

IN FASHION'S REALM.

Little Hints for the Woman Who Wants to Be Correct and Up-to-Date in Appearance.

Taps and tails are the correct adornments for fur muffs this year, stuffed heads having been discarded by Dame Fashion.

Ribbons for trimming the modish beaver hats have a silk beaver finish and come in plain colorings and the most effective combinations.

Heavy lace, suggesting repousse work in a pastel apricot tint known as champagne, is used with artistic results on some modish gowns, combining especially well with pale pink, amber or pale blue.

Drapery muffs for mourning millinery resembles point d'esprit sprinkled with tiny dull jet beads, reports the Brooklyn Eagle.

The moonstone is in evidence as the setting for some of the newest sleeve links and fancy buttons.

The strapping fad has extended to silk petticoats, narrow bands of silk embellishing the finely tucked flounces.

Broadtail and gray fox is an effective combination in the coat line.

Some beautiful low bodices are trimmed with triple folds of the material, with a large Renaissance jewel as a central ornament.

Evening gowns of tulle or satin in light champagne color are relieved by a touch of light green.

Chinchilla is used for trimming smart costumes of velvet in dark violet, gray and brown.

Chrysanthemums with a fringe of unopened buds, bright red Virginia creeper, Parma violets with a fringe of stalks and roses flecked with brilliants, are a few of the lovely effects in floral garniture for gowns of black net or crepe brought out this season.

As embroidery for evening shoes turquoise is blended with gold on black and white, and emeralds mingle with fine gold stitchery. Rhinestones, finely cut jet and steel spangles are utilized for the adornment of black satin and kid shoes, and an extreme fancy is buttersly embroidery decorating the toes of some beautiful slippers.

According to an authority the first decolette gown of which mention was made in the history of costume was worn by Queen Isabeau of Bavaria. The fashion was at its height in the time of the Valois kings and flourished during the reigns of Louis XIV. and his successors.

Embroidered hop sack is one of the new fabrics utilized for smart gowns.

The fancy ornamentation has caught the eye of the hosiery manufacturer, and white silk stockings show a design of fruit and foliage over the instep.

A DOCTOR'S POINT OF VIEW.

Physician Says the Carpet is the Most Unsanitary Thing in the Modern Home.

"When the American housewife becomes thoroughly educated in domestic sanitation she will never have a carpet in her home," remarked a Detroit doctor, who has made a deep study of the germ theory, according to the Free Press.

"Why?" Simply because it is the most unsanitary thing in the house. No matter how careful the inmates may be in the matter of cleaning their shoes before entering the house—unless they were to adopt the oriental practice of taking them off and leaving them outside—they are bound to carry in some dirt from the street. This dirt settles in the carpets, and when sweeping day comes it is stirred up and the air of the room becomes filled with it. It may not always be impure, but as nearly all of it comes from the street the chances are that it is, and when the sweeper, or whoever passes through the room during the sweeping process, inhales it whatever dangers may lurk in it pass into the lungs and perform their work of mischief. If you want to test this theory go yourself into a carpeted room that has just been swept and notice how quickly you can become choked with the dust that is in the air.

"What would I substitute for carpets?" Rugs. And not large, heavy rugs, either, but small and light ones that may easily be lifted up and taken out doors for cleaning. Rugs, however cheap, on hard wood floors are better than the most expensive carpet you can buy, if you have regard for your health. They should be cleaned frequently, too, and always out doors.

"If this simple method were universally adopted you may be sure that we doctors would in time have fewer patients to take care of, and this fact should give you sufficient evidence that my suggestion is not made for a selfish purpose."

Barberry Preserve. New England housekeepers make a delicious preserve from barberries. These berries are offered in New York markets in the autumn, and a few jars of the sweet and agreeable variety to the list of put-up fruits. Stem, wash and measure the barberries, allowing a pint of sugar to a pint of berries. Cook together till they are boiled to a sirup and the fruit is tender. Add a quarter of a pound of raisins to every pound of fruit. Seal while hot in jars. Defer the preserving of barberries till after the first frost has touched the fruit.—N. Y. Post.

Celery Sauce. Ten large tomatoes, four large heads of celery, five large onions, one large green or red pepper, six tablespoonsful of sugar, two tablespoonsful of salt and one and one-half cupsful vinegar. Chop fine, mix well and boil until thick, then bottle.—no seal.—Good House.

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FAST PLAY AT FARO.

Might Have Broken the Bank, But an Earthquake Battered In and Spoiled the Game.

"Don't you think it's time for a fellow to quit the gambling game when Providence gives him the straight tip?" queried the stout man with the railroad spike-shaped cigar, as he pulled his chair near the Cadillac window.

"Well, I do," he continued, "and I know when it was up to me."

"You see, things had been going against me at the mines, and I was just thinking of holding up a stage or something nice and Christian-like, or Morganizing a bank, when an old pard staked me to a \$20 gold piece. This was in the southern section of California, and it was a long way back east."

"According to my idea I needed more of the mazuma, and I thought it was up to me to go against the 'bank' and just naturally relieve it of its ill-gotten gains."

"I buys a stack of chips. It was a purty small stack, pard, but it was the best I could do, so I takes a vacant stool and sets in."

"Well, I just souks the stack on the ace to win and coppers a marker on the seven. Had no particular hunch or reason to do it, but that's the way it came out, and a couple of other bets worked me up to about \$100. I called the turn on a hundred of this and had \$500 to start the new deal. I let things go, for I saw it coming my way, and before the deal was out I was about a thousand to the good."

"This seemed to me to be pretty good money, and I thought I might worry back east on that, but something urged me to play that ace and seven again, just the way I started. So I planks down the money on the ace open and changes my mind. Thinks I to myself: 'I'll just let that thousand lay on that ace for a minute to lose, and I puts a copper on the stack.'"

"I was keeping cases then, and suddenly everybody in the room felt a jolt, the windows rattled and the table rocked a little, but I had my eye on Mr. Dealer and sure enough the ace lost."

"I have a sigh of relief, but I then noticed the dealer reaching for my stack."

"Hold hard there, pard, I started in, when I noticed there was no copper on my bet. I was flabbergasted for fair."

"Do you know that little rumble was the talent of an earthquake, not very strong, but powerful enough, by god, sir, to jolt the copper off my bet."

"I took the hint and quit right there," said the man, according to the New York Telegraph. "Thinks I, 'Providence has given it to me straight and I lay down.' You can't play against earthquakes, my son."

EARTH IS SMALL.

Only a Mustard Seed in Size Compared with Other Bodies Circling Around in Space.

Sir Robert Stawall Ball has written a book called "The Earth's Beginning," which sets forth many facts familiar to astronomers, but not, says the New York Herald, to the generalty of people. For instance, the earth on which we live is a mighty globe, 8,000 miles in diameter and 24,000 miles in circumference. But what is the earth in comparison with the sun? If we represent this big earth of ours by a grain of mustard seed, then on the same scale the sun should be represented by a coconut. The moon swings 240,000 miles from the earth, yet the sun would more than fill the moon's orbit.

If every pound of coal in the world, a treasure which will supply the wants of mankind for centuries to come, could be thrown all at once into the sun it would not generate as much heat as the sun gives out in the tenth part of a second. And this stupendous orb, the sun, is rushing through space at the rate of 500,000 miles a day, carrying the earth and the other planets with it.

Drive a peg to represent the sun. Then draw a circle, a yard being the radius, and we have the track in which the earth goes round the sun. Inside this circle draw two smaller ones, and you have the paths of Venus and Mercury. Outside the path of the earth we shall draw another circle, with a radius of five yards; this will be the highway along which the majestic Jupiter wends his way. Inside the path of Jupiter we shall put a circle which will represent the track of Mars, and outside the path of Jupiter a circle with ten yards as radius will represent the track of Saturn. To complete one of its circuits of the sun the earth will require a year, Jupiter 12 years, while Saturn will need 30 years to accomplish its mighty journey.

Tremendous as these distances are, they seem as nothing when compared with the awful reaches which separate us from our neighbors beyond the solar system. Sir Robert, continuing to illustrate with his diagram of circles, says:

If we represented the nearest fixed star at its true relative distance it could not be put down anywhere within the bounds of the United Kingdom on our map. The nearest star would have to be put far away out on the continent of Europe, or far away out on the Atlantic ocean, far away down near the equator, or far away up near the pole. And our solar system is a mere speck in space. There are nebulae, the raw material of other systems, so much vaster than our own as to relegate us to nothingness.

A Wise Idiot. A silent idiot is wiser than a babbling simpleton.—Ram's Horn.

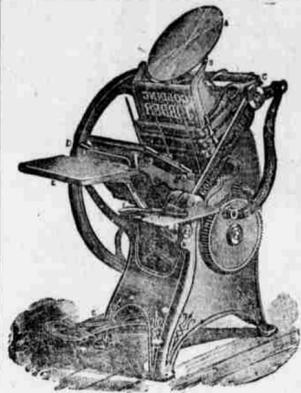
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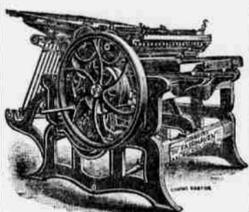
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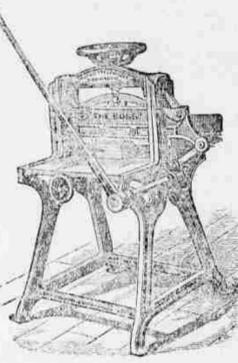
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