

Fashion Notes.

Etamine is the rage in Paris. Etamine is the leading spring novelty fabric.

Etamine, coarse or fine, is canvas-woven wool.

Children's balls begin at 5 in the afternoon, and end at 9 in the evening.

Blondes affect black tulle ball dresses with embroideries of jet.

Fancy balls and carnivals for children, as well as their elders, are the order of the day.

Aurora pink, a warm gold-u rose, is the latest shade of this fashionable color.

A moderate sized tournure gives style to a costume but a big bustle is hideous.

High-shouldered fishu mantles and plain, old-fashioned long scarfs will be worn for spring wraps.

Ball-dresses are extremely décolleté, and have no sleeves to speak of; sometimes only a shoulder strap.

The skirt laid in alternate clusters of kilt pleats and panels decorated with braid is the style for tailor made spring suits of cloth, serge, diagonal, and flannel.

Jerseys are cut off in front like a pointed vest, and trimmed with a row of macaroons around the collar, down the fronts, on the edge and sleeves.—*Godey's Lady's Book for Feb.*

A suggestion for fancy ball costumes is that each lady is to be dressed as a flower—violets, lilies, roses, blue-bells, fuchsias, marigolds, touch-me-nots, and forget-me-nots. What a lovely bouquet for a debutantes' ball!

The newest caps for babies are of white Surah, embroidered all over, or of piece net, embroidered, and lined with Surah. The ruche around the face is double, one row in shell ruching back of a fluted ruche next to the face.

The new plaided flannels for children are in charming shades of red, blue, green, brown, and beige, with dashes of yellow and black, all the combinations of color so arranged as to produce the most delightful harmony with the contrasts.

Spring garrments for little children are ingeniously arranged to do duty both as suit and wrap by the superimposed draperies, pleatings, and parements on the princess form, and a small coachman's collar or cape, with pleated or fluted epaulette sleeves of the material, to give the high-shouldered effect.

Lowly Origin of the Great Musicians of the World.

Madame Materna, the greatest of living dramatic singers, is the daughter of a poor pedagogue in Syria. Christine Nilsson was a ragged street singer. Jenny Lind was a peasant child. Campanini was a servant. Brignoli was a cook. Nicolini "tended bar." Had not Rossini given Albani instruction the first half of the century might have lacked a great contralto. Her successors—Cary, Emily Winant, and Hope Glenn—are simply American girls, whose nobility is in true hearts and not in coronets. The Bach family, illustrious musicians for 200 years, were always so poor that they had to take lessons from each other. Ballo was the son of an Irish cottager. Beethoven's mother was a cook's daughter. Haydn's father was a wheelwright. Gungli, who has written the most delicious dance music, learned to sing while his father wove stockings. L'roca is a peasant's daughter. Paganini was born and bred in want. Schumann's childhood was spent in a print-shop. The father of Liszt held a petty government office. Wagner's father was a police court doberry. The only representative of royalty who attained a respectable place in music was a woman—the Princess Amelia, sister of Frederick the Great.

Inscribed on a Kentucky Grave-stone.

IN MEMORIAM.

Here lies the body of Amassa Crump Waiting the summons of the awful trumpet.

Amassa was not learned in city ways, He dwelt in old Kentucky all his days.

When he had reached the age of fifty-one He made a journey on to Washington.

There one morning he arrived quite well And took a room in a first-class hotel.

At 10 p. m. Amassa Crump desired He should be called at 7, and retired.

Before he got into his bed, alas! Colonel Amassa Crump blew out the gas.

When they essayed to call him up at seven Amassa Crump was, we all hope, in heaven

New Proverbs.

"Truth," of London, advertised for an original proverb. Many hundreds were sent in. Here are some of the best: A white lie often makes a black story. It's a poor musician who can't blow his own trumpet. He who would eat the egg must first break the shell. Every back has its pack. Pens and ink out of reach avoid many a breach. Look after your wife; never mind yourself, she'll look after you. The present is the child of the past and the parent of the future. The want of money is the root of much evil. Egotism is an alphabet with one letter. If you'd know a man's character follow him home. Better a line of sense than a page of nonsense. The surest road to honor is to deserve it. Only whisper scandal, and its echo is heard by all. It's not the clock with the loudest tick that goes the best. Sighs are poor things to fly with. Home is the rainbow of life. Don't complain of the baker until you have tasted his bread. They who live in a hurry, invite death by hurry.

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