

POETRY.

Out of Mourning.

Heard we gladly, "out of mourning,
When bright Belle and Blanche
Chose at last for their adorning
Hues of almond branch.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Decorations that will Make the
House More Beautiful.

THE LATEST RECIPES.

Bay Window Decoration.

A novel decoration is a wheelbarrow,
ordinary gardener's size. Fill it with
flower-pots containing flowers, hiding the
pots with green moss.

Arrangement of Curtains.

A tasteful way to arrange the narrow
curtains at each side of a hall door is to
make them of muslin or of lace, gather
them at the top and bottom, have the
muslin full.

Fancy Basket.

Shallow open basket of wicker-work cov-
ered with a clear coral-colored satin, tufted.
The flower pattern is worked on the ground
as follows: The centre flower with coral
silk of three shades, in satin stitch, and
gold bronze in overcast stitch; the sepa-
rate point russe and chain stitches with
red silk, and the oalyx with reseda wool.

Original Recipes.

To canvas hams.—When the hams are
smoked ready for canvassing roll them in
stiff paper. Cut your brown muslin to fit
them, and sew it on with a large needle
and twine. Then make a starch of flour
and yellow ochre, and with a small white-
wash brush cover them well with it. Hang
them up to dry.

Snow-Flake Cake.—Three eggs, one cup
and a half sugar, half-cup butter, half-cup
milk, half-teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful
cream tartar, two cups flour, whites of two
eggs, half-cup of sugar beaten together.
Bake in jellycake tins, frost each layer and
sprinkle with grated cocoanut. This is
excellent.

Delicious Hot Cake for Tea.—Beat two
eggs to a froth, add to them half a cupful
of sugar. Into one cupful of sour cream
beat half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in
boiling water. Stir it into the eggs and
sugar. Add a pinch of salt and flour enough
to make it a thick batter for griddle cakes.

Put in a "gem pans" or shallow biscuit
pans, and serve piping hot.
Pudding made of cracked wheat is very
agreeable and nourishing. To one quart of
sweet milk allow nearly half a cupful of
cracked wheat; put it in a pudding dish
and bake slowly for two hours, stirring it
several times. If you choose to do so you
can add raisins and cinnamon for flavoring,
but most people prefer it well salted, and
to eat with a little cream and sugar. This
is rice, both warm and cold.

Domestic and Useful.

Never neglect a cold. The attack may
not seem severe, but a cold is a cold, and
therefore an enemy to be looked after with
the greatest watchfulness.

To ensure the cracking of pork being
crisp and eating short, just before the pork
is done moisten the skin all over with a little
butter, dredge it with flour, and place it
near the fire to brown.

It may not be known to some housewives
that if flour is kept in a closet with onions
or cabbage it will absorb unpleasant odors
from them; you may not notice this until
the flour is cooked, but then you will.

Irish poplin is likely to be once more
fashionable, and her interest in its manufac-
ture is again instigated by the action of the
Queen, who has selected this material for
the bridal dress of her granddaughter,
Princess Victoria, of Hesse.

To Whiten Linen that has Turned Yel-
low.—Take a pound of fine white soap, cut
it up into a gallon of milk, and hang it over
the fire in a wash-kettle. When the soap
has quite melted put in the linen, and boil
for half an hour. Now take it out, having
already a lather of soap and warm water;
wash the linen in it, and then rinse it
through two cold waters, with a very little
blue in the last.

Pin cushions.—Pretty round pin cushions
can be made in semblance of a sunflower.
Make the petals of yellow cloth, each one
curled and fastened together like a small
paper bag with the top opened and pointed,
and arranged around a stuffed circular
cushion of brown velvet or velveteen, with
a frayed row of gold-colored silk sewed
round the centre, which is studded with
pins. The whole is the size of a large real
sunflower.

Oh, yes, it is easy to cast a gloom over
a man. If we just want to agonize him we
say: "I cut a mighty pleasant notice of you
out of some paper this morning, but I've
lost it." And then he frantically
wants to know what paper it was and we
can't remember, and it drives him nearly
to madness.

In the attack on Beaunih the French
forces made use of captive balloons for
observations, heliographs for signalling,
pneumotrans and other scientific re-
sources.

TOO HEAVY DRESSES.

The Troubles Which Fashion Heaps on
the Fair Sex.

The chief particular in which the dress
of our day errs against common sense is
the excessive weight that characterizes it,
owing to the quantity of material now
used for dresses. "Silk is sold by the acre
now, is it not?" asked a gentleman in the
days of round crinoline and distended
skirts, referring to the quantity needed for
a gown, and the satire is applicable now,
though even the duodecimo edition of crinoline
known as the crinolette is no longer
known. The stuff is absorbed in occasion-
ally incoherent trimmings and too often
irrelevant draperies. It needs skill—and
skill is too costly to be at the command of
any but the wealthy—to produce a costume
that shall have the air of being elaborately
trimmed, and yet be light enough
to wear without inconvenience during a
brisk walk. It has been within the experi-
ence of thousands of Englishwomen
during the last few years, to have chosen a
fabric, selected the style of making, and
decided upon the trimming, with the result
of a gown delightful to look upon, but im-
possible to wear. Thus arose the demand
for woolen materials, combining warmth
and lightness, a demand which was
promptly responded to, with the occasional
result of disgusting old-fashioned shoppers,
who test a fabric by its weight, as well as
by a peculiarly horrible way of trying to
scrape a hole in it with the thumb-nail.
Minds open to more enlightened impres-
sions were soon, however, convinced of the
value of these vioungas, serges, tweeds, and
other cloths; but, unfortunately, they
have had the effect of encouraging,
rather than discouraging, elaborate trim-
mings. Thus, the fact remains that for
the million unduly heavy dresses are the
rule. It seems absurd that fourteen or
fifteen yards are needed to make a gown for
a woman, while about five yards are suf-
ficient to make a great coat for a man. It
is fortunate, in view of this fact, that trained
dresses are worn only at dinner and in the
form of tea-gowns. The added weight and
inconvenience of a train, which must be
held in the hand, would render a walk a
penance instead of a pleasure. It may be
hoped that fashion will never reintroduce the
long skirt for out-door work. It has nothing
to recommend it, even from the point of
view of the dressmaker, who has now found
it possible to crowd all bearable trimmings
upon the limited surface of the short
dress. When trains first went out, leav-
ing the feet plainly visible, coquetry
brought them more prominently into
evidence by the introduction of the
high-heeled boot. This, in its turn, has
now almost entirely disappeared from the
walking gear of the fashionably dressed;
and there is even a gleam of hope that high
heels may vanish from the ball-room before
long; and, with them, their peculiar influ-
ence on the dances of the day. The jerky
valse, now in so much vogue, would soon
be consigned to oblivion, together with the
sharp little "tap-tap" of the narrow,
elongated heel of the fashionable shoe; and
those who realize that even ball-room
dancing might be so softly poetic and dreamily
graceful would cease to be irritated by the
sudden swing and the violent onslaught of
couples engaged in the arduous trois-temps.
Let such as these hope for the abolition of
the high-heeled dancing-shoe, even though
it be followed by the mournful elegies of
those deficient in stature though not in the
ambition of preferring a tall partner.—
London Standard.

A Dakota Domestic Blizzard.

The other day a Bismarck gentleman
was coming up from Standing Rock, and
stopped to see a man who lives near the
Cannon-Ball River. In response to his
knock at the door he heard a shrill, sharp,
"Come in!" and on entering found a
sharp-faced, angular woman sitting in the
room under an open scuttle-hole leading
into the loft above, with a shot-gun on her
knee. "Is the gentleman of the house in?"
he asked. "Yes, sir, he is." "Can I
see him a moment?" "No, sir; you
can't see a hide nor hair of 'm!" "Why
can't I, madam? I would like to speak to
him on business." "If you was a dyin',
and Jim was the only doctor in Dakoty, yo
couldn't set an eye on him till he give in an'
talks decent. At dinner a while ago he told
me to pass in the apple sass, an' I tol'
him it wasn't sass, but sass, an' he said he
knowed better, it was sass, an' I tol' him
that w'en he tuk a notion that a little apple
sass'd feel soothin' to his stomach to say so,
an' he said he'd have that sass or die.
Then I tol' him I'd defend that sass with
life, an' he made a break for the shotgun, an'
he made a break up through the scuttle
inter the loft. W'en his senses come to
him, an' he gives in that sass is sass, he kin
oum down, but if he makes a break afore
that, off goes the top of his head. That
sets the sass, stranger, and that's Jim up
in the loft, an' that's the way the matter
stands jist now, an' I reckon you'd better
mosey along and not get mixed inter the
row!" As the gentleman moved away he
heard her voice saying: "Jim, w'en you
get tired o' your durm foolin' an' want this
sass, jess' equal out!" And a gruff voice
from the darkness garret responded:
"Boss!"—Bismarck (Dak.) Tribune.

A Wife Murderer's Welcome.

An interesting ceremony took place at
Birmingham, England, recently, on the oc-
casion of the "home-coming" of a man
named Hall after twenty years' penal servitude
for wife murder. Thousands of
people, it is stated, met Hall at the railway
station and gave him an enthusiastic recep-
tion, greeting him with loud cheers until
he was driven off in a cab with his rela-
tives. These tokens of sympathy and
esteem must have somewhat surprised
Hall. Wife murder was twenty years ago
looked upon as a rather serious offence,
even when, as in the case of Hall, it was
committed under circumstances of extreme
provocation.

The coming Rosa Bonheur is said to be
Miss Strong, of San Francisco. Her teacher
is Von Maroke, the cattle painter. She has
had in the salon a life-size picture of a dog
which showed a strong original touch.
Then she went to live in the country to
study sheep and cattle painting, in which
she evinces like power.

The Bishop of Ontario will shortly leave
for England in order to attend the annual
meeting of the S. P. G.

WOMAN'S CURIOSITY.

What Excited It in Japan—Corsets Not in
Favor.

In the country house of a ruined daimio,
where we obtained lodging and entertain-
ment, writes an English lady travelling in
Japan, I was a cause of much amusement.
A number of ladies were invited to meet
me at afternoon nice (the name for dinner).
They sat on their heels around the little
table which I used as a chair. My feet
were stretched out before me. The hostess
with, as I took it, many apologies, began
to inspect my boots. As her curiosity
was keen, I drew them off. All the ladies
pounced upon them, and some of them
asked leave to fit them on. Before doing
this, they caused bowls of hot water to be
fetched, washed their feet carefully and
dried them by fanning them, which made
the wet evaporate quickly. As they all had
children's feet, my boots were awkwardly
big and more ridiculous than I can say.
The ladies next handled my skirt and
corrage, and, to oblige them, I took them
off. The petticoats had their turn, then my
stockings, which they did not laugh at,
after them my buckled elastic garters, and
last my stays. Japanese politeness here
broke down. Every one shook and oried
with laughter in looking at the stays.
One of the ladies had picked up some
French at Osaka (a treaty port), and ex-
plained to me that the others wished to
know whether the stays had been invented
to serve as a cuirass to protect fair Euro-
peans from rude men, or was it worn as a
penitential garment to expiate sins? I
said: "No, but to beautify the figure."
This answer convulsed them. A stayed-up
woman affected their impressionable
and well-educated eyes as something mon-
strously ugly and absurd. Japanese dress
is beautiful, and so easy. There was yet
another question to be answered. There,
so far as I know, neither cows nor goats in
Japan. Children are not, therefore, weaned
until they are nearly big enough to go to
school. I had noticed that poor little Miss
Mite was an object of general commiseration.
I did not know why. The reason
came out when my stays were being ex-
amined. They were a barrier between the
mother and the child, which was out off
by them from its lacteal rights. I told
them that we delegated the nursing duties
to poor women and cows. I am afraid I
was imperfectly translated, for I saw that
I was for a moment an object of horror.

England's Necessity.

France is reconstructing her navy; Ger-
many is reorganizing her's; Russia is fast
strengthening her's; and Italy is develop-
ing a very powerful fleet. All Europe, in
fact, recognizing the necessity of having
heavily armored ships, fitted with modern
ordnance and carrying trained crews. The
British Admiralty are not unconscious of
this significant fact, and the constructive
programme which is arranged for this
financial year will show that Lord North-
brook and his colleagues are also alive to
the importance of increased expenditure,
rather than retrenchment, in the building
of line-of-battle ships. During 1883, four-
teen vessels were launched for Her Majesty's
navy, twelve vessels were ordered to be con-
structed, and in most cases were commenced,
and at the present time there are, in addi-
tion to the number just mentioned,
seven others on the stocks, which were
under construction prior to the commence-
ment of last year. The vessels now in
progress, some of which are in a forward
state for launching, include a sixteen-gun
screw corvette, built of steel and iron,
cased with wood, 2,770 tons and 3,000
horse power engines; a fourteen-gun screw
composite corvette, of 1,420 tons, with
engines of 950 horse power; three
twin screw steel armor-plated barbette
ships, each of 9,600 tons and engines of
7,500 horse power, to carry ten guns each;
a similar vessel, but of less tonnage—
namely, 7,300 tons, but with engines of
greater horse power—namely, 8,000, and a
ten-gun double screw steel second class
steam cruiser, of 3,750 tons, with engines
of 5,000 horse power.

Why do Women Laugh?

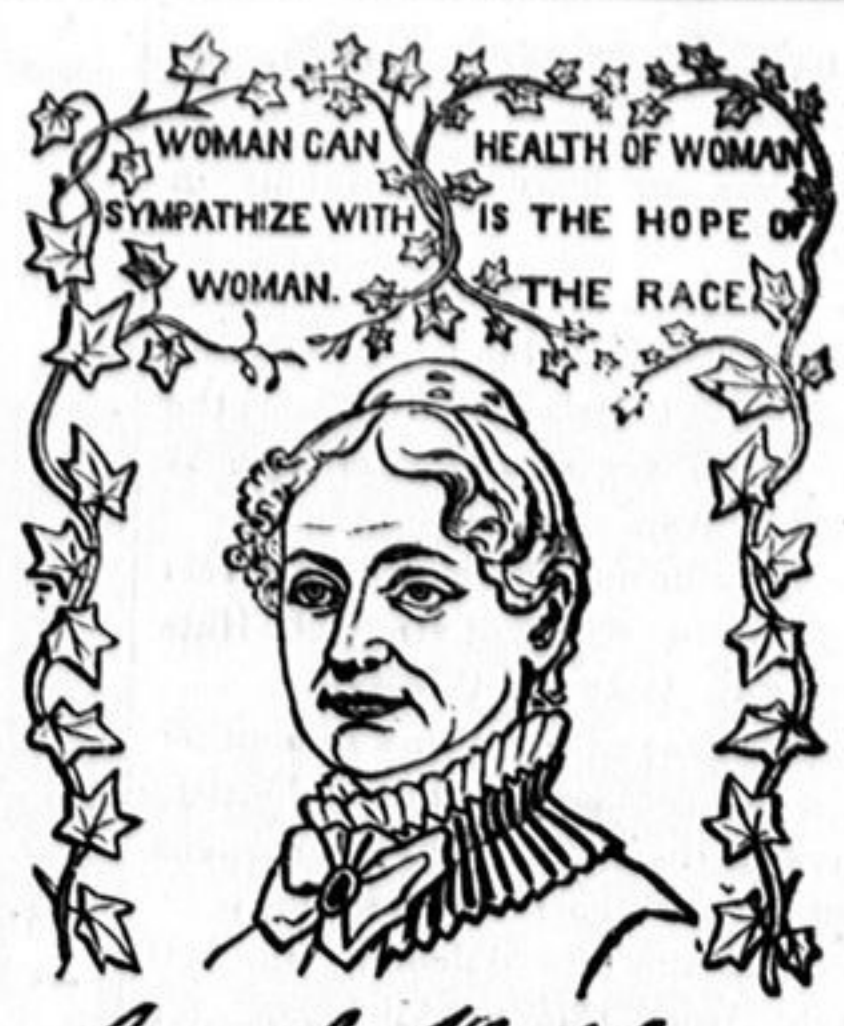
A divorce case in which an elderly for-
eigner sought to tear himself away from a
young and pretty wife, who had proved to
be more of a torment than a blessing, calls
up the above question. He wanted to be
forever rid of her because she laughed at
him. Her "silvery peals" of "ringing
laughter" made life a burden to him, until
he finally told her to "gear out," and
went straightway and filed a petition for
a divorce. She beamed with smiles in the
court-room, and when the judge asked her
why she laughed at her husband in open
court she laughed and said: "I like
to laugh; I was born to be merry,"
and laughed again. Are all women
"born that way?" asks the Boston
Globe. They certainly laugh a great deal
more than men do. It was a mistake to call
them "the sad sisterhood." They are the
laughing sex. Notice them in conversation
either with their own or the other sex.
Their faces are invariably wreathed with
smiles, and they laugh incessantly. Is it
habit, or is it the result of a more
highly organized nervous system—what
the superior scientists contemptuously
call an "hysterical organization"—or is it
the woman's inborn desire to please find-
ing expression by seeming interested and
amused, or is it that a woman really is
more easily amused than a man? Per-
haps it is a combination of all four. At
any rate, it forms as distinctive a line be-
tween the sexes as any of the common
peculiarities which are supposed to charac-
terize one sex or the other.

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don't feel just right, try Hop Bitters.—Nunda
News.

Horses hard at work need water much
more frequently than the morning, noon, or
night plan. If not allowed to drink between
morning and noon they become extremely
thirsty, and will overload their stomach
with water, so that their food will not
digest quickly.

Queen Victoria's well-known objection to
making poor men peers gave way in the case
of Lord Tennyson. His eldest son is a clerk
in a public office.



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