

Fun and Fancies

A young countryman being led by a city boy for his large feet, remarked: "Better to have a large foot than small understanding."

A CAPTAIN ANSWER.—Self made an examining school of which he is a member. "Now, boy, what is the capital of Oland?" "An 'H,' sir."

When little Minnie was three years old she asked for some water one day. When it was brought she said, "Pa, can't you get some fresh water? This is a little wicked."

When a young lady asked to look at a pair of shoes, the clerk said: "Will you please give me the shade you want?" "I expect the pair you have in the shade I want," said the young lady.

A college girl at Hillsdale declares she would like to be a buggy wheel, for then, you know, she would always have a many fellows. "Yes, but it's the hub she is most anxious to secure."

"What your daughter wants," said a candid music teacher to an ignorant millionaire, "is capacity." "Is that so?" was the reply. "Well, then, I'll order one right off, no matter what it costs!"

A South Erie lady sent a mug, with the motto, "Think of Me," thereon, to her husband. "It's a favorite saloon, and when she stays here it is handed to him, and he immediately starts for home."

"If I have ever said any unkind words to you," said Mr. Smith, reflectingly, "I take them all back." "Yes, I suppose you want to use them over again, was the not very soothing reply."

Mike to Patrick: "Did you ever see a flying fish, Pat?" Pat (with a look of wonder): "I've seen illustrations of 'em, but never an original." Mike (earnestly): "Oh, I've seen one alive, but it was stuck in a barrel."

At a young ladies' seminary, recently, during an examination in history, one of the pupils was interrogated thus: "Mary, did Martin Luther die a natural death?" "No," was the reply; "he was excommunicated by a bull."

Boys beginning to learn Latin, were a terror to their mothers. "John, where is your brother James?" said John's ma. "Me? why, he's gone out into the horse to get a maulum for his puella!"

"Me too much astonished to do anything to do anything about it."

A little boy showing great reluctance to go to school one morning, was asked the reason. "Because," he answered, "the teacher said he was going to try to put an idea in my head to-day, and I don't want him to be cutting into my head."

Household Hints

A pretty mat, intended for the top of a table, is made of made of drab felt. The edges are cut in sharp points; between the points are placed soft little tassels made of high-colored cord. The border of the mat is made by working with any embroidery silks any pattern which suits the fancy of the maker. The old-fashioned cross-stitch, or some modification of it, is the best.

A pretty chair-back is made of a blue lace strip, but the silk. Have the lace in the center and on the sides, and the width of each side is embroidered with a pretty vine. This is lovely, made of the lace and blue silk, with sprays of small pink buds, or of cardinal satin with daisies and butter-cups on it. The top is turned down and hemmed, and the bottom may be finished with lace, or be made in points with a tassel on each point.

A handsome panel for the wall is made of a strip of black satin 15 inches long, 7 inches wide. On this is embroidered in silk a bunch of pink. The top and bottom of the panel are finished with bands of scarlet plush, about two inches wide. A brass wire is fastened to the top, and a silk cord to hang it by. On the bottom are five silk balls of various shades of red. The panel should be lined with some material of sufficient body to keep it smooth. Another elegant panel is made of pale blue satin or cloth, with a bird and nest painted on it in water colors.

TABLE COVER.—Take sixteen blocks of cretonne, one quarter square. Arrange them so there will be a landscape on each of the four corners. In putting the blocks together lay one edge over the other and sew. Line with Turkey-red cotton. Put black dress braided down each seam and across, also around the sides of border next to blocks. Sew firm on each side of braid, feather-stitch braid with shaded yellow, red and green embroidery silk. Finish the lower edge of border with narrow ball fringe. This makes a lovely cover for most anything, and is made smaller if desired.

Wife and an up-town man to his spouse recently, "How many house plants shall you try to keep, through the winter?" "Only this geranium, this rosebud, and this Jerusalem cherry tree—three in all." The husband made an entry in his notebook, when she inquired, "But why do you ask?" In order to know how much extra coal to order for the winter supply, was the cruel answer. "Judging from your ill luck last winter I think I had better lay in an extra ton apiece for each plant."

To make gum for thick labels dissolve one pound of gum arabic in one quart of cold water, and strain through flannel. Forshemists' labels take one pound of gum arabic and dissolve it in three pints of cold water; add one tablespoonful of glycerine and two ounces of honey, strain through flannel, and apply with a piece of chamois sponge, which will last in chamois use three or four months; common sponge goes to pieces almost directly. Lay the sheet to be gummed on a flat board and gum over evenly.

Action is to be taken for the purpose of defeating the Guelph lottery scheme. Chief Randall, of Guelph, by means of an accomplice, procured a ticket from the office of Mr. E. L. Gales, who is acting as an agent of the concern, and laid an information against Mr. Gales for selling tickets, and also against John L. Murphy, the promoter, who will be called as a witness. The case will come before the Police Magistrate for trial early next week, when Mr. H. W. Peterson, county crown attorney, will appear for the prosecution.

Fashion's Fancies

In Paris for is used extensively this season for all kinds of costumes, even for ball dresses.

Titian red, a lovely shade verging on orange, bids fair to be the most fashionable color of the incoming season.

It may be mean to give away secrets and tricks of the trade, but the Newmarket and coachmen's coats worn by the ladies are padded on the hips and elsewhere.

Less pins of guitars, violins, banjos, and other musical instruments are unique and fashionable. They are perfect copies of the instruments, having strings and keys.

A new kind of cloth is being made in Paris from the down of hens, ducks and geese. Seven hundred and fifty grains feathers make one square meter of a soft and very warm water-proof cloth, which can be dyed in all shades.

The newest opera cloaks are made of satin embroidered all over in gay-colored roses, and lined with soft blue, delicate blue, and cardinal satin. They are long and full, and have hoods.

English bonnets of this season are made of many of them being copies in color of the summer bonnets of straw. Fish hats are also quite large, and many of them have the eccentric brims of last season.

Chiffon fringes, put down the front and in plastra below the waist on the back of a short wrap, but not the garment, has the effect of narrowing the figure, and should be used by short and stout women.

Some of the imported wool costumes are bordered by a chain-stitched vine pattern of florets or undivided wool, dyed to flower-like colors of straw, and formed by bunches of tiny silk or wool pom-poms and tassels, which are fastened on in the desired form, making an exceedingly pretty and effective decoration.

The English walking-hat, pointed in back and front, and set far back on a canopy confere, is a favorite style with young ladies during the present season. It is made of dark felt, trimmed with a band of dark velvet round the crown. The pointed wings of the birds are made together in a bunch on the left side of the front, and a steel buckle is on the right side.

A very rich and showy opera cloak is made of black Ottoman silk, with large diamond brocade in gold thread. The skirt is rounded back, fits smoothly over the shoulders, while the skirt fronts extend to the knee. It is trimmed with crocheted and lined with vicuña fur. The front and back are edged with three rows of different length chenille fringe, which has gilt thread in the heading.

Some of the new French polonaises of velvet are shaped in front to form a waist. The sides lengthen into long panels, which reach nearly to the foot of the dress skirt. The trimming borders these panels and is carried up a side of the bodice portion framing the waistcoat. Handsome medallions and pendents of pascueteric are placed in the panels.

Incidentally these are covered with a magnificent silk brocade, suited with raised chenille work.

No fashion is so universal just at present as the wearing of fur pelisses, from the moderately-priced skin of the coney to the deep cape of seal-skin or sable, with an innumerable variety of medium-priced furs which come between. There is a wide choice, and the shapes differ quite as much as do the skins. A new manner like to show a slim waist, if they have the luck to possess it, and these wear capes reaching just below the shoulders, with a pair of very long fur cuffs reaching nearly to the elbow, for additional warmth and as a fitting accompaniment. Other capes come to the waist, some reach below it—it is purely a matter of individual choice. Earlier in the season it was thought probable that capes with shoulder pieces, fit in to stimulate the high-pointed sleeve now so fashionable would alone find favor, but this has not proven the case, for, though many are so cut, they are decidedly in the minority.

A lady recently walked down Fourteenth street, in this city, wearing an exceptionally high-shouldered cape, the points nearly reaching to her ears. Around her neck was a large Medici collar of fur, and upon her head she wore an Alsatian hat of the same fur, the central crown usually tall and sharply pointed, and devoid of trimming except two stiff feathers standing upright on each side the crown. A more grotesque object it would be impossible to imagine. Shoulder capes proper, however, are becoming to everybody except short, stout women, and these a shaggy pelisse will transform into a tub-like dwarf gowns.

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At 2.45 p.m. the first passenger train across the bridge arrived from the American side. The test was a great success.

The new cantilever bridge over the Niagara river, near the falls, built for the New York, Central and Michigan Central railroads, is the only one of its kind in the world. It is located about 300 feet above the old railroad suspension bridge, spanning a chasm 870 feet wide between the bluffs, and over 200 feet deep. The structure consists of two immense steel towers, 122 feet 6 inches high, resting on stone piers 30 feet high. Each of these towers supports a cantilever, 395 feet 5.5-16 inches long, one end of each tower rests upon an abutment at the edge of the bluff, while the other end extends out over the river. The shore ends of the cantilevers are anchored to the abutment masonry, or anchorage piers, and both river arms are connected by an intermediate span of 120 feet which is suspended from the extreme ends of the river arms. The total length of the bridge proper is 910 feet 4 inches between the centres of the anchorage piers; the clear span between the towers being 470 feet. The height from the surface of the water to base of rail is 220 feet.

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