

New Imperial Anthem.

A new anthem, the words of which were written by Joseph C. Todd, music by G. Herbert Parker, is being sold and circulated in England. It was written in commemoration of The Colonial Premiers' visit. In a letter to this magazine Joseph C. Todd, the writer of the anthem, informs us that his anthem has been accepted by His Most Gracious Majesty The King, the Prince of Wales, and each of the Colonial Premiers. The following are the words:—

God bless our Empire vast;
O'er it Thy mercy cast,
Protecting power;
May every colony,—
And each dependency,—
Be true to all, and Thee;
Their shield and tower.

Where northern lights do glow
On glacier, berg, and snow,
In arctic zone;
Where the fierce tropic pains;
Where fall torrential rains;
O'er range, and torrid plains:—
Reign;—Thee alone!

God bless our Motherland;
May she for ever stand,
Home of the free;
Head of all nations' laws;—
First in each noble cause;—
Averter still of wars;—
Make her to be.

Bless Thou our Sovereign King;
May his reign ever bring
Honor and peace;
And though the seas divide;
Let every branch abide
Staunch to its source, and guide;
And strong in Thee.

WHAT TO WEAR.

Blouse Waists. It seems to me that every month I mention these garments, but it is hardly possible to write a fashion letter without doing so. The latest novelty is the net or lace waist with the Japanese sleeve. Some of these sleeves are very extreme but the moderate Japanese sleeve in this material is not only cool and comfortable but really very smart. There is a rage for Japanese effects just now, mainly I think, because they accord so well with the Empire effects. All the latest fancy evening coats show Japanese sleeves. This is not such an innovation, however, as this type of sleeve in a lace blouse. A few of the summer and Pongee silk waists show the same style of sleeve. If you find difficulty in getting the correct pattern just get your local storekeeper to let you cut it off any one of the Japanese dressing gowns he is sure to have in stock. I have not yet seen it listed among the Butterick patterns, though no doubt it will be by the end of the month.

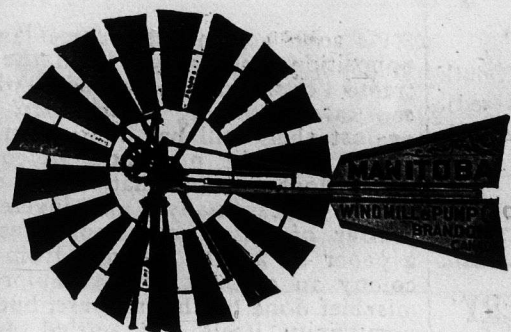
Sunbonnets. I desire to make mention of a sunbonnet that has jumped into sudden favor for outing trips as it combines all the virtues of the old time sunbonnet without being so close and hot. It is marvellously becoming to a pretty girl, particularly if she have roguish eyes to peep out from under its brim. I have not been able to get a pattern of it, but I do not think it would be difficult to make without one. It is held on the head by an elastic run in a casing round the full crown. It fits over the mass of the hair and brings no pressure on the head.

Mother Love.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
I know whose love would follow me still;
If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
I know whose tears would come down to me;
If I were damned in body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole;
Mother o' mine, Mother o' mine.
—Rudyard Kipling.

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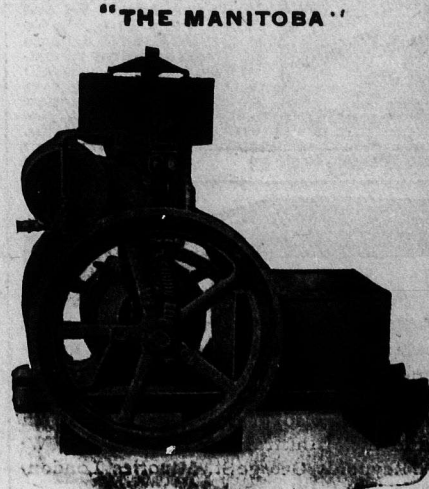
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