

PICTURESQUE GOWNS FOR THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE.

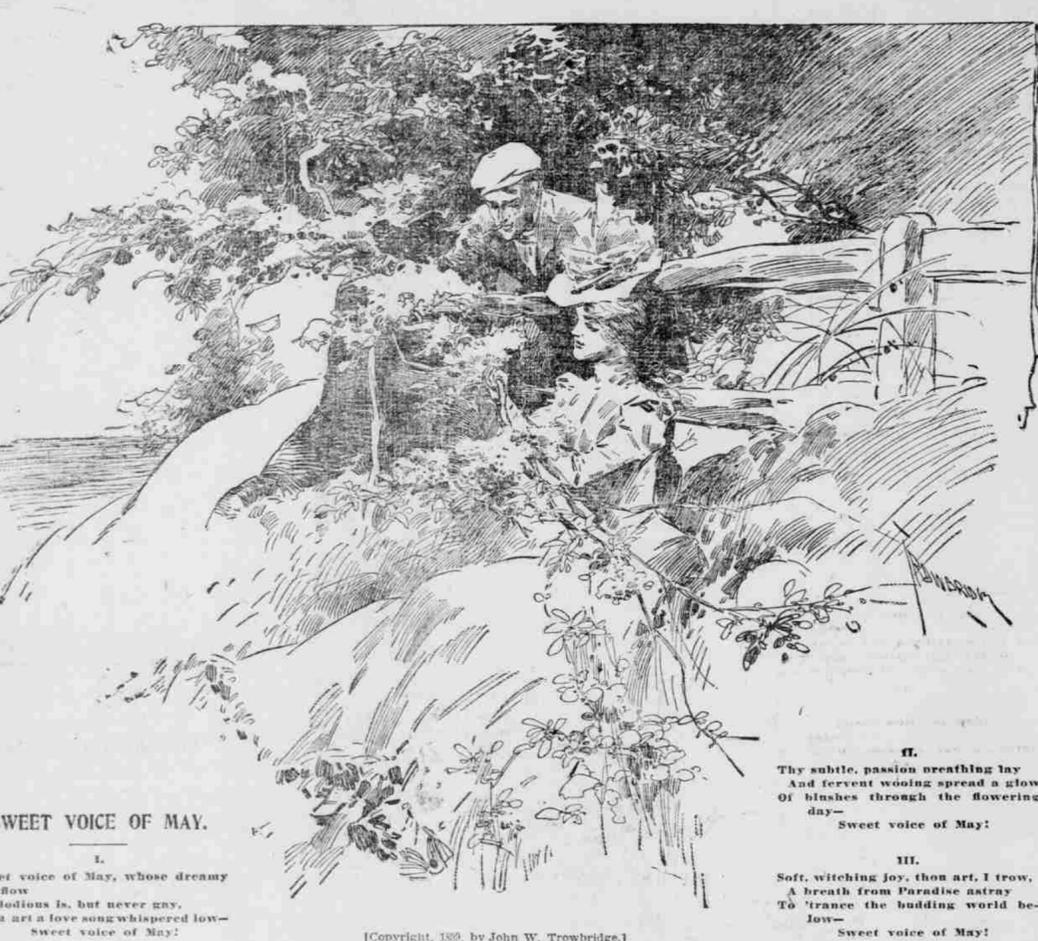
Now comes the season when the college girl prepares to lay aside her schoolbooks and her illusions. Well, perhaps the modern matriculating maiden hasn't so many illusions to part with. Boarding school life is apt to knock a good deal of nonsense out of the head of the average girl, as well as other cobwebs from the brain of young womanhood that we prefer not to see brushed away, that is, if we care anything for the young woman herself.

as celebrated has long ago led me to the conclusion that they are petulant on the school's part to challenge public attention by the show it makes in the closing exercises. Outsiders who do not know how commencements are prepared in most schools, how teachers toil for weeks beforehand to make the most of the pupils' literary efforts, even to entirely rewriting the commencement thesis, essay, poem or oration, would find admiration for these effusions considerably lessened if they knew the truth.

to graduates, each one is anxious that she shall not be neglected, and her friends often tax their resources severely at this time of the year to supply a half dozen fair girl friends with appropriate floral tributes on the day of graduation.

Topics of Interest to Womankind.

Such is Woman. In every known country in the world woman is regarded from a different standpoint. Her status has been graphically and tersely defined by Mrs. de Lambert, who expresses herself thus to her compatriots: The one most indefinable being in the world is woman. Carry your thoughts over the different nations of this globe and you will scarcely find two women alike in their ideas on that subject.



SWEET VOICE OF MAY.

Sweet voice of May, whose dreamy flow Melodious is, but never gay, Thou art a love song whispered low— Sweet voice of May!

How to Care For the Hands.

Queen Elizabeth, the royal coquette, was very proud of her soft, white hands, and they were never forgotten by the courtier who wanted to pay a more than usually acceptable compliment to the queen. Whenever Elizabeth wished particularly to captivate a favorite courtier, he was permitted to kiss the royal hand. Indeed there was a great deal of hand kissing in the days of Queen Elizabeth, and gloves were not then a part of court dress.

of servitude that centuries of emancipation find it hard to wipe out. To a certain extent care of the hands will eradicate hereditary traits. It is not possible to change the shape of the hands, but it is possible to modify the quality of the texture of the skin. Of course the original youthful hand is what I have been referring to, not as modified by the owner's individual toil. The disfigured hand of a baseball player, of course, is no indication of the character of the owner or his forbears.

DAISY MAY DISCUSSES FASHIONS IN CORSETS.

NOT so many years ago it was the exceptional woman who had her corsets fitted. Nowadays the rule works the other way, for every first class shop has its corset department under the supervision of a figure expert, who suggests the particular style suited to your physique and superintends the fitting. It has ever been a privilege of the few to have their own corset maker, and to such need not be told the advantage in comfort and appearance derived from wearing well fitted stays, but to those who have never realized the services of maker or fitter I say, seek the experience at once! It is well worth while. The virtues and vices of the corset are a three-barred theme, which shall here give place to the more pertinent discussion of kinds and varieties in vogue.

her first lesson from a corsetiere, and the rest will be easily mastered. The corset fitter will above all teach you the fundamental principles—that is, how to lace your stays and how to put them on. You may scorn the idea, but I pray you not to let your ignorance, which so beautifully blends with your conceit that you are unaware of its existence, deter you from following my advice. One frequently marvels at the dowdy Frenchwoman's inexpressible style, which is explained only by the fit of her corset. It is well to remember that half the beautiful figures are corset made.



THE NEW REJANE HAT.

and the sword. They were diligent in war and were not ashamed to do for themselves work which many a modern parvenu would consider beneath his dignity. Their hands, therefore, while the ladies of the castles were making needles and adze in the kitchen of pastry and the concoction of healing medicines from herbs. Their work, however, was all of the lighter sort, such as would devote the crucibles in harmony, and all were taught that the first duty of gentleness was the care of the body. The peasant, toiling in the fields or dragging stones and logs to build the master's stronghold, was marking face and limb with the stamp

Daisy May

Will You Marry Me? Few women outside of royal personages ever "popped the question" to a man, and perhaps only two have had the experience of being refused by a man without having proposed to him. That there was one is evident from the published memoir of Dr. Jovett of Oxford. The master of Balliol's personality was potent and penetrating, and good women felt its fascination. An undergraduate was ill in the college, and his sister, coming to Oxford to nurse him, was invited by Dr. Jovett to stay at his house. She received from him the utmost kindness and attention and when leaving said, with much hesitation, that she would venture to ask a very great favor. She again hesitated. The master grew uneasy and looked interrogative.

Why Women Are So Peculiar. She can laugh with her lips, make a man think she is the merriest cricket in the world, while her eyes are full of unshed tears and her heart is beating as if it would burst. She can forgive a great sin like an angel and nag a man about a petty vice like a fury. She can do up old friends and wear them with a cheerful heart that she may help somebody, and she can spend the first money that she really feels she can use for herself in going to a matinee or on a spree when she needs a new pair of shoes.

Photographs Banished. Photographs seem to have almost had their day, to judge from the well furnished drawing rooms and sitting rooms one enters nowadays. No longer is the piano a sort of stall, such as one sees at charity bazaars, simply covered and littered with photographs and framed every description, but in their place one sees a delicate water color on an easel, a rare piece of china or some other object of art. And the reason for this change is not far to seek, for although it is true that a photograph may possibly be an object of artistic beauty, and every description, but in their place one sees a delicate water color on an easel, a rare piece of china or some other object of art. And the reason for this change is not far to seek, for although it is true that a photograph may possibly be an object of artistic beauty, and every description, but in their place one sees a delicate water color on an easel, a rare piece of china or some other object of art.

Pastimes of the Arabs. Instrumental music is the sole province of nomadic professionals, but all Arab girls are taught to sing and play poetry. In fact, poetry, music and sweetmeats give occupation and amusement to women of the well to do class. Smoking is indulged in by men, women and children of all classes. The popular drink is milk, but in the case of the Arab, the most favorite is the red berries, dates and the currant-like musa berries. The most familiar form of animal life to the average child are the ostrich and the camel, except, perhaps, the horse, which is still first of the beasts of the creation in the eyes of the Arab. Of vegetable life, the one form with which every Arab child is unconsciously familiar is the date.

How to Treat a Rejected Suitor. Girls who decline offers of marriage are apt to cut the proposer who would see as much result of any real dislike for him as the feeling that somehow they have slighted him by their refusal. This only makes the situation more uncomfortable, inducing the rejected one into belief that his presence is distasteful, which is not always the case. A girl should treat a rejected suitor as a friend and never by word or deed put in his presence. But to resent him on a steady basis there are serious reasons for such pointed behavior—to say the least, unnecessary. Rather should he be treated with consideration, and if this be done in a tactful way it will mitigate the disappointment much.

FOR WOMEN READERS.

London has been discussing the question who are the best dressed unmarried women. Of the four that are placed at the head of the list two are Americans. They are Mrs. Stone and Lady Taylor-Loyd, who was Miss Jennie in Cleveland. Lady Warwick and the Duchess of Portland share first honors with their Miss Goelet, another American, is said to be one of the best dressed unmarried women.

may even grow beyond that limit. She was the daughter of an artist and began work as early in life that before she was 19 she had already exhibited two pictures which established her reputation. The women of Holland have started a movement of their own, and as might be expected from that thrifty people, it is an eminently practical one. The object is to take the poor from the cities and plant them in country colonies. The object is not exactly a new one, but it

has not seemed to appeal to women's societies until the real Holland dunes took hold of it. The automobile has brought its own fashions. Gloves, coats, gowns, hats—all the paraphernalia of woman's wear has appeared with the automobile stamp, and now the peasant follows suit. The automobile is chiefly conspicuous because of its color, which is so red that it seems as if even an ant-truck would take fright thereat and run away. Its other title to notice is the enormity and grotesqueness of the handle, which is very much on the lines of the classic and forcible shillalah.

sign which appeared to some American travelers on the European continent, it might have been intended, according to some English commentators, as an invitation to listen to the American voice first, lest it should be considered a continental rendering of "English app. too late." In Germany the men as well as the women wear wedding rings. When a girl dies, the survivor wears both. A doctor says that the majority of children taken place entirely when asleep.