

THE CRUELITIES OF FASHION.

As it is said that aigrettes are to be fashionable this year, it may be worth noticing the following paragraph from the *Animal World*:—"The aigrette is a tuft of graceful thin feathers taken from a kind of heron called *egret*; and not only are these poor birds killed expressly to furnish ornaments for ladies' bonnets and hair, but they are killed at the time when they ought especially to be protected—namely, during the breeding season. They build their nests close together, and the feather-hunters look for these breeding-places. The best time to attack them is when the young birds are fully fledged but not yet able to fly; for at that time the solicitude of the parent birds is greatest, and forgetful of their own danger, they are most readily made victims. They hover in a crowd over the heads of their despoilers, their boldness making it as easy as possible to shoot them down; and when the slaughter is finished, and the few handfuls of coveted feathers plucked out, the poor birds are left in a heap to fester in the sun in sight of their orphaned young, that cry for food and are not fed."

Reginald de Koven's new waltz, which one hears played on so many pianos nowadays, has proved so popular with young women that a second edition of the April *Ladies' Home Journal*, containing the music, has been found necessary, the first edition of the magazine consisting of 700,000 copies.

Following Mr. Howell's lead, apparently, both Frank R. Stockton and Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett have gone over to *The Ladies' Home Journal*, and the most important works by these authors upon which they are now engaged, will shortly see publication in this magazine.

False humility is worse than pride.—*St. Augustine.*

In sickness let us not so much say, am I getting better of my pain? as, am I getting better for it?

The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, forbearing.

—It is a sign a man is generally in the right, who has the ingeniousness to own himself sometimes in the wrong; that he is one of those whose fund of reputation is so great, he is not afraid of impoverishing by taking or losing a little from it.—*Seel.*

Don't speak of going to church "to hear" a clergyman "preach," or his "preaching," when you mean that he conducted the entire service, which includes the entire sermon.

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