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puch of a Fan Changes a Nation's Des tiny-once known as the Emblem of Chastity-Carried as the Standard of

The fan, "woman's scepter," has, ince the sixteenth century, been a necessary article of woman's dress, and it has played its own little part in the ly Addison deigned to write about the first needle, no doubt a palm leaf fan was the troubles began about 1235 B.C., resist the fascination of the pretty when he ascended the throne of the things. Pharaohs, was wont to go about atfeather fans was introduced from Asia the ruffle is edged with lavender puck-

chastity, and was used to keep the still used in papal ceremonies. In the sixteenth century, however, it became them, and fans were among the treaures of Catherine de Medicis.

open they formed a continuous sursticks, made the largest part of the surface of the fan. The fan opens waist gown are always pretty. out to a full half circle. The "evened a remarkable varnish. One of these the property of Queen Victoria.

During the reign of Louis XV., the blades, eighteen to twenty, were nar- venirs.

a half circle like the Louis XIV., but ample. were painted by him.

DECADENCE OF THE FAN.

Marat without letting go her fan.

There is a black and violet fan of the was declared passee. "Cabriolet" style, which is very beau-Louis XVI., fan of black gauze are ered. green medallions, upon which appear

Chantilly lace, and alternating branch of a rose tree. with the lace medallions are pretty little hand-painted figures; the inlaid sticks are painted and spangled. A rale cream-colored silk fan, elaborateornamented with figures in the able of the Vernis Martin fans, is

mong the mos. I expensive. Paillet- extent indicative of character, and the tes of shining steef are used to sew the refined woman will sacrifice much to delicate patterns of flower sprays ap- have her handkerchief of the finest pliqued on the net and chiffon.

Black fans black and green and black Persons of coarse instincts, on the conand violet seem to be the popular col- trary, are inclined to regard the bit ors. There are many pretty com- of linen, which is necessary to their mencement fans and wedding fans, comfort, as an article upon which which, of course, are white. Chains they can afford to economize, and even are much used, and the pretty Japanese griminess is tolerated. fans are almost as beautiful in design as the expensive silk and lace.

DAINTY EFFECTS IN PARASOLS. This is not only a fan year, but it is also to see a decided revival of the daintiest effects in parasols. It has been considered very proper of late it has played and politics, for once years to carry an umbrella during the intrigues of the touch of a fan changed hot months, but this year she will be the destiny of a nation. Even the state- gard the fiat, which save the sol will be absolutely necessary to the fin in his "Spectator." Said George completion of one's summer costume. Augusta Sala: "If a thorn was the One has only to look at the beautiful parasols in the cases of the decide that it takes more courage first needle, and Poor Rameses III. than the average woman possesses to

the pure white filmy masses of the livion. tended by princes bearing great semi-tended great gr circular fans painted in brilliant colors wonders just how many times these if one may believe the evidence of the on our smoky streets fans of the early Egyptians and of formerly. These dainty white ones China were carried as standards in have a ground work of Indian silk and tury B. C. the fashion of peacock in a point over the ribs. The edge of

ity the fan became an emblem of over this is black lace inserting arranged in Bayadere stripes. A pale It was called the "flabellum," and is parasol from 20 to 22 inches. There are some very pretty Swiss covered parasols for children.

generally used. Queen Elizabeth, as many to be desired, is one made of the mind. one would suppose, had a quantity of white figured silk lined with black gauze. There is a puffing of white mousseline de soie and a black Chan- the phenomenon may be, the slumber tilly lace ruffle on the inside. Anoth- of grief is none the less a divine in-Fans were not made much in France er beautiful one is of white China silk terposition; and the dew of its mercy until the days of Louis XIV., most of with applique in bowknots of scale jet. The most striking of the handsome the trade before being with Spain. and expensive parasols are of black and and woman alike. Who that has read The Louis XIV., fan contained from white, which bids fair to be again one Patmore's poignant little poem, 'The eighteen to twenty blades, and when of the favorite combinations of the Toys,' but remembers how, the small season. There is every reason why it should be, as it is so generally becomface of ivory or mother-of-pearl, decor- ing. A woman who looks twenty years missed with hard words and without a ated with gold or silver. The older in black will look several years good-night kies, the father, "fearing "mount," that is the part above the younger in black with tou hes of whi e lest his grief should hinder sleep" about it. Plaid parasols are also very much in evidence, and with the shirt-

The handkerchief, that necessary tail brise," also of this period, had no article of the modern wardrobe, has come down to us from the time of mount, but was made up of sticks, the Saxon, who used it as a "swat which were painted, carved or decor- cloth" and wore it on the left side. ated, with spangles. Mme. de Se- The word does not appear in our lanvigne possessed a beautiful fan, which guage until the sixteenth century, and in an old play the miller tells his Venus is a portrait of Mme. de Mon- as large as life and quite as natural, still wet on our faces? tespan. Martin was a coachmaker of was the undoing of Desdemona. Good Yet how strange it is that reference

figures in the mounts were much as much secrecy as possible, and it was the theme of fiction or of poetry.

During the revolutionary period, the casions, and the wel-dressed woman is heaven could administer consolation. fan became smaller, and suffered de- as particular about the proper hand- They were "sleeping for sorrow." Collection of the most exquisite designs. of more expensive insertions with after a restless night, in which she had hard there is a black neculiar dreams."

length, the tiny Empire fan not being ago. There are many pretty chiffon length, one has a bit of dainty embroidery than a sit was several seasons fans, one has a bit of dainty embroidery to make the gowns, and are very to match the gowns, and are very and one is lost in amazement to match the gowns, and are very in themselves. A delicate violet has a bit of dainty embroidery the rose and whether she awakened free from in Chantilly lace and alternating blue is embroidered also in the

nd always hand-embroidered. Often the handkerchief is to some own days.

linen and as clean as it is possible.

THE SLEEP OF SORROW

It is surely one of the most beautiful and tender mysteries of our human life that grief should weigh heavy on the eyelids, and that, at the very moment when the burden begins to exceed our power of endurance, the anguish of hearts bereaved and broken should lapse into the blessed unconsciousness of sleep. In the bitterest miseries we are capable of suffering we seem to walk most nearly on the The first to attract attention are brink of that deep and assuaging ob-

It can not but be that the physiologist and the physician have formed for on our smoky streets. The shape is themselves some more or less satisfacfrescoes on the temple of Thebes. The somewhat more bowed in the ribs than tory physical theory to explain how it happens that the most grevious sorover this is looped long ruffles of chif- row lies so close to a forgetfulness of war, and were made at different times over this is looped long ruffles of chif- row hes so close to a forgetfulness of fon, soft as thistle down. The ruffles all sorrow; but if they have discovered of feathers, silk, and in the fifth cen- are so looped that they come down the secret they do not appear to have popularized their knowledge, and one is left to form one's own conjecture A very pretty parasol is pale blue whether the sleep of sorrow is not due With the introduction of Christian- India silk covered with chiffon and to the full heart drawing to its own sustainment the warm stream of life green glace taffeta has a hemstitched and leaving the brain depleted; or flies from the chalice, being consecrat- border. The sucks are generally of whether it results from the absorption ad by St. Ambrose for that purpose. natural wood, and the length of the of the soul in itself, and the consequent closing of those channels of the senses by which the stimulus of the Probably the finest parason, among external world plays on the organs of

Whatever the physical account of falls on babe and graybeard, on man child having been chastised and disvisited his bed,

But found him slumbering deep, With darkened eyelids, and their lash-

From his late sobbing wet.

Who, indeed, that has been blessed with children of her own but can tell how sleep has suddenly closed the streaming eyes and tranquilized the she described in one of her letters. It lady love that when he dies for love quick, troubled breath into a soft and was of the style known as "Verins of her he will leave her "an handker- regular respiration? And have we not Martin." It represented the "Toilet of cher; it is wrought with blue coven- ourselves had each of us more than Venus" and a "Promenade," and the try." A handkerchief wrought with one experience of that heavenly touch silk, upon which the strawberries were of unconsciousness while the tears were

the time of Louis XIV., who discover- Queen Bess made the handkerchief to this solace of human misery is so very popular, and her little serving rarely to be met with in literature maids spent much of their time em- at least in a form worthy of its beautiowned by Marie Antoinnette, is now broidering tiny squares to be bestowed ful and compassionate beneficence! A upon the gallants of the day, and it casual phrase here and there - the is entirely possible that the fair lady "balm of hart minds," the knitting up herself was interested in these sou- of the "ravel'd sleave of care"-serves to indicate that the fact is familiar Towed and put further apart, and it no The French women, with characteris- enough, but one would have expected longer opened to a half circle. The tic delicacy, used the bit of linen with that many writers would have made it

"Cabriolet" belongs to this period, in unfortunate enough to possess bad Thrice it is recorded that the disciples which the mount is in two parts, the teeth, and in her efforts to conceal fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemlower and narrower mount being half the fact, made the handkerchief fash- ane; but it is Luke alone, the wise way up the stick, and the second in ionable. She was continually placing physician, who mentions that they her handkerchief to her lips, and it were "sleeping for sorrow." The other The Louis XVI., fan opened, forming became the fashion to follow her ex- evangelists set down the mere fact, but the saintly hakim, skilled in the differed from it in the sticks, which The mouchoir of the modern French maladies of the body and the mind, did not overlap, but were narrower and woman is not only a thing of beauty, deemed it needful to explain how it wider apart, and were usually fewer but it is as expensive as any article was that in that supreme hour of Wattern did number, from sixteen to eighteen. of dress. "Lawn as white as driven agony and desolation the beloved and Watteau did not consider it beneath snow" makes the center of the costly devoted followers of the Master had his dignity to decorate fans, and many little square, and lace, dainty and de- apparen ly yielded to a selfish ease, licate as a cobweb, is edged about it. and left him alone to that dereliction There are handkerchiefs for ail oc- of soul to which only an angel from

tadence. It has been said that no man kerchief as she is about her dress. She But if literature is sparing in imwas ever known to commit murder would no more appear in a traveling pressive examples, we meet them ocwith a cigar in his mouth, but Char- costume carrying a lace handkerchief, casionally in the daily papers, report-Marat with a sasserted to have killed than at a reception in a tailor gown. ed with a matter-of-fact straightfor-The lace handkerchief will always be wardness which emphazies rather than The Parisian fanmaker is the design: in demand, for the heart of women detracts from their pathos. A few er of the fashions of the present day can not withstand real lace, under any months ago we cut out a paragraph and Duvelleroy, in England, is not only circumstances, but the lace handker- which told the story of the wife of a designer one of whose sons had died. designer, but has a rare chief is only appropriate for dress occa- laborer, one of whose sons had died. collection of old fans. The lace fan sions. A season ago it was quite the Distracted with her loss, she wandered is among the lace fan sions. A season ago it was quite the Distracted with her loss, she wandered is among the lace fan sions. A season ago it was quite the Distracted with her loss, she wandered tans, the stick of the Duvelleroy fad to spend one's idle time making away from her home, and was found fans, the sticks being of tortoise shell handkerchiefs, out of bits of fine linen lying fast asleep among the underor mother-of-pearl. This artist also and lawn and edging them with point brush of the woods. In this sleep she shows some beautifully painted fans of d'esprit and Valenciennes or other lace. remained for nearly five months, "and the Louis Vyrand on awakening in the afternoon insistthe Louis XVI., style and Verins Mar- Naturally imitations were soon very on awakening in the afternoon insistcommon, and "footing" took the place ed on getting up at once, believing In our own shops we find a splendid of more expensive insertions with the that she had merely overslept herself of more expensive insertions with the later a restless night, in which she had had 'peculiar dreams.'"

The best handkerchiefs are not edged This was, no doubt, an extreme case, The pearl sticks are inlaid, and with embroidery or lace, but are hem-Wattean figure are painted dainty with embroidery or late, but are being the feel disposed to attribute to some ma-Watteau figures. Another with tor- most acceptable. Above the hem de- lady of the body rather than to a viotoise shell sticks is of black gauze, licate hand embroidery is seen, and lent emotion of the soul; but who is with tortions about the first one corner is embroid- wise enough to instruct us in what with tortiose shell sticks. Upon a very often only one corner is embroid-diseases, or at what point in a disease, One may question the taste of the our spiritual nature is or is not conlovers with chubby cupids hovering thing, but French shops are trying to cerned? This five months' sleep, abmake the colored handkerchief fash- normal as it appears to be, was doubt-The fans are from 9 to 10 inches in to match, the gowns and are very sorrow;" and one is lost in amazement

There are many pretty chiffon in one corner, in which the rose and spin one having a pretty posterol seasons in one corner, in which the rose and spin one start posterol seasons in one corner, in which the rose and spin one start posterol seasons in one corner, in which the rose and spin one start posterol seasons in one corner, in which the rose and spin of the story does not tell, but this painted upon it. Another of white least are intertwined. A pale yelpainted upon it. Another of white low has a wreath of pretty rosebuds too, is among the healing miracles of the has silver spangles december to has a wreath of pretty rosebuds too, is among the healing miracles of the sleep of sorrow. Some five center of the sleep of sorrow. this one very unique fan is made of it. One very unique fan is made of blue is embroidered also in one corner, turies ago the writer of the beautiful blue is embroidered also in one corner, the poem "Pearl" tells how he fell asleep poem "Pearl" tells how he fell asleep in despair on his little child's grave, The initial or monogram worked in saw her in a dream, and awakened the corner of the plain white linen or with a heart made whole. Even that lawn handkerchiefs, must be small strange experience had occurred once at least-probably many times - in our

AND THE STATUE OF JUSTICE WINKED.

tralia recently had a painful case be- matters reach a point where a girl fore him. It was that of a man charged with unlawfully selling liquor. minister the law, and the man must with him a little.

be fined, but, as he himself had frequently had the pleasure of sampling his whickey, and he saw many persons hat round to see if the place contained thirty shillings. It did.

CHINESE WIDOWS.

In Chinese good society widows do grows the more agreeable her position aggressive. becomes, and should she reach the age | That was true, he reflected, and he of fifty years she is granted a tablet began to think it might be wise to by the Emperor on which her virtues postpone what he had to say, when she are named. This tablet is placed over suggested, in her artless way. the door of her house.

PLAYING HER CATCH.

It was evident that he was rather A judge in a remote part of Aus- nervous, and she enjoyed it. When is satisfied that she can land her fish The judge said he was there to ad- at any time, she rather likes to play

After several absurd bluffs, he mustered up sufficient courage to occupy in court who had done the same, per- half the settee with her, but somehow. haps the officer would kindly pass his he didn't seem to be able to keep his eyes off the door.

Why, you know what a little bit of a man papa is, she said, reassuring-

His heart gave a leap and he edged closer as he recalled the physiological

not remarry, and widowhood is held in But you also know, she interrupted, high esteem. The older a widow that mamma is big, and strong and

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smaller and the painting or other decoration not nearly so boldly done. The "Cabriolet" belongs to this period, in which the method of the poetry. The most striking instance we can the method of the poetry. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament. The most striking instance we can recall occurs in the New Testament.

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