

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

The Philadelphia Times gives the following hints concerning the remodeling of last year's dresses, and how to make and mend spring garments.

Careful mothers are bringing out last year's garments in a way that may be available—what may be made over and what can be handed down.

The fashion of combination-suits renders the task of turning and twisting comparatively easy, since something may always be done with what is left of a dress.

Cheap goods are rarely worth making over, while all worn materials of good quality may be used again and again. These also pay best for dyeing, and two dresses which have outlived their usefulness in their first estate, may, after passing through the dyer's vat, be unlicked to form a serviceable suit of black or some dark color.

Black woollens should be sponged with lard-water and ironed while damp. If very dirty wash flannels in luke-warm water, and rinse in indigo water made as blue as possible.

Do not wring out, but hang up to drip, and when nearly dry iron on the wrong side. Few lower skirts are now made of the dress material. English cambrie, cheap alpaca or fawned serge, are usually employed for the foundation.

The popular bias cut here in this facing of the dress goods half a yard wide is put, and on this facing the plaatings, flounces, etc., are set. Plaating may be placed to any extent, the points being hidden in the folds.

PIKE'S PEAK SIGNAL STATION.

Wonders of the Highest Inhabited Portion of the Globe. A Colorado correspondent of the Boston Journal writes as follows: The United States signal station at Pike's peak is the highest signal station in the world; it is also the highest inhabited portion of the globe.

It was opened in the month of September, 1878. That it was a wise provision of the government in establishing a signal station at this point is no longer questioned, the facts having already demonstrated its practicability, and the present success promises that Pike's peak signal station is yet to stand at the head of all astronomical and meteorological stations in the world.

This point is wonderfully favored by nature for the study of astronomy and meteorology. The rarity of the atmosphere brings out a remarkable brilliancy and clearness to the stars and all the heavenly bodies.

The summer months are also occupied in preparing for the long siege of winter. During the months of August and September upward of 3,000 pounds of the usual variety of family stores and about twenty-five cords of firewood are singly stored away.

These are all carried to the peak in small quantities on the back of the poor, despised burro, whose head has the appearance of being encased in cloth and whose ears are nearly the length of his legs.

Impetuosity is like the ocean underfoot, for it carries us beyond our depth. The horsethief, who came near being tarred and feathered, plumes himself on his escape on a pitch-dark night.

CHARGED BY THE ZULUS.

The Desperate Resistance of Eighty English Soldiers Against Heavy Odds in South Africa. A London letter, describing the annihilation of a British column under Lord Chelmsford, of 2,000 Zulus, at Borke's Drift, in South Africa, says:

Some dozen miles from the camp at Borke's Drift proper, a small commissariat post had been stationed, near the Tugela river, and not far from the frontier towns of Helmpakar and Greytown. Here, without any intrenched system of defense, utterly unprepared to resist anything like a serious attack, and never dreaming of danger, there were a handful of volunteers, some men of the Twenty-fourth, and some civilians, about eighty, all told.

They had a vast quantity of meal in bags and a large store of biscuit in tins. These, under the young engineer's direction, they hastily formed into a barricade, with log-holes for the rifles. Meanwhile the outlook was gloomy, for the fugitives fall under the Zulu fire, more particularly Lieutenant Coghill, while crossing the river, the officer's intention being to warn Greytown.

The little post at Borke's Drift appears to have been altogether forgotten, except by the Zulu army, for the natives who had pursued Coghill turned out to be the vanguard of another portion of the victorious force which had captured the Chelmsford convoy. It was at sunset that between 3,000 and 4,000 of the Zulus, in a single charge, swept down upon the little post, and the Zulus, who had pursued Coghill turned out to be the vanguard of another portion of the victorious force which had captured the Chelmsford convoy.

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There are times when even the timid and unassuming may prove a dangerous foe—for instance, when you have eaten too much of him.

Hints About Accidents.

A child roll down the stairs, or falls from a height, and in either case strikes his head with force. What shall be done till the doctor comes? We would give the following directions, as nearly as possible in the order in which they should be adopted: Raise the child gently in the arms, and carrying it to the nearest sofa or bed, place him on it.

Do not touch the head, unless it is swollen or hot, and if it is swollen, do not touch it. The child should be kept cool and the extremities warm. Cooling lotions of ammonia or witch-hazel and water, or simply water, should be applied to the head on thin cloths, well wrung out so as not to wet the pillows and bed-clothes.

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Wonderful Facts.

Sir Ashley Cooper relates the case of a sailor who was recruited in St. Thomas' hospital in a state of stupor from an injury in the head, which continued some months. After an operation he suddenly recovered so far as to speak, but no one in the hospital understood his language.

He spoke English, and was Welsh, which was his native language. He had, however, been absent from Wales more than thirty years, and previous to the accident had entirely forgotten Welsh, although he now spoke it fluently, and repeated not a word of any other tongue. On his first recovery he again completely forgot his Welsh, and recovered his English.

An Italian gentleman, mentioned by Coleidge, during the delirium of a fever repeated with perfect correctness passages from a number of theological works in Latin, Greek, and Rabbinical Hebrew. It was at length discovered that he had been servant to a learned clergyman, who was in the habit of walking backward and forward along a passage by the kitchen, and there reading aloud from some of the books.

Dr. Abercrombie relates the case of a child, four years old, who underwent the operation of trepanning while in a state of profound stupor from fracture of the skull. After his recovery, he retained no recollection either of the operation or the accident, and at the age of fifteen, during the delirium of fever, he gave his mother an exact description of the operation of the persons present, their dress and many other minute particulars.

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