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**MY LADY'S COLUMN.**

**AN EFFECT OF BACK DRAPERY**

Quite like the manner of a gown in one of Steven's pictures was one worn by a leader of the Paris modes; its skirt, a bit full, draped a little, and there was an apron over-skirt, heavily fringed, which was pulled in, wrinkling folds to the back and disposed of in a large looped bow only a little below the belt line. Narrower fringe edged the fichu corsage and bordered the short, straight sleeves, which opened over little undersleeves of white muslin drawn below the elbow into a narrow, embroidered band. The fichu left a space in the back and front that was covered with an unlined muslin guimpe, its little round collar tied with a knot of cerise ribbon. Black feathers waved from her wide hat of cerise-colored velvet.

**A Pretty Dash**

A new serge dress for the winter very simple, to be worn with white collars and cuffs, has a black satin ribbon sash tied cleverly, and easy to copy. The ribbon is about six inches wide, and passes straight around the waist, being only tacked in place where it meets at the back it is tied in a regular knot, the width of the ribbon being enough to make it one of good size. Then below this are tied two loops, and those droop gracefully on either side, the big knot forming the middle. The whole is one of those simple touches by which the French accomplish a good effect.

**A MUCH TRIMMED FUR COAT WITH ADAPTABLE IDEAS**



Old clothes may easily be refurbished this season. Many different fabrics may be used in one garment. Coats are much trimmed. A bit of velvet and bands of broad trim braid give a decided air to the simplest coat.

A handsome caracul jacket serves as an example. A band of velvet is set a couple of inches above the bottom, while the flat deep collar and very deep cuffs of velvet are trimmed with tulle braid. The collar extends into a panel and through the braid band around the coat and falls far down upon the dress skirt.

A muff and hat of caracul add to the effect.

**The Empress Eugenie**

The Empress Eugenie spends most of her time in England.

"I am not getting younger," she says, and Franklin is now my home."

There is a series of rooms in the house at Faramon devoted to mementoes of Napoleon IV, as the Empressists still like to call the Prince Imperial, who was killed during the Zulu War. In a locked cabinet are the remains of the Prince's uniform, which his mother brought back from Africa when she made the journey to see the spot where he was slain. But most interesting of all is the sword with which he defended himself. It is the same that Napoleon I. wore at Austerlitz and at Waterloo.

It was not a sword of state, but a plain fighting sword in a simple sheath. When King Cetewayo was conquered this sword, which had terrified Europe, was found among the spoils in his kraal.

The best product of the prairie is not wheat but men, and the quarter section that produces a thinking man, full fledged in all his powers, may well be held to have performed his mission.

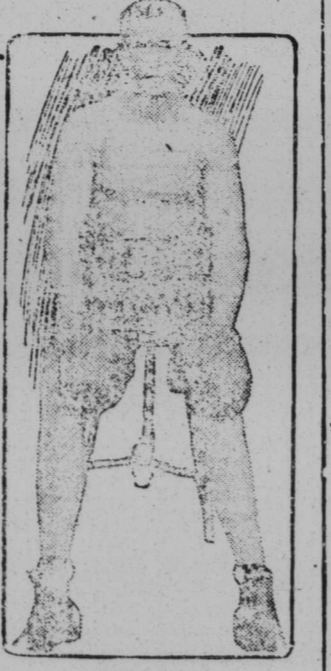
**STIFF LEGGED TIM**

Stiff-legged Tim Land of Australia Can Fight Serge. He Gave "Cyclone" Thompson a Good Fight.

Can you imagine a man with a stiff leg being a good boxer and fighter? Tim Land, the Australian middle-weight, is handicapped with a stiff leg, and he is not only a good boxer and a rare fighter, but as game as any man that ever entered the arena. There may be other boxers handicapped as Land is, but I never heard of them.

I saw Land in Sydney. He had won 17 battles over the knockout route in the smaller clubs of Sydney and Melbourne, when he was matched with "Cyclone" Thompson by Manager J. J. Cowell, representative of Hugh McIntosh. They fought before 7000 fans in the Stadium.

When Cowell called to Land about a match, the latter told him to get the



tinchest middleweight he could find. "I try to get Thompson or Papke for me and I'll deliver the goods," he said.

The men were matched for 20 rounds and for 19 they fought like wildcats. Tim more than held his own for 15 rounds, but in the sixteenth Johnny began to get home some terrific short arm jabs to the jaw and he had the game stiff-legged boy wobbling, but could not make him back up an inch. It looked like a draw in the nineteenth, but toward the end Johnny dared Tim with a hard one to the jaw.

As they came up for the twentieth Tacoma landed a hard right swing on Land's jaw, putting him down for the count. As he came to, Tim asked for Cowell and said: "Well, I kept my word, didn't I?"

Land returned a return with Thompson and got it about a month later. He lasted but two rounds. I believe Thompson's first victory was over Land, but he has confidence. The manager afterwards told me that he never had a better fight in his life.

**CALGARY FOOTBALL**

The energy of Calgary is becoming almost phenomenal. The desire of their football team to play for the Dominion honors seems quite natural although a little late to be perfectly reasonable. But the activity in professional baseball circles is remarkable considering that spring is so far away. It is reported that the manager of the Calgary Branches is signing up players right and left, one of the finest being a youth of nineteen named Brunsting, who, says a Calgary writer, "has all the earmarks of a veteran."

**BASEBALL IN CHINA**

They have a baseball game in China as well as a revolution, and the ball-players finished their job first. The teams were recruited in Shanghai and last season the league consisted of four clubs. Next year, it is to be doubled in size. According to reports from Shanghai, baseball is making great headway in China—and who should it not, where there are so many fans?


**A NEW CHAMPION**

Pranny McKeetick, owner manager of Joe Jennette, claims the world's championship, losing his hand on the statement of Jack Johnson that he is through with the King. Joe should share the honor with Langford and McVoy, with Johnson out of the way, but the champion has not retired and the chances are he will be seen in action again before another six months passes. In the meantime it might be well for Jennette to settle the question of supremacy with Langford and McVoy.

**HAYES AND JOE MANDOT**

While all eyes were turned toward Los Angeles for the battle between Volney Davis and Welsh it might be well to keep in mind another bout which although not so important, may have a bearing on the lightweight title in the future. The contest will be between Grover Hayes and Joe Mandot, who gained fame by whipping Fitzburg. Saylor, Mandot and Hayes should put up a grand fight and the winner will be in line for the winner of the Welsh-Volney bout.

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