

GENERAL NEWS.

Maine are growing about the depressed condition of the sardine market, and it is said that not half of the "sardine factories" in the State will be run during the present year.

Adelar Fascette, sitting on the bank of the river at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, was taken with an apoplectic fit, rolled into the river, and was drowned before the eyes of the friends with whom he had been chatting.

John Healy, at Columbus, O., going in swimming with some companions, dived into twenty feet of water and never came to the surface. When his body was recovered it was found entangled in the meshes of a lot of loose wire, into which he had plunged and which had held him down.

At High Ridge, near Stamford, Conn., there is a wife who is the mother of fourteen children, all living, and none of them twins. All but two live at home, and these two, catching the scarlet fever, went home to be nursed. They gave it to the other dozen, and the whole fourteen were sick at once, and medicine had to be mixed in pitchers and bread pans.

Zollo, the little dog of Dr. Watson of Macon, Ga., was accustomed to accompany the Doctor everywhere. When the Doctor died and was put in the coffin Zollo was held up to take a last look at him. He went to the cemetery with the coffin, refused for a long while to come away, and now goes to the grave every morning and night and remains sitting upon it for some time.

George Rust, conductor of an electric street car at Wheeling, W. Va., went on top of his car to adjust the running pulleys connecting it with the wire, and slipping, grasped the wire to steady himself. He got a shock that laid him senseless, and was about to be taken down for dead when his face was accidentally touched by the wire, and he was brought to life again, little the worse for his experience.

The London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals directed its officers to observe the "thoughtlessness, heedlessness, or cruelty" of coachmen who keep their horses checked while waiting outside of theatres and public places. At the last drawing room the duration of waiting was three hours and a quarter, and out of 230 coachmen 29 only had loosened the check rein.

The improved manufacture of rust-proof paper, for wrapping metallic articles liable to become tarnished, consists in incorporating with the paper or applying to its surface a fine metallic powder in such a manner that it will adhere. By this means, when silver, copper, brass, or iron articles are wrapped in the paper, they are preserved from rusting or tarnishing by reason of the greater affinity of the zinc for sulphureted hydrogen, chloride or acid gases or vapors, and preventing them from injuring articles of such materials.

The first of a number of large shipments of wheat, which will be made from this country to Australia to supply the demand made by the partial failure of the Australian crops, was made the other day when the American ship Reaper left San Francisco for Sydney, carrying 70,000 bushels of wheat. Besides the American ships Reaper and Gatherer, the British ship Brenhilda and the Oceanic Steamship Company's steamers, which have contracted to carry large cargoes to Australia, negotiations are pending for the chartering of a number of other grain vessels for the same purpose.

Fencing for Women.

Fencing is now as much a young lady's pastime as tennis or horseback riding, and everybody who knows how beneficial this exercise is to the female system is glad it is so. Its virtues, in fact, say it is a lady's sport par excellence, as it needs quickness and skill more than strength and daring, and develops those qualities which are so essential to a lady, viz., a graceful carriage and easy motion. On the days given up to the ladies the large hall of the Fencers' Club resounds with the stamping of feet and clinking of blades. The instructor gives each pupil a lesson, which generally lasts about fifteen minutes. Then two friends may challenge each other and put in practice the thrusts and guards they have just learned. The weaker sex makes up in practice the thrusts and guards they have just learned. The weaker sex makes up in cunning what it lacks in strength. Women are much more artful than men. In no case is this evidenced more clearly than in fencing. A man will make a bold open attack, which his opponent will parry if he keeps cool. A woman waits apparently with no fixed purpose until she sees her opportunity; then with a quickness of eye and hand which defies parrying she makes her thrust, and succeeds if she can keep her point straight. A parry would come too late; retreat is the only safeguard.

The Panier Doomed.

No one can have any doubt to-day but that the panier is doomed, and yet it is amusing to see how gradually fashionables are reconciled by their customers to its absence. Ah! Fashion and her employes are alike wary, and rarely indeed spring upon the world a new thing. Little by little, by one imperceptible step after another, are we lured across the debatable land, and before we are aware are we landed in "a new country," where fashions surrounded us of which we have never more than dreamed. Said Mr. — (you would all know him too well if Mam'selle told his name) "Now, madame, of course you want to discard that extension in the back of your dress, but I'd hardly advise you to do it at once—let me see— Ah! I have it. I will make a demi-season costume for you, and it shall have a small pad and one very short hoop; then I'll make your India, crepes and summer things without the sign of a panier, and so you can gradually spring it on your friends that you are bound to have your gowns cling as closely as your grandmother's did. How do you like the idea, madame?" Mam'selle gives you the speech as 'twas said. Take the hint and act upon it. Make your frocks cling and outline your figure like a snakes sheath.

The Far Reaching

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Black and yellow is a favorite millinery combination.

The Queen's Genealogy.

Sometimes we are puzzled to remember how Queen Victoria came to inherit the throne of England. We remember that she was the daughter of the Duke of Kent, the niece of her immediate predecessor on the throne. Here is a paragraph for your scrap-book, giving the names of the lines of rulers through whom the simple-hearted daughter of the wise Duke and Duchess of Kent came to the English throne:

"Queen Victoria is the niece of William IV., who was the brother of George IV., who was the son of George III., who was the grandson of George II., who was the son of George I., who was the cousin of Anne, who was the sister-in-law of William III., who was the son-in-law of James II., who was the brother of Charles II., who was the son of James I., who was the cousin of Elizabeth, who was the sister of Mary, who was the sister of Edward VI., who was the son of Henry VIII., who was the son of Henry VII., who was the uncle of Richard III., who was the son of Edward IV., who was the cousin of Henry IV., who was the son of Henry V., who was the son of Richard II., who was the grandson of Edward III., who was the son of Edward II., who was the son of Edward I., who was the son of Henry III., who was the son of John, who was the brother of Richard I., who was the son of Henry II., who was the brother of William Rufus, who was the son of William the Conqueror, 800 years ago."

Are Women Increasing in Size?

With regard to the increased size of ladies' gloves the explanation of economy seems, on reflection, hardly a satisfactory one. Gloves will split occasionally, as we all know, to our misery, but loose ones are by no means durable and the unsightly wrinkles and flabby fingertips, soiled and frayed, are terrible, so that after half a dozen times wearing they look only fit for an area sneak. It seems more likely that ladies' hands may have kept in proportion with their general stature, which is certainly on the increase. One can scarcely mix in any crowd, especially of the well-to-do class, without remarking gaitresses in the hand—fine, well-grown vigorous creatures, who, judging by complexion, seemed to have developed all the right and strength which ought to have been their brothers'. The happy change in public opinion, too, which enables women of all ranks to work with their hands and take pride in doing so, may also be without effect in enlarging those members.

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