

Downers Grove Reporter

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The first Georgia peaches have arrived. Get out your Jamaica ginger bottle.

Henry Irving says he will retire in 1906, but Joe Jefferson is making no rash promises.

As a preliminary to going broke the gentleman who has sporting blood buys an automobile.

College athletics are dead. This is proved by the fact that most men who play croquet are old.

Nobody, so far, has indorsed Uncle Russell Sage's ideas about vacations. But Satan is still to be heard from.

"To be successful, a man must have blue eyes," says Arthur Brisbane. Successful women all have gray eyes.

Boston physicians are using the piano as an instrument to cure nerve diseases. This must be "a painful operation."

The standard of the graduation essays so far this season is quite as high as usual. P. S.—This isn't saying much.

One thing is certain, and that is that Russell Sage did not get the idea that there should be no vacations from his parson.

Whenever you see a poem headed "June" get ready to see moon, soon, noon, boon, croon, tune, and sometimes loon and spoon.

The census bureau people say that we shall have a population of 89,000,000 in 1910, and they aren't depending entirely on immigration.

Brazil has started in to build a big navy, and in five or ten years from now may be able to have outside trouble as well as the home brand.

Howard Gould, who is having a house built with 200 rooms, must think there will come times when he will want to get away from himself.

Isn't it about time that the matrimonial shows of the ultrarich were presented in the cheap vaudeville houses instead of in the churches?

Mr. Rockefeller does not want to own the earth. All he asks is possession of the oils and ores and other things of value that may be inside of it.

Premier Ross of Ontario calls Dr. Harper "Midas of the golden touch." As to the accuracy of the allusion to the "golden touch" see John D. Rockefeller.

A Chicago barkeeper has been fined \$10 for impersonating a newspaper reporter. The question naturally arises, where did the barkeeper ever see a reporter?

The leap of an archangel from heaven to earth is nothing compared to the mighty spring of a small woman jumping at conclusions.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Chicago woman seeks a divorce because her husband has not smiled in ten years. Popular judgment should be suspended until the husband tells why he has not smiled.

Three men of the name of Mudd are running for Congress in one Maryland district. If they get along without slinging any it ought to be made a matter of record.

A book entitled "How to Get Rich" is being advertised for sale at the price of \$1. A good tip to one wishing to get rich would be to save his dollar and not buy the book.

Trout and salmon are said to be biting voraciously down in Maine. Probably the black flies and mosquitoes are, too, but we don't see any references to them in our Maine exchanges.

Was there ever a distinguished humorist who wasn't devoted to a loving and sympathetic wife to whom he owed much of his inspiration and happiness? Mark Twain's case was largely typical.

Hetty Green has taken the trouble to deny another report that she has given away a lot of her money. Hetty must believe there is somebody somewhere who thinks she would really do such a thing.

A prisoner in the McDonough county jail tarried to write a farewell letter to the jailer and was nabbed just as he was crawling out through an opening in his cell door. Politicians doesn't always pay.

The American Press Humorists in convention at St. Louis, arranged to raise \$1,000 among themselves to add to the fund for the erection of a monument to Bill Nye. Why didn't they make it \$10,000 while they were about it?

Andrew Carnegie has, in the estimation of Prof. Goldwin Smith, taken the wrong way in his poor. There is but one Carnegie seeking to die poor. That was the professor to offer in the way of suggestion to the millions who want to die rich.

A RIDE IN THE DEEP.

Boston Man Has Devised New Form of Entertainment.

Now there comes a Boston Jules Verne who grimly promises the amusement-loving public a rare "treat" in the way of entertainment. In truth, it would appear that the most fastidious could find no cause for complaint after trying this thing.

In brief, the affair is a sort of "shoot the chutes," except that the car in which the victims have paid to ride is wholly submerged in the water. To add to the excitement there is no top to the car boat, the theory being that



The Submarine Boat. It will dash through the pond so fast that the water will not have time to get in on the occupants. The inventor promises to take the first ride in the thing if his wife will let him.

CURES WROUGHT BY MUSIC.

Notable Cases Where Sweet Sounds Were Beneficial.

From the days of Saul and David music has no doubt been the means of alleviating, if not actually curing, many serious cases of mental disease. Modern experience has proved this conclusively, and many instances may be quoted from ancient history.

Pythagoras commended music in the treatment of the insane, and Thales, when a pestilence ravaged Sparta, found in music his most powerful means of combating it. Herodotus soothed maniacs by it, and Theophrastus held that even the bites of venomous reptiles were rendered less fatal by subjecting victims to the influence of melody.

When Philip of Spain was in a morbid and desponding condition, Farinelli, the vocalist, was sent for by the queen, with a party of musicians, to sing and play in the adjoining room. The effect was a speedy and rapid cure.

Both Buckman and Hafeland relate instances in which music has cured cases of St. Vitus' dance, and Becker and Schneider demonstrated practically its influence in different cases of hysteria.

Sir Henry Hallford has chronicled the case of a mad Yorkshireman who was restored to sanity by the use of the violin six weeks after its introduction.—Montreal Herald.

A First-Aid Motor.



It is a three-wheeled car, clad in bullet-proof steel. Closed it can travel at the rate of six miles an hour. When its wings are opened, as shown in the picture, it is a miniature steel fort.

Ancient British Stronghold for Sale.

Dunstanburg castle is about to be offered for sale by auction. It was first a British stronghold, then a Roman fortress, and at a much later period was garrisoned for Queen Margaret, after the battle of Hexham, when it was besieged and taken after an assault lasting three days. The legend of "Sir Guy, the Seeker," told in a ballad by M. G. Lewis, is connected with the castle. "Dunstan diamonds" are crystals found in the neighborhood. A deep chasm in the rock at the east of the castle is known as the "Rumbie Churn." In rough weather the sea rushes in, and great clouds of spray are thrown up.—London Chronicle.

Women in Foot Races.

Recently women's footraces at Treptow, near Berlin, caused a great deal of interest. Two of the competitors boldly donned jerseys and knickerbockers, but the remainder ran in skirts. Several appeared on the track in high-heeled boots. A considerable number dropped from exhaustion within fifty yards of the starting point. One sprained her ankle, another fell and broke her arm and a third fainted from excitement before the signal was given to go. Most of the competitors appeared to be absolutely untrained.

Hen Hatches Out Hawk.

A hen near East Hampton, Conn., recently hatched out a red-tailed hawk from an egg which had been placed in her nest. The hen shows motherly affection for the hawk, but she may turn against it when she discovers its nature.



Your Corner



Latest Ideas in Fashionable Garments—Recipes Both New and Approved—Delicious Way to Prepare Strawberry Berries.

lace which fashions the frivolous looking lace coat, and are much beruched and beruffed with the same chiffon.

The plain and dotted silks have appliques and incrustations and emplacements of lace and embroidery, and some of the newest show fancy patterns cut from plaids and applied to the plain silks, and vice versa.

But no matter what the style of the parasol, it must have a long shaft handle to proclaim it this season's style.

Told in Her Boudoir

Snake plumes are exquisite in mauve.

Maline choux are still important neck fixings.

Bright green silk hosiery is among the novelties.

Embroidered net is set into some silk stockings.

Cuffs are anything from straight bands to platings.

Crush belts of gold thread are charming for the white frock.

A jeweled net for the hair is charming with a picture dress.

To be smartly dressed one cannot escape this rule of much lace trimming.

Applique flowers cut from colored taffeta on a gown of white voile or muslin.

A charming summer accessory is the scarf of painted mousseline de soie.

When kid shoes have been wet and become hardened, clean them at once and rub with castor oil.

A Useful Hint.

When roses or other artificial flowers fade, the economical girl paints them with her water colors. The muslin of which they are composed takes paint readily, and a little patience will rejuvenate an apparently passe hat decoration.

In tinting the flowers, make the petals deeper in shade in toward the base and leave the edges paler.

It is surprising how fresh the flowers will look after being recolored, and they will hold the water colors much longer than they do their original coloring.

Tea Biscuit Recipe.

Two teaspoonfuls flour, one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt; mix together and sift. Melt a tablespoonful of butter and add it to two-thirds cupful of cold milk; flatten dough with hands and cut with biscuit cutter; bake in hot oven until a delicate brown—about fifteen minutes. This is a very good recipe when one is in a hurry, and one that cannot fail to turn out well.

Crystal Strawberries.

Here is a delicious way to prepare strawberries, to be served with ice cream at a luncheon: Select large, perfect berries and brush gently with

White Net With Lace.

No material is more fashionable for the gowns of afternoon and dinner wear than white cotton net and it is never more attractive than when combined with lace. This very charming costume illustrates that fact and shows a novel and stylish bolero, which is made entirely of all over lace, and trimming which consists of wide frills of the material headed by lace bands. The waist is one of the latest and is full and soft, made with a little square of lace at the front, and is closed invisibly at the left of the front. The bolero can be used or omitted as preferred and is arranged over it, the two being joined at the lower edge. The skirt is circular with a circular flounce, that is joined to it beneath the upper row of trimming, and provides the graceful folds which are essential to present styles. The quantity of material required for the



Design by May Manton. medium size is, for waist 4 1/4 yards, 21, 3 1/2 yards 27 or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide with 1/2 yard of all-over lace; for bolero 1 1/2 yards 21 or 27 or 3/4 yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 13 yards 21, 11 yards 27 or 6 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

Bringing Skirts Up to Date.

The woman who has a good cloth skirt of light weight, such as voile, etamine or nun's veiling, left from last summer can bring it up to the mark of prevailing fashions by the dexterous adjustment of taffeta or peau de soie trimmings.

If she is a tall woman and desires a yoke effect she can build the yoke from alternate strips of the cloth and taffeta. If panel effects are desired, the stitched bands of silk can be so laid as to simulate panels.

But the great point of divergence between last season's skirt and this year's lies in the vent. Last year the vent was fastened by well-hidden hooks and eyes. This year it is completely covered by a box-plaited effect.

To secure this effect in the made-over skirt, lay on a box pleat of the same silk used in trimming, narrow at the waist line and flaring slightly toward the hem of the skirt. This is fastened tight to the skirt, and cannot be detected from the same effect in cloth. Nor does it give a botched or made-over effect to the garment, because of the general prevalence of silk trimmings in every imaginable form.

Unusual Talks

Finger marks on varnished furniture are removed by rubbing them with a piece of rag dipped in sweet oil. Afterward polish with a dry cloth.

An ever ready glue pot is a most useful piece of property. It is prepared by putting naphtha in a wide-mouthed bottle and dissolving shellac in it.

When nailing into hardwood, the nails are apt to bend. To prevent this dip the point of each nail into oil, lard or other grease before hammering them in.

It will be found a good plan to keep peas, beans, rice, barley, coffee and, in fact, all "dry groceries" in glass jars.

By this means a moment's glance will acquaint the housewife with the necessity for replenishing her stores.

New Ideas in Sunshades.

Then the parasols which shade these dainty creations of the milliner's art. In the morning, as already hinted, the linen parasol matches the linen gown; and there are the colored coachings, both in plain and plaids, for various occasions.

FIGURED NET AND LACE.

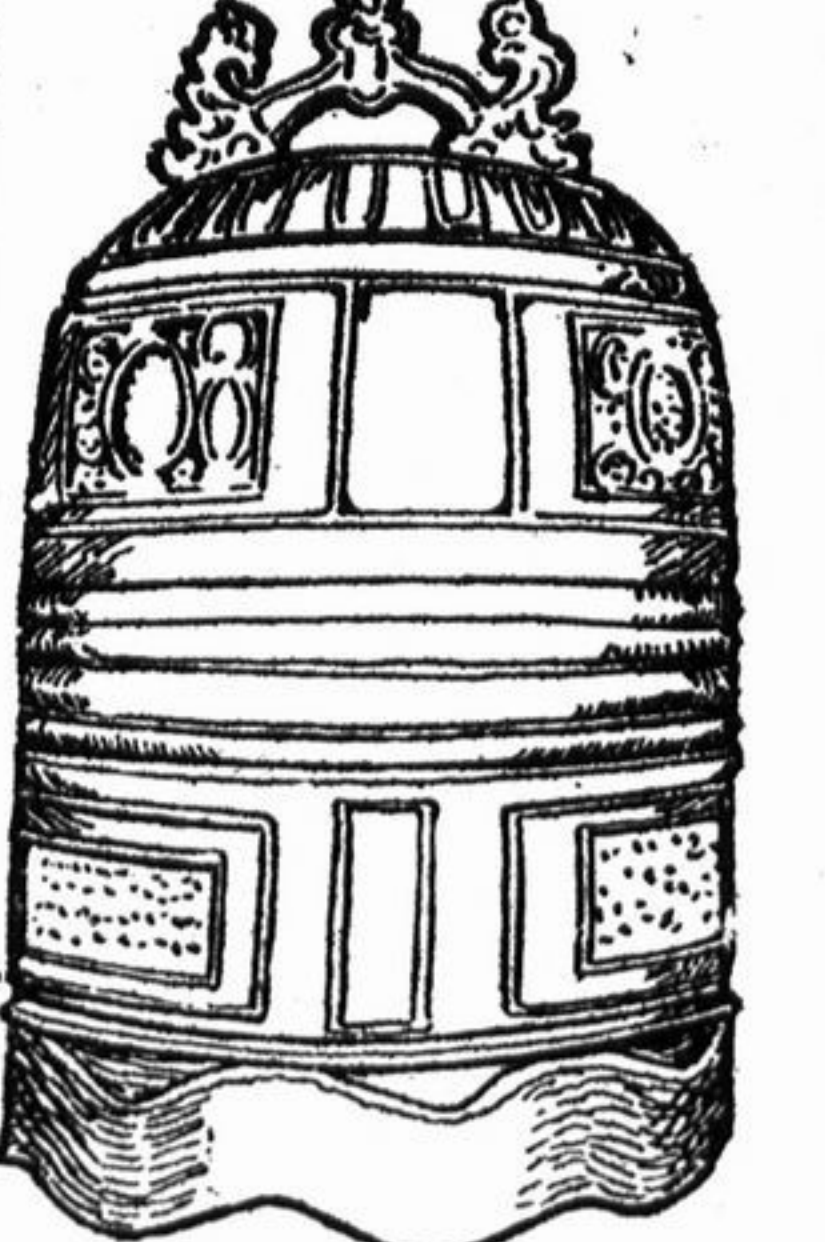


No material of the season is more fashionable or more attractive than net in its many varieties. This very charming waist is made of the sort known as repouse, in cream color combined with a yoke of white mousseline overlaid by bias bands of silk and medallions of lace, the trimming being little lace ruffles. As illustrated the waist is made with long sleeves that include deep cuffs but those of the elbow sort, shown in the small cut, can be substituted whenever preferred. The blouse itself is full and soft below the yoke which is plain and cut in a deep, becoming point at front and back. At the waist is a crushed belt of messaline satin, also cream in tone, and the net is made over silk and cotton mousseline which is soft and pretty while of moderate cost. The quantity of material required for a woman of medium size is 3 1/2 yards 21, 3 yards 27 or 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

KOREAN BELL HAS HISTORY.

Child Cruelly Sacrificed to Give Mel-low Tone.

A queerly shaped gong, which occupies a position of honor in the center of the city of Seoul, Korea, is said to be one of the largest in the world, and is called "the bell with the wall of a child in its voice." When first cast the bell sounded with a harsh and cracked note, and the superstitious emperor, fearing an ill omen, consulted with his magicians. These gentlemen held a long confab, and finally stated that the bell would



never sound right until a live child was given to it. The mass was then melted again and a live baby was thrown into the molten metal. The wall of agony uttered by the little tot as the bronze engulfed it seemed to be repeated every time the bell was tolled, and to-day the Koreans still claim that the wall of a child can be heard in the voice of the metal.

LEPERS ABOUND IN CRETE.

All Conditions Favorable to Spread of Hideous Disease.

In the small island of Crete leprosy is shockingly prevalent. The Cretans have themselves to thank for this state of affairs. The houses may be pretty and whitewashed on the outside, but within the fifth is fearful. And the food they eat is just what encourages leprosy. The Greek religion forbids meat about two hundred days out of the year, so as good Christians they must live on salt fish, which is not improved by its long journey from northern seas to southern heat. The olive oil is so plentiful—they export twenty thousand tons each year—that they use it to excess, even adding it to the milk of a rice pudding. But the crowning evil is pork, the favorite fare of the Cretans on days when the church allows them to eat meat. The leper is not cut off here as he is in the Fiji Islands or at the Cape. Outside each village may be seen a little white house called the "leprochorium." Here the lepers live. Their estates, if they have any, are administered for them by friends, and any one passing by the door may speak to them. If the sufferers be poor the state provides each day a loaf of bread and the charity of passers-by adds the luxuries.

Add Gamey Flavor.



The gamey flavor of the meat is gained by the bacteria feeding upon it. These develop within an hour after food is exposed on pantry shelves, and long before the flavor is appreciable to the senses the bacteria that produce them are abundant.

The Balloon Plant.

One of the curious devices of nature for scattering seeds is seen in the balloon plant of California. The fruit is yellow, and is a little larger than an egg. It has the appearance of an empty bag, but it contains a watery substance which evaporates or dries up when the fruit matures, a sort of gas taking its place. This gas is lighter than air, and the fruit flips back and forth in the wind until it finally breaks loose from its slender stem, rises into the air to a height of seventy-five to a hundred feet, and sails away to fall in some distant spot, and thus extend the growth of its kind.

Is World's Biggest Clam.

Rhode Island, "whose clams are still one of its proudest monuments," as an orator recently expressed it, has produced the record quahog this week. It was taken from Greenwich bay. It weighs one ounce over two pounds.

The shells are five and a half inches long and four and three-quarter inches wide, and when closed naturally the circumference is thirteen and a half inches. This is not a "fish story," for the quahog has been preserved for exhibition purposes.

Aged Wall Street Speculator.

Edward B. Wesley, the oldest speculator in Wall street, is 93 years old, but five days a week nearly all the year around he is found in his office watching the tape.