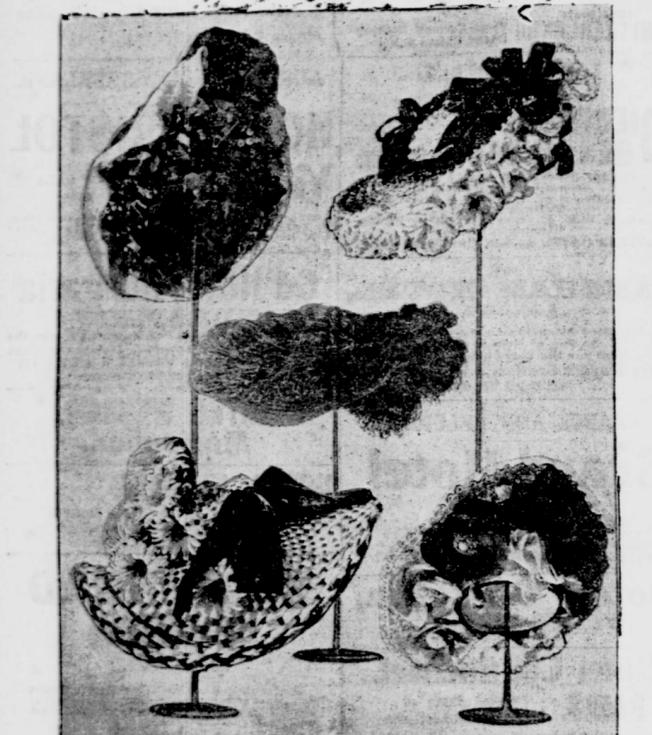


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SOME WAYS OF THE WORLD. IRKSOME TASK OF PREPARING THE SUMMER WARDROBE—CARD PLAYING ON CARS.

"I think," remarked a woman of the world the other day, "that the time has finally arrived when a woman's club would succeed in New-York. That a number have been started and have been failures during the last decade does not argue that they will never succeed. In the first place, the idea was at first opposed to old tradition, and, secondly, the utilitarian idea was too mixed up with the purely social one. One club that was started was really a sort of a genteel boarding house, where meals and lodgings could be had for much less than elsewhere, and the club simply as a common meeting ground. Now, however, that women frankly enjoy the society of their own kind, they are more ripe, so to speak, for the club idea, and I feel sure that if one were started by the right people and with a limited membership there would be a waiting list to join it as long as those at any of the popular men's clubs in town."

PEPPER'S ADVENTURES.

As Pepper was always a great rover, and had several times been lost in New-York, it was decided, despite the protests of his little cottage, to leave him for the winter at Mr. Z.'s seaside cottage, in charge of the man and wife who acted as caretakers. Although greatly missing his master and the family, to whom he was fondly attached, Pepper, on the whole, enjoyed his winter very much, and he did not appear to be anxious, and inquired for him far and near without result, and as day after day passed with no news of Pepper they gave him up as lost, and unwillingly wrote the sad news to his owners. About four days after his disappearance (as they afterward heard), a carpenter opened an unoccupied house about a couple of miles away, to do some repairs to the window of one of the bedrooms, and while working there he heard the muffled barking of a dog, but, as he looked through the house and found nothing, he concluded it must have been a passing animal in the road, and, as his work was completed, he locked up the house and went away. The following Sunday, just a week after Pepper's disappearance, the owners of the house came down in the train for an inspection of their summer domicile, and they, too, were about to leave, when one of the children came racing upstairs, saying that there was some animal under the floor of a storeroom in the cellar and begged his father to come and see. He, too, heard a whining noise, and, convinced that it was an animal in pain, set to work with a hammer and could collect to rip up the flooring. "You will miss your train," called out the driver. "We must go, sonny," said the father to the boy. "I do not believe it is anything but a rat anyway, and we must not miss the train; it is the last one to New-York."

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"Papa, we cannot get it," cried the boy, "it would be cruel not to get it out. I am sure it is a dog." And the mother, who had been told that she could not leave a living thing to suffer, James, even if it was a rat, and she had to stay all night, she said:

In the mean while the blows of the hammer began to tell, a plank was pried up and there, pointing out of the thick end, was the nose of a dog. Needless to say, it was Pepper, who, upon being dug out of his prison, fell to the ground from weakness, his bones sticking through his skin from extreme emaciation. In following a rat or a rabbit under the house, he had somehow entombed himself alive, and, but for the merest chance of that Sunday's visit and the child's discovery, would have died a miserable death. As it was, he was very far gone. As they had now missed their train, his rescuers drove to a boarding house, where he was put to bed and fed at intervals with warm bread and milk. The landlady knew the dog, and the little boy happened to be a friend of Pepper's master, to whom the dog's perilous escape was related the next day.

SHE LONGS FOR A UNIFORM.

Much as every true woman loves her pretty gowns and becoming hats, she has periods when the question of dress becomes a burden; when the bravery of laces, ribbons and other gewgaws pall upon her spirits, and the choice and necessary work attendant upon the arrangement of a winter's or summer's wardrobe become a trial almost too heavy to be born. Then it is that she envies man-

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