

ITEMS FROM OUR FOREIGN FILES.

COSTUMES. Concerning the Relation between Dress and Morals. From the London Saturday Review.

A morning contemporary, usually supposed to echo the exclusive conscience of fashionable society, has lately been endeavoring to read its clients a moral lesson. The missionary work was begun, after the most approved style, by the insertion of a letter, in which the honors of large type printing were put in requisition at the door of a London ball-room.

The leading article which followed the letter on the next day fell into the very same mold, and assumed an equal confidence that all women dress exactly alike. Indeed, it even goes an excuse for their so doing in a supposed tyranny of custom. No one but the systematic writer has ever fathomed the sufferings to which any young lady would be subjected if she declined to have her gown cut lower than she thought consistent with decency.

Probably, if the spring weather had been more genial, the clouds would have been dropped here. But the prevailing breeze, which we have suggested to our contemporaries' conscience the propriety of making another and bolder effort to stem the tide of impropriety.

There was some in the recollection that, though we had reached the end of the week in May, "the season when lightness and looseness of apparel may be supposed more pardonable than at other times," was still cloudy, and the clouds of matrimony were open to some astute chaperone seems to have retained, before the net weather should make all reform hopeless, to comment on "the feelings with which a portion of mankind view luxury of dress and low cut gowns."

Indeed, a fashion such as that which seems to be now becoming common has a certain advantage of its own, in that it affords an index to a woman's estimate of herself. If her estimate in life is to "secure the eligibles of the day," we cannot see that it makes the least difference to anybody in what way she sets about it.

After all, propriety of dress is only valuable because it is the offspring of modesty, and it is to be created instead of by a careful calculation of chances, we can see no reason for making any effort to retain it. If a young lady chooses to organize a universal exhibition of herself for the gratification of "well-to-do" Guardians, she is entirely her own affair.

A PIGEON BEATING THE TELEGRAPH. A licensed victualler, near the Monument, in London, visited the Derby this year, and took with him a pigeon to send home the names of the first three horses in the race.

friends were waiting, its arrival. About seven minutes after the news was known by the arrival of the pigeon, a neighboring licensed victualler received a telegram from his friends on the race-course to inform him of the result of the race.

A LIFE-SAVING BATHING APPARATUS.—A French engineer named Deben is exhibiting in London a bathing apparatus, which is also a life-preserver. It is of simple construction, resembling a child's cradle, the upper part having a cylindrical cork-float, canvased over, nearly surrounding the machine, which keeps the bather afloat with the greatest ease and safety.

A STREAM COACH FOR COMMON ROADS.—The French Minister of Public Works has awarded a gold medal to Albert & Co., of Liancourt, for a steam coach to run on ordinary roads.

A DOUBLE SUICIDE.—A determined double suicide, near Paris, has just been brought to light. A river keeper on the Marne, while passing along the banks near Joinville de Pont, observed the bodies of a male and female floating near the surface.

An Interesting Breach of Promise Case. From the Goshen (Ind.) Democrat, June 8.

Miss Ann Piper some time since commenced suit against Samuel W. Havens for \$10,000 damages, for breach of promise of marriage, in the Kosciusko County Circuit Court.

The defendant, at the commencement of the Rebellion, was paying his addresses to the plaintiff, and a partial engagement of marriage was made, and during the three years he was in the army, the correspondence in the meantime his mother became insane, and was sent to the asylum at Indianapolis.

NATIONAL UNITARIAN CONVENTION.—The National Unitarian Convention will hold its next meeting in Syracuse early in the autumn. Various topics of great interest and practical importance have been suggested to the Council for consideration at that meeting.

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