A VERY GRUESOME SUBJECT.

What Becomes of the Clothes of the Rich Dead of New York.

BUYERS OF DEAD LADIES' WARDROBES.

Trained Nurses—Round About in Gotham—Latest Fads and Fancies of Metropolitan Fashion.

NEW YORK BUREAU, RICHMOND DAILY TIMES, NEW YORK, April 18, 1891.

What becomes of the clothes of the dead? is a question that has disturbed many an inquiring mind. Years ago the custom was to mention in the will who should receive such and such articles, just the same as the person was mentioned who was to receive the silver gilt teapot or the second best bedstead. The furs, laces, brocades and body linen were divided among the nearest kin and the plainer and more worn things were given to old family servants or poor relations. Laces are the only things that are bequeathed now-a-days. Mrs. John Jacob Astor kept to the old custom. The heirs of Mrs. A. T. Stewart adopted the usual course when they sold her enormous wardrobe to the second-hand dealers. Though little was said about it at the time, a good many society women took occasion to purchase certain things through the dealers, such as handkerchiefs, stockings, silk underwear and gloves, and which, of course, they got for very little money.

DEAD WOMEN'S WARDROBES.

On Fifth avenue there is quite an imposing-looking establishment run by a woman, who makes the buying of dead women's wardrobes a business, and she is making a fortune at it. Her customers are ignorant of the sources of her supplies. She is presumably an importer, and to bear out this reputation she has both English and French packing cases in which she puts many of her goods and sells them as new. She takes the entire wardrobe, good, bad and indifferent. The garments are all sorted over carefully. The new ones or those that have an imported look are packed into foreign cases, and she disposes of them very readily among her rich patrons. Sometimes she has customers that say to her: "I want to find something—stockings, gloves, or what not, like some I saw Mrs. —— have. See if you can find me some." The dealer in a short time will send her a note saying she has something very similar to what she asked for. The dealer had bought Mrs. Blank's wardrobe when she died so she could easily supply the demand. The good dresses are disposed of to dressmakers, who dispose of them to out-of-town customers. The dealer has also a list of customers who are perfectly familiar with the real nature of her trade. They are mostly women who are struggling to keep their places in society with a lean purse and a great desire to keep up appearances. They keep the run of her place and get bargains, because, though the things they buy are somewhat worn, they are worth the money for the good Parisian style and cut. They buy from her black and inconspicuous gowns that are like those worn by a half-dozen other women and are not likely to be recognized, and sometimes they have them made over at home, and buy them for the sake of the good material. The worn out and shabby clothes, bonnets, shoes and general belongings are disposed of to the second-hand dealers on the Bowery. And so all the pretty frills and fancies of the dear dead women of our households become scattered to the four winds, worn by her friends, her enemies, her servants, and strangers whom in life she would have turned her eyes away from as she passed.

TRAINED NURSES.

The Bellevue Hospital and its Training School for Nurses, which has done such good work, was the founder of the system of trained nursing in this country. A daughter of Governor Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, became interested in the subject of founding schools for nurses in the South, and finding that she needed practical experience first of all, went into Bellevue for teaching, determined to devote her life to the work. The number of applications to the Training School is very great, but there is only a certain amount of room, and when that is filled all the rest have to be refused. The applicant has to come well recommended and is required to pass an examination which only a well-educated woman can stand. She is carefully examined physically, too, and if she has any organic weakness or hereditary taint, she is refused. Certificates from the family physician and from her pastor are also required. Should both examinations prove satisfactory she is admitted to a month's probation. If during this time she evinces a natural aptitude and love for her work, when the month is up she commences the two years' course. For the first year the compensation is $7 a month, the second year $12 a month is paid. The discipline is very severe, and by the end of the first year, if she has any physical, mental or moral weakness, it is known, and very few ever take the second year's course. The nurse that gets through and graduates has a paying profession, by which she earns her board and from $20 to $30 a week clear of expense. One of the graduates of Bellevue was sent for some years ago to take the place of the chief nurse in a new cancer hospital founded in Rome, and she sent back to this country for three of her fellow-students to help her in her work. Two of the Bellevue graduates were put at the head of the Charity Hospital in this city, and Mrs. Sloane selected one of them as superintendent of the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and two more are chief nurses in the Northwestern Hospital of Canada.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Among the spring fabrics are camel's hair goods and English serges in large clan tartans and soft cheviots, with fine brilliant lines or cross-bars, of vague, indefinite coloring, charmingly blended. The plaids are used by young women for skirts and diagonal draperies, with jersey or "Louis" jacket of plain dark cloth. The smaller figured cheviots are handsomely made up by French and English designers, with lapped surplice bodices, mutton-leg sleeves of velvet, and skirts either in sheath style or full English fashion.

Black openwork straw hats are exhibited in all the milliners' windows, and many are only sparingly relieved by color. There is nearly always a bit of relief, but as a rule this relief does not approach the face.

Dress buttons for elegant gowns are veritable jewels, both in coloring and device, and very expensive kinds are set, like real gems, in low mountings of solid gold or silver. Parisian diamond buttons, mounted in opal, black, onyx, or bronze are used upon velvet coats and dresses, and also on full-dress gowns of Pompadour brocade. Buttons are also made to match the new magnificent dress garnitures, all imitating real jewels in color and brilliancy. These appear in two sizes and, sometimes in three, for the bodice, sleeves, and coat worn en suite.

The prevalence of very light colored cloth dresses and wraps, is very marked.

Lace waists and tea jackets will be very popular next season, and besides entire waists of lace or net there will be skirts of crepon, foulard, veiling, silk challi and crepeline, with fitted blouse waists of Persian chantilly, or pompadour lace or net, with pretty belt ribbons with long loops and ends matching the stripe or figure in the skirt fabric in tint.

Scarlet coats or capes are likely to be quite popular next season for the beach, for driving and for mountain wear on cold days. There is always an admixture of black with these gay garments, be it much or little. Black velvet yokes are seen on vivid red Henri II capes, and some of the Moorish driving coats have black velvet collars and full sleeves, with black leviathan braiding on the fronts.

Many women mistakenly suppose a florid complexion is toned by the proximity of dead black. Never was a greater mistake made. There are exceptionally few women who can adopt a dress or wrap of this kind with any sort of success. Those who best pass muster in unrelieved black are golden-haired women with faint roses on their cheeks, and even these would look better in a softer, brighter or lighter gown.

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[For The Times.]

According to Mr. L. E. Remsburg (whose remarks on Thomas Paine are given in THE TIMES of March 12th, Paine was all that was honorable and upright, and to use the language of the late John R. Daniel, "he was a nice young man for an evening party."

I have just been reading extracts from "The Men and Times of the Revolution," by Elkanah Watson.

He thus writes: "About this time the notorious Tom Paine arrived at Nantes and took up his quarters at my boarding place. He was coarse and uncouth in his manners, loathsome in his appearance, and a disgusting egotist; yet I could not repress the deepest emotion of gratitude toward him as the instrument of providence in accelerating the Declaration of our Independence. He certainly was a prominent agent in preparing the public sentiment of America for that glorious event. On his arrival the Mayor and some of the most distinguished citizens called upon him to show their respect. I officiated as interpreter, though humbled and mortified at his filthy appearance and awkward address.

"Besides, as he had been roasted alive on his arrival at L'Orient, for the . . . and well basted with brimstone, he was absolutely offensive and perfumed the whole apartment.

"I took the liberty, on his asking for the loan of a clean shirt, of speaking frankly of his dirty appearance and brimstone odor, and prevailed upon him for an hour to stew in a hot bath.

"This, however, was not done without much entreaty, and I did not succeed until, receiving a file of English newspapers, I promised after he was in the bath he should have the reading of them, and not before.

"He accompanied me to the bath, where I instructed the keeper in French (which he did not understand) to gradually increase the heat of the water until 'le monsieur etait bien bouille.' He became so much absorbed in his reading that he was nearly par-boiled before leaving the bath, much to his improvement and my satisfaction."

Allibone, in his "Dictionary of Authors," says: "Paine arrived in America in 1802. He was not without companions. His first wife had died about a year after marriage, his second had parted from him after three years' experience of wedded life, and he now brought with him Madame Bonneville, the wife of a French bookseller.

A change of scenes and associates worked no reformation on his disgraceful habits. Intemperate, tyrannical, licentious and profane, a torment to himself and a terror to his household, he left the world without repentance and exchanged the horrors of a death-bed, without hope, for the infamy of a dishonored grave."

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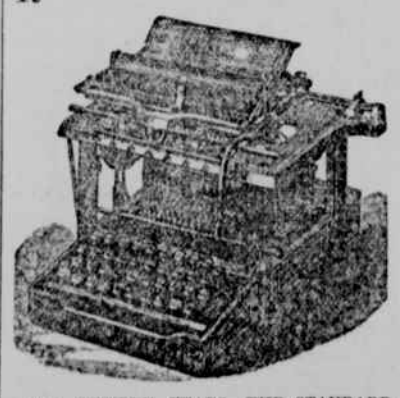

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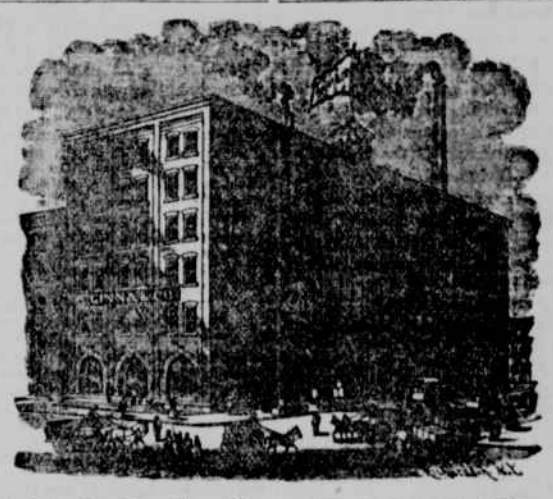

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