

LOVE OF THE BEAUTIFUL

EVERY YOUNG GIRL SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN HER CLOTHES.

No One Can Afford to be Indifferent to the Seductions of Dress—The Child Dede and Precocious Infant an Abomination—An Ingenious Young Girl.

I never could understand why a fondness for pretty, and becoming dress in a young girl should be regarded as a sign of moral degeneracy, by straightlaced old people, who, having no charms of their own can well afford to be indifferent to the seductions of pretty clothes. It is a fact nevertheless that a taste for dainty clothing is so regarded by many people who should know better, and they wag their heads over every manifestation of interest in their personal appearance...

It has always seemed to me that in some way which I can scarcely explain the outward form and raiment expressed the inward and spiritual woman, and that such expression began very soon, long before the woman ceased to be a child, in fact.

It is a curious thing how the artistic temperament will triumph over all obstacles and assert itself in a child in spite of the most adverse circumstances.

Among the most beautiful ruins of antiquity that have been preserved are a great number of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman lamps, formed of clay, metal, terra cotta, and bronze. The museum at Naples contains the finest variety of specimens to be found anywhere.

Long before she was grown up her love of warmth and color and beauty asserted itself, and broke all bounds, and with it a most extraordinary ability for gratifying her passion. From filling up her plain room with ferns, ivies and potted plants, to

teaching herself to embroider, and puzzling out intricate lace stitches, there seemed nothing that pale solemn child could not do if she tried; and by the time she was fourteen she had emerged from the chrysalis state of her brown and green garments, and blossomed out into dainty raiment of her own making.

She has a profession of her own now, which somehow by hook or crook she managed to acquire; and she is just as independent and self-supporting as any man in the land.

And the moral of this little story is, girls—don't let anyone persuade you that it is wrong to take an interest in your dress!

SOMETHING ABOUT LAMPS.

The story of the Accidental Discovery of the Argand Chimney. To the Egyptians, have been given the honor of inventing the lamp, but it seems more than probable that they received it from the older civilization of India.

The lamp commonly used in Egypt at the present time is a small glass vessel, with a tube in the bottom in which is placed a wick of cotton twisted around a straw.

In 1784 Ami Argand, a Swiss residing in London, made an entire revolution in artificial light by inventing a burner with a circular wick, the flame being thus supplied with an inner and an outer current of air.

One night, as he sat at his work table thinking he noticed an oil flask lying near, off which the bottom had been broken, leaving a long-necked, funnel-shaped tube.

Strongest Rope.

Given an equal number of strands to make up the rope, and each of the same circumference, it may be readily shown that wire twisted into rope form, will make a rope so strong as to admit of no comparison even with the best white hemp rope.

CAPTIVE BALLOONS HARD TO HIT.

Surprising Results of Experiments Rises Can't Harm Air Ships.

The aerial spy has for some time been closely studied by French, German, Austrian, and Russian officers, and the results of recent experiments are noteworthy. It appears that it is not easy to shoot down a captive balloon.

"Wounds that the balloon receives are not generally mortal. Indeed, it often happens that the shrapnel and the broken fragments of the shells produce no more effect upon the balloon than the bullets of the small-bore rifles.

From all these experiments the conclusion is that, in order to keep the balloon beyond the reach of dangerous projectiles, it must be kept 5,000 metres from the enemy and at an altitude of 800 metres.

An altitude of 800 metres is considered the maximum. Beyond that observations are uncertain. The distance from the enemy should be from eight to ten kilometers.

Lancashire Pastime.

Among the strange sports of Lancashire, England, is a game known variously as "coddam" or "tip it."

It is often played with two or four a side, and the champion will meet a dozen

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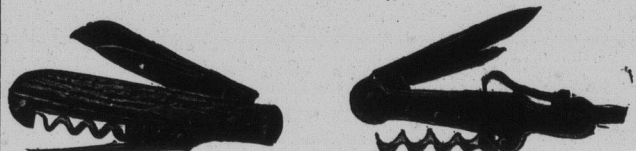
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