

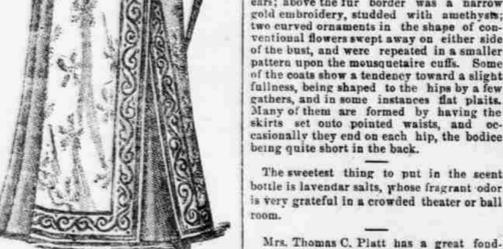


FANCIES FOR THE FAIR.

Appreciation of the Fitness of Things by the Women of America—A Dress Just From London—The Dance Dinner is the Latest Novelty.

It must be conceded that the American woman, on the whole, has but scanty appreciation of the eternal fitness of things, and is deficient in that sense of discrimination which makes the chic of the Parisian, she is graceful or grande dame, writes Countess Annie de Montaigne to THE DISPATCH.

Monopoles are always restless, and the grays, browns, dull reds and greens are almost universally becoming to both fair and dark women. Any strong color coming in contact with the flesh is apt to deaden it by con-



Just Returned From London. Great, few complications being so strict content to withstand the damaging effects of brilliant colors. A woman with hair of that rich brown seen on the models of an autumn leaf, and with just a suggestion of a warmer tone, can produce a glorious harmony by following out the scheme of color to the very minutest detail.

Such a gown was worn by a young girl recently returned from London. The costume was designed for her by a world-renowned artist, and it was a veritable poem in brown. The Louis Quinze skirt was of leaf-brown camel's hair bordered with mink fur, above which was a herringbone pattern in silk satenache with a suggestion of dead gold.

Colored flower pots for the windows is the latest fashionable craze in London. Manufacturers are making the pots so they can be fastened together with a chain link. They thus appear as one solid piece. Of course, the pots can be detached at any time and used singly for indoor decoration.

A dinner dance is an idea imported from England and improved on here, says the New York Times. It ranks with many of the good things that are amusing and fascinating because they are new. It is directly opposed to all accepted hygienic rules.

one is at a loss for a frame on which to make the plateau that a card basket would be found to admirably suit the purpose, as that is the shape as nearly as can be described. A pretty one of turquoise blue velvet covered with silver spider webs was exceedingly showy and unique, and to carry out the fable of the "spider and the fly" a great jet spider with ruby eyes and a big blue-bottle fly seemed to be enmeshed in a filmy silver web, which rested upon a knot of blue velvet.

A very unique idea for the engaged young lady is to wear on a tiny gold chain round her neck a pendant in the shape of a heart, on which is written the name of the lucky stone of the month in which she was born.

A new idea for widow furnishing is an effect in white and silver. A house just finished in New York has such curtains of some sheer white material with a narrow silver line running through it. These are draped back by means of silver bands. The window shades are pure white linen, and the lamp shades are white lace, over which hang heavy curtains of a silver-gray brocade. The effect is novel and pretty, and could easily be imitated in an inexpensive way with good results.

The accompanying illustration, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, shows the latest thing in designs for silver table service. It is an abrupt departure from the regular geometrical patterns, but commends itself in the very trancelike and oddity of its lines. The pot above is a tea, but the other pieces of the service are in harmony.

Late Parisian models show rather an alarming tendency toward the flare-skirt, which is interlined with some stiff material in order to make it stand out, thus offering a hideous suggestion of the crinoline in vogue during the Second Empire.

An English physician who is a specialist on dyspepsia and all affections of the digestive organs has a large clientele among women. Aside from the skill which attracts, he has doubtless much of the tact which is also necessary. If one may judge by the number of letters received, he is quite in harmony with the decorative and artistic fashions of their time.

"A man can smile and smile and be a villain," says the woman who has a sister and with the same lips defines her character an hour later.

Mr. Thomas C. Platt has a great fondness for cats, says the New York Times, and his family of these pets is numerous and valuable. They are kept at the old farm near Turin's, on the Erie road, which is a beautiful place. Some of them are remarkably intelligent and some are strikingly beautiful. One of the latter, striking the bell when it desired to summon a servant, had long ago an interloper in the shape of a dog, sent over by an English friend, which created havoc among the pussies by going mad and biting several of them. Rather than lose her pets, Mrs. Platt sent them to New York to be treated, and no bad result has followed.

The purple glove is the latest novelty. It is simply a clasped purse fastened in the palm of the glove. It is thin and neat and in no way interferes with the use of the hand. It is sold at the price of a few cents, and is usually a formidable task.

The continual replacing of the skirt braid is a vexation and a cross to women hereof a handmaiden. A common-sense woman of my acquaintance says that she has solved the problem by facing her skirt up on the under side to a depth of three inches with velvet or corduroy, allowing a tiny row to appear on the right; my economist friend declares that this does not wear out like skirt braid, and is a great saving of time and trouble.

At the present time a popular presumption exists that all girls wish to marry, and fail to do so only because they lack a eligible opportunity, writes Edward Bellamy in the Ladies Home Journal. This presumption exists on account of the obvious fact that women, being able with difficulty to support themselves, have a natural tendency to marry. Surely there can be few incidents of an unmarried woman's condition more exacting than a woman's knowledge that because this is the undeniable fact it is vain for her to expect to be popularly credited with the voluntary choice of her condition.

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CHANCE FOR REFORM.

The Governor in His Message Overlooked One Field of Endeavor. WORKING WOMEN NEED HELP. Their Average Earnings Scarcely Keep Body and Soul Together. FALSE PRIDE RESULTS IN HARDSHIP.

In his inaugural speech Governor Pattison represents that this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is in a very bad way. He maintains that the Constitution is being continually violated—that while it forbids extortion, oppression and unfair discrimination, yet these evils exist and flourish in our midst none the less—that while it aims to prevent monopolies and to make corporations subservient to law, yet even under the broad shield of the State these wield a power notoriously to the disadvantage and injury of the best interests of the people.

He then dilates upon the abuses of the ballot—how the industrial and political bosses trample upon the rights of good citizens, how brutal coercion and corruption prevail at the polls, destroy the sovereignty of the people, and subject them to the rule of unscrupulous and unprincipled men, who by "gangs of organized ignorance and purchased vice," carry out their schemes for self-interest by making it their aim to overthrow virtue, liberty and independence.

His Opinion of Taxation. But as if all this was not bad enough, he asserts that unjust discrimination and unfair taxation are among the worst of the evils of the State; that under the present corrupt system of administering the laws the rich are exempted from their fair share of taxation, and the poor are crushed by extortion, and that such manifest evils are day by day establishing unfortunate social distinctions that are foreign to our principles of government.

Another thing Governor has presented us with a very melancholy picture of the condition of our grand old State and the nation at large. With corruption, bribery, extortion, and unfair taxation are among the worst of the evils of the State; that under the present corrupt system of administering the laws the rich are exempted from their fair share of taxation, and the poor are crushed by extortion, and that such manifest evils are day by day establishing unfortunate social distinctions that are foreign to our principles of government.

Dented Voice and Vote. In their own behalf—that they are subjected to a system of what Lord Camden calls robbery—that the laws under which they are made to live are "a cruel and oppressive abuse of power that finds no excuse or support in the principles of democracy, and has not a prop to stand upon except a mass of ignorant and uneducated slaves." Governor is to preserve the worthy and the farmer from the tyranny of capital, of soulless corporations, of political trickery, and of unscrupulous men, who are seen in his speech; but it is a singular irony of fate that he is silent as to the wrongs of the citizens whose money is taken without their consent, who are subjected to unjust laws, who are denied the right to vote, who are legislated for as if they were imbeciles. Governor Pattison mourns over the wrongs of the farmers, who have no voice, but he expresses not a shadow of sympathy for the other people, who are denied any choice.

Although women constitute three-fourths of the membership of the Methodist Church, Brother Buckley, and others of his stamp, cannot see any sense in permitting women delegates to attend the conference. He is obstinately opposed to allowing Frances Willard or Mrs. Vankirk or any other woman either voice or vote in church matters. His heart and soul and conscience are unanimously against her, and he is in either church or State. Brother Pattison is of the same mind. In his estimation

the women of the State have no wrongs to bother about. He has nothing to say in the statement of the working women of Pennsylvania, who have their share in the industrial conflict in which the world now appears to be engaged. Carroll D. Wright, who has won reputation as a master of the art of speaking, has made a most careful and searching investigation among working women—not including those engaged in housekeeping and domestic duties—concerning their social and economical condition. As a class, he says in his report, the working women are virtuous, industrious and are engaged in the struggle to support themselves upon the smallest wages under the most trying circumstances.

His figures were made upon his study of the industries of Massachusetts, but they will apply as well to the conditions of Pennsylvania and other States. The average income of the working woman in Boston is \$2.30 a week. Out of this she must pay for her rent, for her clothing, for her living and clothing, which, by his statement for positive necessities, amount to \$2.30. Leaving the wide and extravagant margin of 17 cents for her recreation, she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities, and she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities, and she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities.

Without the figures to show, it can fairly be inferred that the working women in the mills, the factories and workshops of Pennsylvania are not a whit better off. There are plenty of women working in the stores and shops of our cities. The wages of these women are not better than those of the mill girls. In the most of these did not live at home, it is not hard to see that their struggle for an existence would be arduous indeed. When such a woman is married, and her husband is unable to support her, she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities, and she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities.

The royalty and nobility of France heeded not the hungry and the poor, and the people of this country have no less a right to be heard in this country than the nobility and nobility founded on heredity and alleged blood.

Parts of a Machine. Helen Campbell, who has spent more than a year in investigating the condition of the working women of New York, says that the "shop work" in the clothing establishments, at which thousands of women are employed, includes every form of oppression and outrage which a woman's body and soul can endure. It is a most degrading and degrading work, and she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities, and she is left with a mere 10 cents for her necessities.

Miss Francke, an English woman, has improved upon the Jeanes-Miller leggettes. She advocates in her school of hygiene that the divided skirt take the form of knickerbockers. In her judgment the best material is homespun, which will stand any amount of wear and washing.

FOODS FOR BEAUTY.

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EAT MUSH AND MILK.

And Throw in Plenty of Johnny-Cake and Pone Bread if You Would Be Healthy and Pretty. Various Dishes Made From the Cheap and Nutritious Meal. ITS USES OTHER THAN FOR COOKING.

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