

WOMANS WORLD.

The Queen of Italy has been spending the last fortnight at Courmayeur, which is a favorite resort of Her Majesty.

A woman who was taken to the County Almshouse from Bellefontaine, Ohio, a few days ago, with her three children, escaped one night last week.

"Mam'selle Chio" says women should be more particular in choosing the colors which set off to best advantage what charms they possess, especially when they have passed the point which they rarely own, of thirty years.

GREEN FOR THE AUDUBON HAIR. Green, which is as much in favor as yellow this winter, like the latter color and old rose, is very trying to elderly skins.

ARTIST WOMEN OF RANK. The Duchess d'Uzes, a French lady who may marry General Boulanger, signs her works of sculpture "Mannula."

BUSTLES FOR STOUT WOMEN. The total disappearance of the bustle would be a misfortune to stout women, since a big bustle relieved their wideness of waist and afforded more support for ample skirts.

CLUBS FOR WOMEN. A lady suggests that the seductiveness and freedom of club life may be a reason why bachelors cling with such tenacity to their freedom.

WOMAN IN HER ELEMENT. The Princess of Wales was forty-four years old on the 1st of December, but she does not look a day over thirty.

There is little hope that the Empress of Russia will recover from the nervous shock caused by the recent railroad accident.

Mrs. Southworth has recently had the gold pens with which she wrote so many novels made into two rings for her two children.

General Bonlangier's one idol in life is said to be his mother. He spends every Sunday afternoon and evening with her, and if away always sends her a telegram.

Sarah Bernhardt found Constantinople one of the most profitable places she had recently visited. Her receipts there, it is said, will surpass those in Rio Janeiro a year ago.

The gift of the woman of Birmingham to Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain is to be a diamond star and necklace of exquisite pearls. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are now at Nice.

such abominations, and I think that woman's dress should fall in natural folds to the figure.

A Russian Princess, one of the greatest gamblers at Monte Carlo, appeared at the tables recently with a large rope, with which a murder had been committed, around her neck and a bull's horn around each arm.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson Oliphant, the novelist, better known simply as Mrs. Oliphant, is now sixty years of age. She makes her home in the town of Windsor, adjoining Queen Victoria's favorite palace.

Woman's sphere seems to be constantly enlarging. At Manistee, Mich., the hoop factory employs women to feed the planer and do other light work of that nature.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a girl, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

EUROPE'S CROWNED HEADS.

AGES AND REIGN OF THE GREAT MONARCHS OF THE PERIOD. The present Emperor of Germany is William II. He is twenty-nine years of age.

The reigning Prince of Montenegro is Nicholas I., who is forty-seven years old, and has reigned for twenty-eight years.

The President of the French Republic, M. Carnot, is fifty-one years of age, and was elected to office in December last as successor to M. Grevy.

VARIOUS WAYS TO WOO SLEEP. AND THEY ARE ALL VERY EASY AND WORTH A TRIAL. The most celebrated and perhaps the most efficacious method for procuring sleep that has been devised was originated by a Mr. Gardner, who, among other things, had remedies for many evils, such as for allaying thirst where no liquid element could be procured.

MIXED MARRIAGES. The Sacred Congregation of the Inquisition has written to the bishops of the United States on the subject of mixed marriages contracted by Apostolic dispensation in this country and has propounded the following questions, which the bishops are asked to submit to the rectors of parishes in their dioceses:

NO HEART. What a thing it is for a man to have said of him that he has no heart! No heart! Then he is hardly a human being. He is like an oyster, a potato, a stick, a stone; like a lump of ice, only he is never in the melting mood.

A Wisconsin man starts the world by marrying his mother-in-law. A Nebraska man journeyed to California in order to see an old enemy executed. An Englishman recently stated in court that he married because he was out of work.

THE FASHIONS

Polonaises with diagonal fronts are still popular. Pale gold with pink is a favorite color combination in evening toilets.

Stylish belts are of mottled skarkakin, with buckles of carved ivory or silver. Brooches are effectively blended with tulle in some handsome gowns.

Some of the newest jet passementeries are relieved by intermixed beads of cut coral. Silk astrakhan is used as a border upon many of the new tailor gowns and jackets.

Gold and colored enamelled dial plates are noted in some of the newest ladies' watches. Open-faced watches are now more popular with the ladies than the closed hunting case.

Black astrakhan gloves, with palm and fingers of leather, are comfortable, and not unbecoming to the hand. Watches for use when travelling are set in rather wide wristbands of shakskin, fastened with small silver buckles.

Ladies who find the style becoming now wear their dresses rather low at the neck, with turned-down linen collars. Children under five wear soft, flexible felt hats with wide brims, which are caught up in a variety of picturesque ways.

Only very young girls now wear red dresses, and with these the hat, gloves, shoes, sash, etc., should be black. Roman white, claret, Danube blue and silver gray were the colors noted in some recently imported French tailor gowns.

THE TWO VERY LUCKY MEN OF VANCOUVER.

In last September M. C. Harell, a laborer, bought one-twentieth of ticket No. 46,755 in the Louisiana State Lottery, and that number drew the big \$300,000 prize on Oct. 9th.

SMILES FOR THE HURRIED. Something you can't see through:—A glass eye.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

MOHAMMEDAN CALENDAR, 1889. Year. Names of Months. Month Begins. 1306. Gomad. . . . . January 4, 1889.

JEWISH CALENDAR FOR 1889. 5649. New Moon, Feast, Feasts, &c. 1889. Tobet 28. . . . . Fast of Tobet. . . . . January 1.

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HOW IT HAPPENED. Managing Editor (glancing over the morning paper)—Good heavens, Smith? This scandal on the first page is fairly awarming with typographical errors. How did it happen?

JEFF. DAVIS AND HIS OLD SLAVE. RALPH, N.C., Dec. 31.—James H. Jones, colored, of this city, who was Mr. Jefferson Davis' body servant while the latter was President of the Confederacy, wrote him a

letter some weeks ago, expressive of his high regard. Jones stated that he had not seen his former master since both were taken to Fortress Monroe. Jones was captured with Mr. Davis in Georgia and made great efforts to secure his master's escape.

QUBBEC OFFICIAL NEWS. EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS—PONTIAC CIRCUIT COURT—MUNICIPAL CHANGES. The appointment of Hon. L. F. R. Masson and Mr. Francis Langelier, Q. C., to the Council of Public Instruction is announced in the Quebec Official Gazette.

1889--TIME FLIES--1889

Interesting Facts Concerning "The Glad New Year"—What it will Bring Forth—Starting with a Total Eclipse and almost ending with one—Other Astronomical Events—Data Pertaining to the Christian, Jewish and Mohammedan Calendars.

1889 will be a most remarkable year in all parts of the world. In the matter of eclipses, solar, lunar and political, it promises to break all previous records.

WHAT 1889 REALLY MEANS. The year 1889 is the latter part of the 5649th and the beginning of the 5650th year since the creation of the world, according to the Jews.

THE CHRISTIAN ERA. The Christian era, which is used by Christian nations, is reckoned from the birth of Christ, which, according to the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, took place A. M. (in the year of the world) 4004; according to the Samaritan text, A. M. 4700; and according to the Septuagint, A. M. 5572.

THE ROMAN AND JULIAN YEARS. The Roman or Julian year was followed, consisting of 365 days six hours, which exceeded the true time of the solar year by a little more than eleven minutes.

ORIGEN AND NATIONAL FESTIVALS. Chronology of Christ. . . . . January 1. Epiphany. . . . . January 6. St. Valentine's Day. . . . . February 14.

WRITING FAMOUS POEMS. Gray's immortal "Elegy" occupied him for seven years. Bryant wrote "Thanatopsis" in the shade of a grand old forest—a fitting place for such a theme.

PERSONS OF SEDENTARY HABITS, the greater part of whose time is passed at the desk, or in some way bent over daily tasks, cramp the stomach, weaken the muscles, and incur dyspepsia a result. Their most reliable and safest medical resource is in Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, the Great Blood Purifier, and which is especially adapted to Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation and Poverty or Impurity of the Blood.

EXPECTED LITTLE LESS THAN THE EARTH. "What would my little boy like for Christmas?" asked a parent of his young hopeful the other day.

Mr. C. E. Riggins, Beamsville, writes: "A customer who tried a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery says it is the best thing he ever used; to quote his own words, 'It just seems to touch the spot affected.' About a year ago he had an attack of bilious fever, and was afraid he was in for another, when I recommended this valuable medicine with such happy results."

THE UNITED STATES buys more from Japan than from any other foreign nation. Last year, nearly \$16,000,000 worth. Pleasant as syrup; nothing equals it as a worm medicine; the name is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. The greatest worm destroyer of the age.

KANSAS expects to make her own sugar in five years, and to have millions of pounds to sell ten years hence. A French doctor has discovered how to remove tattoo marks from the human skin.

of the moon, visible in this country and Europe. The annular eclipse of the sun will occur on June 28, which will be invisible in America, Europe and Asia, and visible only in Southern Africa and the East Indies.

On July 12 a partial eclipse of the moon occurs. This will, however, unfortunately be invisible in the United States. The closing eclipse of the year is that of the sun, which occurs on December 22 and will be total. It will only be visible in South America and Africa.

BEGINNING OF THE SEASONS. Sun enters Capricornus and winter begins 1889, December 1, nine A. M.; sun enters Aries and spring begins 1889, March 20, ten A. M.; sun enters Cancer and summer begins 1889, June 21, six A. M.; sun enters Libra and autumn begins 1889, September 22, nine P. M.

MORNING STARS. Mercury, from February 14 to April 25 and from June 19 to August 7 and from October 15 to December 7. Venus, after April 30. Mars, after June 17. Jupiter, after March 27. Saturn, after August 16. Uranus, after January 11 and after October 15.

EVENING STARS. Mercury, until February 14 and from April 25 to June 19 and from August 7 to October 15 and after December 7. Venus, until April 30. Mars, until June 17. Jupiter, after March 27. Saturn, until August 16. Uranus, from January 11 to October 15.

Mrs. E. H. Perkins, Oreek Centre, Warren Co., N. Y., writes—"She has been troubled with Asthma for four years, had to sit up night after night with it. She has taken two bottles of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil and is perfectly cured. She strongly recommends it, and wishes to act as agent among her neighbors."

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General Lytton wrote his beautiful composition, "Antony and Cleopatra," which beguiled "I am dying, Egypt, dying" on the night before his death. He had a premonition that he was going to die the next day.

The noted poem, "The Fall of Niagara," was written by its author, J. G. C. Brainard, the editor of a small paper in Connecticut, in fifteen minutes. He wrote it under pressure in response to a call for "more copy."

"After the Ball," the little poem which has made the name of Nora Perry known in the world of letters, was jotted down on the back of an old letter, with no idea of the popularity it was to achieve in the pages of a noted magazine.

Thomas Moore, while writing "Lalla Rookh," spent so many months in reading up Greek and Persian works that he became an accomplished Oriental scholar, and people found it difficult to believe that its scenes were not penned on the spot, instead of in a retired dwelling in Derbyshire.

Poe first thought of "The Bells" when walking in the streets of Baltimore on a winter's night. He rang the bell of a lawyer's house (a stranger to him), walked into the gentleman's library, shut himself up, and the next morning presented the lawyer with a copy of his celebrated poem.

The "Old Oaken Bucket" was first suggested to the author, Samuel Woodworth, in a bar-room. A friend with whom he was drinking said that when they were boys the old oak bucket that hung in his father's well was good enough for them to drink from. Woodworth immediately went home and wrote the famous poem.

"Old Grimes," that familiar "little felicity" in verse which caught the popular fancy as back as 1860, was a sudden inspiration of the late Judge Albert G. Greene, of Providence, R. I., who found the first verse in a collection of old English ballads, and, enjoying its humor, built up the remainder of the poem in the same conceit.

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Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when, by the timely use of Hinkle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided. This Syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., etc.

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