



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN BIBLE HISTORY

Mrs. Aaron Wilcox Is Interested in Archæology as a Proof of the Authenticity of the Bible.

Correspondence of The Journal. Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Aaron Wilcox is the newly elected national president of the Christian Mothers' Union, the woman's branch of the American Society of Religious Education...

eries in the orient have been centralized and made available to the public. Through their aid and the co-operation of Dr. Henry Mason Baum and Dr. J. E. Gilbert, plans of lectures and courses of reading, having the stamp of authority that the approval and aid of these eminent scholars give to the effort, have been matured.



MRS. AARON M. WILCOX Giving Bible Lessons to Boy Pupils.

She is the founder of the Pan-American committee, which is the subject of the encouragement of archaeological research and the establishment in other American republics of an economic system, similar to that of our own Smithsonian institute.

That the importance of the work undertaken by Mrs. Wilcox in this committee is appreciated by the scientific world, is shown by the fact that this matter is expected to come up for the consideration of the conference at Harard during the coming winter.

Mrs. John Charles Simmons, a member of the Council of Christian Women: "Your suggestion that the acquisitions of authentic archaeological research, might serve, when presented in popular and simple form, to deepen, or perhaps awaken faith in biblical truths, has recalled an incident of my childhood which proves the validity of the proposition."

GOWNS FOR \$300 A YEAR

Minneapolis Women Astonished Over Mrs. Roosevelt's Figures.

The statement made by Mrs. Roosevelt that heretofore she had never spent \$300 a year on her gowns has roused a discussion that is rife from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The men are no doubt responsible for it, for there are few husbands who have not called their wives' attention to the item.

"I shall have to reduce your allowance," declared one Minneapolis man whose wife spends three times that amount. "It will become the wife of an insignificant commoner like myself to dress more extravagantly than the first lady in the land."

"It's perfectly absurd to discuss the question at all," was the opinion of a practical woman, "one can spend a large sum or a small one on gowns and if the money is spent judiciously the result will be the same, a well-dressed woman."

A BRIEF AGAINST RUMMAGE SALES

Charity Workers Think These Very Popular Affairs to Raise Money Demoralizing—Second-hand Dealers Lay in Stocks.

Minneapolis has gone mad over rummage sales and the attitude whose contents have not been rifled and few women who have not assisted in disposing of old clothing, furniture and magazines. The rummage sale has a two-fold purpose: first to help the poor; and secondly, to increase the funds of some church society.

"They have been brought into relation with the 'other half' in a new way, and the element of excitement that attended the sales made each day an interesting one. They spent hours driving around collecting the discarded articles, other hours in sorting and marking, and still more hours in acting as saleswomen."

"It does, indeed," was the answer, with a sigh that told of personal experience, "and a dressmaker never takes any interest in a made-over gown. If Mrs. Roosevelt had had my experience last winter she wouldn't speak so confidently of remodeling."

"AUNT BECKY" YOUNG'S MILITARY RECORD

A Des Moines Woman Who Founded Two War Sanitary Commissions and Still Works for the Soldier Boys.

Special to The Journal. Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 25.—Des Moines boasts of having the most distinguished army nurse living, "Aunt Becky" Young, the founder of two state sanitary associations, and the "Mother Bickerdick" of the Army of the Potomac.

"one that will stick to you for a lifetime. You shall be 'Aunt Becky.'" Prophetic words! So well did they stick that few people in Des Moines realize that Mrs. Young has any other name than "Becky," and a letter addressed to Mrs. Sarah Young might go begging for many days before the postal clerk would suspect where it was to be delivered.



"AUNT BECKY" YOUNG.

She says a visit to the adjutant general's office every few days to keep in touch with the military world, looks after the sending of provisions and boxes to the soldiers in the Philippines, and confidently hopes that she will be permitted to render to soldiers some service when Fort Des Moines, the new army post of the department of Iowa, is opened next year.

Mrs. Young draws a pension of \$20 per month from the government in recognition of her services, and with the income of her husband the two manage very well. She is president of the Iowa Sanitary Commission, New York, which was organized at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, and which has been maintained since the return to Iowa of the Fifty-first regiment largely through her influence and her work.

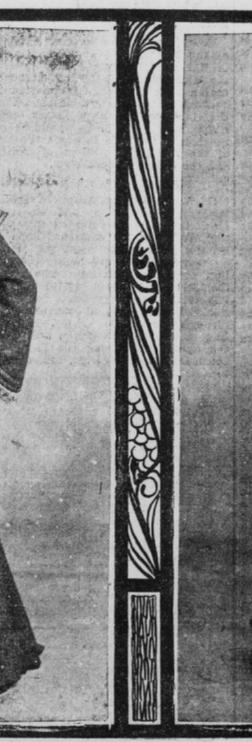
continuously since that time. "Aunt Becky" saw President Lincoln but once during the war. It was in front of Petersburg and the president was on his way back to Washington after visiting in Richmond, Lee having surrendered to Grant a short time before. The crater at Petersburg had thrown out many mangled forms and the work of the nurses continued for weeks after the war was actually at an end.

AFTERNOON TEA

Our English cousins, who understand some things better than we do, never fail to have their cup of afternoon tea, with its accompaniment of this bread and butter, or plum cake, or scones, at 5 o'clock. This is an everyday function, prepared for and enjoyed by the family as a matter of course, and shared with friends who happen in, people knowing that 5 o'clock is a convenient hour for finding their intimate acquaintances at home and at leisure.



SMART WINTER ULSTER.



DASHING EMPIRE COAT.



CORDUROY STREET FROCK.



THE CARE OF THE HANDS. To keep the hands nice, cleanliness is the first essential and therefore when rough work has to be done it is well, if possible, to put on gloves. Prevention is better than cure, and as nothing spoils the hands like getting them grimed it should be avoided as far as possible. When this occurs, don't go to work upon them with soap and a brush. Instead, take some vasoline or oil and rub it into the hands and then wash them thoroughly with a good toilet soap and a piece of flannel in warm water.

THE worrying question of the proper lengths for coats is now settled beyond all peradventure. Street coats may be of any length, since all the variations that lie between the shortest boleros and skirt-length raglans are recognized by fashion. But for traveling, or automobile use, there seem to be but two standards of excellence—length and looseness.

coats is an empire model with a huge wadded plait at the back. In pale tan broadcloth, the new mousmoot kind, such a coat stylishly accompanies a plain black cloth skirt. The length photographed is the proper one for true empire effects. At each side of the front, which books over an invisible flap, two box-plaits extending from a yoke in triple layers contribute further toward the looseness exacted for such garments.

The handsome fur, velvet and lace turban is shown by the same firm. Corduroy Street Frock. A corduroy walking dress comes next, and before we go any further let me tell you that this coarse and serviceable material is one of Dame Fashion's very latest whims. It is the swager knockabout of the season, and though there are some mad mid-to-shirts in the ready-made market, there are other corduroy models that show an excellent tailor finish.

which color—perhaps because the more rarely seen—is considered somewhat more chic than the brown. The cloth strappings of the skirt, collar revers and sleeves are in the same tone, and a belt buckle and buttons of dull silver and jet supply handsome fastenings. Such a gown, including black taffeta linings, can be bought at any of the first-class shops for \$40.

THE RAGE FOR WHITE

Gowns of White Cloth Have Made Ermine Popular.

All white costumes have been given the word of approval for the winter as well as for the summer, certainly not for the street, but for carriage wear, for elegant receptions and receptions. A white cloth gown covered with English embroidery, a white lace toque with angling ends, a long white coat lined with satin and strapped with panne, this is a toilette suggested for a wedding reception in October. White panne cut into scrolls on the edge and embroidered with jet is one of the pretty trimmings of the winter.

The rage for white has brought ermine to the fore and the head of fur will be used on many of the winter attire. When of ermine their ecia! will be considerable. Boleros of ermine, jackets, cuffs, peleries and finally whole long coats of ermine with brandebourges of sable tails are among the beautiful things offered by the furriers. Little, if any, will be worn on the street, a great deal with all reception toilettes. On evening gowns, especially, the bands of ermine have a great success. Empire gowns of black panne with ermine boleros and ermine hems will be elegant for a midwinter reception. Scarfs of black tulle will soften the effect, and a black lace veil draped over white tulle will form the toque.

THE AGE TO MARRY. Oliver Wendell Holmes, in the course of a letter to a young friend who had married, wrote: "I do indeed congratulate you on changing your isolated condition into the best condition of quality. The very moment one feels that he is falling into the old age of youth—which I take to be from 25 to 30, in most cases—he must not daily any longer; the first era of his life is fairly closed; and he may live half his bright days over again if 'woman's pure kiss, sweet and long,' comes only to his lips before it is too late. If he waits till the next epoch of life begins, there is great danger lest he marry his wife as a jockey buys a horse—sensibly, shrewdly and merely as a convenience in his domestic operations."

TO MARRY AN EARL. The Earl of Beauchamp is to marry Lady Sibyl Primrose, the old daughter of Lord Rosebery. Lady Sibyl is 22 years old and one of the wealthiest heiresses of England, having inherited the enormous fortune of her late mother, who was born Hannah Rothschild, the only daughter of Baron Meyer Rothschild, the head of the London house of the great banking firm. The Earl of Beauchamp is 30 and very rich. This marriage will strongly cement the nobility with the highest Jewish society.