

AN OLD STORY.

I was nineteen, she twenty-eight. When first I saw her lovely face...

She twenty-eight and I nineteen! I took to gloves and neckties bright...

She twenty-eight, I twenty-eight! I see the powder on her face; Her form has angles more than grace...

OVER SUMMER SEAS.

The Agnostical Lover and His Rude Awakening. BY GWENDOLEEN OVERTON.

It was manifest to Brooke almost from the very first that the gods had intended her for him...

Miss Farrar knew all about Brooke, not only what he had told her, but what she had observed...

She and the elderly gentleman were already on the tender when he stepped aboard that afternoon...

It was only the first dinner. The pursuer, who is undoubtedly heaven's vicar upon earth...

That evening Brooke went into the purser's cabin to look at some pearls tied up in the corner of a grimy handkerchief...

Brooke came in to breakfast a little late the next morning. Miss Farrar was already seated...

Farrar asked him to explain why it is that the sun rises on the wrong side of the world in Panama Bay...

After that the course of things in general was as smooth as that of the vessel, as it cut its way States-ward through the pale summer seas...

They went ashore together at Manzanillo, also at Acapulco, and they two being alone in the boat...

Miss Farrar knew all about Brooke, not only what he had told her, but what she had observed...

Now every one knows that the pleasant and most fitting occupation a woman can have is to talk to a man about himself...

Poor Brooke, who had given her his whole heart—he was sure of it now and meant to tell her so some time soon...

So they stood side by side up among the anchor cables all that last morning, speculating on the points along the coast...

Even Brooke saw it. He laid it down to a very natural agitation at having to leave him. However, he would fix that in a day or two.

They came alongside the dock at last. A fellow standing there foremost among the little crowd lifted his hat...

"Have a good trip?" Tom called. Brooke started to answer, but Miss Farrar was in ahead of him...

"So you two come on the same boat?" Tom was saying, and he was holding her hand all the time...

\$20,000 IN TWELVE HOURS.

A Story From Alaska With a Pleasant Termination.

This is the story of Alexander McDonald, one of the best-known characters in the Yukon Valley. He is a great, lumbering Scotchman...

Many others came to success even more suddenly than McDonald. One man on Bonanza Creek took up ninety thousand dollars in a single day...

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES.

Basutos Employed by the British on Military Railroads.

The British are employing a large number of Basutos to repair and lay the railroads in the Orange Free State...

The Basutos have no friendly sentiments for the Orange Free State Boers who incorporated in their republic a part of Basutoland...

From Paris comes the news that pure hair will be the vogue this year.

MODES ARE DIVERSE.

THE APRIL FASHIONS SHOW FEW COMMON CHARACTERISTICS.

Outright Marks of Newness Are Few, but There Are a Few Points Characteristic of New Get-Ups that Will Be Found by Inspection.

New York correspondence.



ARELY do fashions late in April show so few common characteristics as they are now. A look of perfect freshness counts for more than it usually does...

Actual belt line is not only longer because of the dip in front, but the size allowed the waist is greater than ever before in the history of modern fashions...



EXAMPLES SET FOR SUMMER COPYING.

Trails tend to sweep directly from the belt, though many curve over the back first, and in some cases the train does not spring till a point about back of the knees is reached...

Delicate color schemes prevail in embroidered gowns of white or delicately shaded cloth, and the liberality and richness of the embroidery are remarkable...



EQUALLY SUMMERY, AND MORE ELABORATE.

hardly begins to suggest the real situation as to belts. They are elaborate. Ducks and linens are being treated with all the elaboration characteristic of models in silk and expensive transparent materials...

Prizes for Babies. There is a society with over 300 members in Riga, Russia, each of whom pays 3 rubles every time a child is born to one of the other members...

pleated lawn. Besides this the artist put a linen color khaki suit. Collar and revers were embroidered in white wash silk...

Panne surahs of delicate Persian colorings are a change from India silks. They come in patterns much like those of the India silks and are made up for the same class of wear...

Cotton weaves so finished as to present a silken luster are being pushed mightily, and it is claimed that they will wash without losing the luster...

Taffeta is returning to general favor both as a dress goods and as a material to combine with other stuff...

The lily bulb called by the Chinese "pak hop" finds a large sale, the price ranging from 10 to 20 cents. They are sold green and dry and are regarded as a delicacy...



Vegetable Ivory From Ecuador Nats. In the forests of the Pacific slope in Ecuador abounds the species of palm which bears the nuts known as "vegetable ivory"...

The New Slang From London. New York fashionables now borrow their slang from London. Americanisms are considered vulgar.

CHINESE VEGETABLES.

ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE CAUCASIANS.

In Fact the Celestials Do Not Care for Any of Our Vegetables With the Exception of Celery—Americans Should Adopt Some of Theirs.

A thorough investigation of the food and vegetables offered for sale in Chinatown, San Francisco, is being made by Prof. Walter Blandale of the chemistry department of the University of California...

The young green and hairy fruit of the "zit kwa" is a kind of melon growing on a vine and is boiled and seasoned like a squash. The interior is made up of a white, solid flesh, set with rows of white seeds...

"I heard one of them say to the other in the stifled tones men use in shops, that by buying the goods and taking it to a shirtmaker in East Baltimore...

ON THE CARE OF BABIES. Suggestions by a Mere Man That Mother's Should Read. So many conflicting rules have been printed about the care of babies...

Beans are the great standby of the Chinese and the "soy bean" is the most important. There are a vast variety of other beans and they are boiled, baked, made into soup, and are even made into a bean cheese...

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until the hulls were softened and the growth started. Watermelon seeds are also commonly eaten, and for the variety chiefly used they are boiled for thirty-six hours before they are fit to eat...

MASCULINE SHOPPERS.

They Show Good Taste, but Know Nothing About Bargains.

"The men are beginning to come into the shops now to buy material for their negligee shirts, and they are the most exacting and entertaining of customers..."

"Two young men who came in yesterday to buy some percale, and who were about the first of the season to appear, gave a very fair example of the methods pursued by the sex in shopping..."

"I heard one of them say to the other in the stifled tones men use in shops, that by buying the goods and taking it to a shirtmaker in East Baltimore to be made the garments wouldn't cost him more than \$1.50, while if he bought it already made it would cost at least \$4..."

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Should the baby be restless in the night, don't take him up. This is the mistake made so often by erring mothers, who think they know it all. Science knows better. He cannot cry too much. Should he make too much noise and keep the household awake...

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