SPINNING A YARN ABOUT FABRICS

ORIGIN OF SOME WEARING MATERIALS IN COMMON USE

Fairy Tale of the Silk Industry—How "Lawn" Got Its Name—Meaning of "Dimity."

If the ignorant shopper only knew it, the dress pattern of lovely, shimmering silk that she exults over as a mere bargain buy could tell a story of its life that would read like a fairy tale.

This fairy tale of the silk industry goes back a little matter of more than four thousand years for its once-upon-a-time beginning. The Empress Selingshe of China, wife of the Emperor Hwayte (2640 B.C.) was not only the royal patron responsible for the initial cultivation of the mulberry tree and the rearing of the silkworm, but is also said to be the inventor of the loom for weaving the filmy, gossamer threads into silken cloth.

For centuries China guarded the secret of silkworm magic deep hidden in the walled citadel of her shut-in national life. But secrets crawl through thin cracks. Eventually it got out. Made its first appearance in Japan. Then it tiptoed into India, according to tradition, the eggs of the insect and the seed of the mulberry tree it feeds upon, in the latter treacherous case, smuggled through in a Chinese princess's headdress.

Silk Introduced Into Europe.

The conquests of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.) brought the knowledge of silk into Europe. But hundreds of years passed before the importation of silk goods was followed by its manufacture. Not until 552 A.D. did two Persian monks, who had been on a religious embassy to India and learned the fairy secret of silk production, at a cost of great personal hardship and danger, bring to Constantinople precious silkworm eggs concealed in their hollow bamboo staffs for the Emperor Justinian, whose offered bribe or bonus was such as to make human eyes fairly blink at the dazzle of promised gold.

The claim that China also produced the first satin is veiled in doubt, but wherever that genus of fig leaf with its rich, glossy texture originated, it was known in England as early as the fourteenth century. Rare and costly, in the beginning it was always a gorgeous red. Henry VIII's wardrobe, however, blossomed gaudily with satin doublets of purple and yellow, as well as red, and before the same sixteenth century ended black satin, referred to by contemporary writers as a curiosity, made its bow to the public.

In the fourteenth century also comes the first historical mention of velvet, its earliest European source the fair Italian cities of Genoa, Florence and Venice.

Not until the seventeenth century have we any reliable reference to broadcloth, which later figured with conspicuous importance among the first products of our colonial woolen mills at the luxurious little price of $6.50 a yard.

Cashmere From India.

The wool of the Cashmere goat was first imported into England from India in 1820, the original fabric an imitation of the famous Cashmere shawl from India.

Although clothing made of wool from the alpaca of South America—a grotesque-looking animal of the camel tribe, deer size—was worn in that country from remote antiquity, not until the first half of the nineteenth century was alpaca wool brought to the knowledge of spinners in England. Titus Salt was the father of the English industry—and this by mere lucky chance. For the gentleman had a mania for auctions, and at one in Liverpool stumbled upon an old consignment of the alpaca variety dumped upon the wharf months before. Considered virtually worthless, he bought it at a bargain and started in experimenting. So successful was the manufacturer in the results obtained that in 1854 he opened an alpaca factory, which in its top-notch days gave employment to as many as 4,000 workers.

Serge has been used in Europe since the twelfth century.

Mohair, the fine silken hair of the Angora goat, was brought to London by the Turkey Company in the sixteenth century.

Calico was introduced into England from Calicut, India, by the East India Company, 1631. A picturesque story lies hidden in the commonplace of its name. For Calicut is a corruption of Calicoda, a Hindoo word meaning the "cock crowing," the town so called because the first monarch of Malabou, India, as a reward to a war chief for distinguished service rendered in battle presented him with "all the land within the limit of which a cock crowing at a certain temple could be heard."

The Origin of Gingham.

Chintz (Hindustanee chhint, meaning spotted(was originally the name under which all printed cotton cloth was exported from India.

While the fabric first came from India, the name gingham originated in the fact that its early European manufacture was at Guingamp, France—the forebears of the present-day aristocratic ginghams, with their fine, beautiful texture, their artistic, complicated plaid designs, being very plain plebeian weaves with two or more colors, in small checkered patterns.

The word dimity tells its own story when its name is parted in the middle, di and mitos the Greek for two-threaded.

Some assert that the word lawn is derived from Laon, France, but a much prettier explanation for that dainty fabric that we instinctively associate with a summer day of sunshine and soft, sweet air, is that the material was always spread out to bleach on smooth lawns, instead of upon coarse, ordinary grass.

Freedom of the Seas.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "are we going to have freedom of the seas?"

"Why are you so interested?"

"I haven't forgotten the way we were treated at the beach last summer. I dont believe anybody has a right to rope off the ocean, and then charge you fifty cents for the privilege of bathing in it."

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The Weekly Fashions

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Man struggles hard for its possession,
He gains—he holds without concession
This treasure rare—from Nature's heart that's cold.

Deep-down in human hearts is Love,
A treasure rich and beautiful;
Its mystic source makes life worth living—
Self-sacrificing and forgiving—
Love whispers soft from heart depths
Like a dove.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

MAKE-UP OF OUR PLANET

What Composes Outer Crust to a Depth of Ten Miles.

Science can only guess what goes to make up the main body of the planet on which we dwell. But it knows what the outer crust is made of—to a depth, say, of ten miles—because the materials have been "coughed up" by volcanoes and are easily studied.

This crust is composed of about eighty primary substances, or "elements," among which are numbered the various metals. Gold, for example, is an element; iron is another, and aluminum is another.

Nearly 8 per cent. of the earth's crust is aluminum, which is the most plentiful of all the metals. It occurs in nearly all rocks, every clay-bank is a mine of it. But to separate it from its ores is so difficult that until recently it was a mere curiosity of the laboratory.

Four and a half per cent. of the earth's crust is iron. Aside from that metal, the useful elements commercially available before electricity took a hand in the game, such as copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and tin, together comprised less than 1 per cent. of the earth's crust.

Electricity has made available other valuable elements (abminum among them), which constitute nearly one-half of the crust of the planet.

Then They Canned Him.

Customer—"Where will I find the candelabra?"

New Floorman—"All canned goods are in the grocery department on the fourth floor."

It Works! Try It

Tells how to loosen a sore, tender corn so it lifts out without pain.

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezone, the ether discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

Ask at any pharmacy for a quarter ounce of freezone, which will cost very little, but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus.

You apply just a few drops on the tender, aching corn and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

WILL TAKE FRANCE 70 YEARS.

Great Britain Will Make Good Her Human Loss in Ten Years.

With the return of peace, France has to face problems of great danger to her immediate future, says a Paris despatch. Foremost among these is the question of repopulation. How shall France make good her losses by war and sickness when the birth rate continues to drop every week that goes by?

A French statistician has reckoned that at the present rate it will take seventy years to make up her losses during the war. From Aug. 2, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1918, the deaths in the seventy-seven departments not invaded by the enemy totalled 883,160. In 1918 there were 300,000 deaths, while it is reckoned that 1919, if the present sanitary arrangements are not improved, will see the passing away of another 250,000 men and women.

Cruel treatment inflicted by Germans in the invaded districts is said to have been the cause of 130,000 deaths, and if one adds to this the already heavy list of 1,385,000 soldiers killed in battle the total of deaths is very close to 3,000,000.

If the French birth rate continues as it was in the ten years from 1900 to 1910, France, forty years hence, will have become a secondary power. According to the statistics published in other countries, Great Britain will make good her deficit of 800,000 deaths in the war in ten years; Germany will replace her 1,950,000 killed in twelve years and Italy her 500,000 in thirty-eight years.

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May-Song.

This early morn, high in a tree,
A Robin sang full long,
And for a chorus all his tribe
Took up his lovely song.

Now has young April fled away,
The buds, free from restraint,
Have burst their sides with laughter,
Where tender green doth paint.

The shoulder of yon rounded hill,
I spied a Bluebird's wing,
And dew upon Hepaticas—
So, sing, brethren, sing.

'Twill not be long before the stars
Which bloom throughout night's hours
Will drop upon the apple trees,
To blossom there as flowers.

The Song-sparrow and Bobolink
Have seen the lilies pray,
Around the temple they have built
To throne the month of May.

The Blackbird, with his purple throat,
Has found his little mate—
And past yon trunk, red as my breast,
I know where mine doth wait.

The Resurrection month is past;
Artistry now holds sway—
So paint your eggs, build well your nests,
And bless this month of May.

Minard's Liniment used by Physicians.

Making Amends.

Mrs. Squiggs used to take a great interest in various asylums. During a visit to one a certain old man roused her special compassion.

"How long have you been here?" she asked him.

"Twelve years," was the reply.

After asking him a few more questions, she passed on.

Turning to her guide, she noticed a smile on his face. On asking him the reason, she heard, to her consternation, that the old man was no less than the medical superintendent. In great haste she rushed back to make her apologies.

"I am so sorry, doctor!" she said. "This has taught me a lesson. I'll never judge by appearances again!"

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

One pound of sheep's wool is capable of producing one yard of cloth.

BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Worse Effects.

First Pater—"My boy's letters from college always send me to the dictionary."

Second pater—"That's nothing. My boy's always send me to the bank.

Read This to Him.

Mrs. A.—"Does your husband consider you a necessity or a luxury?"

Mrs. B.—"It depends, my dear, on whether I am cooking his dinner or asking for a new dress."

A Bit Behind.

The strike was on, and walking home was "the only way." When Joynson arrived at his suburb in the far north in the small hours of the morning, he sent a wire to the office: "Will not be at the office to-day. Am not home yesterday yet."

"Nobody Home" With Him.

"Why don't you send your man to mend my electric doorbell, as you promised?"

"He did go, madame; but as he rang three times and got no answer he concluded that there was nobody at home."

Clever.

Johnson and Timson were discussing Jackson.

"He's an ideal clerk."

"Is he?"

"Knows more about the business than the boss."

"Yes?"

"And without letting the boss suspect it, too."

Didn't Know Sheep.

"Now, Harold," said the teacher, "if there were eleven sheep in a field and six jumped the fence, how many sheep would there be left?"

"None," replied Harold.

"Nonsense! There would be five!"

"No, ma'am, there wouldn't," persisted he. You may know arithmetic, but you don't know sheep."

An Explanation.

Mrs. Newlywed: "Our cook says those eggs you sent yesterday were quite old."

Grocer: "Very sorry, ma'am! You see, all the young chickens were carried off for the holiday trade, so the old hens are the only ones left to do the laying."

Mrs. Newlywed: "Oh, to be sure! I hadn't thought of that!"

The Best Yarn.

A group of soldiers were telling stories round the table of a Y.M.C.A. hut. The turn of a Canadian came round.

"I have at home," he said, "a pet rattlesnake. I saved its life once, and it seems to realize it. One night I was awakened by my wife, who had heard a noise downstairs. I gripped my revolver and stole down. I heard a struggling going on in the dining-room. Imagine my surprise when, in the dim light from the street, I saw my rattlesnake, with its body tightly wound round a burglar and its tail sticking out of the window rattling for a policeman."

The Cause of Heart Trouble

Faulty digestion causes the generation of gases in the stomach which inflate and press down on the heart and interfere with its regular action, causing faintness and pain. 15 to 30 drops of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup after meals sets digestion right, which allows the heart to beat full and regular. 9

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The Last Kaiser.

Carol and Richard were wildly delighted over the armistice news. They seemed to take it for granted that their father, an engineer in France, would now return home the next day. Later in the day their mother overheard Richard, four and a half, commenting to Carol, about six years old:

"I don't see why," said Richard, "God ever made the Kaiser."

To which Carol replied confidently:

"Well, I'll tell you one thing. I bet you he'll never make another."

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"Words are the notes of thought, and nothing more. Words are like sea-shells on the shore; they show where the mind ends, and not how far it has been."—J. P. Baily.

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