

INTERESTING TO THE LADIES.

The Ladies Dress Like Men.

NEW YORK WINTER FASHIONS.

It seems as if all New York was intent on enjoying to the utmost the round of gaieties and festivities which keep society in commotion from New Year's until Lent.

THE INVITATIONS are from 3 to 6 p. m., at the hour when ladies can go alone, or they may avail themselves of escorts.

DOUBLE BREASTED JACKET has the trimming pass down the side, which of course edges the garment. The garniture also passes down the side of the over-skirt.

is of black velvet, with white damask silk vest, and elaborately garnished with silver grebe; the muff and capote trimmed to correspond.

CUT-AWAY COAT AND VEST; these are made with seams, lapels, and pockets like a gentleman's coat. The vest is of striped or corded silk, satin or corduroy.

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MARIE ANTOINETTE FOOT, which is an expensive bulging on the hips; the puffing being supported underneath by a foundation of stiff muslin or crinoline.

following closely comes blue; and red in all its shades is immensely popular, from rose-pink to scarlet and coruscating over garniture.

with delicate pink roses and silver wheat ears, is an especial fancy. Mousseline de l'Inde, soft, fine and sheer, has again been revived, and is extremely fashionable for young ladies.

THE COLORED GATTES through which are woven threads of silver and gilt, the silk grenadines, which come in all tints, with small cross-bars of satin and lace.

THE LOW CORSEGE is trimmed with Grecian folds of the embroidery, which also forms the short sleeves. In contrast to this poetic, cloud-like drapery, brocade, silk, pekinse, velvet and satin combined, are also much worn.

THE BLACK VELVET DRESS abandoned for a time has regained its lost ground, and is very popular for young as well as middle-aged matrons.

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JAUNTY AND COQUETISH in the extreme, and even a plain face must look less plain, set off by one of these artistic little affairs.

Ear-rings—pendants—are going out of fashion, though solitaires, either of diamonds or pearls, will be worn by all who can afford them.

Naturalist's Portfolio.

ORIGIN OF THE ANGORA CAT.—This animal is said to have originally come from Cabul.

THE OLIVE.—This plant is named in the earliest account of Egypt and Greece; and at Athens its cultivation was taught by Cecrops, 1556 B. C.

CATS IN HOLLAND.—These animals are largely cultivated in Holland, especially for their skins. The fur of the Dutch cat is very long and soft, compared to that of the English cat.

AN INGENUOUS METHOD OF KILLING WOLVES. A harness-maker of Cirey-les-Marseilles (Oise) has hit on an ingenious method of destroying wolves without any danger.

A PIECE OF ELEPHANTINE SURGERY.—During a storm one morning a large lantern on top of the elephant house in an American Zoological garden was demolished.

Didn't Want to Waste It. An old sea captain, well-known in the days of Havre packets, who "sailed the seas over" for fifty years and more, used to tell that in the early part of his voyage as captain, when he had but just turned twenty-one, his cabin-boy complained of a lame back.

Why not? asked the captain. Says he can't get up, sir. Why not? says his back hurts him, sir. Back! what's the matter with his back? The plaster, sir.

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And he didn't. It worked to perfection, keeping the poor cook in bed with a sore back for over a week; and in the next bunk, keeping him company, was the boy, also with a sore back, but it wasn't the plaster that made it so.

Miscellaneous Items. In Europe, steel and iron rails are now nearly the same price.

The first steam fire engine on this continent was brought from England in 1853.

Organs are said to have been introduced into churches by Pope Vitalianus, about A. D. 1670.

A Bremen anti-collision steamer carries an electric light at the prow while threading "the thousand-masted Thames."

The telegraph instrument was successfully operated by S. F. B. Morse in 1835, though its utility was not demonstrated to the world until 1844.

Returns for the second week in December show that London has 32,914 paupers, of whom 42,691 were in workhouses, and the remainder in receipt of outdoor aid.

Eleven hundred and sixty-eight recruits joined the British army last year. Hard times doubled the number of applicants.

It is stated that attempts to induce the students of Moscow University to join issue with their Socialistic fellow students at St. Petersburg have been entirely unsuccessful.

The Paris Municipality have arranged for competition between the electric light and gas. The gas company undertake to bear the expense of its share in the experiment if the result is adverse to it.

A happy discovery, made by the Arabs, that camels have a weakness for the company of telegraph poles, and march more willingly beside those links with civilization, has resulted in special care being taken of poles and wires.

An English made screen exhibited at the Leeds Exposition, consisted of six flaps illustrating the various processes of the Japanese rice plantation, the satin cloth foundation in a different color for each leaf was relieved by a friar or six inch bordering of Chinese red brocade.

Domestic Reading.

The greatest loss of time is delay or expectation which depends upon the future. We let go the present, which we have in our power, and look forward to that which depends upon chance, and so relinquish a certainty for an uncertainty.

It is hard to come down in the world through upright dealing but harder still to stoop to unfair dealing in order to keep up in the world. If the loss of temporal gain be the gain of eternal good, then the reverse of fortune is the reverse of misfortune.

CAVALRY OF VERSAILLES TROOPS TO COMMUNIST.—A woman was arrested in the Rue de la Roquette, accused of arson, and led off to execution, her child, a little girl of three or four, followed, clinging to her mother's petticoat.

PERFECTIONS.—To be always a man of rule and duty, to follow with fidelity to the end the way of honour, to renew each day, without weariness and weakness, the laboring struggle of a soul wrestling with itself, to draw from the sacrifice of the eve the force necessary to accomplish that of the morrow, to attach one good work to another like the links of a chain, of which each one is joined to that which precedes it and supports that which follows it, to accomplish in silence this slow and prolonged immolation of the senses to the spirit, of reason to faith, of interest to duty, of passion to law, of self-will to authority, of our own welfare to the general good, of one's whole existence to God—this is true perfection of life.

ECENTRICITIES OF ARTEMUS WARD.—One of Charles Farrar Browne's (better known by his nom de plume Artemus Ward) most intimate friends was Jack Ryder, who was his roommate during the time he lived in Cleveland, and who afterwards travelled with him in different capacities.

Find Work for the Idle Man.—A man must live the year round, whether he is working or not. If he is idle during the winter he must earn enough in the summer to sustain himself when he is idle.

Live Stock should be kept comfortable and clean. Examine calves and yearlings for lice. These pests will be found along the back and on the neck. Rubbing the skin with crude petroleum will destroy the vermin.

Poultry.—If the hens are kept warm, and are fed well with warm feed once a day, and provided with clean nests, eggs will soon be plentiful. Hens that have been laying may become broody, and may be set if a glazed coop is provided and placed in a sunny spot before a warm poultry house.

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AGRICULTURAL.

Early Lambs and Calves are to be provided with warm pens and kept dry and clean during February.

Preparations for Corn and Cotton should be made at once. Where abundance of manure is not to be had, some artificial fertilizers should be procured.

Stone Boats are very useful implements. There should be several of them and of different sizes—one for each team at least. They will be found useful for many unexpected purposes, both upon the snow and the bare ground where there are no stones.

Large Crops on Small Areas.—It ought to be the effort of every farmer to grow as much as possible upon the least ground. This is economy of labor, of seed, and of time.

Seed should be selected or procured at once. By and by there will be too much hurry to do this as well as it ought to be done. Nothing but the best should be used, and it will pay to pick out weed seeds or imperfect grains by hand if it can not be done otherwise.

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