be $19,095,179. For building purposes 92,289,896 cubic feet were used, with a value of $5,405,671. During the year 1889 there were made 18,474,068 barrels of lime, valued at $8,217,015. For street work, 46,491,622 cubic feet of limestone were consumed, valued at $2,383,456. There were expended for wages, $10,121,985; for supplies and materials consumed, $4,227,346; for other expenditures at the quarries, $743,483, making a total of $15,092,714. The number of employes, including office force, was reported as 20,644. The capital invested was $27,022,325, distributed as follows: In land, $14,771,300; buildings and fixtures, $4,988,207; tools, implements, etc., $4,541,625; cash, $2,721,193.

A Fireproof House of Paper.

Paper seems to be an article to the uses of which there practically seems no limitation. To pails, wheels, axles, dishes, etc., there has been added a more extensive application of paper to the needs of everyday life by the building of an hotel constructed of this material. This novel residence, which has just been finished and is situated in Hamburg, has been made entirely of paper boards, which, it is said, are of the hardness of wood, but possess an advantage over the latter material in that they are fireproof, this desirable end being effected by impregnation with certain chemical solutions.

Chief Justice of the Land Court.

The Hon. Joseph R. Read of Iowa is appointed chief justice of the new land court which is to have jurisdiction in the new states and the territories of all disputes about land arising under federal law. This court was created by congress last spring and is one of high dignity. Judge Read was born March 12, 1835, in Ashland, O., and received his education there and at the academy at Hayesville, O. Having studied law he settled in Iowa in 1857 and served four years in Second battery of Iowa light artillery. He was a member of the Iowa senate in 1866-8, and afterward judge of the circuit and supreme courts of that state. He served in the Fifty-first congress as a Republican.

J. R. READ.

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THE MAGNET OF THE CITY.

In England and America the Country Is Losing Population.

Both in Great Britain and America the census returns are furnishing food for thought, comment, comparison and presage. A London weekly of the highest standing declares that the English people are deserting the country for the town, but finds a grain of comfort in the observation that "the same thing is going on all over the world, in countries as dissimilar in their social and economic conditions as they are different in latitude; in old European countries and in the young colonies of Australia, and within the United States it is noticeable alike in the oldest states and in the newest—in Minnesota and Illinois, as well as in Maine and Massachusetts."

A survey of English statistics leads the same publication to declare that the part of the island south of Scotland is becoming a nation of cities. The average increase in the population of the twenty-seven largest towns during the last decade—exclusive of Cardiff, which has increased at the enormous rate of 55 per cent.—has been about 14 per cent. The rural districts, on the other hand, have decreased at about the same rate.

London now contains 4,231,056 people, having added 394,573 to its population in ten years, and Greater London has increased by 866,671, giving the first city in the world a population of 5,633,332. Manchester has increased 9 per cent.; Leeds, 18.9 per cent.; Sheffield, 14 per cent.; Newcastle, 28 per cent.; Portsmouth, 24, and several other large towns from 12 to 16 per cent. Although the surplus populations in the large cities are continually being drafted away to the colonies and new countries, their places are taken by migrations from the country. The large cities act as magnets on the rural population, and the larger the city the greater is its power of attraction. The agricultural valleys of Yorkshire have been drained for the benefit of the manufacturing towns. The shrinkage in the farming districts of Scotland and Ireland is also noted with alarm.

In the United States the growth of the cities has been less remarkable during the last decade than the fall in agricultural states. In the north Atlantic states, including the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, more than half the population live in cities. The town population has increased at the rate of 43 per cent. in ten years, while the total population has only increased 20 per cent. In the north central states the urban population has doubled in ten years, and the total population increased at the rate of 28 per cent. A similar movement has taken place in the other states, including the new western states.

A bulletin recently issued from the census bureau at Washington says that there are in the Union 443 cities having a population of 8,000 or upward. Figures received from 100 of these cities show that they have an annual expenditure of $255,000,000. St. Paul's outlay per capita ($27.61) is the highest, while that of Little Rock ($3.79) is the lowest.

Misfortunes of a Kansas Youth.

It is generally regarded as a creditable feat to memorize texts of Scripture, and for so doing a Kansas boy was awarded a handsome Bible recently by the superintendent of the Sunday school he attended. But what followed? The lad traded the volume of holy writ for a shotgun, and at the first fire brought down his aunt. He intended no harm, but his aim was bad. Now, owing to the barter, he has no Bible; owing to his parents' intervention, he has no gun, and owing to his bad marksmanship he is an object of ridicule by his comrades. Worse than all, the sea of trouble in which he is engulfed has drowned out of his mind all memory of the verses by reciting which he won his prize. If any moral goes with this item it is, Don't swap a Bible with which you are familiar for a shotgun which you don't know how to handle.

Oscar Wilde recently startled society by dancing into a private reception attired in a long brown coat, fantastically fashioned, a heliotrope necktie and yellow carnations in his buttonhole.

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To brighten metals. To scour bath tubs. To scour kettles.
EVERYBODY USES IT.
EVERY ONE FINDS A NEW USE.