

The Odious English Pug.

They ushered me into the drawing-room, And there, in an easy chair, Sat a long-legged brute that grazed at me...

FOR THE LADIES.

Plain Talk for Women by a Woman on the Vexed Question of Feminine Underwear—Fashion Notes.

UNDER VESTS AND SKIRTS.

The advocates of silk underwear next to the skin have much to say in regard to the irritating effect of wool upon a sensitive cuticle.

It is quite time that women understood that their dresses are not garters. This garment is curved in at the sides and center, the edges are hand embroidered and the fit is perfect.

It is a mistake to think that the most beautiful dresses are those that are covered with many rows of gold braid.

The sleeves of new costumes are longer and more trimming is seen upon them.

The hems of evening dresses are often covered with roses, the edge of lace just showing beneath them.

Mits are not worn with dressy costumes this summer. They are relegated to house and negligee toilets.

Butterflies, dragon flies, flies, beetles, crowns, fleur-de-lis, dagger and owls are the prevailing designs for hair pins.

Rococo designs prevail in jewelry. Antique coins are copied in oxidized silver, and are worn as brooches and earrings.

Wide tucks are used on all dresses of wash materials. Hamburg embroideries are preferred to laces for trimming these dresses.

The Cadogan braid is the latest style of coiffure for girls. The bang must be quite short, and can be straight or slightly crimped.

Bracelets that are narrow and made of rolled gold are most fashionable. They are seldom without some jeweled ornamentation of some kind.

The saubriere and emerald are thought by superstitious people to bring bad luck to a bride if given to her before or at her wedding.

A deep, bright shade of red, known as "old red," is the favorite shade at present, and is like the poppy-red which was so long popular.

An English tailor has just brought out a small mantle that is now gaining favor among fashionable Parisian ladies. It has a short waist and small ends.

FOR THE FARMER.

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GLEANINGS.

Chicago is growing faster than any large city in the world.

Glass berry dishes in the form of boats, of all sizes and colors, are quite the craze.

Had Ellen Terry remained with her first husband she would now be Lady Watta.

Mr. Kagan Paul, the London publisher, paid \$26,250 for the manuscript of General Gordon's diary.

An old traveler says he has been to the remotest parts of the earth, and he never yet found a place without beautiful women and whisky.

The favorite cosmetic of the Japanese, according to a report by F. Sakaye, consists chiefly of carbonate of iron and rice powder starch, which compound has been used by women apparently without poisonous effects.

By the latest estimates, the fisheries of Great Britain are rated worth \$50,000,000 annually; the United States, second in the world, at \$43,000,000, and Russia, third, at \$26,250,000.

In this midsummer weather the electric light is destroying moths, bugs and insects of all kinds by the millions. In some places a single globe sends up every morning from a pint to a quart of dead insects.

Peanuts never were so cheap as they now are, the price per pound being from 3 1/2 cents to 5 cents. Last year prices were high, and the result was a heavily increased acreage and an over-flooding crop.

Miss Flora Shaw, the author of that pleasant little book, "The Blue Bird," is about 30 years old, and a very beautiful and accomplished person.

A Chinaman in California has devoted the whole summer and fall to gathering grass seeds, which are very numerous on the hills and are as much dreaded as rattlesnakes.

Two valuable coals were lately produced in Ohio by white snake rock, *caputarium ageroides*. The disease known formerly as "the trembles," an affection of cattle, was caused by this weed.

Paper made in 1453 was recently examined by a gentleman, who says that it is the most perfect condition, strong, flexible, of a pearly white color, and on looking through it is seen a water mark, beautiful for its clearness and delicacy.

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FARM NOTES.

English authorities say there is too much inferior and too little superior wool produced to satisfy the demands of trade.

A New Hampshire journal, commenting on the crop prospects in that state, believes "the whole state wouldn't raise hay enough to winter a cat."

The number of eggs shipped from Europe to the United States each summer, principally from Antwerp and Hamburg, is reported at 20,000,000. What is the matter with the American hen?

Swine will mallow in and cover themselves with mud in summer as a defense against insects. It does not hurt them if the mud is clean. Plenty of pure water for bathing, and a dark shelter for retiring will obviate the necessity of mud baths.

The state of New Jersey gives \$1 bounty on every ton of sugar-cane grown in that state, and one cent per pound for every pound of sugar made. The bounty per ton can alone ought to make the sorghum industry boom in that celebrated agricultural state.

It will yet come to be regarded as the test of usefulness in a cow the milk she will give on grass alone, quantity and quality. However, it is not established, every person can decide how far the animal may be pushed with grain-food without injury to her continued usefulness.

A new live-stock industry is suggested by a noted "fish culturist," in the idea that if farmers would only raise frogs they might clear their farms of insects and at the same time furnish frogs' legs as a gastronomic diet. Frogs might be worthy the attention of "marsh farmers."

"A horse that has been grazed from a colt until maturity, say until 5 years of age, will never carry his head high and carry it gracefully. The top muscles of his neck have been elongated. What a pity the idea of horse-grass cannot be made to conform to capabilities of the overcheck.

The United States possesses 8,152,000-horse power in steam, and all 61,150,000-horse power in its rivers; all Europe, 20,917,000 steam horse power, and 75,500,000-horse power in its rivers. Only one-tenth of the river power is actually employed. What a pity the idea of horse-grass cannot be made to conform to capabilities of the overcheck.

The Japanese swain carefully places a choice specimen of plant or flower in a vase in the garden of his beloved. If she carefully tends to it he knows it is all right, even with the old folks. If the damsel pulls it up and casts it away, she is doing outrageously badly, and she takes love in the same manner to some other girl. The idea is poetical in conception and practical in the following out.

The statement that a young Scotchman, whose father had large landed interests in the United States, sent his son to Illinois to hire out to a farmer to learn American methods in agriculture, that he might have better ideas on ways and means upon taking charge of a \$100,000 farm, is worthy of notice. "Learning and labor" may well go together on the farm as well as in the other industrial pursuits in life.

A contemporary says: "Oats make hens poor and often peck in their crops, and they die. They clog up the pipe leading from the crop to the gizzard, and when this is the case, the hen gets no nourishment. Another thing—the skins or hulls of the oats clog up the gizzard and prevent its action. When the crop is packed, it is perfectly safe to cut into it and remove the contents. However, it is not a bad plan to be cutting up the crop every day. Better feed light wheat, barley, buckwheat, and sorghum-seed to give the hens muscle.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY. A new French experiment consists in placing two similar black paper figures—two crosses, for example, quite close together, at about three inches from the eyes. When so held before a sheet of white paper, the figures appear to be the same. The phenomenon—illustrating the principle of the stereoscope—is explained by the simultaneous vision of the two eyes. If figures of complementary colors—as red and green—are used upon a dark background, a white figure will appear in the middle.

The investigations of Professor Eggleston, an American geologist, on the materials are mostly affected by the acid gases and rain water of cities at a height of about ten feet from the ground, the effect gradually decreasing upward, and entirely disappearing above a height of 100 feet. Water-proofing is not the only remedy, a wash of sulphur provins to be the only preservative of value for hard stones, while saturation with linseed oil may be recommended in the case of all porous stones.

Attention has lately been called to two races of men that must soon become extinct. At the present rate of decrease, the Moors of New Zealand—now reduced to less than 45,000 from 100,000 in Captain Cook's day—must have disappeared by the year 2,000. The Laplanders are estimated not to exceed 30,000 in number, and are gradually becoming fewer.

An apparatus for showing under the microscope the combustion of metals by the passage of the electric spark through them has been exhibited to the Royal Society of London. The apparatus is a very interesting one, most beautiful color effects being yielded by the different metals in burning.

An association of pharmacists in England has been discussing the old question of the influence of plants in bed-rooms upon the health of the occupants. The conclusion is that the plants are beneficial, especially to convalescents, plants without flowers being preferable to those in bloom.

The Greenwich Observatory in England calls for a large telescope. This most famous astronomical establishment in the world is behind many observatories in the size of its instruments, its largest refracting telescope having an aperture of only twelve and three-fourths inches.

The Malva tree of central India (*bassia latifolia*) bears flowers which are now being exported to Europe for their sugar, of which they contain more than half their weight. The tree resembles the oak, and a single specimen sometimes bears a ton of flowers.

In freshly-fallen hailstones in France, Boussingault has observed a temperature of 13.5 degrees—or 18.5 degrees below zero, which is a temperature that is not attained in the atmosphere. Other observers have noticed temperatures of 16.25 and 28 degrees in hail.

A MEA FOR THE DOG. The dog, writes "Ouida" in the London Times, is the only animal which is habitually treated as a criminal; the only animal which is condemned un-