

Correspondence.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in submitting for insertion in your issue of to-day, a further communication from my correspondent in London, referring more especially to certain queries sought for by the several meetings held on the subject.

Yours truly, JOHN ALDOUS.

Land Office, 7th Dec., 1865.

London, Nov. 10th, 1865.

DEAR SIR,—We were duly favored with yours of the 5th ult., and would have replied last mail, but a pressure of other matters prevented us.

With these preliminary remarks, we will now briefly reply to your public and private correspondents, confining our observations to the main commercial points. And first, we would notice that your views—in consequence of your recent winter scarcity of labor, and practical details connected with manufacturing—are somewhat modified, and, therefore, we will pass over the growth of Sugar Beet and Hops for the present.

THE FASHIONS. It is now time to speak definitely of winter materials most in vogue: pout de soie embroidered certainly is one. They are no longer the same patterns as last winter, but are now embroidered in black and white, imitating lace, forming a sort of wavy band, crossing over stars, wreaths, or bouquets of flowers of all kinds.

Although many ladies have adopted the fashion of plain skirts, it must not be supposed that trimmed skirts are not well worn. Indeed, we have only to call our readers' attention to the variety of very elegant passementerie, to convince them this is far from meaning the case.

We must still record that gold and silver are greatly in favor. Other passementerie trimmings are made in a series of rings or palm-leaves interlaced, and put on in distinct ornaments upon each breadth.

As to the plain skirts, they are generally scooped round the bottom, and edged with thick cord, which is twisted a third of gold or silver. Linsey and knickerbocker are worn as early winter dresses and these heavy materials are made with a vest and waistcoat, or chemise russe of embroidered cashmere; the light high body is not admissible—at least with basques, and opened in front over a waistcoat, perhaps of embroidered percale or plaited muslin.

We have already mentioned double skirts as fashionable, but we must not repeat the information, as every day brings fresh proof of its truth; and when the sleeves and under skirt are different to the upper skirt and low body, it produces a very stylish effect.

What can be prettier than a dress of white silk with an upper skirt and small bodies of blue, green or corals? By many ladies, the Princess or Gabrielle make is preferred, as the dress, being cut in one piece, is considered to give a more graceful flow to the train, which is worn as long or longer than ever.

We have been asked whether there is anything fresh in the make of sleeves. It seems there is no change whatever; still the sleeve-cape, or small coat-cape, and certainly for the cold winter they are very suitable.

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL NEWS.

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.—In 1861, a color-sergeant belonging to the 57th Fusiliers reported, he had been fifteen years in the service, and up to the time of his desertion had been a remarkably steady and well-conducted man—his name being unknown to a defaulter's list.

APPEARANCE OF THE SUN FROM THE NORTH POLE.—To a person standing at the North Pole, the sun appears to sweep horizontally around the every twenty-four hours, without any perceptible change during its circuit in its distance from the horizon.

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THE PRINCE SHIRKANDAH.—The London correspondent of the New York Times, who visited the Shirkandah, in company with Mr. Dudley, American consul at Liverpool, says the whole vessel, above and below, was in the most filthy condition.

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