

Plans for the consolidation of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have been completed.

Joseph N. Wolfson is encouraged in the hope that President McKinley may act favorably on his application for executive clemency.

Colonel A. K. McClure has severed his connection with the Philadelphia Times.

At present each 1,000,000 tons of coal raised costs one human life.

What Will Become of China? None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China.

There is but one woman ruler in the world, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures windcolic, 25c a bottle.

Lions and tigers are too weak in lung power to run more than half a mile.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Ross, Maple St., Norwich, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

WOMEN MUST SLEEP. Avoid Nervous Prostration.

If you are dangerously sick what is the first duty of your physician? He quiets the nervous system, he deadens the pain, and you sleep well.

Friends ask, "what is the cause?" and the answer comes in pitying tones, nervous prostration. It came upon you so quietly in the beginning, that you were not alarmed, and when sleep deserted you night after night until your eyes fairly burned in the darkness, then you tossed in nervous agony praying for sleep.

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Attorney General Griggs has retired as head of the Department of Justice.

Senor Sixto Lopez, At Boston, has called Aguinaldo to request the authorities to send him and Mabini, now at Guam, to America, that the people of the United States may learn the truth concerning the war.

The Manchurian treaty, it is said, is regarded at Washington simply as a modus vivendi.

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The Fashions of the Century. ECCESTICITIES OF THE PAST ONLY ARE LACKING.

LOOKING back through the history of clothes from the year 1801 to the year 1901 it is easy to see that while different phases have repeated themselves from time to time, the fashions of to-day combine the beauties of the various stages of the past, omitting the eccentricities. The graceful, clinging skirt of the beginning of the last century, almost the same bolero, and a copy in the gown of 1900. The graceful diction of 1838 serves as a model for our day while the voluminous skirts are happily passed by.

By 1812 all gowns were trailing again. This was the time of the lace mitten and of the odd little parasols with long fringes and double handles. By 1800 the tide had turned, the skirts were wide and the shoulders narrow.

By '88 the corolline had ceased to exist, and the revolution from width resulted by about 1876 in the peculiarly strait costume of that day. In the crinoline our grandmothers could scarcely sit down. In '76 their daughters could neither walk nor sit with any ease.

Even so late as 1895, the huge overbalancing sleeves put to flight the ideas of grace and symmetry. The accompanying illustration is from the Gentlewoman.

In men's attire, 1840 was the age of the gorgeous waistcoats, while at that time the tall silk hat supplanted the beaver, the new species coming from Paris and very rapidly becoming a permanent institution, though abused during all these intervening sixty years.

One of the difficulties a housekeeper has to contend with lies in the English practice of tradesmen's calls. Hour after hour these worthless rattle the area bell and disturb the cook at her avocations, while they chatter and waste her valuable time.

When the orders are given, the things are frequently not brought punctually, or are brought in wrong quantities or of the wrong description. Mistress and cook alike suffer unnecessary anxiety, and have their tempers ruffled even though their gastronomic amour propre does not lead them, like that of Vatel, to suicide.

Our English social life suffers much from cumbersome conventionalities. What do we see abroad? A trim little bonnet in cap and apron sailing forth, basket on arm, in the morning, and returns in an hour with all necessities complete and paid for. No carts need call for the rest of the day, no horrible horse-books need be laid on the table every Monday, black with visions of money ill-spent or wasted.—London Graphic.

Quaint Customs in Shetland. The only part of the United Kingdom in which the old style of reckoning time is adhered to is the archipelago of Shetland, and there Sunday, January 15, was New Year's Day.

But Sunday being with the natives a strict day non for business or for pleasure, the next day witnessed the high jinks incident to the occasion. These included processions of "guisers," or mummers, and the drinking of various strange toasts, such as "Helt to man and death to da grayfish," and the health of the twelve apostles.

In Shetland the remnants of the old Norse language linger to such a degree that the dialect is almost a sealed book—even to Scotsmen. The last specimen of the great auk whose eggs are now valued at something like 100 guineas apiece, was done to death there, but the little auk still retains a precarious footing on the lonely islet of Foula.—London Daily Mail.

Mrs. Greene—Notwithstanding Mr. Snarler is a man of good judgment, I notice that every time he is going into ecstasies about that picture of Mahi stick, and you know Snarler said it was a perfect dandy.

Mr. Greene—"I didn't say his judgment was good. I merely said he was a distinguished art critic."—Boston Transcript.

A Lace Novelty. Beautiful lace is as interesting as it is tempting. But very seldom does one come upon



anything so richly splendid as this new applique which so far has no name.

Though nameless, the figures suggest both ecclesial and Russian lace; perhaps it resembles most the former.

At any rate, it is in the soft curve of beautiful batiste with its pinky, purple reflexions—such a color!

Though it looks very simple, yet it is an elaborate arrangement in three thicknesses; the figures in the highest relief are of a rather heavy canvas-like weave, showing corded designs; then comes a thin silk batiste, and under this the net. And upon these three fabrics all sorts of variations are made. Sometimes the heaviest figures are held together by the soft

BOA CONSTRUCTOR HUNTERS. Men in South America Who Hunt the Snakes For a Livelihood.

"The boa constrictor is fairly common in the forests of Western Nicaragua and Costa Rica," said one of the canal engineers who was in the city recently, "and there are natives in this section who hunt them exclusively for a livelihood. While we were engaged in the survey work we heard a good deal of these big snakes, and all the white men in the party stood in the greatest dread of them, although they are not half as dangerous as the small poisonous variety. During two and a half years spent in the country I saw only one live boa, but the experience is pretty firmly stamped on my memory and I have no yearning for another. I had gone out with a couple of native assistants, from a town called Japan, on the south side of the lower lake, to shoot some plumage birds, and while we were crossing a rather open piece of forest I noticed what I supposed to be a peculiarly malformed limb on a large spicewood tree. It sagged down from the trunk of the tree and seemed to be attached to another growth nearer the ground. I started toward it to investigate, and when only a few yards away, the thing I had taken to be a limb suddenly raised itself in the air, and I saw that it was a gigantic snake, hanging head down from an upper bough. I had often heard the expression 'paralyzed by fear,' but I never knew what it meant until then. I was so badly scared that I couldn't have moved if the fate of the universe depended upon it, and I simply stood there, stock still, and staring while the boa swayed back and forth a few times and finally glided into the upper foliage. It seemed fifty feet long and as big around as a barrel. I think it was really about twelve. At that juncture my natives came up, and when they heard what had happened they at once insisted upon catching the monster. They made a noose which they attached to a pole, and while I retired to a safe distance one of them climbed the tree and seized the snake by the tail, while the other tried to slip the loop over its neck as it lowered its head. It was too agile for them, however, and escaped into another tree, where it went too high for pursuit.

"The Central American boas are brownish red in color, with black blotches on the sides and back, and the native hunters tan the skin by stretching it over a log. A good skin with no bullet marks and including the head sells for \$10, Mexican dollars there, and is used for hats and moccasins. The hunters always catch the snakes in a noose and kill them by a stab under the jaw. They make all kinds of leather articles out of the hide—belts, pouches, leggings, slippers, and even neckties. I made many inquiries during our stay, but I could never hear of a case in which a boa had attacked a human being. The snake I saw was undoubtedly lying in wait for some small animal, and it had passed under the tree, while I had dropped on its back. The Indians of the region call the boa 'chula,' which is the same word they use for coward; so, you see, they have no great opinion of its fighting qualities."

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Morgan Clerkship.

Among places eagerly sought after are clerkships in the great banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. Fathers with sons just starting out in life watch for openings at the corner of Wall and Broad streets. The waiting list is nearly as long as that of the Union Club in its palmy days. The head of the house takes a personal interest in the welfare and advancement of his employees, and never engages a beginner at a salary of less than \$1000 a year. Only capable, worthy young men are admitted to his employment, and he feels that a boy who does not deserve \$1000 a year deserves nothing.

—The Discovery of Anæsthetic.

Perhaps the majority of the human race has benefited more from the use of anæsthetics than from any of the more showy inventions and discoveries. Countless bodies have been rescued from death by the use of ether, and by this one agency, which not only does away with the pain attending a surgical operation, but makes many operations possible which otherwise would kill the patient simply by the nervous shock they involve.

Ether was first used in dentistry in 1846, and chloroform, for more severe operations, was employed in 1848. Nitrous oxide gas and sulphuric ether have since then come into use in dentistry. For all long operations, however, chloroform is generally employed, since its use insures the insensibility of the patient for at least an hour.

Other Fleas to Bite 'Em.

The foreign mantis is a candidate for human friendship, and is bidding for a high place in arboricultural circles in this country. He is an insect eating insect, and has no use for the tender leaves, shoots, blossoms and fruits, excepting as a hunting ground, where he pursues and devours other insects that destroy these things. Therefore forestry and fruit people are cultivating the mantis.

He is not at all uncommon in France and Germany, where he is highly appreciated, but he has only recently been imported into this country, having come as a stowaway on an insectary case. He preys on all insects except flies, and his favorite diet is grasshoppers, spiders and caterpillars. Fruit raising people are perfectly willing that he should make an exhaustive meal of the latter.

It is noticed in England that penmanship is rapidly deteriorating, even among clerks who have ample leisure and opportunity for good work with the pen. One of the busiest of Americans, Thomas A. Edison, writes rapidly in a hand that is described as "like copper-plate, every curve fully formed and distinct." This expertness is a survival of the inventor's early experience as a telegraph operator.

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