

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Revising a Good Old Fashion.
The propriety and good taste of doing away with abbreviated names among women is fast growing into favor and the good old fashion of giving the full name is regarded as the correct and dignified thing. Mollie and Mattie, and Tillie, and Maggie are again Mary, Martha, Matilda, and Margaret—stately names, all of them, and full of significance, whereas their diminutives are silly and meaningless, and women are gradually awakening to the fact that it is far more elegant to reserve these pet names, if they be used at all, for the household, and to sign themselves always in addressing those outside this little circle with the full name they received at the baptismal font. In this respect our ancestors showed a proper amount of dignity, and it would be well now if the old form of addressing women as Miss Ann Page, Miss Catherine Smith, etc., were revived. The present custom of retaining the maiden name as a middle name after marriage and the use of the husband's Christian name by widows are both sensible, as they identify the individual with a certain family.—*Chicago Herald.*

A Flirt's Confession.

"I do not think that I ever flirted with the hope or intention of seriously winning men's hearts. It was fun to receive their attentions and to be able to lure them away from other girls, and especially was this the case when the men were married or engaged. In most instances I think they went back to their own and their own received them. Why did I do it? Well, I think the reason was this: I really liked all agreeable men, and anything that looked like lack of appreciation on their part was so exceedingly distasteful to me that I strove to overcome it. The young fellows just coming out came into my net as a matter of course for several years, but older men heard of me before being presented, and fought shy. I did not understand this then. I thought they disliked me, whereas it was probably caution or disapproval, and I set myself forthwith to disarm the caution and change the disapproval to liking. It was simply unpleasant to me to have anyone indifferent. I have cried time and again on my way home in the carriage, simply because some one whom I wanted to please seemed indifferent. Several times I was actually caught with tears on my cheeks by those of whom I was thinking, and I always managed to let them guess the reason of my tears. That was always effectual. It never failed to bring about the desired end, and I declare solemnly that I never did it on purpose—cried, I mean—and I never intended to be caught in tears. I suppose that most men will refuse to believe this, but it is true. I was simply at my wits' end with wretchedness, because I thought some one had taken a dislike to me."—*The Hour.*

A Persian Princess.

Lady Shiel, in her "Glimpses at Life and manners in Persia," says: "I went to see the Shah's half-sister, a beautiful girl of 15, who lived with her mother in an obscure part of the ante-room, neglected by the Shah, and consequently by every one else. She was really lovely, fair and with indescribable eyes and a figure only equalled by some of the chefs d'œuvre of Italian art. This is so very rare among Persian women that she was one of the few persons I saw in the country with an aptitude to a good figure."
"She was dressed in the usual fashion of trousers on trousers, the last pair being of such stiff brocade that if put standing upright in the middle of the room there they would remain. Her hair was curled, not plaited, and she was literally covered with diamonds. She was quiet in her manners, and seemed dejected. She was most anxious to hear about European customs."
"And what seemed to surprise her most was that we took the trouble to undress every night going to bed—and she asked me was it true that we put on a long white dress to pass the night in."
"All Persian women are astonished at this custom, and are quite unable to account for it. They never undress at night; they untie their thin mattress from its silken cover, draw it out from its place against the wall, and roll themselves up in the wadded quilt which forms their blanket. The only time they change their clothes is when they go to oathe. If they go out to visit they of course put on their best garments, and take them off at night; but generally they lie down just as they are, and even in cold weather they wear their 'chadeor, or out-of-door veil, at night."

Robust Young American Women.

Some years ago, says the *New York Sun*, a young woman rather coveted an appearance of delicate health, as an evidence of refinement, and associated fresh and blooming cheeks and a vigorous appetite with a dairymaid style of beauty that seemed to her coarse or inelegant. She was also taught to look on little hysterical fears and tremors as prettily feminine, and, of all things, she most dreaded to be regarded as a tomboy or a hoyden. She might dance all night in a tight and long gown, but she must avoid the outdoor sports enjoyed by her broth-

ers, and stand in mortal terror of cows and mice. Therefore it happened that the typical American girl of those days was a thin and nervous creature, beside whom her English sister seemed full and rugged. She was a pretty, but a fragile specimen of her sex, whose good looks were likely to be soon replaced by the lines of chronic ill health, or destroyed by the cares of motherhood.
But all that has changed since the time when Dio Lewis began to preach his doctrine of what he called physical culture. The girls of this period vie with their brothers in outdoor exercise. They wear stout boots, easy clothing, and garments appropriate to the weather, and which are made with careful regard to the protection of their health. First, croquet took them out upon the lawns, and then tennis; and meantime they learned to row, to ride, to drive, to practice archery, to take long tramps, and to endure exposure, so that it has come to pass, that girls, like boys, are ashamed to be unequal to vigorous physical exercise. They want to be healthy and strong and nice and cows do not terrify them as of old.

The result is that the well-trained American girls who are now approaching maturity; or who are already in the first flush of womanhood are distinguished for the symmetry and beauty of their physical development. Their lungs are stronger and their voices better than those of the women who preceded them. The race has grown taller and far handsomer, so that now we can say without boasting that the handsomest types of their sex anywhere to be found are the young American girls of to-day.

Of course Dio Lewis only helped to bring about this happy result, for many causes contributed to it, but we accord him great praise for the part he took in inspiring our young women and their parents with enthusiasm for health and physical exercise.

Fashion Notes.

Lace dresses are more flowing than formerly.

Embroidered nun's veiling is very attractive this season.

Beige and corde-de-la-reine are combined for girls' wear.

Yellow and black on high walking hats is a favorite combination.

A bouquet of carnations is one of the most stylish hat garnitures.

Challie, etamine, foulard and India silk are used for girls' nice dresses.

Tucks or folds on an under dress are very stylish in any heavy goods.

Shot silk in light shades is used in combination with light summer woollens.

Draped polonaises and overdresses, with basque bodices, are in equal favor.

Veils of colored crape accompany the shirred crape bonnets so stylish this season.

Plain skirts without gores, some being made with deep plaits at the side, are worn.

Watered ribbons are used very effectively in trimming light weight costumes.

A large gray parasol is a very stylish affair this season. A huge bow ornaments the top.

Egyptian and oriental lace are used for flounces over colored and white dresses.

Wide sashes of surah are very stylish with street costumes as well as those for the house.

Embroidered crape, gauze and muslin are shown in most elaborate designs and beautiful coloring.

White canvas cloth combined with black velvet makes a very stylish costume for the seashore.

Coarse meshed nets have large or small polka dots. They are to be found in all the fashionable colors. They are made up over silk.

Serges for children are made with blouse bodices and box-plaited skirts. These frocks are useful for seaside wear, and are made with square collar and cuffs of striped flannel.

A velvet sunshade is not only senseless but it is very heavy, and when it is adorned by a bouquet of artificial flowers on the handle, it is worse.

Some of the new woollen laces are of very fine quality and are quite glossy. Lace for millinery purposes is often edged with wire so fine that it cannot be detected. This wire prevents lace from becoming limp and clinging, and enables lace bonnets to preserve their pristine freshness.

The Moon.

Astronomers are continually making astounding calculations with regard to the moon. Prof. Darwin says there was a time, about fifty-four millions of years ago, when the moon was so near the earth that it revolved around it somewhere between two and four hours. It must have rubbed the tops of some of our highest mountains. Telescopes were unnecessary in these days. All that an astronomer had to do was to climb a mountain and wait till the moon came along, then step on and investigate things at his leisure. Finally the moon started on its long spiral journey away from the earth, and we shall lose it altogether a few million years hence.—*St. Louis.*

CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

A woman with beard ten inches long has a curiosity at Union Point, Ga.

Uncle Sam welcomes into his domain 3200 babies a day, not counting those who come by sea.

Many New Yorkers have adopted the European custom of hiring out their own private carriages and horses.

There are 347 female blacksmiths in England, all of whom actually swing heavy hammers and do men's work.

A Frenchman has found that by placing a few drops of glycerine and water into the corners of the eyes of dead persons their life-like appearance is restored.

It is said that the new Washington sewer is the largest in the world. It is large enough for a team of horses and load of hay to be drawn through the entrance.

A monstrosity in the way of a medium-sized dog, with the head of a hog, is the property of a Shoshone in Eureka, Nev. The hybrid generally goes along with his nose to the ground.

The art of distillation is said to have originated among the inhabitants of Northern Europe. It was introduced into Spain by the Moors about 1150. Its use was early abused, and in the reign of George II. of England a duty of 20s. a gallon was imposed on all ardent spirits.

The deepest boring yet made is said to be at Schladebach, near the line between Leipzig and Corbetta. It has been made by the Prussian government for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of coal, and was bored with diamond drills. Its depth is 1390 meters, or 4560 feet, its breadth at the bottom two inches, and at the top eleven inches. The temperature at the bottom indicates 118 degrees Fahr.

An almanac 8000 years old, found in Egypt, is in the British museum. It is supposed to be the oldest in the world. It was found on the body of an Egyptian. The days are written in red ink, and under each is a figure, followed by three characters, signifying the probable state of the weather for that day. Like the other Egyptian manuscripts, it is written on papyrus. It is written in columns, but is not in its integrity, having been evidently torn before its owner died.

A Struggle for Principle.

A rainy day had housed us up in the cabin of a Tennesseean, and about 9 o'clock in the morning a man who was addressed by our host as Uncle Billy came riding up through the steady pour on a mule. The animal was placed in the stable, and as the two men entered the house our host observed:

"Well, Uncle Billy, how'll you trade mules?"

"Oh, 'bout \$3 tew boot," was the answer.

They returned to the stables and talked until noon. Then we had dinner, and they talked until 4 o'clock. The rain let up a bit then and we went out to see a cave, leaving them talking mule. We returned at 6 and they were still at it. We had supper, and the interrupted conversation was resumed and kept up until 9 o'clock. We went off to bed with Uncle Billy saying:

"Tell ye what I'll dew. I'll trade fur \$3 tew boot."

It thundered about midnight, and I woke up and heard that mule talk still going. At 6 o'clock I got up. Uncle Billy was just riding away.

"Well, how did you come out?" I asked of our host.

"Beat him down to \$2 and three bits," he replied.

"So you saved two shillings?"

"Exactly, though I wasn't working for that. It was the principle of the thing which I looked at."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Faithful as the Fleck Sea.

A young man and a young woman lean over the front gate. They are lovers. It is moonlight. He is loath to leave, and the parting is the last. He is about to go away. She is reluctant to see him depart. They swing on the gate.

"I'll never forget you," he says, "and if death should claim me, my last thought will be of you."

"I'll be true to you," she sobs; "I'll never see anybody else or love them as long as I live."

They part.

Six years later he returns. His sweetheart of former years has married. They meet at a party. Between the dances the recognition takes place.

"Let me see," she muses, with her fan beating a tattoo on her pretty hand, "was it you or your brother who was my old sweetheart?"

"Really, I don't know," he says. "Probably my brother."

The conversation ends.—*Pioneer Press.*

Couldn't See Anything in It.

Poots was invited by the railroad superintendent to make a trip through the new tunnel the railroad company had been building.

"It is a failure," he said, after emerging from Tartarean darkness into the full glare of noonday.

"Why do you say so?" asked the superintendent.

"I couldn't see anything in it."—*St. Louis.*

Had a Diamond at Home.

"So you want a position as clerk, do you?" asked the proprietor of the hotel of a dapper young applicant.

"Yes, sir."

"Have you had much experience?"

"Oh, yes, sir. I have been connected with a great many of the large hotels, and can give the best of recommendations."

"Well," said the landlord, "we want a good clerk, but—"

"But what?" asked the young man.

"You seem to have no diamond breast pin."

"Yes, I have. I've got a big one, but I thought I wouldn't wear it this morning."

"In that case," said the hotel proprietor, with a relieved look, "the position is at your service. I thought at first you had a diamond yet to purchase, and the way business is going on just now it might cramp me somewhat."

A Curious Fact.

In connection with deep mining, the fact is mentioned that from the hours of twelve at night until three in the morning the disturbing influences in the bowels of the earth obtain increased activity. At this time it is observed by miners that water falls from places where none is observable during the day; the volume in the water wheel is perceptibly increased, the atmosphere is charged with gases which often prevent the lights from burning, and small particles of earth and rock are observed to fall from the tops of the drivers.

Good Advice.

Oliver Wendell Holmes attributes his years and good health to an early morning walk or horseback ride before breakfast. He was naturally of a delicate constitution, and when he married Dr. Jackson's daughter, the father-in-law said to him: "If you have the necessary physique to stand horseback riding, do it; if not, take an early walk every day." He scrupulously followed the advice.

Mere Shams.

Book-binders in London often receive orders to fill library shelves by the unerring yard. To do this cheaply they wind up patent-office reports in handsome covers and back them with such titles as "Macaulay's Essays," "Walpole's Letters," which are subsequently put in bookcases, the keys of which are conveniently lost.

Pine Wood Oil.

Oil from pine wood is now being manufactured on a considerable scale at the South. The material is subjected to intense heat in sealed retorts, and one of it is said to yield fifteen gallons of turpentine, eighty gallons of pine wood oil, fifty bushels of charcoal, one hundred and fifty gallons of wood vinegar, and a quantity of inflammable gas and vegetable asphaltum.

A Catching Advertisement.

The publishers of a German novel recently did a neat thing in the way of advertising. They caused to be inserted in most of the newspapers a notice to the effect that a certain nobleman of wealth and high position, desirous of finding a wife, wanted one who resembled the heroine in the novel named. Thereupon every marriageable woman who saw the notice bought the book in order to see what the heroine was like, and the work had an immense sale.

Salt.

The craving for salt in animals is natural, and not a result of the care of man. When this country was wild every salt spring was frequented by deer, a fact that was taken advantage of by hunters for their capture. Near the ocean less salt is required than further inland, owing to the fact that the atmosphere is in a degree charged with salt, and this is imparted to the growing crops through the dew and rain.

Welcome the Stranger.

Get acquainted with the strangers who seek homes in your town. A family ought not to be allowed to live for months without receiving a call from neighbors. Many a woman has become homesick only for the reason that she thought herself slighted by her new neighbors. This ought not to be. It is the duty of older residents to make their acquaintance, and by kind acts make them feel at home. Look after the new-comers, and make them feel that they are welcome among us, and very soon they will not leave us.

Thomas Carlyle.

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