

## DRESS.

I never met in all my life  
The man who would confess  
(However he might blame his wife)  
His vanity in dress.

One might suppose that lordly man  
Would scorn the whims of "style,"  
Have higher aspirations, than—  
The shape of coat or "tile."

That love of fame, or home and ease,  
Ambition, war, or wealth!  
Would fire his soul, and yet he sees  
His tailor-man on stealth.

Now lovely woman, frail and weak,  
Too honest to disguise,  
Would never play the abject sneak  
Like man, "the great and wise."

She boldly takes the foremost place  
In fashion's mighty sway,  
And copies, with bewitching grace,  
The "dressings," of the day.

And what a beauty, when she's "drest,"  
A gem without a flaw!  
How well she knows what suits her best,  
By intuition's law.

But man's a coward in the strife,  
A bungler, when a "swell,"  
And often vainer than his wife,  
But cannot dress so well,

R. C.

## The Joker Club.

"The Pun is mightier than the Sword."

The sight of a novel is no novel sight.

The money-lender's motto—"A 'charge' to keep I have."

The strongest man is rarely strong enough to hold his tongue at the right time.

Men and watches don't amount to much when they are run down.—*Boston Star*.

After marriage the question as to who shall be speaker of the house is speedily settled.

"Variety is the spice of life," but there's such a thing as a variety show being too spicy.

Sara Bernhardt is worth 1,200,000 francs. No wonder she owns a house in the Rue de Fortuny.

Fogg says beef should be classed under the head of game, because it is dear meat.—*Boston Transcript*.

It is noted by a philologist that "possesses" possesses more ss than any other common word possesses.

The favorite opera of the singer whose salary is slow in coming, is back cash, O!—*Boston Transcript*.

The new comet is rushing things, and will soon be ready for a grand opening on our mundane vision.

Mrs. Jesse James announces that anything that may be said about her is not so.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

A man who has a mulatto servant girl named Ella, calls her umber-Ella. We don't Sienna fun in that.

The "moonshiners" are about the only persons who have succeeded in keeping a secret still.—*Boston Star*.

A woman's heart is a small affair, but it can upset the biggest man that ever adorned this world.—*Boston Star*.

A man is most anxious to learn that which he knows will make him most unhappy. This made the poet say that where ignorance is bliss it is blasted foolishness to be wise.—*New Orleans Picayune*.

Rear-Admiral Ammen doesn't think much of the Eads ship railway. In other words, he cannot say Ammen to it.

A lawyer in Ohio has been disbarred for stealing sheep. The Ohio bar thinks the line should be drawn somewhere.

It is said that Joseph, the favorite of Pharaoh, was the first aesthete. He had a coat of many colors.

It takes a girl about four hours longer to wash the front windows of a house than the back windows.—*Newport Journal*.

In view of the results of Arctic exploration, we are forced to believe that the North Pole is one of those things that no fellow can find out.

The men who wrote some of the best of Longfellow's poems before he did are gradually coming to the front.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night*.

Dr. Bliss is going to Europe. He is liable to become the family physician of any distinguished person who asks him to dinner.—*Picayune*.

This is the season when athletic games occupy more general attention than any other form of amusement, except looking for summer board.

Ever did not experience any of the tortures endured by the modern lady of fashion, and yet, like the latter, she had nothing to wear.—*Lowell Citizen*.

In view of the demand for jewelled garters, it is thought highly probable that bathing suits will be in demand for evening wear.—*Rome Sentinel*.

Fortune is said to knock once at every man's door. Not only that, but fortune seems to climb into the windows of some folks and stay with them.—*New Haven Register*.

The fact that people are going around buying up old rubber shoes leads us to suspect that there must be a new kind of Bologna sausage in the market.—*Syracuse Herald*.

The name of the lady who purchased that \$1,200 pair of garters from a New York jeweller the other day has not yet been ascertained. Have they no mud in New York?—*Post*.

From a German Police Report: "Last night in the crooked street three gas lamps were destroyed in a violent manner without knowing the offender."—*Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"Confound it, you've shot the dog!" I thought you told me you could hold a gun?"  
Pat—"Sure and so I can, your Honor. It's the shot, sorr, I couldn't howld!"—*New York Post*.

Edith—It is the easiest thing in the world to tell a man of brains from a fool, half a square off. A man of brains never acts as if he owned the whole street.—*Philadelphia News*.

The Queen of Italy is said to be fond of the picturesque. Then the sight of a fat man with a long mustache trying to eat soup ought to fill her with delight.—*Philadelphia Chronicle*.

"Woman," says Mrs. Eastman, "is a problem." So she is; and though a problem we can never hope to solve, it is one we shall never, never be willing to give up.—*Boston Transcript*.

Tight-lacing, according to a scientist, makes a woman's nose red, and an experienced person wants to know what it is that makes men's noses red. His query is pretty good evidence that he has never had the hay fever. We are not a scientist, and it may be that all red noses are not caused by hay fever. Some may be painted.—*Norristown Herald*.

## ON THE WATER AS WELL AS ON THE LAND.

How is it possible to prevent a good thing from being known, is the question now agitating some few individuals in the Dominion. Therefore larger numbers, although not sufferers from rheumatic troubles, are of the opinion of Capt. Barry of Kingston, owner of several lake vessels, and himself sailing master of one, who says: "I, too, have been cured of the rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy; and I know of several others besides myself who have been cured of that dreadful ailment in the same manner; it is known upon the water as well as on the land, and is considered an invaluable remedy everywhere."



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