

Jet is Coming in Again.

On the old principle that it is an ill wind which blows no one any good, this season, we are told, is likely to benefit the jet industry. The material had never quite gone out of wear, though for some time it has been out of fashion. Brightly tinted dresses are little in demand at present, so that the corresponding gems have been relegated to the jewel box. Indeed, a mourning garb will admit of hardly any ornament but jet. At one time, jet, or some imitation, had so far declined in popularity as to be a symbol of the faded respectability which has "known better days." Now it is to have its turn again. Though it takes a bright polish, it cannot be called beautiful; but that is not the aim of mourning—few things were uglier than the old-fashioned widow's cap, which among Australian natives is represented by a mass of plaster of paris moulded on the head and left there till it drops off through lapse of time. Jet is no modern material.

The Romans were acquainted with it, as Pliny tells us that its name, *gagates*, was derived from the River *Gagates*, in Syria, where the material was found. That was shortened to *gagat*, as the Germans still call it, and finally to jet. But it was known in this country before ever the Romans landed in Kent; jet beads, rings, buttons, and other personal ornaments have been found in barrows of the Bronze Age, as may be seen in Yorkshire museums. In these instances the material probably was obtained from the coast near Whitby, this and the adjacent district being still the principal source for jet in Britain. It is occasionally washed up on the seashore like amber on the Cromer coast, but is only got in any quantity by mining. Some of the best, as Drayton wrote long ago, has been found on the Mulgrave estate. It occurs at two horizons, one in the Estuarine beds of the Lower Oligocene, which, however, is generally too soft to be of any commercial value, and the other in the lias, rather above the middle division. Here the best or "hard jet" is obtained, but the softer kind is also associated with it.

The excavations are opened sometimes in the cliffs, sometimes inland; and the material—which commonly occurs in bands of a more or less lenticular form—after being dug out, is cut or ground into shape, and polished on list-covered wheels. What may be the origin of jet is not so certain; probably it has more than one; but if so, all varieties are likely to have much in common. It is a bituminous substance, for it burns with a dense, strong-smelling smoke; while an inflammable gas and small drops of liquid bitumen occasionally show themselves in the mines. Thus it may sometimes be closely related to such substances as amber or Kauri gum; indeed, it sometimes passes by the name of black amber. The shale itself, when highly bituminous, may furnish some varieties of jet, because it is occasionally found to contain scales of fish and other fossils. That would, no doubt, be the case with many of the inferior varieties, and then it would have some relationship to cannel coal, which is the most inflammable of fuel, getting its name cannel or candle coal, from its easy ignition and bright flame.

This may be described as petrified vegetable pulp, and very likely some jet has had a rather similar origin. But a good deal, at any rate, of what has been examined under the microscope shows distinct traces of a structure characteristic of wood. Jet would therefore, take its place among the lignites, or "brown coals," which represent an intermediate stage in the conversion of vegetable matter into coal, retaining much more of the original oxygen than the latter. Lignite is common in more than one geological deposit, and often, in those later than the lias, in Germany, and other countries, is worked for fuel, as, for example, at Bovey Tracey, in Devonshire. But the Yorkshire owners, if jet comes into fashion will hardly be able to make a "corner" in it, for a very good quality can be got in Spain from the Province of Asturias, and from France in the Department of the Aude, not to mention other places. Ebonite has sometimes served as a substitute for jet, Art having stepped in once more to supply the deficiencies of Nature.

What is Your Favorite Color.

Women are learning to develop themselves and their virtues and their talents by means of colors. The various colors are said to have a wonderful influence over emotional natures. For instance, the timid girl will show you her room all draped in bright scarlet. She will have the brightest shades of red obtainable all about her; her gowns will be red, and her reading lamp, even, shaded with it. When you ask her the reason for this she will tell you that it is because red is the courage color.

The hypersensitive creature with great, far seeing eyes and a collection of books on spiritism and psychics, will always manage to surround herself with hues of violet and purple. This is the psychic color, and she determines to develop her psychic faculties by having a great deal of it about her. The literary maid has also her color. She will tell you that she cannot write with proper enthusiasm without being surrounded by yellow, and plenty of it.

Green is the color for hope, blue for truth, white purity. The up-to-date maid has the symbolic list at her fingers' ends, and her own apartment is sure to display the result of her recent divings into color lore.

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Lamps vs. Gas.

A significant hint in behalf of the use of lamps is found in the fact that in florists' greenhouses they are used exclusively. Gas is deadly to plant life, while burning kerosene is not. Where one is boarding and must sleep in the same room in which one sits during the evening, a lamp should invariably be used. The same rule holds good for the family sitting-room and for the rooms in which children are studying. An experiment involuntarily tried by a mother recently demonstrated the effect of the ordinary illuminating gas on the air of an apartment. In a hall bedroom a single jet was left burning unnotified, for an hour or more, the door and window being shut. When the room was entered suddenly, the air, or want of it, was so overpowering that the person recoiled and could not cross the room, either to open the window or put the gas out, until the door had been left open for a minute or two.

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The Shortest and Most Concise Story Ever Written About Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. C. Kennedy, of Montreal, the Author, Tells the Whole Tale in Eleven Words—A Convincing Tribute to Dodd's Kidney Pills, Notwithstanding.

Montreal, April 16.—It is seldom that the man who speaks the most words makes the greatest speech. In the Ottawa House of Parliament it is proved every day that the member that can say what he has to say most concisely carries most weight in debate. In the same way the letter of Mrs. Kennedy will not have the less meaning because of its brevity.

Mrs. C. Kennedy resides on St. Philip St., City of Montreal. On her own initiative she wrote the following letter concerning the well-known remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

January 8th, 1900.
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RUSHED.
You seem to be very busy, Miss Dorothy?
I should think so. I'm doing so many things for so many people that I can't do anything for anybody.

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DERNIER RESORT

The wolf is at our door at last, cried the poet's wife in despair. What shall we do?
I'll fix him, replied the jovial bard. I'll read one of my poems to him.

A STEADY WORKMAN.

Housekeeper. I don't believe you ever did a stroke of work in your life.
Tramp. I was six years in one place mum.
Indeed! How did you happen to leave?
I was pardoned out, mum!

Agonizing Suspense!

The Terrible Situation of a St. Vincent Lady.

St. Vincent, Ont., Dec. 22nd.—No other man in Canada has gone through a period of such extreme anxiety, alternating with despair, as Mr. Joseph McCullough, a highly-respected retired farmer of this place, experienced during the past summer.

Last spring his family physician pronounced Mrs. McCullough to be suffering from an incurable case of Neurasthenia, or Nerve Exhaustion. She was extremely nervous, hysterical, and despondent. She had severe rheumatic pains, palpitation, had sharp pains in her left side, and over the kidneys; her feet were perpetually cold, her face ghastly pale, urine high-colored, scalding, and leaving a brick-dust deposit; sour stomach, splitting headaches, and pain after eating oppressed her. She had no appetite, could not sleep, and lost flesh startlingly. It seemed to her friends that she was "going into decline." The physician said her only hope of relief lay in the Weir-Mitchell treatment. This being so costly, was out of the question and her husband believed there was no hope. He read a newspaper article highly recommending Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills, about this time, and decided to try them. Soon a change for the better came, and day by day the patient improved, till now, she is as well, strong and vigorous as she ever was. Her recovery is due entirely to Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills—the only remedy that cures disease by killing the germs that cause it. Every other medicine she used failed. Dr. Arnold's English Toxin Pills are sold by all druggists, at 75c. a box; sample size, 25c., or sent post-paid on receipt of price, by The Arnold Chemical Co., Limited, Canada, Life Building, 42 King street west, Toronto.

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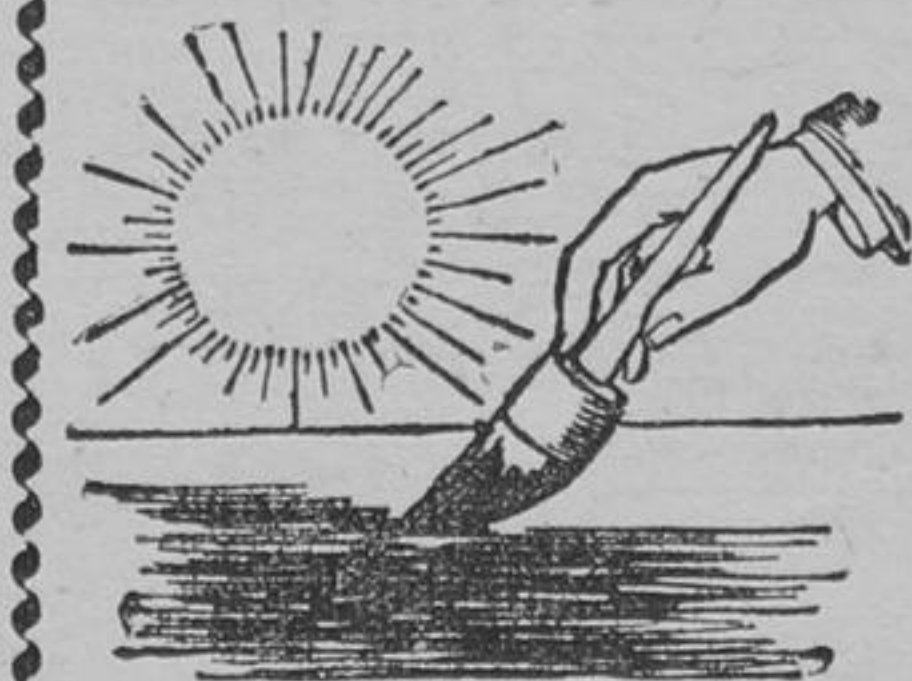
Tess—Do you really believe her complexion is genuine?
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