

HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

FASHIONS' FANCIES.

With the very chic small white dress bonnets are worn white tulle veils dotted with black.

In dress silks small spots, in marked contrast to diagonal ground of two shades, have found favor. Peacock and a new sapphire tone are among the accepted tints.

At the present moment the latest trimmings for hats and bonnets are fanciful little bright colored wings. Some hats are flanked with a couple on each side.

SOME PRACTICAL RECIPES.

**Shredded Pineapple.**—Select a ripe juicy pineapple, remove every bit of the skin and all the "eyes." Then lay the fruit on a platter, hold it firmly with the left hand and with a silver fork tear off the pineapple in small pieces, leaving the core whole. Put the shredded fruit in a serving dish, sprinkle generously with fine granulated sugar, cover, and let stand in the ice chest an hour, if possible, before serving. This method of preparing it draws out the juice and flavor better than slicing, and makes the fruit seem much more tender.

**Hickory Nut Cookies.**—A very simple recipe for hickory nut cookies is to take one pound of sugar, one-half pound of butter, two eggs, one pint of hickory nut meat chopped fine and some flour. Cream and butter and sugar together, add the eggs and hickory nuts, and then mix in enough flour to make the dough still enough to roll out. Sprinkle each cookie with granulated sugar and bake in a moderately quick oven. Hickory nuts can be used the same as coconut in icing and filling for layer cakes, if the meats be pounded into a paste.

**Cream Cake.**—To make a nice cream cake take one cup of sugar and two eggs creamed together, one heaping cup of flour, one heaping spoonful of baking powder. Flavor to taste. Bake in four layers. For filling, take one-half cup of cream, whipped; then add one-half cup of sugar, and beat some more, and flavor with same flavoring used in the cake.

**Plum Roll.**—Make a batter of a cupful of milk and a half cupful of butter, thickened with flour enough to make a soft paste, and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in three layers, between which spread plum sauce made from either fresh or canned plums, with stones and skins removed. Serve warm or cold.

ROMAN NEWS.

Miss Dormer, daughter of the late Lord Dormer, who met his death so tragically in India, has taken the veil in the Convent of Dames Chanoineses at Bruges.

The Holy Father has lately received their Lordships Mgr. Goindard, Mgr. Sourriens, Bishop of Chalons; Mgr. Cateau, Bishop of Luzon; and Mgr. Paurbaix, titular Bishop of Endosiade.

The London correspondent of the *Osservatore Romano* states (on what authority we know not) that "Lord Seymour" gives an unfavorable report of the Italian fleet after his extended visit to the Italian ports. This stinging phrase is said to have been used. "Italy is an embarrassment and cannot be an aid."

Cardinal Schleich, Bishop of Grasse-Wardein, has published a memorandum against the Bill which the Minister Weyerle has presented to the Hungarian Parliament. It is said that His Eminence's task has been undertaken after a consultation with the Emperor and at His Majesty's inspiration. The Cardinal shows that the proposed regulation touching civil marriage is justified neither by necessity nor advantage—in short, is but a codification of Calvinistic doctrines. Marriage is degraded from its character as a sacrament, and the possibility of separation or divorce is multiplied.

Three conspicuous politicians have met at Monza, and held a conference with King Humbert—namely, Count Kalnoky, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Austria-Hungary; Count Nigra, Italian Ambassador to Vienna; and Vice-Ambassador, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs. It by no means follows that the Emperor Francis Joseph is going to pay a visit to Rome on this account. In fact, he has categorically refused the invitation, and Humbert has signified that he considers the compliment has been rendered him.

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**THE WORLD AROUND.**

Admiral de Mello, the leader of the Brazilian insurgents, has proclaimed the son of the Comte d'Eu as Emperor.

Mgr. Melizan, Archbishop of Columbo, and Mgr. Joulain, Bishop of Jaffna, have left Marseille's Messageries Maritimes steamer for Ceylon.

Signor Rattazzi, controller of the Italian royal household, has been dismissed. He is accused of being one of the chief authors of the bank corruption.

A subscription list having been opened in Paris for the purpose of erecting a monument to M. Gounod, the first day's subscription amounted to \$2,000.

John Meesick, a brakeman in the Monon yards at Bedford fell between two cars Saturday and was instantly killed.

The *Unita Cattolica* records the death of Count de Best Vutturi, an excellent writer, a man of rare energy of character, and a zealous Catholic.

The Servian ministry has resigned, alleging as a reason their disagreement on the tariff question with Austria. The king has refused to accept the resignations.

The canal at West Troy, N.Y., was frozen last Monday night for the first time this season. The ice was strong enough to hold heavy stones thrown upon it.

The Duc de Chartres, the Duc de Penthièvre, Prince Henri d'Orleans, Monsieur de la Roche, the Marquis d'Harcourt, the Comte de Bondy, and Vicomte de Bondy have left Stowe House for Paris.

Prince Otto, of Schaumburg Lippe has, it is stated, expressed his intention to become a Catholic, and he will receive baptism shortly at Paderborn. The wife of Prince Otto is a Catholic.

The Archbishop of Verapoly, India, who has recently been ill has, according to the *A. J. P. & Catholic Union*, quite recovered. His Grace has just been celebrating his Episcopal jubilee.

The entire crew of the new four-masted British bark Bahama, which sailed on her first voyage from Greenock November 9th for New York and Japan, have been landed in Scotland. The Bahama was abandoned at sea.

Advices from Sicily announce that the country is still in a very disturbed state on account of brigandage. In some of the districts the farmers are abandoning agricultural work on account of the depredations which have been committed during the last fortnight.

The following are the latest statistics of the Jesuit missions in India:—Diocese of Bombay, 15,868 Catholics; Calcutta, 61,000; Mangalore, 72,037; Poona, 98,299; Trichinopoly, 183,000. This gives a total of 243,204 Catholics in the five dioceses, of nearly a quarter of a million in all.

The Spanish ministers have agreed to patch up their differences and work harmoniously until the government's difficulty with Morocco should be settled. When all the 24,000 troops shall have been landed at Melilla the chief command will be given to Gen. Martinez de Campos.

The British Government has refused to remove Dr. Cornelius Herz from Bournemouth owing to the physicians' reports as to his condition. The French Government has been trying for a long time to secure the extradition of Dr. Herz, who is charged with having been implicated in the Panama canal scandal.

A dispatch from Berlin says: It is believed that an attempt was made to assassinate Chancellor von Caprivi Monday by means of an infernal machine. A parcel addressed to the chancellor, post marked from Orleans in France, was received at the chancellery. Colonel Elmeyer, the chancellor's aide, began to open the parcel when he noticed a few grains of gun-powder falling out of it. He immediately dispatched the parcel to a notice station, where the police placed it in water and gave it a thorough soaking, after which they examined it. When the wrappings were removed a striking cap was found attached to what proved beyond a doubt was an infernal machine.

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