

LITTLE ABSURDITIES.

"Is it possible the colonel is running for office?" "No; he hasn't run since the war!"

CIRCUS PERFORMING.

ACCOMPLISHING CERTAIN FEATS

A Truly Great Dancer Must Necessarily Be a Contortionist—Spits, Bends and Shoulders—New York Women as Gymnasts.

[Special Correspondence.] One day not long ago a handsome young lady with radiant blue eyes, exquisitely attired and of noble bearing applied for admission in an aristocratic fashionable gymnasium in New York.



A DIFFICULT FEAT.

nasium displayed the most beautiful and perfect form the proprietor had ever seen. Her arms were bare, round and smooth as alabaster, and her bust was a marvel of perfect physical development.

As She Remembered It. "Children," said the superintendent of the South Side Sunday school, "do you remember what is said of the lilies—how they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet will some boy or girl finish the quotation?"

His Parting Shot. She spurned his suit. "Never!" she insisted. "Nor yet did I hope for his best."

Far From the Madding Crowd. This is what many a nervous sufferer wishes himself every day. But there will be no necessity to forsake the busy—

THE POINT OF VIEW. Mrs. Liverand—"Don't you think these round steaks are as good to buy as porterhouse?"

KNOWLEDGE. The man who lives better than others and enjoys life more, with expenditure, by more promptly using the world's best products of physical being, will attest to the health of the pure liquid principles embraced in the Syrup of Figs.

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ground. To do a bend is to carry the head back until the feet are reached, and a shoulder is where the leg can be brought up straight to the shoulder.

I began to jump from high places in England before I came to this country with Barnum eight years ago. The distance of my first jumps were rather small, twenty-five and thirty feet.



A FLUCKY HEADER.

I go to the top of the circus tent for example, as high as possible, and jump down on the netting below, landing on my shoulders and turning a back somersault on the rebound, catching on my feet.

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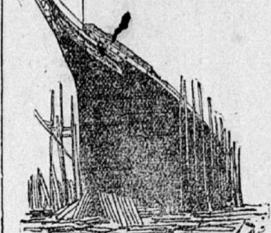
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LEARNED ENGINEERS.

WHO ARE POSTED IN SUCH

Things. Give Their Views on the Possibility and Practicability of Vessels Crossing the Atlantic in Five Days.

[Special Correspondence.] The views of "those who know" are peculiarly interesting at this time, when the world is watching anxiously the result of the effort of the City of Paris, which left Sandy Hook a few days ago to perform the feat of crossing the Atlantic in five days, if possible.



"THE CITY OF PARIS."

"Cross the Atlantic in five days," says the engineer of the Paris, "did you say? I hardly think the thing can be done, this year at least. But there is no saying what a few years more may bring forth in the way of reducing the time. Last year we had no vessel capable of making the passage from Queenstown to Sandy Hook in six days. Now we have, in that instance alone see what a short period has produced. But there is a mighty difference between making the passage in six days and making it in five. Every seafarer comprehends what an extra day at sea means. People who live on land cannot understand that it means a thousand things both for the steamship people and passengers. It means a great increase in the cost of a trip to the owners of the craft such as must necessarily follow the additional consumption of coal and oil, additional labor, additional provisions to passengers and crew and additional wear and tear to hull and machinery. Then we do not figure on other important items, such as the extra risk while at sea and the better comfort and satisfaction of the passengers through the saving of the extra day.

Slippers are more worn than boots for evening, though women to whom slippers are not becoming wear boots of kid or satin to match the gown. The evening boot is made high of heel and pointed toe, may be of the material of the dress when that is some rich, heavy fabric like brocade. In every case it must follow the leading color of the gown. A novel evening shoe is of a pale blue corded silk with rows of narrow black velvet ribbon stretched across the vamp leaving space between of the same width as the velvet which are feather stitched in delicate pinks and greens. The heels are high and white and highly polished, and the shoes are made to order with a blue brocade figured with pink flowers, and draped with blue gauze. Black velvet ribbons were worn at the

throat and about the wrists in lieu of jewels. Other evening boots are of white silk ornamented in the same way with black velvet or gold braid.

The oxford tie holds its own in spite of the doctors who are proclaiming loudly that weak ankles are the direct result of much walking in low shoes. Ooze calf, kid and dongola are the favored materials and medium heels and toes, not quite so low nor so broad as for the walking shoe, are often seen. On the street the tie is worn with over garters to match the dress; when meant for indoor wear coquettish lacings of ribbon or cord and a great variety of colors appear. A pretty Oxford tie, for home use only, is made from silver blue oze piped with green, scarlet piped with black, green and purple, orange or poppy red and black are other novelties. Russet, tan, coffee or mouse and the pale gray undressed kid with patent-leather vamps are less far-fetched and these are often beaded with differ-

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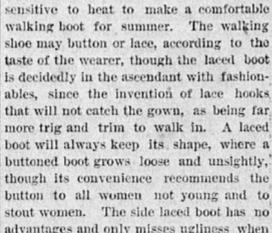
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FASHIONABLE FOOTGEAR.

What the Style is and Has Been—The Genuine Walking Boot—Slippers for Evening Wear.

The genuine walking boot is after the English model this summer. It is made of soft, pliable leather and on the "common sense" last, with heels not more than an inch in height, square set and not under the middle of the foot, and toes square or a little rounded so as to give the toes room without cramping, or overlapping. A pointed tip of patent leather is quite the most correct ornamentation for a shoe of this kind, the entire vamp of patent leather, though showy at the outset, being liable to creasing and stretching and being too sensitive to heat to make a comfortable walking boot for summer. The walking shoe may button or lace, according to the taste of the wearer, though the laced boot is decidedly in the ascendant with fashionables, since the invention of lace hooks that will not catch the gown, as being far more trig and trim to walk in. A laced boot will always keep its shape, where a buttoned boot grows loose and unsightly, though its convenience recommends the button to all women not young and to stout women. The side laced boot has no advantages and only misses ugliness when worn on a foot that is very slender.

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MASCULINITIES.

The greatest truths are the simplest; so likewise are the greatest men.

The highest and most profitable lesson is a true knowledge of ourselves.

Self-consciousness is one of the greatest hindrances to the best manners.

A man is known by the company he keeps. It would be odd if they didn't know him.

Men are the builders of their own destiny, and more especially of the destiny of their children.

It is as cowardly to talk about a man behind his back as it is to throw stones at his house in the dark.

It is a singular thing, but blue-eyed boys are more frequently lost than those with brown or black eyes.

One element of shrewdness is to realize that the man you are dealing with may be more shrewd than yourself.

The man who swears at his children would want to hide his head for fear if he could just know how mean he is.

It is easy for a girl to fall in love with a man, but when she has to support him by taking in washing—ah, there's the rub.

Disappointment first comes in life to the baby who has a horn given him for a present and then finds he hasn't wind enough to blow it.

When men go into a store to select furniture, so a lady says, they invariably choose the most massive styles they can get for the least money.

Whenever you see a man handling a young woman as if he were afraid he would break her you may make up your mind that she is a bride.

A wise physician once said that the opinion that a good woman should stay closely at home has killed more women than any other one cause.

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If you don't like your neighbor, don't get more of him.

Winter new Overland boots, but they are not for the winter.

IN THE HALLS OF JUSTICE.

During a hearing in the Jefferson market (Philadelphia police court the other day a woman among the spectators suddenly shook her fist at one of the policemen. When an attempt was made to eject her she resisted so forcibly that she was arrested and hauled before the justice.

"What has the policeman done that you should shake your fist at him?" the judge asked. "Nothing," replied the woman, "only he looks like a man I don't like. She was fined \$10.

A woman in Georgia was recently tried before a court on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. A clear case appears to have been made out against her, but her lawyer secured her discharge without denying a single allegation and without calling a single witness in her behalf. He simply asked the prosecutor whether he could swear that the defendant was not of sound mind, and, on the answer being in the negative, the judge ordered the woman's discharge and lectured the prosecutor for bringing a case into court in which the prosecutor could not take oath as to the mental capacity of the defendant.

Relief for Mothers. Little Boy—"What's the use of so many queer letters in words? Look at that 'e' in 'indeed'."

Little Girl—"I guess those is just put in so mothers can get an excuse to send their children to school and have a little peace."

If a man is selfish, getting married will not cure him of it.

Self-love sends out no missionaries.

CROSS-GRAINED, sour, irritable, so that the whole world seems wrong. That's the way you feel when your liver is inactive. You need Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets to stimulate it and correct it, and clear up your system for you. You won't mind the taking of them—they're so small and so natural in their effects. All that you notice will them is the good they do.

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