Fashion's Fancies.

Among new summer fabrics is velvet bourette.

Velveteens come for spring in all the new shades of color.

Some of the new shapes of straw bonnets look like a hussar's helmet.

Tinsel threads give effect to many of the new spring woollen novelties.

Entire skirt fronts of Angora lace come among early spring importations.

White hats, trimmed in white, will be the fashionable wear for little people in the spring.

Cream velvet hats, trimmed with the cream white wings of doves and sea gulls will be much worn by children.

There is a tendency to revive the old bourette and boucle effects in fabricks, but they appear in different forms.

Fichus, scarfs, plasterons, and all sorts of accessories of lace are used to transform plain costumes into dressy toilets.

Dress fronts made entirely of passementeries, Angora lace, and braid in lace designs will be a feature in spring fashions.

The waist is pinched very small, the hair worn very high, the bustle huge, and the shoulders square and high on very fashionable women.

Folds are used instead of flounces to trim dress skirts, and these folds frequently overlap one the other, and extend from the bottom of the skirt almost to the waist.

Basques are long in the waist, but short in the skirt, which is frequently only an inch to two inches below the waist line, and finished in a short organ pleating in the back.

Table castors are out of date. In lieu thereof are all sorts of pretty novelties in the form of bottles, flasks, and cruets for holding oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, and all sorts of condiments.

Farm and Garden.

Corn should never be fed alone. The farmer who does so is not economical. Corn produces fat, but is deficient in nitrogen and the phosphates. A mixture of corn, and oats and buckwheat (ground), and linseed or cottonseed meal added, will give better results, in proportion to quantity, than double the same amount of corn fed alone.

Whatever else you may feed sheep, do not forget to mix in a little salt twice a week. There is nothing that keeps an animal's system so well regulated, and seems to sharpen their appetite as well a judicious use of salt.

During severe cold weather the hog is more susceptible to cold than any other animal on the farm.

It is estimated that the average consumption of wheat by each inhabitant of the United States is nearly six bushel.

If a man should pour grain into a sack that had a great hole in the side, and grumble because he reached the mill with about half what he started with, the neighbors would be justified in calling him foolish. If a man feeds grain to a hog or beef animal that runs all to head tail and legs, and then says that good pork or beef cannot be raised here, what must we naturally think of his judgement?

Josh Billings on Infidelity.

Impudence, ingratitude, ignorance and cowardice make up the kreed ov infidelity.

Did you ever hear ov a man's renouncing Christianity on his deth-bed, and turning infidel?

Gamblers, nor free-thinkers, haven't faith enuff in their profession to teach it to their children.

No atheist, with all his boasted bravery, haz ever yet dared to advertize his unbeleaf on his tume-stun.

It iz a statistikal fakt that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.

I notiss one thing: when a man gits into a tite spot he don't never send for his friend the devil to git him out.

I had rather be ideot than an infidel; if I am an infidel, I have made myself one; if an ideot, I waz made so.

I never have met a free-thinker yet who didn't believe a hundred times more nonsense than he can find in the Bible ennywhere.

If an infidel could only komprehend that he kan prove more by his faith than he kan bi his reason, his impudence would be much less offensive.

It is alwus safe to follow the religious belief that our mothers taught us—there never was a mother yet who taught her child to be an infidel.

Unbelievers are alwus so reddy and anxious to prove their unbeleaf that I hev thought they might be just a little doubtful about it themselves.

The infidel in his impudence will ask you to prove that the flood did occur, when the poor ideot himself kant even prove, to save his life, what makes one apple sweet and one sour, or tell whi a hen's egg is white, and a duck's egg blue.

When I hear a noizy infidel proklaiming his unbeleaf, I wonder if he will send for sum brother infidel to cum and se him die. He will be more likely to send for the orthodox man who engineers the little brick church around the korner.

The Medical Value of Lemons.

The way to get the better of the bilious system without blue pills or quinine is to take the juice of one, two or three lemons, as appetite craves, in as much water as makes it pleasant to drink without sugar, before going to bed. In the morning, on rising, at least half an hour before breakfast, take the juice of one lemon in a goblet of water. This will clear the system of humor and bile with efficiency, without any of the weakening effect of calomel. People should not irritate the stomach by eating lemons clear: the powerful acid of the juice, which is always most corrosive, invariably produces inflammation after a while, but, properly diluted, so that it does not burn or draw the throat, it does its medical work without harm, and, when the stomach is clear of food has abundant opportunity to work over the system thoroughly.—[Medical News.

Household Hints.

An exchange says wax flowers can be cleaned by putting them under a stream of water.

To Cook Turnips.—Chop them fine; then put in just enough water to boil them tender. Season with salt, pepper, butter and vinegar. Serve hot.

It is not policy to buy drugget to cover a carpet to save it. It is a better plan to put plenty of papers or the best of carpet lining under it, as the wear comes from grinding in the floor.

The mica in the coal stove often gets smoky, and prevents the cheerful glow of the fire from illuminating the room; it also makes the stove unsightly. Take it out and wash in vinegar diluted with a little water. If the smoke does not come off readily, let it soak awhile.

Orange Shortcake.—Prepare a shortcake as for strawberry or other fruit shortcake. Have ready seven large oranges with rind, seeds and white skin removed. Slice them very thin and place between the layers of shortcake. Sift white sugar over the slices.

Orange Pudding.—Make a custard of the yolks of three eggs, one tablespoonful cornstarch, one cup sugar, one pint sweet milk. While this custard is boiling, peel and slice five oranges and put them into a pudding-dish with sugar sprinkled over each layer; when the custard is done, and while hot pour it over the oranges. Make a meringue of the whites of the eggs, and two tablespoonfuls even, not heaping full, of sugar.

Orange Custard.—This is a dainty and delicious dish, to be served in cups. The juice of ten large oranges, the yolks of ten eggs, a heaping teacupful of powdered sugar, and one pint of cream; put the sugar and orange juice together in a porcelain-lined saucepan, and set it on the stove; stir it constantly until it bubbles, then skim it, and set it where it will cool; beat the yolks of the eggs very light and add them to the orange and sugar, then stir in the cream; let this cook very slowly until it is of the desired thickness, then pour it into cups. The whites of the eggs should be beaten very diligently, and a teacupful of powdered sugar to be beaten with them; put a large spoonful of this on top of each cup

Some Canadian Indians.

The Hyda Indians, who inhabit the Queen Charlotte islands, which are the most westerly possessions of the Dominion of Canada, have no form of religious worship in their native state; and their language is so poverty stricken as to lack any word signifying the praise or adoration of a Supreme Being. As these people are inhabitants of this great Dominion, a few facts about their religion, habits and conditions may be interesting. They believe in a Great Spirit whose principal attribute is power, and in a second spirit whose influence is for evil. A vague conception of a future life, supplemented by the doctrine of the transmigration of souls also exists among them. Their morals are degradingly low and scarcely possess a single redeeming feature. Unlike many native tribes, this is not the consequence of intercourse with the whites, but is their original condition. Chastity is an unknown virtue, and fathers and mothers become procurers for their own daughters, brothers for sisters and even husbands for wives. The women change their *man* as often as it suits their caprice or convenience. The most astounding types prevail among the half-breeds, and red-haired, dark-skinned Indians are not unknown. With this state of affairs existing within Canada, it does not become the people of this country to consistently take too strong ground against the Americans for permitting the Mormon evil at Utah.—[Ottawa Free Press.

Labor and Longevity.

Ericsson, the veteran inventor, was 81 years old recently. He is in excellent health, and works, it is said, sixteen hours a day, proving an exception to the general rule, like many others that are received without question, is a fallacy. Perhaps it might be fairly asserted that busy men live longer than idle men; that work is, after all, the true elixir of life. Many noteworthy instances where longevity coincides with remarkable mental activity will easily occur to the reader.

Was not Sophocles more than 90, when to prove that he was not in his dotage—as his heirs claimed, in order to get his money—he wrote one of his greatest tragedies? Did not Humboldt do more work at fourscore than many bright men do at forty? Goethe, as everyone knows, died with pen in hand at the age of 82. Von Ranke, the foremost of living historians, has just published another volume of his Universal History; he will be 89 years next December. Carlyle and Emerson lost none of their vigor until they reached three-score years and ten.

And today, who imagines that Oliver Wendell Holmes, already on the verge of 75, is old? Longfellow did some of his best work shortly before his death, at 75, and Whittier is now two years older than that. The vast energies, whose sum in many directions are known as Victor Hugo, show no signs of decrepitude, although it is now more than eighty-two years since Victor Hugo was born. Historians, it may be remarked, have usually been long lived.

Veltaire died at 84. Thierry and Michlet, at 76; Mignet and Guizot, at 87. George Bancroft is now 84, and George Ticknor lived to be 80. In public life we have had several recent examples of great men whose power for statesmanship did not diminish through age. Gladstone is nearly 75, and Palmerston was Prime Minister at the time of his death, two days before he had completed 81 years. Benjamin Franklin, in the last century, lived to be 84.

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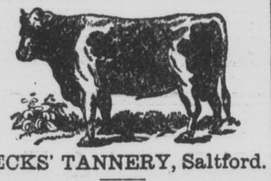

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