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Gloves no Longer the Thing.

Among the many vagaries which have been adopted by women as fads perhaps none will be hailed with greater delight among the men than the latest one of dispensing with gloves during the warm months.

Originally the wearing of gloves was conducted on the same principle that inspired a miller to wear a white hat, but long ago the custom departed from the primitive idea of usefulness.

Some of the early English kings were buried with gloves on, and when the manufacture of gloves was introduced in Great Britain it was considered a craft of great dignity and importance.

Although gloves were started on their career by men, it has fallen to the women to bring them into universal popularity. After bringing about such a fashion, it is to be supposed that they must stand by it, for whatever the cause, men have never become addicted to the glove habit after the manner of women.

A man is bound to be comfortable and when gloves are a discomfort, he casts them off. He never loses sight of the utility idea, differing from the other sex, which was created blind to it.

With the introduction of the shirt waist, the short skirt and the sailor and fedora hats, a woman's costume has become comparatively simple and sensible, and it is this freedom and comfort in dressing that accounts for their independence in the matter of gloves.

The only man to suffer by this new whim of every charming woman are the merchants and glove dealers who say that the bare-handed fad has greatly affected the sale of gloves.

THE CONFEDERATE DEAD.—Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., who was chairman of the commission appointed by the governor in response to a resolution adopted by the last legislature, requiring the members to secure information as to the location of the graves of the Confederate soldiers who died in northern military prisons, has sent a copy of their report to General Marcus J. Wright, the agent of the War Department, whose letter to the adjutant general of Georgia has already been made public.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Sheperd, Publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act.

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The South and Pensions.

The suggestion made in some quarters that ex-Confederate soldiers should be added to the pension list is grateful as a sign of the final passing of ancient animosities and the final triumph of the feeling of nationality; but the Southern press is showing great wisdom in putting aside, almost without exception, the suggestion as improper.

That there ought to have been a generous provision for those who were in any way disabled in that tremendous struggle may be taken for granted—this country is never otherwise than generous—but the mechanical and unscrupulous way in which the pension business has been handled, the vast commercial element which has entered into it, the condition of semi-papernism which in too many cases it has introduced, have wounded the country at a very sensitive point.

Some of the early English kings were buried with gloves on, and when the manufacture of gloves was introduced in Great Britain it was considered a craft of great dignity and importance. During the reign of Robert III, of Scotland, the incorporation of the Glovers of Perth, a wealthy guild, which still exists, was conferred and received armorial bearings.

When Senator Hawley declared that the pension system would make wars so expensive as to end them, he held out a gleam of hope which, unhappily, has not been realized. The same wholesale business methods which have degraded the idea of the pension and have gone far to vulgarize the position of the pensioner will undoubtedly be applied in the case of the men who have served in Cuba and Manila.

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QUEER TRIAL OF AN UNHAPPY LOVER.—Both in the northern and western islands of Scotland the natives have some peculiar customs unfamiliar to the dwellers on the mainland, says London "Sketch." One of these, known as the "marriage test," is practiced in the Island of St. Kilda, where the population barely exceeds one hundred.

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Governor Otero claims that New Mexico now contains 280,000 inhabitants, 2,000 miles of railroad, and property assessed at about \$50,000,000. It is a large territory, having an area equal to New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio combined, and is steadily growing in wealth.

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Sulphur in Shoes.

Mr. George T. Angell, of Boston, president of the American Humane Educational Society, makes a suggestion which we give for what it is worth. In a circular just issued he says:

"It is a fact that when grip was prevailing as an epidemic largely in our city a few years ago, I ascertained, by inquiry of my officers at a match factory, that of the forty three persons employed there not one had been troubled by it. I have at various times told the press how many at Memphis, Tennessee, (including the agents of the Howard Benevolent Association), escaped the terrible epidemic of yellow fever there (as they claimed) by wearing powdered sulphur in their shoes—also the evidence of a distinguished German medical writer, translated into English, that wearing sulphur in this way has proved a complete protection against cholera and other diseases—also that those working the sulphur mines of Italy escape the malaria which prevail all about them—also that sulphur in the shoes has cured various cases of rheumatism—also that sulphur taken internally or worn in the shoes has sufficient power to pass through the body, the clothing and the pocketbook, blackening the silver there."

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"Men in whose hands the destinies of our Southland lie, for love of her I break my silence to speak to you a few words of respectful admonition. The past is dead—let it bury its dead, its hopes, and its aspirations; before you lies the future—a future full of golden promise, a future expanding national glory, before which all the world shall stand amazed. Let me beseech you to lay aside all rancor, all bitter sectional feeling, and to take your places in the ranks of those who will bring about a consummation devoutly to be desired—a reunited country."

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Enormous Mastodon Tusks.

San Francisco Chronicle: A pair of mastodon tusks, the largest and most perfect specimens ever found, were brought to this city recently on the whaler Bonanza, and are in the possession of the H. Liebes Company. They measure 108 inches each in length on the outer curve, 91 1/2 inches in the inner curve, and 18 inches in circumference about two feet from the base, 17 1/2 inches in the middle, and 14 1/2 inches from the point. They weigh a little over 103 pounds each, or an aggregate of 207 pounds. The weight of ordinary tusks is about 12 pounds a pair, and their market value from 50 to 60 cents a pound, according to the size and clearness of ivory.

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Washington at Princeton.

Cornwallis had left all his stores at Brunswick, and three regiments of foot and three companies of horses at Princeton. Thither then Washington was marching that winter night. He meant to strike his superior enemy another blow at a weak point. By daybreak he was near Princeton and moved with the main army straight from the town. Mercer was detached with 300 men to destroy the bridge which gave the most direct connection with Cornwallis. The enemy had started at sunrise, and one regiment was already over the bridge when they saw the Americans. Colonel Mawhood at once recrossed the bridge and both Americans and English made for some high commanding ground. The Americans reached the desired point first, and a sharp fight ensued. The American rifles did great execution, but without bayonets they could not stand the charge. Mercer was mortally wounded, and his men began to retreat. As Mawhood advanced he came upon the main American army, marching rapidly to the scene of action. The new Pennsylvania militia in the van wavered under the British fire and began to give way. Washington forgetting, as he was apt to do, his position, his importance and everything but the fight, rode rapidly to the front, reined his horse within 30 yards of the enemy and called to his men to stand firm. The wavering ceased, the Americans advanced, the British halted and then gave way. The Seventeenth regiment was badly cut up, broken and dispersed. The other two fled into the town, made a brief stand, gave way again and were driven in rout to Brunswick. Washington broke down the bridges, and leaving Cornwallis, who had discovered that he had been outgeneraled, to gaze at him from the other side of the Millstone and of Stony Brook, moved off to Somerset courthouse where he stopped to rest his men, who had been marching for eighteen hours. It was too late to reach the magazines at Brunswick, but the work was done.

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BLASTS FROM THE RAMS HORN. God hates a short yardstick. Truth never dodges, no matter who shoots. On God's scales the only thing that weighs is heart. In order to show us the stars, God had to give us night. A millionaire in this world may be a beggar in the next. The devil comes to the wedding when people marry for money. Your children will be more influenced by your walk than by your talk. The man is always learning who makes his mistakes teach him something. A smile will accomplish more in a minute than harsh words will in a month. What some people consider prudence is what their neighbors call meanness. When you get a giant down don't leave him until you have cut off his head. The devil has both arms around the man who believes that moderate drinking won't hurt him. The man who claims that the world owes him a living, generally has trouble in collecting the debt. It is the man who believes something who does something. A man on the fence has no moral weight. It kills all the enjoyment some people have in their religion whenever they see a collection basket. Were God to send an angel to look for a king among men, he would look for a man who could control himself. You can tell more about a man's character by trading horses with him than you can by hearing him talk in prayer-meeting.

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