

lectual superiority, which has always been so gallant to educated provincials. Mr. Black had the merit of embodying in his decisions, luminous recitals of facts, followed in every case by logical deductions and perfectly intelligent statements of the legal rules applicable to the subject. No lawyer indeed can read a judgment by Mr. Black without being struck by the lucid order and perspicuity which prevail throughout, nor are those of the late Lord Stowell, however admirable, by any means more indicative of thought, ability and labour. As a judge, incorruptible and indefatigable; as a son devoted and affectionate, evincing the most tender attachment for every member of his family; warm and true as a friend; kind and charitable in his relations with the more humble classes, the late Mr. Black was indeed a rare character, and one in whose life every member of the society of which he formed part, had an abiding interest. Mr. Black was a Doctor of Laws of Harvard University, and some years since, as a reward for his public services, Her Majesty was pleased to create him a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Courrier des Dames.

Our lady readers are invited to contribute to this department.

FASHION NOTES.

The travelling, sea-side, and country-house toilettes prepared for this month are made in materials suitable for the purpose. No lady travels now in a quantity of silk flounces and expensive trimmings, or trails a long dress trimmed with valuable lace along the sea-shore. For travelling costumes nothing is more worn than the *ras-terre* skirt and polonaise, with small sleeveless jacket, or pelerine of the same in case of milder weather. If this toilette is made with plain coloured skirt, and the polonaise of a pattern material, the extra article should match the skirt, not the polonaise. For instance, if the skirt is of violet foulardine, with polonaise of the same colour, but with lighter violet spots, the little jacket would be of plain violet. In these spotted costumes a very favourite mode of trimming is made by bands of the spotted fabric, cut so as to have the spots in a straight line. White muslins over colour are more worn than ever, and form invaluable toilettes for country wear. Silk dresses are much worn trimmed with silk grenadine of the same colour. All dresses of whatever material intended for walking are made of a convenient walking length, either just clearing the ground or at the most merely touching it at the back. For *fetes* and garden parties alone are walking skirts made to trail. Reception and evening dresses are also made long; but young ladies' dancing dresses are still made only a few inches on the ground, and that at the back only. The long skirted dresses only trained quite towards the back; the front is *ras-terre*, and the side breadths are much sloped to cause them to be long enough to join the train without being too long for the front. Flounces are the favourite trimming, and are likely to continue so. The front is trimmed en tablier, with kilt plaiting to the waist, narrow flounces, headed with ruffles or crossway folds, moulin plaitings or bouillonnés, or graduated flouncings. The wide flounces are reserved for the back of the skirt, disposed equally of different widths, covering the whole or part of the skirt. The bottom flounce only is carried all round the skirt, and is cut rather wide. The pouff is still worn. Tunic are by no means out of favour, indeed many new shapes and styles of trimming have been lately introduced for them. One quite novel style consists in trimming them at one side of the back only. Half the tunic is ornamented from the edge to the waist to correspond with the under-skirt; this hangs plainly without any raising. The other half is trimmed at the lower edge only, and is raised very high at the side, with a large bow. Sashes are of great importance, as their colour and the manner of disposing them adds considerably to the cachet and elegance of the toilette. The fashion of open bodices is in greater favour, they are cut square, en chape, or en cour, very slightly opened for young girls, more decidedly so for married ladies of any age. Guipures and laces of all kinds, gimpure embroidered with jet or any ornaments adapted as trimmings for corsages, are placed flat if wide, falling from the throat, or sewn slightly full beneath a bouillonné or plaiting. Bodices fastened on the cross are also in great request. This style gives great importance to the revers; they are worn more or less turned back, of a different colour or material to the bodice. The corsage gilet or gilet fichu are more worn than ever, and give great scope for variety of shape and ornament. The corsage called "Valois" is a most decided return to the fashions of the Renaissance period. It is long, rounded at the front and back, and trimmed on the cross, its whole length; the sleeves à la Henri III., straight and wide, are gathered round the arm-

hole, and trimmed with insertions or bias, forming crevés. The skirt accompanying this bodice has a whole breadth either at the front or one side, trimmed on the cross, or, if of striped material, cut on the cross, crevés trimmed with lace, or of some rich material. The whole skirt is gored, very long; very wide at the bottom, and narrow at the top. The mantles worn are the same as last month; those with long ends in front are decidedly the most distinguished.—*Le Follet.*

Chromatic Attention.

Pensively observing the fashionable young women of America, in their artless groupings in hotel companies at the sea-side, a correspondent of the Boston Post goes on in this style: "Watch the grouping of these girls, apparently accidental as it is, and see how artistically they manage, with never a mistake. They know very well what they are about, and study for that very effect you are admiring. There are two girls whom you have seen constantly together; a sudden coolness seems to have sprung up between them; they keep very far apart, never speaking to one another at all; you even hear one refusing to dance in the same set of Lancers with the other. What has happened to break this friendship? It must be a recent trouble, for they were driving together in the afternoon; you are a little perplexed until you hear one say, 'I don't dare go near Nell, for her illac kills my blue.' If you have an eye for colour you will understand the estrangement, and wonder at it no longer."

Fun.

A drunken Toledo man wrote on the wall of his cell, "Jug not, that ye be not judged."

The girls in a Springfield, Mass., factory, are supplied by the proprietors with chewing gum, in order that they may not waste time in talking.

A Bangor woman got angry with a directory canvasser because that young gentleman would not take the name of her six-months' old baby.

In Washington, the other day, a feminine member of a coloured opera troupe went into a dry goods store and called for some flesh-coloured hose. The clerk placed before her a box of black stockings, and she went away highly indignant.

The total absence of boot-jacks, pomatum pots, and other household missiles in the remains of Swiss lacustrine villages leads Dr. Hartmann, the distinguished ethnologist, to the conclusion that the domestic cat was unknown to pre-historic man.

When a country editor is exhausted for news, he puts in a paragraph telling how some beautiful ladies have called on him and cheered his toilsome path with sweet flowers. Then his contemporaries revile him, and he answers back, and business becomes brisk again. Thus are our Greeleys and Raymonds trained.

A waltzing match took place the other evening at Eureka between a couple of gentlemen on a wager of 60 dollars. The winner danced three and a-half hours, during which he exhausted the dancing powers of several ladies. It was discovered that he had secreted a bottle-jack, and wound himself up occasionally to renew the twist.

A Keokuk lady, while engaged in the pursuit of her domestic duties, encountered a mouse in the flour barrel. Now, most ladies under similar circumstances would have uttered a few feminine shrieks and then sought safety in the garret. But this one possessed more than the ordinary degree of female courage. She summoned the hired man and told him to get the shot gun, call the bull-dog and station himself at a convenient distance. Then she climbed half way up the stairs and commenced to punch the flour barrel vigorously with a pole. Presently the mouse made its appearance and started across the floor. The bull-dog at once went in pursuit. The man fired and the dog dropped dead. The lady fainted and fell down the stairs, and the hired man thinking that she was killed, and fearing that he would be arrested for murder, lit out, and has not been seen since. The mouse escaped.

Max Adler mentions a report that the chief astronomer at the Washington Observatory was dreadfully cold a few days ago. A wicked boy whose Sunday School experience seems only to have made him more depraved, caught a fire-fly, and stuck it, with the aid of some mullage, in the centre of the largest lens in the telescope. That night, when the astronomer went to work, he perceived a blaze of light apparently in the heavens, and, what amazed him more, was that it would give a couple of spurts, and then die out, only to burst forth again in a second or two. He examined it carefully for a few moments, and then he began to do sums to discover where in the heavens that extraordinary star was placed. He thought he found the locality, and the next morning he telegraphed all over the universe that he had discovered a new and remarkable star of the third magnitude in Orion. In a day or two all the astronomers in Europe and America, were studying Orion, and they gazed at it for hours until they were mad, and they began to telegraph to the man in Washington to know what he meant. The discoverer took another look, and found that the new star had moved about eighteen billion miles in twenty-four hours, and upon examining it closely he was alarmed to perceive that it had legs. When

he went on the dome the next morning to polish up his glass, he found the lightning bug. People down at Alexandria, seven miles distant, heard part of the swearing, and they say he infused into it much wholesome sincerity and vigorous energy. The bills for telegraphic despatches amounted to \$2,000, and now the astronomer wants to find that boy. He wishes to consult with him about something.

The Danbury News remarks that "the day Mr. Ruby across the way, was to be buried, Mrs. Moriarty told her daughter Clara that she guessed she would attend, as she wasn't feeling very well, and a ride would do her good. She knew there would be several covered carriages furnished at the expense of the family, and she was equally confident it could be so managed that she would occupy a portion of one of them. She was among the first at the house, and occupied a prominent position. As the other friends arrived, she took occasion to recall reminiscences of the late Ruby that brought tears to their eyes, and when the services were over, as the first coach drove up for its load, the distress of Mrs. Moriarty at the death of Mr. Ruby was so marked as to excite the liveliest sympathy. Then the second coach came up. Mrs. Moriarty had gone down to the gate by this time, and as the door of the second coach was opened and a call made for the occupants, it seemed extremely doubtful if she could hold up another instant. She leaned against the post, and stared into the coach and over its rich upholstery, and said the late Ruby seemed more like a son to her than a neighbour. Whereupon the usher looked appropriately sad, and called up the third and last coach. This had yellow cushions and pink straps, and Mrs. Moriarty didn't hesitate to protest that in the death of Mr. Ruby the community had met a loss it was not possible to recover from, and that she would follow him to his last resting-place, if she had to do it on her knees, and would feel grateful for the opportunity. Then the third and last coach filled and drove off to take its place in the line, and Mrs. Moriarty dried her tears, choked back the sorrow of her heart with one mighty gulp, and strode into her own house, shutting the front door without the aid of the knob. She told Clara that it was the scariest affair she ever went to, and had it not been for the body there would have been no funeral at all."

Brown, a young insurance friend of ours, says the Boston Traveler, had the fifth anniversary of his wedding occur about a week ago, and his friends determined to celebrate his wedding by a surprise party. Brown came in yesterday and told us how they succeeded. They commenced by sending a servant round with a team to take Brown and his wife out to ride at about seven. Then they began to come with presents and materials for supper. There was a little party of five came first, all laden—hands full. They all got nicely inside the garden gate, which shuts with a spring, when Brown's big mastiff, who is always left chained in his master's absence, came round the corner and surprised them. One woman stepped on her dress, and in her fall so demoralized a fragile black wicker book-case she carried, that it was afterwards done up in a bundle and presented as kindling-wood. Another fellow got safely out of the yard, all but part of his pants, while old Smuttners, who weighs 220 pounds, plunged wildly, with the eight-gallon pail of ice cream he carried, through Brown's glass hot-house in the corner of the yard, and surprised some \$3 worth of exoties. Finally, they fixed things up and got into the house, and, as it was about time for Brown's return they commenced laying the supper-table. They got down a tea set of rare china that a friend of Brown's in the trade had loaned him a week before, and broke two pieces, so that Brown has since been obliged to mortgage his hen-house and buy the set; and the comments of Mrs. Brown, when she saw the condition of the carpet, were sarcastic in the extreme. Finally, as a crowning touch, they tried to hang out Chinese lanterns, with the word "Welcome" on them, on the porch over the front door. They succeeded in hanging two lanterns, and when they had saved the house from the fiery fiend there wasn't porch enough left to pay for the trouble of trying to hang out any more. Then they sat down and waited for Brown and his wife to come home. We draw the veil over the scene that followed their return. Some scenes are too joyous to be described in cold, cold words.

A National Health Society has been formed in London, which designs to spread a knowledge of the best conditions of healthy living, and to promote its object the association intends to establish classes for the instruction of teachers and others in the various branches of sanitary knowledge, and to provide for the delivery of lectures in London and the provinces.

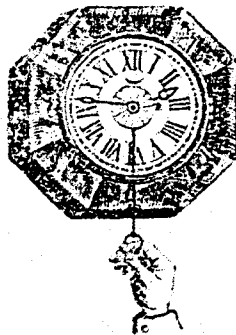
A volunteer rifle captain, desiring to cross a debt with his company, came to an opening in the fence large enough to admit two persons but no more abreast. Unfortunately he could not remember the words of command which would have accomplished the difficult task of filing through; but his ingenuity did not desert him. He ordered a halt, and said—"Gentlemen, you are dismissed for one minute, when you will fall in on the other side of the fence."

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