

Extrabagant Luxuries of Women of Fashion

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Great Commercial Value of the Fashionable Woman—Benefit of Wage-Earners Through Purchase of Costly Pearls and Splendid Raiment—Tollers and Business People in All Vocations Profit by Supplying Her Requirements—Believes Herself the Inspiration of Big Enterprises.

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When in the time of great Elizabeth the young wife of Lord Compton requested in her allowance the sum of £4,000 for a string of pearls, she asked for less than the grand dame of to-day thinks of spending for the same ornament. The little circle of pearls that the young girl wears about her throat may have cost, say, only \$3,000, but the somewhat larger ones, dropping just to the waist, which her mother wears, cost no less than \$40,000.

To the political economist this means a profligate waste of money that would support many families. But the wearer of the pearls claims that their price is supporting many families already. There is the diver and his family, she will tell you; the maker of his boat, his ropes and all his paraphernalia; the cleanser of the shells; the polishers—all to be paid, and all with avenues behind them through which the money passes. Then there is the work of the jewelers to be satisfied, of the architects and builders of the shops in which they find themselves, of the men and the clerks who buy and sell; and after that one must reckon with the thousand and one industries pertaining to the ships which bring the finished article over seas, ramifying into countless factories; to say nothing, finally, of the customs duties which the pearls yield and which assist in carrying on the work of a great government.

Of course one string of pearls is but an infinitesimal matter in the broader view; but it is the many strings that come into the commercial value of the fashionable woman; for she is by herself but a fragment of society and is of moment only by reason of her numbers. Thus she claims that these many strings and ropes of pearls are the means of sending righteous employment into wide and far paths of industry; and that while she might lock their price into a bond and shut it in a safe, conscious that it represents money in active use, yet that her string of pearls represents no less money in no less active use. And if the affair stops short with the pearls which are no longer earning, while the bond will still be at work giving her yearly revenue, to be again put into active use, then she claims, in response to the suggestion, that there are other wants than the purely material ones, and the increment of beauty in the pearls, the tints and lusters and environment, are of as much use and value in pleasuring the world as the equivalent in blankets and in beef might be.

When you see the woman of society in all her sweet bewilderment, a picture in soft colors and lovely raiment, whether she herself be beautiful or not, her jewels, her lace, her flowers, her shining silks, making her a vision of that beauty which is its own excuse for being, you hesitate to show her that there is any fallacy in her argument.

But it is not alone in the matter of her jewels that the woman of society claims commercial value; there is a trifle in the sum total, for there is not an article of her apparel or surroundings that does not merely create but stimulate trade. She knows that as she sweeps by in her grace and her splendor the onlooker is apt to think of her as an idle moth fluttering in the sunbeam and of no use in the world. But without her, she asks, where would the multitude of milliners and modistes with all their dependency of designers and couturiers and seamstresses, the weavers of delicate hosiery and underwear, the makers of fine boots, fine gloves, fine everything, the wholesale people, the middlemen, the retailers? The silk-worm spins for her, she thinks; for her the gem is delved from the mine; for her the trapper sets his snares in the snow; for her the lacemaker swings her bobbins and sets her wizard needle; for her China sends her crepes and India her muslins and France her velvets; for her ships cross the sea and caravans the deserts and railways the continents, the whole world tributary to her desires; and if Tennyson's dream of afloats were to come true, "pilots of the purple twilight dropping down with costly bales," the costly bales would be for her.

THE KING OF BEVERAGES

Water To-Day, as Ever, the Chief Staple of Human Life. Water is the king of beverages; it is the beverage to which all turn when they would cure themselves of the injurious habit of consuming other beverages. But water that is not pure may be more harmful than the most harmful of other drinks, says a writer in What to Eat. "Every health department should emphasize the dangers of impure water and urge upon the public the necessity of giving this matter first consideration. There are at my command numerous health reports bearing on this subject, and it is not difficult to prove that the death rate would be enormously lowered by greater care with regard to the consumption of pure water."

Water is the basis of all other beverages. All beverages of man's manufacture are water that has been adulterated by admixtures and chemical treatment. Pure water is the one beverage

In her home she further claims, the decorator finds his affairs, after builders and their people have had their percentages; the painter hangs his pictures on her walls, the sculptor brings her his marbles and his bronzes, Europe gives her tapestries and silken draperies, the orient gives her rugs, wax fields are sown and open their blue flowers for her napery, silver and gold are wrought for her table, the workmen in the factories of Sevres and Dresden and other great establishments compete for her favor. The violets on her breast are but one bunch, the roses in her vase but a single cluster, it may be; but the leagues of greenhouses that stretch across the land arise at her order, as the palace arose at the word of the aristocrat, and those who find work there find it because of her.

She is sure that the shopkeepers, the girls behind the counters, the maîtres, the hairdressers know her for their best friend. And it is still further her contention, that when she goes abroad the carriage maker, the harness maker, the breeder and breaker of horses and all those who serve in her stables, or in any way upon her equipage and equipment, find their account in her existence, and exist, indeed, with all their own households, because she does; and that the more dwellings she has in town or country the more people are the better off by means of it.

She will tell you, too, that she is the support of the finishing schools, for her children, with their teachers of science and art and languages and manners, and that even the toys of these curled darlings of fortune give food and clothing to whole companies of folk in Swiss valleys, in French workshops and in the hidden places of our own cities. And whether enough is paid for any of these possessions of hers, whether wages should be higher and costs lower, is a question she demurs as something altogether on one side of the value to society of the society woman.

And not only to the tollers, to hard labor, does she insist that she is a chief source of income, but that she is of financial importance from another point of view. She contends that the great opera, the symphony, in which the musician has scaled the strains of heaven, is heard by those of lesser means only by reason of her and her numbers; that she affords a theme to the novelist and buys his book; to the playwright, and is his patron, and that the newspaper which has the best circulation and in consequence is able, through its larger receipts, to give the latest intelligence and the fullest reading—for to most other women this successful one, so called, is an object of interest, and they follow her movements as they do those of a heroine of romance.

That the fashionable woman carries on and endows various great benevolences she does not mention as showing her value, since she does not do such things because she is a fashionable woman, but because she has the purse of one; but, nevertheless, she holds that the entertainments which she organizes in "sweet charity's" name, require services which spread money broadcast, and if she does not spend her days among the poor and her income in gifts to them, she has learned from the political economist himself that the wages which are paid for her comforts and pleasures are more beneficial in the receipt than any charity. Whether or not she leads the life that is best for herself, in so far as it has no other aim than enjoyment of the passing hour or the obtaining of social supremacy, it is a life that she believes good for myriad others, and if she loses her soul in social frivolity, losing it, others find their advantage. It may be, it doubtless is, a poor and vicious state of society that makes her life possible, but society being as it is the fashionable woman looks upon herself as an unmistakable benefactress.

The bonnet rook at work upon the streets, who sees the carriage or auto-

moble of the fine lady roll by and hurra a curse after it, does not realize anything of this claim of hers or thinks himself that the wear and tear of her wheels gives him with envy, the poor woman who draws her skirts closer from the dust of her movements, do not consider that the fashionable woman has nothing on or about her which does not represent work done and wages paid and their share of comfort to those receiving them. But the fashionable woman herself, feeling all she claims in her justification to be true, declares that she is even so much a butterfly flitting from pleasure to pleasure, she is none the less a factor in the business of the world and a distinct addition to its wealth, and, with her financial importance hardly second to that of the wheat farmer or the ironmonger, she drags commerce in her train.

It is not to be expected that she should take the political economist's view of herself and her expenditure. He may call her a luxury; she believes that she is a necessity. He may compare her to the incubus of a standing army, whose sole excuse is that under the safety it guarantees enterprises can be undertaken and prospered. She will answer that the desire on the part of her husband or father to give her all that becomes her arouses those energies that make enterprise, business, success and big fortunes. And although one may bitterly deprecate the condition of society which diverts so much capital and labor from that different order of production which shall complete food and clothing and make complete the birthright of all, yet while society is what it is, with all the selfish abuses of altruism, her commercial value is a feature of first importance.

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD.

TOLD OF PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Incident Exemplifies His Devotion to His Wife.

The love which Mrs. McKinley bore her husband was so much the ruling passion of her life that she was extremely sensitive about him. In spite of herself, she was jealous even of the demands which the public made upon his time. Her love was matched by a most unusual devotion on the part of the president, as this heretofore unpublished incident illustrates. Col. John N. Taylor, of East Liverpool, O., a lifelong friend of Mr. McKinley, who was known in Washington as "the man who had a latch-key to the White House," took his little granddaughter, Pauline Taylor, aged three, to the executive mansion for a visit.

She climbed upon Mr. McKinley's knee and soon discovered his watch. Then she cried open the back of the case, as if looking for something.

"Why, Mr. President," she lisped. "It's empty. My papa has my mamma's picture in his watch."

Mrs. McKinley's face fell on the instant, but the president was not found wanting.

"I carry my wife's picture in my heart, Pauline," he said, quietly, and Mrs. McKinley was all smiles again.

The Oldest Text-Book.

Within the last few years a revolution has been accomplished at Oxford which ought really to affect the mind of the nation more than the difference between Lord Curzon and Lord Roseberry, says the London Spectator. A text-book has been discarded which was already venerable for its antiquity at the beginning of the Christian era. Needless to say, we are referring to Euclid's "Elements." For what other text-book ever had such a run as that? It has been accepted ever since its publication, which was in the reign of the first Ptolemy (B. C. 323-285). No writer has ever become so identified with a science as Euclid with geometry. The nearest approaches are to be found in the relation of Aristotle to logic and of Adam Smith to political economy.

HOW ABOUT HIS FACE, THOUGH.



The Judge—The innocence of the prisoner has been clearly established. He did not steal the barrel of dye. His appearance is the result of an attempt to prevent the actual thief who ever it might be from making off with the said dye. Prisoner, you are acquitted, and may leave the court without a stain upon your character.

Fish Do Not Hear.

Much controversy has taken place on the question of sense of hearing in fish, and many experiments have been tried with a view of settling it. Some of the latest of these are those of which M. Marage has given an account in the Paris Comptes Rendus. The fish experimented with were carp, tench, pike, eel and others, and the author finds no evidence of a sense of hearing. Sounds were transmitted into the water close to the fish with an energy capable of affecting deaf mutes. No effect was produced on the fish.

Answer Letters Promptly.

To disregard letters which we receive is a source of keen disappointment to those who think enough of us to write us. We should answer them out of courtesy if for no other reason. After we have made the effort for this reason several times the chances are that we will continue the correspondence for the pleasure it gives us, for there is no denying that it can become almost as much of a pleasure to write them as every one owns it is to receive a bright, breezy letter.

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PAID MONEY FOR A PEEP.

Children Alleged Woman Sold Holes in Baseball Fence.

Charged with selling permission to outsiders to come into her yard and look through the holes in her fence at the baseball game at Piedmont park without a license, Mrs. M. Hatchett appeared in the police court at Atlanta, Ga., and after a hearing she was allowed her freedom by the Recorder.

Detective Lockhart made the case at the instance of the police officer at the park. It was stated that Mrs. Hatchett charged five cents a head to look through the cracks and holes in her fence, which is part of the fence enclosing the baseball ground, and see the games. One little boy was in court as witness, and testified to having paid Mrs. Hatchett's little girl a nickel to see the game, but not being well pleased with the location had his money refunded and left.

Mrs. Hatchett denied that she charged any money for looking through the holes. There was no evidence produced during the trial that Mrs. Hatchett was engaged in such a business, and Judge Broyles dismissed the case on condition that the lady did not accept any pay from those people whom she allowed to go into her yard and see the games.

One trip on the sea of matrimony is sufficient to induce a prolonged spell of seasickness.

QUICK REMEDIES FOR CRAMP.

Get Hard to Get Relief From This Painful Affliction.

Do your little growing folks wake up in the night with cramp in their toes or legs? If so, tell them to slide down to the foot of the bed and press their toes hard against the footboard. This seldom fails to bring relief. Even the tiniest tot can do this for herself when she wakes up in alarm at the big pain in her leg.

Should this fail, and sometimes when the cramp is up by the knee, it is not efficient, tell the sufferer to press the sole of her cramped foot against the instep of the other. Press good and hard, and the pressure, together with the warmth and electricity drawn from the well foot, will certainly bring relief unless the case is very stubborn. To treat the "knotty," stubborn kind of cramp, which sometimes seizes the little folks when they are nervous, or if they have eaten something which does not agree with them, to tie a broad band (father's handkerchief, folded, will answer), tightly above the cramped part. Rubbing, unless one knows just how to manipulate the muscle, often does more harm than good. The doctors tell us that cramp of this kind is as much a nervous as a muscular trouble. If your children suffer frequently with it, a good warm bath with an alcohol rub at night is a good preventive. B. N.

LIFE INSURANCE ACTIVITY.

The New York Life's Business Nearly Up to the Legal Limit.

The New York Life Insurance Company announces that its new paid business during the half year just ended was over seventy million dollars. As the new law allows no life company to write over one hundred and fifty millions per year, it would appear that this company is working nearly up to the limit. The New York Life gained such headway before the law was passed and suffered so little, comparatively, from the Armstrong investigation, that the question with its management has been how to keep business down to the limit, rather than how to reach it. No other company is writing nearly as much as the law allows. The New York Life has evidently become a preferred company.

The company's payments to policy holders during the six months ending June 30 were \$21,660,761. It is interesting to note that this amount was almost equally divided between payments under policies maturing by death and payments made to living policy holders. Thus, while death claims were \$11,850,626, the amount paid for matured endowments, annuities, trust fund installments, for purchased policies and for dividends was \$10,810,135. Modern life insurance, as practiced by the best companies, embraces a wide field, and covers many contingencies. It is money saved for the aged, as well as money provided for the families of those who die prematurely.

Bobby's Viewpoint.

The theater was brilliant with colored lights and overflowing with a gay commencement throng. The stage was crowded with a class of 200 boys and their teachers. Among the graduates was John, the big brother of little Bobby, who was surveying the scene with bulging eyes. He snuggled up to his father and in a stage whisper asked: "Papa, isn't it nice that so many people came to John's commencement?"

Generous Mr. Kraft, "Mr. Kraft, the merchant," said the college president, "has offered to donate \$5,000 for a new building to be known as 'Kraft hall.'"

"But," said the dean of the faculty, "\$5,000 won't pay for the building war."

"Oh! no. You see, Mr. Kraft's generous offer is contingent upon our securing donations of \$10,000 each from ten other public-spirited citizens."—Philadelphia Press.

Not Comfortable.

"I'm going off into the mountains this summer and get close to the heart of nature," said the dreamy girl. "I once went off into the mountains to get close to the heart of nature," said the matter-of-fact man. "I sought the woods and lay down close to her throbbing bosom. But I found she has full of red bugs and other penetrating insects. So I arose and gloomily sought the artificial city."

MEAT OR CEREALS.

A Question of Interest to All Careful Persons.

Arguments on food are interesting. Many persons adopt a vegetarian diet on the ground that they do not like to feel that life has been taken to feed them, nor do they fancy the thought of eating dead meat.

On the other hand, too great consumption of partly cooked, starchy oats and wheat or white bread, pastry, etc., produces serious bowel troubles, because the bowel digestive organs (where starch is digested), are overtaxed and the food ferments, producing gas, and microbes generate in the decaying food, frequently bringing on peritonitis and appendicitis.

Starchy food is absolutely essential to the human body. Its best form is shown in the food "Grape-Nuts," where the starch is changed into a form of sugar during the process of its manufacture. In this way, the required food is presented to the system in a pre-digested form and is immediately made into blood and tissue, without taxing the digestive organs.

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STATE NEWS ITEMS

PRICE'S CHARGES

Against Ohio's University Relate to Alleged Fund Juggling.

Athens, O.—In regard to the charges against the management of the Ohio university filed by Aaron E. Price, former representative from this county, he stated that his report was in error so far as it related to irregular book-keeping because he knew nothing about the books. His charges, he says, related to violations of law by the authorities in their method of doing business, funds having been diverted to purposes for which the law does not approve their expenditure. The governor will make inquiry into the matter on his own account before he turns it over to the auditor of state. Dr. Ellis, president of the university, has stated that he knew nothing of the charges nor did he care; that the accounts of the university were square; had been looked over and passed by the board of public accounting and that he was not afraid of any investigation. Gen. Grosvenor has dealt in strong terms that he had anything to do with the charges.

BACK TO THE FARM

The Mayor's Advice to a Youth Who Loved the Arrested Woman.

Lima, O.—"Go back to the farm, my boy, and forget it," was the advice given 20-year-old Clifford Smith by Mayor Robb in the police court. Smith procured a license a few days ago to wed Beatrice Atwood, aged 30 years, who was in jail. He awaited the mayor's action in her case, but was called aside and told to leave. "But I love her, your honor," pleaded the youth, "and want to marry her." The mayor's answer was a heavy fine for the woman and banishment from the city. Smith, from a well-to-do family, had become infatuated with his fair captor during a short residence in this city.

WAR VETERANS

Are Dying Off Rapidly, 16,629 Departing in the Last Year.

Columbus, O.—According to the annual report of the local pension agency, which is a distributing point for several states in this section of the country, the old soldiers are dying off at a rapid rate. The total loss in the year was 16,629 out of a total of 98,968 survivors at the beginning. However, in the same period 14,299 were added to the rolls. The total disbursements were \$15,624,797.72. There are 2,370 survivors of the war with Spain who are being paid from this office.

Seized His Child and Fled.

Lima, O.—With a divorce action pending against him, Claude Lansdowne created a sensation in the village of Beaver Dam by visiting the home of his wife Pearl, bundling their minor child into a carriage and escaping. Common Pleas Judge Quill issued a peremptory order, commanding the husband to return the child, and deputy sheriffs have started in pursuit of him.

Taft's Manager Ill.

Columbus, O.—Arthur L. Vorys, state superintendent of insurance, and manager of the Taft campaign, is ill at the summer home of his sister, Mrs. John R. McLaughlin, northeast of the city. He has been away from the headquarters for two days, but his illness was just learned. He is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Veteran's Long Walk.

Newark, O.—John Pilon, aged 65, a former member of Company D, 29th Ohio regiment, who was recently transferred from the Licking county infirmary to Washington, returned here, having run away from the Washington home in June. He walked the entire distance.

Lightning Fires Oil Tank.

Lima, O.—Lightning fired one of the huge tanks of the Standard Oil Co. here and a quarter of a million barrels of oil were ignited, and the city is enveloped in a cloud of darkness that is almost stifling. Cannon were brought into play to prevent the spread of the flames to other tanks near by.

Attempt to Blackmail.

Cleveland, O.—An attempt to blackmail Mayor Johnson a few months ago here and a quarter of a million barrels of oil were ignited, and the city is enveloped in a cloud of darkness that is almost stifling. Cannon were brought into play to prevent the spread of the flames to other tanks near by.

Drowned in the Mill Race.

Youngstown, O.—During a display of fireworks at the Lovellville Italian celebration Miss Lillie Smith, while looking upward, got too near the water and fell in. Her escort plunged in after her, but she was carried into the mill race and drowned.

Appeal For Stay Denied.

Toledo, O.—Attorneys for the lumber and bridge men who were sentenced for violating the Valentine anti-trust law appeared before Judge Morris in common pleas court and asked for a stay of proceedings. The judge overruled the motion.

The Hog Escaped.

Stuebenville, O.—Elwood Noble, aged 16 years, of Riddle's Run, when hunting near here shot at a groundhog and missed. The bullet struck Fred Carri, who was passing, fatally wounding him.

Paid Back Taxes.

Findlay, O.—The Northwestern Ohio Natural Gas Co. paid into the Hancock county treasury \$1,650 back taxes because of the undervaluation of its lines through Hancock county. The taxes were paid at the request of Prosecutor David.

Cloudburst Hits Ohio Village.

Zanesville, O.—A cloudburst at Canfieldville, 15 miles south of here, washed away two houses. The entire town was under five feet of water. There were many narrow escapes and it is feared, there was a loss of life.

BURTON RESIGNS

From the Penitentiary Board Following the Governor's Request.

Columbus, O.—"Owing to continued ill health, and consequent inability to properly attend official meetings, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the board of managers of the Ohio penitentiary," is the formal manner in which Colonel Thompson Burton, of Youngstown, wrote in a letter received by Gov. Harris.

Col. Burton, at the last meeting of the board, fell from a carriage while alighting at the prison in the presence of at least 20 witnesses. He was carried into the institution and when satisfactorily revived, was sent to Toledo on the way to his summer home in Michigan. The Governor worded for Burton's resignation the day following. Just who his successor will be is a matter that will not be known until after the chief executive has fully made up his mind, although the plan will go to the northeastern part of the state, and to a soldier, if the present plans are carried out.

OWNER MUST PAY

If Tenant Sells Liquor Without Taking Out a License.

Columbus, O.—Assistant Attorney General William H. Miller rendered an opinion to Auditor of State Gilbert to the effect that a property owner is liable for the Alkin liquor tax even though he is ignorant of the business that his tenant is engaged in. The opinion was rendered on a complaint of Attorney Addison, who had rented a store room in the Bad Lands for the purpose of a restaurant. The liquor inspectors discovered that intoxicants were being sold there. Because the proprietor could not pay Addison was held for the tax, and he held that he was exonerated because the lease contained a provision that intoxicating liquor was not to be sold on the place. Mr. Miller says in his opinion that it would hold good then there would be no case of the law, as it would be a subterfuge for dodging the tax.

Leue Must Make Good.

Athens, O.—In the case of Charles W. Super versus Adolph Leue judgment by default for \$38.75 was awarded the plaintiff. The latter is a former president of the Ohio university, while the defendant is a member of its board of trustees. The litigation arose over a mining deal, Super having purchased stock from Leue, which he never received.

Strike Orders Ignored.

Youngstown, O.—The American Federation of Labor has set about an investigation of the blast furnace workers of the valley. It is claimed that they, as an organization, have ceased to exist. Repeated strike orders have been issued on the eight-hour proposition, but no strike has been called.

Storm Damage in Ohio.

Cleveland, O.—An electrical storm of unusual severity swept over a large part of Northern Ohio. In this city considerable damage was done by lightning, the principal sufferers being the Forest City Railway Co., the three-cent fare street railway line, whose power house was struck by lightning.

Braves Life Sentence.

Youngstown, O.—Though realizing that it meant imprisonment for life in the Ohio penitentiary Edward Bennett, colored, pleaded guilty to the charge that he robbed the home of Joe Costula. He was identified by neighbors of Costula. He was held to the grand jury.

Paid the Penalty.

Columbus, O.—Henry White, the negro desperado who murdered Marshal Bashora at Franklin last October, walked to the electric chair and paid the penalty for his crime. The execution was successful, although it took three contacts to do the final work.

Engineer Found Dead.

Norwalk, O.—William L. Roberts, engineer at the Aratic Light and Water Works station at Milan, a few miles above here, was found dead. Roberts was lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the engine room and had evidently been murdered.

Ruled Off Exchange.

Cleveland, O.—Because of the failure of the Forest City Railway Co. to file a satisfactory statement of its financial condition with the local stock exchange, the board of governors ordered that security removed from the listed stocks.

Heaviest in Years.

Marietta, O.—A heavy rainstorm struck this city, flooded the streets, compelling the factories to shut down and causing heavy damage. Much stock was killed by lightning. The rain was the heaviest in years, the lowlands being inundated.

Ex-Mayor Divorced.

Athens, O.—Mrs. Gilbert E. Day was granted a decree of divorce from former Mayor Day. She named as co-respondent a local married woman Day was mayor of Athens, but resigned at the time the suit was planned. He did not appear against his wife.

Killed While Wrestling.

Stuebenville, O.—Mike Dragon, 18, of Ironville, ruptured a blood vessel while wrestling, causing his death. He was the champion wrestler for his age in the town, and was injured trying to work the "grapevine twist."

Will Visit Masonic Home.

Springfield, O.—W. J. Howard, of Excelsior Lodge F. and A. M. of Cincinnati was here and made arrangements for a visit to the Ohio Masonic home on Sunday, September 8. It is the intention to bring a train load of Masons and their families to the home.

Caused Record Rise.