

FOR and ABOUT WOMEN

FLOWERS IN PROFUSION

THEY WILL BE PLENTIFUL AT THE COMING EASTER

Cloudy Days of the Winter Have Disclouded Them, but a Little Sunshine for a Few Weeks Will Develop Their Effulgence—Many Innovations in Easter Decorative Schemes.

Easter flowers will be plentiful and cheap this year and of luxuriant variety, especially if the sun shines

SPRING WALKING COSTUME



Walking suit of light weight broad cloth, inverted plaits held by straps and buttons on skirt. Yoke stitched. Blouse coat has stitched plaits. Sleeve is open up back seam, held by straps matching skirt. New burnous sleeve puff set in wrist band. The white trimmings are of more braided than black silk sash. Hat of black lace straw over white tulle. Black and yellow drooping flowers.

brightly during the remaining weeks of Lent. "It all depends upon the sun," said a local florist yesterday. "These dark days are very bad for our business. In fact this has been one of the worst winters on record for flowers. From



Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"A while ago my health began to fall because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in my back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend Vegetable Compound."—MRS. MAY HAUKE, Edgerton, Wis., President Household Economics Club. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Women should remember there is one tried and true remedy for all female ills, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Refuse to buy any other medicine, you need the best.

Kinkle, Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. J. W. Lenihan, Mrs. Rodecken and Mrs. Kemp. Mrs. Harriet Jansen was chairman of the committee in charge.

Mrs. E. N. Ray, of Laurel avenue, will entertain at cards this afternoon for the members of Ivanhoe Chapter, O. E. S.

Mrs. M. J. O'Neill, of Sherburne avenue, entertained the members of the embroidery club yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. T. F. Gorman, of St. Anthony avenue, entertained the Deutcher club yesterday afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Atlantic Congregational Church held a meeting last night in the parlors of the church. Rev. W. A. Vrooman made an address on "Missions," and a short program was given by the members of the society under the direction of Mrs. Samuel Brant.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Cleary will lecture in St. Joseph's church on the "Passion Play at Oberammergau." The lecture will be illustrated with stereoscopic views.

The Ladies' Society of the Central Park M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. McKnight, of 355 St. Anthony avenue, today at 2 p. m.

PERSONAL.

The Misses Stattel, of Selby avenue, are visiting friends in Chicago.

Mrs. Louis J. Wilde and Mrs. James O'Brien have gone to West Baden, Ind., where they will remain until the middle of April.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Joyce, of Summit avenue, are in Havana.

Mrs. John F. Stevens, of Summit avenue, will leave tomorrow for Chicago.

Miss Poddie Ross, the operatic singer, has returned to Boston after a visit of a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. James Du Shane, of Iglehart street, Merriam.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Yerxa have gone South.

Mrs. Goddard, of Chicago, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Peterson, of Bates avenue.

Mrs. Archibald MacLaren, of Holly avenue, has returned from California, where she has been spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lawler, of Marshall avenue, are visiting in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nolan, of Lincoln avenue, will leave next week for a visit in Texas.

Mrs. F. E. Rice, of Summit avenue, has gone to California for a six weeks' visit.

Mrs. C. M. Griggs, of Summit avenue, has returned from a visit in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rolly have returned from their wedding trip.

MOVING PICTURES AT CENTRAL HALL.

The Jefferson school has arranged for an interesting moving picture entertainment at Central hall, corner of Sixth and Seventh streets, Friday afternoon and evening, Martini, Prince Henry, Cinderella and the coal strike are some of the subjects illustrated. The proceeds go to the library fund.

\$50,000 for Manhattan Hospital.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Mrs. Ann Augusta Thomas, widow of Gen. Samuel Thomas, and her children, Edward R. Thomas and Mrs. R. Livingston Bosckman, have given \$50,000 to the Manhattan eye, ear and throat hospital to endow a ward of ten beds to be known as the "Samuel Thomas Memorial Ward" in the proposed new hospital building for that institution. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Bosckman have just received their portions of their father's estate, and have collectively made a generous settlement on their brother, Harold H. Thomas, who was practically disinherited by the provisions of his father's will.

Jewels of the German Empress.

The Prussian court is not among the most brilliant in Europe, and the queen of Prussia, who is also German empress, cares less about finery than most of her crowned sisters. She holds with Cleopatra that lack of adornment becomes attractive women, and her own personal appearance owes little or nothing to courtly habits or jewelry. But what the lady eschews the empress is obliged to adopt. Her private tastes must yield to court traditions, and one of these demands the use of costly jewelry at all state ceremonies. Hence, at court balls the empress moves in an atmosphere aglow with star-like gems which are sprayed in sudden turn, shoot forth flashes of dazzling light in which the hues of the rainbow would seem to have been dissolved, and mingled. Five million marks, or \$12,500,000, is the value, roughly estimated, of the precious stones with some of which the graceful folds of her gorgeous robes are sprinkled at gatherings of fair women and brave men. Her majesty, however, is not the owner of all these gems. The greater part of the Prussian treasury, of the reigning sovereign she is entitled to wear but not to dispose of them. Queens and empresses may come and go, but they abide forever. They do not belong to the person of the queen or empress, but only to the dignity she enjoys.

The jewels which the empress owned as Princess of Schleswig-Holstein, or received since then from the kaiser or her connections as presents, belong to herself, but none others. And of the presents from the emperor she has received quite a number. But the late Dowager Empress Augusta is credited to her the most costly gems of her private collection, which is now valued at 2,000,000 marks, or \$500,000. This comprises among other things thirty diamond, sapphire and ruby rings, numerous bracelets, brooches, which circled the fingers, clasped the wrists, or adorned the attire of various deceased sovereign ladies. To the right of the kaiser's diadem there is a dazzling diamond about the size of a cherry, which is the most costly gem of the Prussian treasury. To the right and left of it there are forty smaller stones which dart forth intermingled lines of colored light. But all these jewels lack the element of romance. There are no poetical legends about them. They lie enclosed in cases in a large room, which is visited by a court jeweler on the eve of great festivities and ceremonies in which the empress takes a part, and he polishes the gold, brushes the stones and sees that the setting is firm. But with the exception of those special occasions the empress scarcely ever touches any of them, and sometimes for a whole month she never wears any jewelry whatever.

Are Women Witty?

"It is a melancholy fact," observes Evelyn Greenleaf Sutherland, in a paper before the New England women's club, on "Are Women Witty?" "that the only women who had a reputation for wit in bygone centuries were the women who lacked a shred of any other reputation whatever. They could afford wit seemingly, having nothing to lose. This divorce of wit from morality is the element of romance, and its inevitable reflection in literature and its inevitable reflex action from literature.

The ladies of Woodland Park Baptist church will have a silver tea this afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. J. Williams, 463 Iglehart street, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Noble Franklin Lodge No. 2, A. O. U. W., will give a progressive euchre party this evening in Bowly hall.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the N. A. S. E. gave a card party yesterday afternoon at Central annex. Cards were played at fifteen tables and prizes were won by Mrs. James McGeary, Mrs. P.

ture. It has been well said that none of the women in the old novels have any character, unless it is a very bad character. The offspring of Amelia by Becky Sharp must have been a terrible hint to the youth of the time of the choice that was offered a man in his matrimonial ventures. The notion that the good woman is necessarily the dull woman, and the converse has not yet been altogether exploded. The only woman of reputation who could afford in times past a reputation for wit were women whose pre-eminent position precluded any resentment of their wit. This is, perhaps, why so many of the bon-mots of women that history has preserved to us come as the utterances of queens. Elizabeth's famous word, "Ye be very burly, my Lord of Burleigh, yet make make ye less stir than my Lord of Leicester," is chronicled by Sir Walter Scott as one of the three perfect jests of history.

Will Fight Mormonism.

The election of Reed Smoot to congress may have consequences of a very far-reaching character, and among other things it appears to have aroused the women of New York to an energetic crusade against Mormonism. Mrs. Dore Lyon will raise the question at the first convention of the New York City Federation of Women's clubs, to be held on May 8 at the Waldorf-Astoria, and meanwhile the Women's Republican club will have literature printed for distribution to the women's organizations of the city. The more immediate cause of this agitation is the fact that the new Mormonism, which is spreading rapidly in the West, is being introduced into the Women's Republican clubs by Dr. Sarah J. Elliott, president of the International Council of Women, Dr. Elliott has lived in Utah, and is most positive in her assertion of the need for immediate action against the Mormons.

Woman Remembers First President.

A woman who can remember the first president of the American republic is now living at No. 1319 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, and celebrated her one hundred and twelfth birthday on Saturday. Aunt Van Dyke is of the colored race and is said to have been in slavery at New Utrecht in 1791, her owner being Daniel Cortelyou. She lives now with a Mrs. Sarah Brown, who discovered her age by looking up the records of the Cortelyou family. Aunt Van Dyke having no idea of the facts herself. The old woman is fairly well preserved, being able to walk with a staff, and preserving all her faculties, although her memory is dim. She has had eight children, all of whom were born and died in slavery.

Those Anti-Temperance Cigars.

"Ever see a woman with her hands full of bundles get on a street car?" asked the motorman. "Well, I did this afternoon. A man and a woman were standing on the corner of Broadway and Forty-second street waiting for an uptown car. The woman had a bundle of anti-temperance cigars, and the man was smoking and the smoke got into his eyes. He dropped two or three of the bundles and grabbed for them. Then he became

A FITTING END.

Ice cream by quarts ate in life— "I was his inebriate whim; So when he died his weeping wife Said: 'Cream—' " "—New York Sun.

THE NEWEST CUT



Black taffeta coat, fitted back, full skirt, seams stitched and finished at waist line with silk cord and ball ornaments. Double belt sleeves laid in folds and tucks. White-lace collar extends down front to waist, finished with long heavy cord balls. Gown of richly embroidered cashmere. Black chip hat.

nervous and grabbed for some more. "Here come the car," yelled the woman, as I showed up. "The man was clawing about wildly for bundles, and she was trying to see through his smoke-blinded eyes. Then he howled: 'Here, take this!' and handed his wife the party smoked cigars."

"She snaked it between the fore and middle fingers, while she hooked one of the big bundles under her left elbow. One of the bundles on the right side began slipping. She set her lips firmly, then opened them with a wicked snap, put the clear in her mouth, made a grab with the disengaged fingers for the slipping bundle, and just as I halted the car in front of her. "Look at de ole 'hen smokin' a s-e-e-gar!" hooted a newsboy. "The woman made one swing, handed on the front platform, blew the light out at the urchin and yelled: 'You little devil, you!' just as the man staggered aboard and slipping. She set her lips firmly, then opened them with a wicked snap, put the clear in her mouth, made a grab with the disengaged fingers for the slipping bundle, and just as I halted the car in front of her. "Look at de ole 'hen smokin' a s-e-e-gar!" hooted a newsboy. 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