

FEMINE FINERY.

Some of the Latest Fashions in Wraps and Costumes of the Season.

Gaily colored feather eyes are dotted all over different kinds of fur...

Cloth with a knit finish is very much used in the neutral colors for street gowns.

Silk petticoats are being supplanted to a great extent by the wash skirts...

A lovely gown is of pale biscuit cloth, with gold-run guipure lace inserted...

Everything in jewelry, except bracelets and earrings, seems to be the fashion, and long gold chains set with jewels...

Triple shoulder capes are a feature of many of the three-quarter or full-length wraps of the season...

Stylish young women are again wearing with their shirtheists of soft blue, silk, satin, or cloth in cream white, old rose, various shades of red...

A modish little jacket used with many of the practical tailor costumes has rather wide revers, strapped and stitched, turning back from the line of the bust to the shoulders...

Directions for the Preparation of a Very Palatable and Seasonable Dish.

Prepare tiny little shells of the very best puff paste. Prepare them a day before they are needed, and keep them wrapped up in a cloth in a cool place...

Choice of Jewels. Every well-dressed woman now makes quite a study of suitable jewelry to wear with certain gowns.

There is so much color in the dainty neck chains, safety pin brooches, etc., that they require careful selecting.

If the brown-eyed woman wears amber or pink coral, let all the items of jewelry correspond...

There's money in them. Bigger—Yes, sir. I'm dealing in gilt-edge investments now.

A Difference. The soil, said the political economist, "is what supports us."

Identification by Finger Marks. In the organization of the police department at Johannesburg the system of identification by finger marks is being introduced...

ABANDONED FARMS.

Land and Buildings in Massachusetts to Be Had Cheap.

Many of the Formerly Productive Homesteads Are Now on the Market and May Be Had at a Very Low Figure.

"You have all read and heard more or less about the abandoned farms of New England," said the man of an agricultural turn...

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SMART INSURANCE WORK. An Instance Which Shows How Carefully Some Agents Watch Their Customers.

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"In Dukes county, which is an island, the average price is \$20 an acre; in Franklin \$8 and \$10 an acre is asked, and nearly all farms have houses and outbuildings."

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AN ARTIFICIAL VOLCANO.

Mount Franklin, in Texas, to Be Transformed into an Imitation Vesuvius.

Way down in El Paso, in Texas, they are preparing to turn a mountain into a volcano. The mountain, so far as is known, never had the slightest intention of being a volcano.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A Mexican newspaper declares that when Mexicans visit the United States in winter they suffer more from the overheated houses than from the cold outside.

Last year it cost three-tenths of one per cent. to collect the revenues of this government from customs, which includes the losses as well as the salaries and other expenses.

From among 600 fragments of writings discovered in the ruins of Nippur, Prof. Hilprecht has obtained knowledge of the first king known to man—Enshag-shur-ana, lord of the Kengi, now known as Babylon, who reigned about 6,500 B. C.

America's share in the imports of wood into Germany is lamentably small, compared with that of other countries. While in 1898 Austria-Hungary furnished 43 per cent., Russia 36 per cent., Sweden 11 per cent., the United States had only 7 per cent.

While New York state is first in point of population, it is seventh in miles of railroad, according to one authority. Illinois, the third in population, is the greatest railroad state, with nearly 11,000 miles of track.

Chickens are never in their prime, says a veteran market man, until after cold weather sets in, for they run about too much in the warm days to get fat.

Kaffra, in the southern part of Abyssinia, is given as the native home of coffee. It was not until it had been in use for centuries by the Arabians that a plant was carried to Java.

HIS COURTSHIP WAS BRIEF.

Real Estate Man Tried Straight Business Methods and Met with a Rebuff.

One day lately a little South side widow called upon a real estate man who has charge of some of her property. They engaged in some earnest conversation relating to business matters.

"And this is how he did it," the widow explained afterward. "I certainly am in love with you," he said.

"Why, I don't know you." "Oh, that's all right; don't let a little thing like that stand in the way," the man said.

SHE WAS BLAMELESS.

But Circumstantial Evidence Was Too Strongly Against Her to Escape Conviction.

"My whole heart goes out to anybody who is convicted on circumstantial evidence," said the lawyer's wife, relating the Washington Post.

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GOOD FOR UGLY MEN.

Holland's Queen Selects a Plain Looking Husband.

Many Instances of the Choice of Ordinary Looking Consorts by Women on Possession of Rank and Beauty.

Queen Wilhelmina's selection of a husband is the least handsome of the brothers Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Gossips whisper that the duke was taken by surprise, and yet it was not the first time, in spite of being a good deal of a detriment, that he has been admired by royal ladies.

One of the men who possessed this faculty to a most surprising degree was Napoleon Bonaparte's rival in the affections of Marie Louise.

BAD TIGER A MUSIC-LOVER.

Strains of the Violin Have a Soothing Effect Upon an Angry Beast.

A student of animal habits made some experiments with music at the London zoo. Here is his account of the effect on a tiger.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

It is estimated by Grove that the idea of the pipe organ was borrowed from the human chest, mouth and larynx.

Fifty years ago beets containing 10-12 per cent. of sugar were considered good; to-day an average of 13-16 per cent. is not uncommon.

A small, stingless bee is found in some parts of Mexico. Their honey is slightly tart, and is more esteemed than the sweet honey of other bees.

Buffalo points with pride to its cancer laboratory as the first of its kind in the world. It was established and thoroughly equipped two years ago.

Max Muller taught the imitative theory of language, that all language is an imitation of natural sounds, a theory which in derision has sometimes been called the "bow-wow theory."

A Cleveland inventor has been granted a patent for a novel hill-climbing device for automobiles, which automatically lowers the gear of the vehicle according to the steepness of the incline to be surmounted.

Finland produces nearly 40,000,000 bushels of cereals every year and exports oats to other countries. By the 1881 census there were 300,650 horses, 2,398,193 cattle, 1,067,384 sheep and 197,356 hogs in Finland.

Handwriting is really a physical characteristic of the human body which is innately peculiar to its owner. You may, indeed, alter its general form, like the man who writes anonymous notes, or cover it with make-up, like the man who forges a signature.

Recent dispatches announce that a new and rich strike has been made at the Bunker Hill mine, near Redding, Cal. Romantic and stirring events have been connected with this property since it was first worked, just 40 years ago.

ROMANCE OF A GOLD MINE.

Mormon Sees That Were Long Ago Enacted Around a Rich California Property.

James Long went to Sheriff John Follansbee, who organized a posse and marched to retake the mine.

Enjoy Their Cigars. When the senate settles down to a good long executive session and everybody is driven out of the galleries, cigars are generally produced by the smokers and it is not long before the air is thick with smoke.

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