

Dolly Vardenism.

Dolly Vardenism has got into the American press. The papers are in danger of appearing like bedbugs and parasitical brains of the reporters run to seed in flowering meadows.

Dolly Varden horse shoes are the latest. The Chicago Post recommends oyster cans as Dolly Vardens for dogs.

The spotted fever is now known as the Dolly Varden meningitis.

The Pagan Varden has the small-pox in Dolly Varden patterns of hair and eyes obtained from this comparatively prolific source.

It has gone as far as "Dolly Varden chills" in Georgia. The sufferer turns all sorts of colors.

Dolly Varden note paper, cards and envelopes astonish the country with their beauty.

"Come into your Varden Maud" is the way musical mothers induce their daughters to try on their new dresses.

Dolly Varden corsets reduce the figure without inconvenience or pain.

Dolly Varden hose with a clock running up the sides are the latest things out.

The musical Varden and her daily heard in the beautiful Dolly Varden lake opposite the palace depot.

As the ladies gain courage, Dolly Vardens grow more numerous upon the streets, but no arrests have been made as yet, though the investigator of this hideous fashion is looked upon by competent detectives.

The Dolly Varden mania has extended to the gin shops, a certain city restaurant having suspended signs on which are engraved "Dolly Varden Smashes" and "Horace Greeley cocktails."

We have seen men present themselves at the bar of the country milliners beautifully Dolly Vardenized by the mastery of efforts of the "Vops," and yet they live and move and have their whiskey just as usual.

A St. Louis maiden explains that "Dolly Varden was a character in Thackeray's play of the 'Terrible Temptation'." Thanks, dear. On Dr. Thackeray's maid going to wear Dolly Varden vests and pantaloons for summer wear.

Wont it be gay when everybody looks like a piece of peambulating upholstered furniture?

A female infant was found on the porch of a house in Germantown, Pa., and carried to "Dolly Varden."

They best Dolly Varden story yet, is told of a young lady of Little Rock, Arkansas, who had a very small kitten she named Dolly Varden, but as it progressed in age and other developments she discovered that it was not that kind of a cat, so she re-christened it Thomas Varden.

The following is one of the latest descriptions of the Dolly Varden costumes, and we give it for the benefit of those who do not know what one is when they see it.

"The starboard sleeve bore a yellow hop vine in full leaf on red ground with numbers of gray birds, buds, mated by the same, flying hither and yon, wild dismay at the approach of a green and black hunter. Calvary mission infant class was depicted on the back, the making up of the garment scattering truant scholars up and down the sides and on the skirts, while a country poultry fair and a group of American hunting dogs, led by a woman and her gatherers, gave the front a demoralized appearance.

The left sleeve had on it the alphabet in five different languages.

Mary had a little lamb, Whose tail it was a yard in length. Every time it wagged about It spoiled her Dolly Varden.

A Geological Talk Concerning Niagara Falls.

Professor Gunnung, during a recent course of geological lectures, spoke as follows about Niagara Falls and its history: Ten years ago, he said, he had stood on Prospect point and looked scorchingly at the American Fall.

Within a few days he had stood there again, but what he saw did not answer to the image his mind had carried for ten years.

The recession has been very slow, the speaker thought not more than six inches a year. At the present rate of recession it would have taken 75,000 years to cut the channel from Lewiston to the present site of the horseshoe.

The speaker drew a section of the river bank, and the one upwards, and showed the seven groups of strata coming to the surface between Lewiston and the falls. The rate of recession would depend on the character of the rock at the base of the falls.

At the whirlpool a very hard, flinty sandstone appears on the water's edge. We think of this fall as would cut its way slowly. Here the rocks are cut away by the scour of the water.

Although this is the fall which is the most famous, it is not the only one. Above the new suspension bridge the Clinton group dips to the water's edge. These rocks are compact, and here the falls made another halt.

Several thousand years are not enough. We can only approximate, but perhaps 150,000 would be a closer approximation to the age of the channel than 75,000 years. This is not all. We find an old river bed, filled with drift, between the whirlpool and St. David's.

Danger from Lightning.

We have mentioned one precautionary measure adopted by the ancients. The notion that lightning does not penetrate the earth to any considerable depth, was in ancient times, a wide-spread one.

It is still prevalent in China and Japan. The Emperors of Japan, according to Klemperer, retire into a grotto, over which a cistern of water had been placed. The water may be designed to extinguish fire produced by the lightning; but more probably it is intended as an antidote against iron from electrical discharges.

Water is so excellent a conductor of electricity, that under certain circumstances, a sheet of water affords almost complete protection to whatever may be below; but this does not prevent fish from being killed by lightning.

As regards the lightning which fell on the Lake of Zirkitz, and killed all the fish in it, so that the inhabitants of the neighborhood were enabled to fill twenty-eight carts with the dead fish found floating on the surface of the lake.

That mere depth is no protection is well shown by the fact that those singular vitreous tubes, called fulgurites, which are known to be caused by the action of lightning, are found in the ground to a depth of thirty or forty feet.

From what depth these ascending lightning springs, it is impossible to say. Still we cannot believe that they derive their origin from the ground, or, at least, from a depth of several stories above the ground floor.

Another remarkable opinion of the ancients was the belief that the skins of seals or of snakes afford protection against lightning. The Emperor Augustus, before mentioned, was so credulous as to wear a skin of a snake around his neck, and he was killed by lightning.

Whether there is any real ground for this belief in the protection effects due to seal-skins and snake-skins, is not known; but there can be no doubt that the material and color of clothing are not without their influence on the subject.

At a meeting of the Council of the National Education League for Ireland, held at Belfast on the 27th ult., the following resolutions were adopted: That, as the Council of the National Education League for Ireland think it inexpedient and unjust that different principles should be applied in legislating for public education in the several sections of the United Kingdom.

The Council perceive with satisfaction that in the Irish Republic, the principle of primary education in Scotland, and the principle of united secular and separate religious instruction, which the Irish League seeks to maintain, is recognized; and that the advantages of the ordinary school teaching are secured to minorities by the protection of a reasonable conscience clause.

The Council strongly disapprove the attempt which has been recently made, in Mr. Gordon's resolution on the Scotch bill, to introduce, under the pretext of adhering to ancient usage, the legal enforcement of religious teaching into the common schools of Scotland.

The largest species of ants—Elephant-ants. One hundred and fifty ministers in the church of England are said to be of Jewish birth. Josh Billings says very truly: "You better be a Jew than a man to know many wrong things that ain't so."

An experienced boy says he regards hunger and the chastening rod as about the same thing. They both make him holler. "Mamma," said a precocious little boy, against his will, was made to rock the cradle of his baby brother, "if the Lord has any more babies to give away, don't you take 'em."

"Is there any danger of the boat-constructor biting?" asked a visitor of a zoological showman. "No," he said, "the boat is so shallow; the never bites; he swallows his wittles whole."

GREAT BRITAIN.

Catherine Bradley, aged 12, was recently killed in Gallowgate, Glasgow, by an omnibus.

One-tenth of the population of Lerwick are stated to be Good Templars. The movement only began about a year ago.

Dr. Tristram has been appointed to the chancellorship of the Diocese of Hereford in the room of Sir Travers Twiss, resigned.

The death is announced of Lord Hotham, who was born in 1836, and succeeded his uncle, General Lord Hotham, December, 1870.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise takes daily drives in the neighborhood of Inverary, using the handsome carriage and ponies presented by the inhabitants of the burgh.

The Ayr Advertiser understands that proposals are under consideration for the formation of a railway from the work some of the mineral fields on the line of the new railway from Ayr to Cumnock.

The three days' cricket match between the United South of England and twenty-two of the Glasgow Caledonian Club ended on the 1st instant in favor of the latter by a score of 114 runs to 114 runs, but failed to add to that number on Saturday.

A memorial bust, by Mr. Brodie, of the late Mr. Macduff, of Bonhill, long a most useful and much respected member of the General Assembly, has been presented to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

By command of Her Majesty, the large new detached work at Dover, which has hitherto been called Castle-Hill Fort, is to be called Fort Burgoyne, in memory of the late Field Marshal. Her Majesty has taken a personal interest in the matter, and selected the fort herself out of several which were suggested.

The death is announced, at the age of ninety-nine, of a veteran who took part in the memorable retreat to Corunna under Sir John Moore. The deceased, Jonas Williams, a Welshman, joined the First Regiment of Guards in 1801, and served at Corunna, at which time the late Lord Clyde was an ensign, and was one of the retreating party.

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establishments have now a full force of hands at work, and everything goes on comfortably. It will be seen that in almost all the shops the men work ten hours daily.

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