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FOR SUNNY WEATHER

BEWILDERING ARRAY OF FEMININE FINERY FOR EASTER.

Bonnets That Cost From Ten to Seventy-five Dollars—Flowers and Spangles Used on Everything—First Communion Dresses—Elaborate Chiffon Parasols.

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I think no person having the love of humanity at heart could blame the woman whose soul longs for an unattainable bonnet. Just think what it must mean to a woman, who, just because she is a woman, loves all beautiful things, to see such bonnets and hats as are displayed in the windows and know that she cannot buy even one. She sees a dainty dream of beauty and men-

EASTER BONNETS.

tally sets that above her curls, and imagines herself in it, but reality shows her her pinched face under the shabby thing of two seasons ago. It is cruel, and I wish some one would start a society to provide women with spring bonnets free of cost, or at least at a price making one a possibility. The bonnets are so little and the trimming is so small that it takes a new kind of arithmetic to find out how the price can be so large for so small an article. Ten to $75 is the cost of a mite of a bonnet, the price largely depending upon where it is bought. If on Sixth avenue or Fourteenth street, where competition is sharp, a bonnet sells at its minimum. If it is bought at one of the semiprivate swell houses up town on Fifth avenue or Broadway the maximum is reached.

Today and yesterday and the day before I gave up entirely to bonnets, and my eyes are dazzled with their beauties. There are lovely wide brimmed flats in leghorn and fine French chip. These will run a close race with the sunburnt rough straws. These have the brims turned up on one side, and nearly all of the hats have the crowns in the beef eater shape—that is to say, the upper part is larger around than the lower. There are some "sunburnt" straws, with fluted borders of lace straw. I saw some of these in black also. They are very light and appear becoming. The soft flats are turned up at both sides and bent down in front and have masses of flowers on each side. One very elegant one had quantities of pink oleanders and their foliage on each side, drooping down quite low over the hair. In the front there were two crushed bows of velvet, one cherry color and one white. The hat was of gray chip.

The sailor shape for young people is still a favorite, and there is a great variety of straws with brims generally recalling the sailer form, but yet each showing some slight difference.

In bonnets the variety is even greater. The straw shapes are no larger than doll hats, and the crowns are often of the most pronounced beef eater form. To these are affixed the trimmings. These may be flowers in springtime abundance, or they may be ribbon, feathers, velvet or lace with spangles. Spangles, by the way, are seen everywhere. The most usual manner of using them is to sew them to net foundations, in the form of butterflies, humming birds' wings, dragon flies or such fancies. These are spread out widely and rather low than high. Osprey aigrets are employed to add lightness and feathery grace to almost all bonnets. The spangles are in jet and metallic and enamel colors, some of them being very brilliant and all beautiful.

One lovely bonnet was of rough sunburnt straw with a puffed drapery of coral velvet in front and around the edges. On each side there were two butterfly wings of white net covered with burnished copper spangles. Above these stood two black aigrets with black jet frosting on them. The whole bonnet

COMMUNION GOWNS.

was a model. Such a bonnet could be worn with equal propriety by a young or an old woman. The old one would probably add strings.

Today I saw some very pretty first communion dresses, and as it will not be long from now until the day when the streets will be full of sweet young girls walking along with solemn steps and downcast eyes I will tell of a few that mothers may make up during these peaceful days. The Episcopal church ceremony of confirmation does not allow of a veil, but the Roman Catholic one does. The sisters of the nearest convent provide the wreaths and veils at a fair cost, and it is said to be obligatory for parents to buy the wreath and veil of them for the young communicants. These veils are of tulle or simple tarlatan, and they are fastened to the wreath much like a bridal veil. The Episcopalians wear white hats with flowers or plain wreaths without veils. The gowns are always white. This season the crepon craze has reached even here, and we find dainty and demure little frocks of white crepon and also of white nun's veiling. Fayetta silk makes a beautiful dress which can be utilized later for other purposes. One gown was of white serge, fine and close. This reached to the ground all around and had two rows of white lace insertion around the skirt. The waist was full and made with a yoke outlined with lace insertion and a pinking of white taffeta. There was a wide sash of white taffeta glace, and a little white silk chatelaine hung by narrow ribbons. The sleeves had drooping puffs and insertion sewed around the forearms of the sleeves. White gloves are worn.

Another very tasteful communion frock had the full waist and sleeves of white silk tissue over taffeta. There was a double gauffering at the yoke. The yoke had cross bars of white ribbon laid over white book muslin. The sleeves were puffed up and fell in double jabot folds and there was a frill of the silk muslin plainly hemmed below the ribbon belt. This fastened under a double shirring of the waist material. The skirt was made of white nun's veiling with a deep hemstitched hem at the bottom, and no other trimming. The skirt was straight and gathered all around. At the throat there was a stock with a large butterfly bow in the front. With this there is a wreath of valley lilies and a tulle veil, but it is not obligatory. Following these two designs, with any of the suitable materials it ought to be easy to evolve dainty gowns for the young girls.

The new parasols are draped with chiffon and silk crepons just as full as the top will accommodate. I saw two exquisite ones today of cream white chiffon draped over white taffeta. At the top and extending downward were points of painted flowers in delicate tints. The black parasols, which are made of silk crape, are very showy. The edges are always smooth and guiltless of ruffles or fringe. One or two of these had a few painted blossoms put on with a sparing hand. Dresses are also hand painted now.

HENRIETTE ROUSSEAU.

A Japanese Matchsafe.

Japanese decorations are in great demand and are really very excellent things. They are quaint and amusing in themselves, yet by some subtle qual-

ity of the orient they seem to belong with everything else and never to be obtrusive or inharmonious.

The simple little matchsafe shown is extremely easy to make and very useful at the same time, as it can either be put to its legitimate use or made to contain hairpins, as you may prefer.

At any of the shops devoted to oriental goods purchase a fan of the sort illustrated, a tiny dressed doll and a round wicker basket. With these and a little patience you can do all the work. First cut a strip of cardboard big enough to sustain the doll and about half an inch wider than you wish it to appear. Then cut a slit in your fan near the lower edge, pass the cardboard through it for the extra half inch, bend it down and paste it firmly into place.

When so much is done and the stand is quite firm, place the doll upon it and sew it fast to the fan by stitches taken though the back. Arrange the basket against the fan at just such a point as will allow the doll's hand to rest upon its edge and catch it in by means of stitches taken through the fan.

Lastly, attach a ribbon to the upper edge by which to hang the fan upon the wall and fill the basket with matches or with hairpins, as you choose.

CLARE BUNCE.

By a Woman For Women.

Mrs. Emma D. Mills of New York has prepared a valuable book of typewriter forms. There are forms for letters, forms for business transactions and also for legal correspondence and documents. Aided by this book, a typewriter will not be at loss how to word any matter that she is called on to prepare. Mrs. Mills consulted lawyers to make sure that the legal and commercial forms were correct. The book also contains valuable tables for reference. The utility of such a work is so great that the wonder is nobody ever prepared it before. Mrs. Mills is her own publisher.

Governor Budd of California, that good friend of woman, has appointed Mrs. Eulalia A. Wilson a trustee of state normal school at San Jose.

A WOMAN OF TODAY.

WHY SHE HAS ENTERED THE RANKS OF LABOR.

Countess Norraikow Defends the Modern Woman—Her Hard Battle—A Significant Innovation—Conditions Which Must Be Faced Bravely—The Widened Sphere.

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The new woman marks an innovation in the feminine world more significant than mankind is able to realize. It is not fair to deride this fin de siecle product, for circumstances have made her what she is. It is customary for men in high places to tell her that "her proper sphere is the home;" that her highest aim in life is a bountiful reproduction of the race, and that to the monotonous rock of the cradle and the never ending stitch of the needle must all her high and holy ambitions be sacrificed. In other words, they tell us she should become a household machine, an automaton to supply the family needs, with never a thought of the indwelling soul that requires but the touch of the magic wand of love to waken it into life, that soul which, when aroused, responds to humanity's needs as the soul of man never can.

But it is irony of the cruelest kind to talk or even to think of woman in such a restricted light. Tracing down through past ages, what do we find? What does history reveal to us? That many great and gifted beings have always existed who were acknowledged as such, and across whose fair foreheads the legend "woman" was written. It is not the past, however, with which we have to deal, but the living present, with its endless perplexities and struggles.

If home is the place where alone woman should shine, might I ask how many of the earnest, thoughtful workers of the current era have homes? Are not the majority already struggling for the barest existence—often, too, with others dependent on their exertions?

It is unnatural to suppose that woman enters the ranks of laborers merely to gratify a passing whim or to exploit some special fad. Moreover, in this age of progress and advanced thought, why should she be relegated to the rear rank in the march of progression? Conditions, both social and economic, have forced her into the competitive arena, and once there she has learned to make the most of her opportunity. It would indeed be strange if it were not so, for allied to a keenly analytic mind woman to a peculiar degree possesses enduring patience.

It is true that women, as a class, are impulsive, but it is impulse born of intuition. The same might be said in regard to our methods of reasoning. The mind of woman achieves results through different processes from those of the mind of man. He, it seems, must reach a conclusion by slow logic, while she intuitively obtains a like result with a bound and often without knowing exactly how. Thus, while man's actions are governed solely by sluggish reason, those of woman are largely due to quick intuition.

The new woman has had a hard battle to fight, for in most instances she has been greatly misunderstood. She is generally regarded by conservatives among her own sex and most of the male contingent as a pushing, aggressive creature devoid of all those divine qualities which constitute female lovableness. This is a mistaken attribute with which to endow the new woman, for she oftentimes—in fact, it is the rule—turns out to be the daintiest bit of femininity imaginable. A positive will allied to earnest effort does not necessarily indicate a large, masculine, forbidding looking woman.

Comparisons are frequently made between the women of the present day and those of past decades, frequently to the disparagement of the former. Grandma, I confess, was a dear, lovable old lady. Strictly proper in every sense of the word, she was content to sit by the fireside ministering contentedly first to the wants of her children and afterward to those of their children. But we must remember that grandpa played an important part in those days. He stood ready with shield and buckler to protect his faithful helpmeet from the slightest passing storm of life. Grandma did not have to think day by day how to secure the food to fill the hungry mouths around her. Grandpa attended to all that, rejoicing in the right which his manhood had given him. Thus his devoted wife could well afford to play the personification of gentleness and good nature, seated in the "inglenook."

Those were the days when the country was new, when foreign immigration had not invaded our shores and when overpopulated cities of the old world had not landed at our doors their surplus, unfed, unhoused poor. It is these wage reducers that to a great extent have helped to bring about the present unequal and unjust state of affairs. The influx of the non-English speaking element among the lower classes has been a bar to material progress. Inured for centuries to poverty, they can sustain life on the merest pittance. Hence the father of an American family, no longer able to secure the same compensation for his labor as of old, is forced to call upon sons and daughters alike to aid in keeping the wolf from the door.

Is woman, then, to be blamed for conditions over which she has no control? It is the cause which should be probed to the root, not the effect alone which should be censured and derided. Our greatest men have invariably risen from small beginnings, and why should not equal success attend the footsteps of the new woman? She is a glorious creature, endowed with all the gifts of the gods. What, then, is to retard her progress? Always the ruler of the household, she has by her present action merely widened the sphere of her usefulness. Into the larger field of experience she steps forth in battle array, prepared to live or die by the result of the contest. Make way for the new woman!

COUNTESS NORRAIKOW.

A HOUSEHOLD SCRAPBOOK.

If Carefully Made, It Will Prove a Convenient and Valuable Reference Volume.

A scrapbook with the pages already mucilaged is very convenient, but if one cannot procure such a book take an old school atlas and cut, about an inch from the binding, every other six leaves, through the entire book. For convenience in referring to clippings the book may be divided into sections something like the following: Animal, vegetable, mineral, political, social, domestic, foreign and miscellaneous, allowing, say, ten pages to each section, or, if one is apt to have a greater number of clippings in one section than in another, a greater or less number of pages may be allotted, as the case requires. A few pages can be left for biographies and pictures that accompany such sketches.

A further subdivision of these sections may be made, if desired, for example: The "vegetable" section may be classed garden, flower and forest, and the others similarly. Thus, with an index on the first page, one can refer to a clipping without a moment's delay.

Now, after the clippings have been carefully trimmed, dampen the reverse side with a slightly moistened sponge if the first named book is used, but if the atlas a mucilage brush is necessary. Be particular not to wet overmuch, for in either case the moisture will ooze from the edges of the clippings, and the inevitable smeared and torn page is the result. A dry cloth should be used to press down clippings and absorb excess moisture.

Clippings accumulate very rapidly, and after a two weeks' delay it is no slight task to catch up again, and it is therefore best to paste every evening. The author of the foregoing, a correspondent of The Household, also intimates that a scrapbook in the family may be the means of assisting the mother to determine the inclination of a child's mind.

She says: Give each child a scrapbook and instruct him to fill it with whatever material he likes best, and one will contain a preponderance of animals, another machines or flowers or historical notes, as the mind inclines.

Physical Culture.

In walking the heel should not be brought down too firmly. A part of the weight of the body belongs upon the toes, and when a due proportion is thrown there it gives an elasticity to the gait which is lost when it is not properly distributed. Walking with the heels raised from the ground is a good exercise, although a fatiguing one. Hopping on each foot alternately is another. Dancing is a valuable accomplishment for children. The consciousness of being able to dance well gives ease and self possession to many a young man and woman who would otherwise be bashful and awkward on their first entrance into society. The little people usually delight in the rhythmical motion, and if it is not combined with late hours it does them nothing but good, says a writer in The Ladies' Home Journal, who adds:

All outdoor games that involve running and active movement of any kind are useful adjuncts in physical development. An immense amount of exercise is taken under the guise of diversion. Battledoor and shuttlecock, which was long a favorite amusement, is a capital indoor game where there is room to play it and might be revived with advantage. Bean bags, colored bags filled with beans and aimed at a ring or other mark, and the form of quoits played on shipboard with rings of rope may be utilized to furnish exercise on rainy days. Especial attention should be paid to ventilation when the children are exercising indoors. The respiration is quickened, the lungs demand more air, and there should be a plentiful supply of oxygen to meet it.

Recipe For Lemon Pie.

Into 1½ cupfuls of sugar stir 2 heaping teaspoonfuls of flour, add the well beaten yolks of 6 eggs and the whites of 2 beaten stiff, the juice of 2 lemons, the grated rind of one, and a cupful of cold water. Line 2 deep pie plates with paste, fill with the mixture and bake in a moderate oven. When done, cover with a meringue made from the whites of the 4 eggs and a cupful of powdered sugar. Cover the pies and brown lightly.

One Way to Fry Oysters.

Take large fresh oysters and drain. Have ready a plate of sifted cracker crumbs, in which mix a teaspoonful of salt. Take one oyster at a time, roll in the cracker crumbs and lay on a board. Let remain ten minutes, dip in beaten egg, roll in the cracker crumbs again and let stand 15 minutes. Drop in boiling fat and fry brown. Serve very hot.

A Picture Rack.

Provide a whitewood foundation. Cover and drape the outside with ruby plush. Set off with gold gimp and

RECEPTACLE FOR PICTURES.

fringe. Face and line the inside with pink satin. Add bows and streamers of moire ribbon.

The two diagonal bands of either antique brocade or embroidery are outlined with fringe and secured down with a few stitches to hold some small photographs. The larger specimens with water colors are placed in the two compartments, which are also handy to hold any fashionable odds and ends.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Prospects for Canadian Trade With Australia—Council of Women.

Inconveniences to Lumber Shippers—Light Oolachan Run—Perjury Case.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, April 13.—Mr. Scott, one of the Canadian manufacturers who went to Australia on the steamer Warrimoo, spoke enthusiastically to the COLONIST correspondent of the prospects of Canadian trade with Australia. Owing to the depression the demand for machinery is not active. Mr. Scott shipped several carloads of carriage furnishings to Australia via the C. P. R., and with the special rates afforded by that line he considers he can make profitable shipments. Goods get to Australia quicker via Vancouver than by New York. The Canadian Rubber Co., of Montreal, placed an order for goods aggregating £10,000 a year with Sydney firms alone.

The local council of the women of Vancouver has chosen four delegates to attend the National council convened in Toronto, May 27.

Cassidy & Co. are loading scows at their False Creek mills, and having them towed to the Inlet. Were it not for the old railway bridge ships could load directly at the mill.

Good Friday passed off very quietly. Almost the entire population walked or drove to the park.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 13.—The charge of perjury against Bowyer in the Williamson v. Corporation case, has been adjourned to a date to be fixed by the magistrate.

One hundred ship spars are being got out at the North Arm for the Hastings mills. They are to be sent around the Horn to Sydney, N.S. The spars will be of fir, ninety-five feet long and twenty-three inches in diameter.

The oolachan run is light so far; the heavy run is expected next week.

VERNON.

(From the News, April 11.)

Without any evidence of public excitement, the nomination for the vacant positions in the city council was held on Wednesday. It was thought at one time that a contest was probable; but Mr. W. C. Pound refused to allow himself to be nominated for the North ward, and therefore the three candidates were returned by acclamation as follows: North ward, A. G. Fuller and Thomas H. Milne. South ward, Fred H. Barnes. Mr. Fuller will bring to bear upon his duties an experience acquired during his term of office as a member of the first council after incorporation. The other two aldermen have had no previous experience of this nature, but they are well known as enterprising citizens of sound judgment.

On Sunday afternoon the new Presbyterian church at Lumby was for the first time opened for divine service. A number had driven up from this city, and the neat little church, which is a credit to Lumby, was well filled with an attentive congregation. The dedicatory service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Wilson, B.A., whose indefatigable efforts are responsible in a large degree for the fact that the church has been erected.

On Tuesday morning Mr. J. B. Donald, who was last week committed for trial on the charge of falsifying and mutilating the books of the firm of Riley & Donald with fraudulent intent, appeared before Judge Spinks at Kelowna, having elected to be tried under the speedy trials act. Mr. Fred Billings conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. A. Macdonald appeared, as before, for the accused. After the evidence had been taken, His Honor in summing up the case said that no evidence had been produced to show that the alterations and erasures made by Mr. Donald were done with intent to defraud. As a partner he had a perfect right to draw out money from the business and charge it to himself. If he had drawn more than his share, that matter must be settled between the partners in another manner, but not in a criminal suit of this nature. The evidence could not be accepted as proving an intention to defraud the creditors. He therefore dismissed the case. Mr. Donald was sincerely congratulated on the happy termination of his trouble by his friends, many of whom had all through the case expressed their conviction that he had been guilty of nothing more serious than such errors in book-keeping as any inexperienced man is liable to make.

UNION.

(From the News, April 9.)

At the annual meeting of hospital subscribers held at the school house Saturday evening the reports of the treasurer and surgeon were received, showing a satisfactory condition; and report of auditing committee finding the accounts of the treasurer correct read and filed, after which the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. Abram; vice-president, J. McPhee; treasurer, Dr. Lawrence; secretary, J. B. McLean, who are ex-officio members of the board of trustees or directors, which was completed by the election of Wm. Mitchell, Thos. Russell, Wm. Anthony, Andrew McKnight and M. Whitney. The present surgeons, matron, nurses and help are retained.

The total receipts for the three months, including government grant, are $734 20; total expenses, $769 32. There is, however, something over $100 still in the hands of the building committee to be turned over to the treasurer.

The Presbyterian bazaar and entertainment at Reading Room hall last Tuesday evening netted about $100. The hall was crowded to the very doors. The supper was excellent, and as one remarked, a good deal better than baching. The ladies had displayed good taste and judgment in making up articles for sale and were rewarded in seeing them disposed of at good prices. The guessing cake weighed 6 lbs. and 2¼ ozs., and as three guessers, approaching it from above and below, "tied" on it, it was auctioned off for $2 25 to Mr. T. Turnbull, realizing in all about $8.

CAPITAL NOTES.

New Westminster Artillery Company—Trade Relations With the Cape—Indian Education.

Hon. J. C. Patterson to Govern Manitoba—Of Interest to Sealers—The Civil Service.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 13.—The British Columbia Artillery, No. 4 company, having been organized, is taken on the strength of active militia, with headquarters at New Westminster. To be second lieutenants provisionally, to complete the establishment: John Forin, Henderson Thomas Clinton, Thomas S. Annandale and De Wolf Smith.

Communications have passed between Canada and the Cape this week regarding a conference to arrange a trade treaty. Premier Bowell answered Hon. Cecil Rhodes that either Ottawa or London would be a convenient meeting place for the delegation. It is believed here that nothing will be done until after the session of parliament.

The question of union with Newfoundland and the Manitoba school issue will be dealt with in the speech from the Throne.

At the militia department the idea that Col. Otter of Toronto will be appointed to command the Canadian militia on his return from England is scouted. Changes in the law are required before such an appointment would be possible.

Hon. J. C. Patterson will not take his seat in parliament during the coming session. He leaves on Tuesday for California for a two months stay. In June he will assume the Lieut.-Governorship of Manitoba.

The regulations have been changed regarding the attendance of Indian children at industrial or boarding schools. Any Indian agent or justice of the peace is authorized to issue a search warrant to take a child back to school.

The civil service promotion examinations usually held may be dispensed with for the current year. It is thought this implies that there will be no promotions.

Notice appears to-day in the Canada Gazette that of the amount allotted to the seal hunters as compensation for the loss sustained by them under the Behring Sea modus vivendi, a considerable sum remains unclaimed, and the parties interested must make an early application to Collector Milne.

The reports to the Interior department indicate a large influx of settlers in the Edmonton district.

THE NEWS OF LONDON.

LONDON, April 13.—What the Spectator called the worst political omen of the moment is the growing rift in the Conservative-Liberal Unionist alliance. Under the formal treaties between the Conservatives and Liberal Union parties, the former pledged themselves to the support of the candidates of the Unionists in all the constituencies which the latter held when they deserted Mr. Gladstone. At each general election since that time the influence of the Unionists has been visibly lessening, and the Unionist candidates elected latterly have owed their success to Conservative votes.

Lord Rosebery is still suffering from intermittent attacks of insomnia, and his physicians continue to advise him to go abroad for a long period of rest.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

VANCOUVER, April 13.—(Special)—An attempt was made early this morning at Sapperton to burn alive fifteen Japanese laborers employed at the Brunette saw mills. The Japs lived in an old building at the corner of Columbia and Brunette streets. Some people in Sapperton are hostile to the Japs, and it is thought one of the more vicious than the rest attempted their wholesale murder.

PAUL SCHULZE.

TACOMA, April 13.—Disheartened by financial difficulties and his removal from an honored position, Paul Schulze, general land agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, killed himself in his room yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He put a 38 calibre bullet through his head with a Smith & Wesson revolver.

MONTREAL, April 13.—Hon. W. B. Ives reached here this morning from Haldimand. The minister of trade and commerce states without any qualification that Hon. Mr. Montague will be returned by 500 majority in that constituency.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Comptroller Welsh has prepared a statement for Mayor Swift which shows that the city's floating indebtedness, not taking into consideration its bonded indebtedness and what it owes an outstanding water company, is a little over $6,000,000.

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