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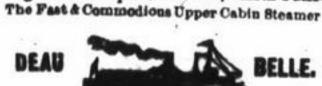
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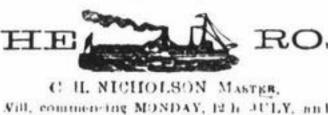
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CERNOBBIA, LAGO DI COMO, June 30.-We has been perfect, the air exquisitely pure, and, after the heat and heaviness of that of was rest, the new vigor we soon gained incited us to much outdoor life and many exprimitive village among the hills above Como, near the Swiss boundary. It was just here that Garibaldi's floor Italians opposed to 10,000 of the enemy, who had so divided his bands of music that "it thundered all round the horizon," with trumpets and drums. He seemed to multiply or ubiquitize himself, his red shirt and his cayalry sword flaming and flashing all over the field. The Austrians, appalled by so much

The matchless hero followed up this victory at once and won another at Como, and soon thousands flocked to his standard, pricked on, perhaps, by his declaration that "whoever is able to bear a musket, and does not, is a piti able wretch." The monument on the little piazza of Ban Fermo, to the memory of the fourteen Garibaldians who fell on that glori ous day, is one of the pilgrim shrines of Italy It reminded me of the monument at Lexing

In the office of the sindaço, or mayor, is a fine marble bust of "The Deliverer," the pedestal of which is always hung round with votive wreaths. Before this image of the new Saint Joseph the civil marriages take place, and he seems to smile on the happy couples and bless them in the name of Italian unity. It is strange, the adoring constancy of this light-hearted people to the dear memory of Garibaldi and Mazzini. Monuments, statues and busts of these heroic divinities seem t quoted. Stateroom and table a commodation spring up out of the earth everywhere—the heaviest crop that the soil of Italy bears to-



COSTUME OF LOMBARDY PRASANT. ESTABLISHMENT AT THE FOOT OF SIMCOE ST., Lombardy peasant of the better class-a cosnear the Park, Kingston, and scefor themselves | tume now seldom worn except by domestic Fine Parlor Suites Bedroom Suites, Lounges. in her silver hair, says that it takes a profes-Designs and estimates furnished for all kinds | being obliged to sleep in her crown of thorns. national, this bristling head gear, but an inlady, if over there was "such a person," having been dead some 250 years-but this is undoubtedly the way she dressed. The romantic and classic associations of

Lake Como are not the least of its charms. There was Claude Melnotte, you know, and there was Pliny. We have failed to identify the "palace" of Pauline's "gay deceiver," the young market gardener; but there is a villa called "Pliniana," after the old naturalist, he having described in his writings a certain mysterious spring, now in its court, whose PORTLAND CEMENT. WATER LIME, waters have a tidal ebb and flow, as though in secret correspondence with the Atlantic ocean. Pliny the younger was born in Como, and wrote enthusiastically of the scenery of this wonderful region; and the lake-Lacus Larius-sparkles with immortal brightness in the verse of Virgil. The old Romans, who, like the monks of later days, had an infallible instinct for beautiful and fruitful spots, reveled in luxurious retirement on these picturesque shores, much as the Milanese nobility and gentry do now; but happier were they, in that no puffing and snorting of steamboat or locomotive disturbed their summer siestas; no Cook's tourists invaded their flowery solitudes.

The other morning we were rewed across the lake to look at two villas, still especially interesting to all art-loving visitors-that of Taglioni, the queen danseuse of the world forty years ago, and who, in fact, has had no real successor, and the more stately home of Pasta, who probably was the grandest dramatic soprano that Italy has yet produced. In 1853 I first saw these two villas, and also caught glimpses of their famous occupants. As our boat paused before Pasta's house, which is a miniature copy of the Scala theatre, the scene of her greatest triumphs, we saw without it if it cost ten dollars a bottle. A cinating work to rear a flock of beautiful, the grand singer herself, taking a stroll on the good thing is worth its weight in gold, and terrace. She was stately-and more; she was Nerviline is the best remedy in the world for enough eggs and breeding fowls at high huge, stupendous. And yet she did not appear | all kinds of pain, it cures neuraliga in five | prices to make them a snug lot of spending burdened by her flesh, or anything else. Her | minutes; toothache in one minute; lame back | money. face was full of content and pride as she at one application ; headache in a few The Wyamilottes are pretty enough to live, looked round on her long, lovely strip of Para- moments; and all pains just as rapidly. if they had no other good qualities. But they dise, on the garden, the shrubbery, the summer houses, the pretty theatre and the rustic snot try it to-day? Large bottles 25 cents, average eight to the pound in weight. cottages, and beheld all as the creation of her genius, in partnership with nature. She should have lived on and on in this fairy realm of song, and I should have found her

out among the lights and shadows of her gar-

den on the lake. But alas! the diva long ago

gathered the white robes of Norma about her

a tradition as her glorious voice had trembled

phide" fluttered on, but at last she too folded

her gossamer wings, and disappeared from the stage, the lesser and the greater. She also has become a tradition—a tradition of music in motion-of grace inimitable, of lightness inconceivable. She was the greatest, if not the very last of the old school of dancers; purely artistic in style, poetic in sentiment and modest in dress and demeanor. Since her time ballet dancing has become more automatic and acrobatic, more difficult, perhaps, in its tense, interminable poses, its prodigious muscular endurance and marvelous feats of agility; but its old poetic enchantment has changed into a voluptuous bacchanal intoxication, making it less a fine art, than a "black art." Since her time the dancer's smile which used to come and go easily and naturally with charming effect, has lengthened and

tightened into a grin, and her floating, airy drapery has shortened and stiffened into a ruff, very much misplaced. On that long ago summer morning I also saw Taglioni, as she was standing on her balcony looking smilingly out on the lake-a light, graceful little figure, robed in white, and all a-flutter with ribbons. More than a quarter of a century later I again saw her, a large and merry garden party in London—then a little thin, bent, sad-eyed old lady, all in black, sitting retired from the crowd with two or three other elderly ex-artists. Our hostess pointed her out to me, but not till I saw her rise and come across the lawn to take leave of that oleasant hostess-moving with something of a dancer's elasticity of step and peculiar swing of the skirts, as though she were walking up the stage-not till I marked her matchless grace of manner and the sweetness of her parting smile could I realize that before us was indeed that dainty and airy creature who used to float across the scene, brushing over, but not, they said, bending ferns and flowers -she whose very flesh seemed diaphanous, like her drapery, whose bones seemed filled

with air, like those of birds-she whose chaste,

tender and exquisite acting even Chateaubriand raved about-she who was "Le Sylphide." At Cernobbia, Caroline of Brunswick, un crowned Queen of England, when Princess of Wales, sought such consolation as nature could give, for her matrimonial troubles and squabbles, with that "first gentleman (and brute) of Europe," George IV. In sight of our windows is the Villa d'Este, now the swell Hotel de la Reine d' Angleterre," a sort of monument of that unhappy princess, as the oldest part was once her palace and figures in history as the nursery of the shameful scan dals which finally resulted in the famous

"trial of Queen Caroline." Here, with a court, small, but folly, she rode, and sailed and strolled and danced with a reckless, restless gayety, unconscious that the spies of her royal enemies were all about her, as alert and keen-eyed as the lizards, darting in and out of the shrubbery and rockwork along her garden paths. Here she was served by the handsome Italian courrier, or valet, known on the trial as "non-miricordo," he not recollecting anything in the least criminating to himself or his mistress. Queen Caroline was doubtless a much injured and persecuted woman, but she was not a prude or a Puritanand probably was as far from being a Portia as her husband was from being a Cæsar, and only by her maternal love saved from becoming an utterly reckless royal adventuress, sowing Europe with scandals.

Speaking of adventuresses, I am reminded of the famous, or infamous "Fannie Lear, or Mrs. Harriet Ely Blackford, who lately died in Paris, expelled for the second time from that gay capital, as some dozen years before she had been expelled from St. Petersburg, where she had incited an infatuated lover, the Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinowich, to the theft of his mother's diamonds: and as, a few years later, she had been ex pelled from Rome, where it was said she had cajoled another royal or semi-royal lover. Count Mirafiori, son of the king's morganatic wife, into raising money by a clover imitation of the signature of his revered sire. We were at home when the scandal broke out and the lady was moved on in such a summary manner that her maid was obliged to take a bundle of her linen, wet and dripping from the tubs of the hotel laundry. So it seems that she led one royal admirer to steal from his mother, and the other from his father. but what were those crimes to that of robbing her own mother of all joy and peace in life, and dishonoring the name of her dead

A short time after the expulsion from Rome we chanced to see Mrs. Blackford in Naples driving alone, but with a gallant young officer riding beside her landau. She vas then a slight, graceful, exceedingly pretty woman, seeming still very young, and with a strange look of innocence in her beautiful, appealing eyes, and she was dressed with quiet elegance. Nothing striking about her. except her personality-or something more and rarer than beauty. "Blood will tell"stories sometimes. This reckless, wicked, abandoned adventuress came of good old New England Puritan stock. Her father, Dr. Ezra Styles Elv. of Philadelphia, a distinguished divine, was the son of a divine and the grandson of other divines. "D. D." was a family decoration. The Ely and Styles boys were born into pulpits and presbyteries. Good old Dr. Ely was the pastor of my father and mother, and of the historical Trumbull family, in the sober, aristocratic old town of Lebanon, Conn. A godly, proper and infinitely respectable couple were the parson and his wife the was a Styles), a model pair, who lived modestly and righteously and peacefully. But ah! if they could have had a prophetic vision of the career of their youngest granddaughter! Since their time we have become a great country-have developed steam, electricity, woman's rights. and have sent out the boldest explorers and

greatest adventuresses of the world. By the way, I came very near letting off one of those "things one would rather have left unsaid" on seeing in the evening paper the dispatch from Paris, announcing the demise of the noted avventuriera Americana. heavy chickens for market, At the head of the dinner table of the "pension" in which we then were sat a fair and about calling the attention of the buly and laying when five months old. her husband to the necrological paragraph, when a friend who better knew her story whispered that "Mile. Lear" had actually been the successful rival of Mme. V.; that

the princely protector and victim of the wicked little Philadelphian and the mysterious "Grand Duke," whose vagrant affections are said to have once twined about the tall and slender Pole, were one and the same Nicholas and identical Constantinowich. It was a little coincidence, but odd-such a thing as one looks for only in novels. After all, the world is narrow, and about the center of it is a GRACE GREENWOOD. Milan Pension.

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BLIDE'S YACHTING SUIT. HOW IT CAUSED HER TO MISS HER TRIP

TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

Women Not as Cute as the Old Campaigners the Goddess of Fashion. [Special Correspondence] NEW YORK, July 27.-Col. Fluteflutter,

patient man of this city, who had passed unscathed through many campaigns, both cardiac and military, fell in love some months ago. The courtship was a very happy one, unbroken by any storms-as calm and blissitable conclusion was reached the other day, record, in an unfortunate position. when the colonel and his fiancee were married. The wedding was very swell. the city a few miles, and thither he took his bride. She looked over the honored castle, and

as she could. Being of the uncertain order of mind, she longed for a more active field socially than the ancestral home promised. It Europe. Anxious to please her the gallant colonel consented. He got leave of absence his beloved wife in great glee. She looked at them indifferently and said; stay here after all! These fine old trees are

just too sweet for anything. Such nice shade as we have around the house: I hate to leave The colonel looked aghast. "But, my dar ing," he said, "everything is settled. I can't back down now. And I thought you were

most anxious to go?" It was settled. The colonel, being a man gage packed the night before, and, as they ing, eat his breakfast and start. At least he thought he had nothing else to do; but when morning came he found that his be oved wife had arranged that he should do a large part of her packing. He strapped



until he was ready to and he owned himself again until his fair tyrant was ready to come forth and give him some more orders. He went out on the plazza to chat with a group of friends who had gathered to see them off. Their time was imited anyway. They were to take the steam cars a short distance, then the horse did not emerge from her dressing room. He

had gone, and that she would probably miss the trip. He was in hopes that a little scare might make her less tardy in future. Finally she appeared, and then the cause of all that delay was apparent to every beholder. A stylish and stunning yachting suit of dark blue, trimmed with red, with bonnet, gloves and complexion to match, accounted for it all. This dazzling toilet had to be made at all risk of missing the ship. She was somewhat staggered when told that her husband had gone, and flew down the path like a frightened animal. The colonel advanced from his retreat and they started off at a lively pace. They reached the pier only to see the good ship they expected to sail in glide down the bay, with all their baggage, which had been sent ahead. board. Even the placid colonel showed some impatience. They wended their way slowly and sadly back to the ancestral home, wiser and less happy than before there had been any talk about Europe. This little incident has been a veritable wet blanket to their honeymoon. The gorgeous yachting suit was bathed in tears, and has been buried

permanently. The sight of it seemed to I tell this story of real life and real foolishness in the hope that other women who keep husbands and escorts waiting may read, ponder and remember. ELLIS CLAPMEL.

I he wyandotte Fowl. Probably the Wyandotte fowls stand at the heads of those breeds combining use and

beauty both. They have yellow skin and ane A farmer who wanted to indulge a little in fancy breeding, and at the same time get his elegant Polish lady, who, in her girlhood, was | money back, could not do better than to dip a beauty, a toast and a prima donna in the | isto the Wyandottes. They have beautifully Russian capital, and who, though a little laced backles and saddles, solid black tails, passée, is still very lovely, with a com- white breasts heavily laced with black (no plexion of milk and roses and a glory spangles), and wings which when folded show of den hair-the sort of woman the much coveted duck wing or bars of who would impress one as having a history. | black. They are low, medium sized. Comb which she has. Though now happily married | with well defined spike. Comb, wattles and to a Russian officer and associating with titled ear lobes a deep, rich red; legs smooth and ladies, it is an open secret that she once sus- vellow. They are exceptionally hardy, tained a morganatic, or a still less formal, re- standing our severe winters fully as well as, lation to a very high personage in Russia. [if not better than, any other breed. They Forgetting this Romanoff romance, I was mature very early. Pullets often commence



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is understood that a bonnet not matching the costume or a jacket quite single and individ-ual, and in no way related to the costume, can be worn, and nobody will consider the known, although other districts are wearer behind the times. Speaking of this gracious permission of Dame Fashion, a lady said: "Well, women have been in uniform long enough." Read the Hero's advertisement for

NORTH WEST ECHOES. A Changed Condition of I hings- The Visit of Fir John Macdonald.

Assiniboia, July 29.-Evidently, by some misadventure, my letter which appeared in your issue of the 21st, was and Not as Likely to Take Time by the delayed to trausit, as it should have Forelock-A Lot of Pleasure Sacrificed to reached the WHIG readers a mouth previous. Time is an only stand la tor. Six weeks have altigether charged the aspect of offices, i ere reading my letter of June 10, giving a time pacture of the agreemental outlok of this country at that date, as describing the true condition of things as they were a month later, rather places your correspondent, ful as a sail on an artificial lake. The inev- | who is prout of maintaining a reliable

White regretting the necessity of correcting the very favorable impression The colonel has an ancestral home, out of the reader of my last latter would form as to the crop prospects I beg to repeat that at the time I wrote, June 10, the mentally pronounced it dreadfully gloomy, prospects were so pleasing that the most and made up her mind to modernize it as soon gifted pen could scarcely overdraw the picture, and these were the impressions of our ploueer farmers-that the season was exclusive to duliness. She suggested then opening would certainly crown their labours with abun lant success. The unprecedented drouth that has

and purchased tickets. He showed them to prevailed over a greater portion of the entire continent, and proved especially severe all over the western prairies for "Dearest, don't you think it would be nice to the past six weeks, together with the exceptional and extreme heat, has very naturally changed the aspect, and to day we regret to report that crops will be far below an average over the entire country with the exception of some portions of Manitoba. Still, owing to the exceptionally large acreage sown on a whole the yield may nearly equal that of of system as well as of affairs, had all his lug- last year, especially in the order settled portions of the country, which, owing to | Consumption and all Wasting Diseases, were to sail at 10 o'clock in the morning, he deeper cultivation, has withstood the had nothing to do but get up in the morn- douth much better than newer settle ments. Still it is an undeviable fact that large fields of wheat and oats, that promised so well before the heated term. are to-day beyond recovery and will scarcely be worth the harvesting. The thermometer reached 80° and 60° m the shade for days, and 110° on several occasions, with a scorching wind. The grass and grain simply withered.

withstand continuous drouth, and in spite of the most adverse condition of things produce grain crops when once the roots are firmly set in the deep soil. The halfbreeds and white men who have been in the North West for fifteen and twenty years claim that this dry season is altogether exceptional and without precedent, and the heated term ; extreme. If that notorious American who related the story of a cow in the North West that, on account of the intense cold, stayed frozen up all winter to save fodder and only thawelf out sufficient in the summer to give ice LOWER cream, had visited this country during the last six months he would have enjoyed his ice cream at 140° in the sun. Well we have seen the first through Atlantic and Pacific trains pass from ocean to ocean. Great events transpire in the history of our rising nation and we scarcely make note of them to-day, but generations yet unborn, as they turn the pages of Canada's early history, will pause and gather inspiration from the records of these times. The writer had the pleasure of listening to Sir John A Macdonald on the occasion of his first visit to Regina on the 17th just. The reception was non-political and very cordial. All classes seemed to vie with each other in honoring the "G O.M. as the builder of our great railway and cars. Time passed, and the colonel's bride the lather of confederation. Sir John evidently felt it a proud moment in his was patient till the last hope of getting to the eventful life to visit the capital of the pier had fled. Then he ground and started | North West and travel over a completed on alone. He hid behind a bush near the line of railway from ocean to ocean, a gate, but his termenter was to be told that he mighty project with which his name must be forever associated. And as he have passed into history, he said, "When | small sum.

> He to my faults a little blind, And to my virtues very kind." And now the G.O.M. is beyond "the mountains of the setting scn" and hopes to return to Ottawa after hathing in the healing waters of Bouff renewed in age | death and vigor. As we write Sir George Stephens, W. C. VanHorne, Donald Smith, Jno. M. Egan and a large party are on the wing flying westward by fast special towards the Pacific. Who would not be a railway king ?-C. I'. LEWIS.

PEOPLE DEVOURED BY BEARS. FRESH REPORTS OF THE AWFUL STARVATION HORRORS IN LABRADOR

St. John's, Nfld., July 31.-Fresh throw a dampness into the sunniest domestic | reports of star vation borrors in Labrador have reached here. It is said that in one settlement of about twenty eight lamilies the inhabitants have been rendered so weak by forced short rations that there was hardly a man who was strong enough to raise a spear in selfdefence against the bears. About one hundred and fifty bears made a clean sweep of the place, devouring every man, woman and child excepting four young men, who succeeded in clambering to some neighbouring rocks, where they remained torty-eight hours, watching the bears at their horrible repast After the bears moved away a pack of wolves, which had been hauging around. finished what the larger animals had left. By the time the forty-eight hours had elapsed two of the young men had perished from cold, while a third died shortly afterwards. The fourth succeeded in reaching the deserted houses and the terrible sepulchre which had once been his home. He found some other articles of clothing and a few scraps of food, which had been stored away. Armed with these he reached White Bear, a neighboring settlement twenty. three or twenty four miles away. The very lowest estimate of those who perished from starvation and exposure he places at 8,500. All these died riuce Jone 1st. The mortality is increasing. The winter stores have long since been exhausted, and the inhabitants of many settlements have been compelled to eke out a slow existence by devouring their few popies and dogs, while every riece of leather and sealskin has been carcfully utilized to deaden the pangs of hunger. The average temperature along the coast throughout last mouth was W. JONES, Contractor about zero. The sea has been covered with ice for 300 or 400 miles from the shore, hence fishing is impossible. Frequent appeals have been made for help, but with almost incredible inhumanity they were disregarded. With the fresh danger caused by the advent of hordes 280 PRINCESSSTREET of wild animals on the coast there may not be a single soul left shortly to tell correct tip for women this summer. By that the tale. Cape Chidley, Cape Mugford

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SIGHTS AT LAKE COMO.

[Special Correspondence.] have been enjoying in this lovely spot, on the most lovely lake in the world, a blessed little season of rest and refreshment. The weather Milan, wonderfully vivifying and exhilarating. Though our object in coming here cursions. We one day braved the sun on a steep, unshadowed, mountainous road, to visit some friends at San Fermo, a little. battle with the Austrians took place in 1859. That was a wonderful strategic triumph, for there were actually less than 1,000 (the small attacking parties coming from many directions) were led to believe that the

Garibaldi, made good time down the moun tains-such as were able to get down at all. Many were unexpectedly detained.



On our way down to Como we met a group of country girls, young and joyous creatures, several of whom were very pretty, and one decidedly beautiful-far more so than any aristocratic Milanese young lady we have yet seen. All, however, would have been more attractive in the picturesque costume of the servants, especially nurses. It is occasionally seen on the stage. "Lucia," the heroine of "I Promosd Sposi," always wears it in the opera of that name. The peculiar part of it is the headdress, which at a distance looks like a halo, and so, on a laughing, coquettish girl, a little out of character. It is formed of long, narrow, spoon-shaped spille, or pins, of silver, closely woven into and radiating from the back hair. A friend of ours who has a cook conservative enough to cleave to the old, old fashion, and sport the silver heir-looms sional artist to do the weaving-in, and that it is only done once a week, the poor woman Of course, she can only repose on her back, and as she is, after the immemorial manner of cooks, "fat and scant of breath," nature's sonorous nocturnal remonstrance may be imagined. It must shake that little villa like an embryo carthquake. It is antique, it is strument of torture and only pretty on a pretty girl, like Manzoni's heroine, the gentle Lucia, whose picture I inclose. I cannot confidently youch for the facial likeness of the

here after these "many days." And Taglioni should have been dancing still, floating in and