

REVIVAL OF SNUFF TAKING.

The Story that Comes Across the Atlantic—Practice in Colonial Times. The report comes from Paris that the practice of snuff taking will be resuscitated during the coming winter by the dandies of the French capital.

In colonial times, during the revolutionary war, and for many years afterward, the use of snuff was very common in this country. Nearly every gentleman carried a silver snuff box, which was often inlaid with gold.

The use of snuff has been steadily declining in almost every country in the world during a period of fifty years. Various reasons may be assigned for its gradual disuse.

The Banjo's Successor.

Women were more than the ancient Athenians in their love for the mandolin. They have and ever by one season they will abandon the next, and nothing that is old, from a sonnet to a carpet, finds favor in their eyes.

Miss Willie Astor is a good performer on the mandolin, having learned it while her husband was minister in Rome. The queen of Italy, too, is an expert and has a superb ynnodia bearing her monogram and a crown in diamonds.

Chemical Confusion.

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CHEAP CLOTHING.

LIVES OF WOMEN WORN OUT ON READY MADE SUITS.

What It Costs to Put "Bargain" Price Marks on Wearing Apparel—Dangers of the "Slop Shop" Trade—A Business Needing Ventilation.

The slop shop is the biggest thing in the cheap-clothing trade, and the slop shop keepers are the hardest taskmasters of the poor slaves of the metropolis.

There are comparatively few clothing factories in New York. Most of what are called such are simply shops where the cloth is cut. These goers, each sort of garment separately, to the "tailors," so called, who have their shops all over the city, but chiefly in the most densely populated tenement house districts.

Often they are wonderful bargains indeed, in spite of the enormous profits that have been made out of them; but if they are cheap it is because women have turned their sinews into thread and their blood into sewing machine oil in the making of them.

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THE CANALS OF MARS.

WHAT ASTRONOMER SCHIAPARELLI SAW THROUGH HIS TELESCOPE.

Some Remarkable Appearances Which He Noted—Is Mars Inhabited?—Facts Which Seem to Call for an Affirmative Answer.

It was in 1877 during a favorable conjunction of Mars—that is to say, at the time when Mars was unusually near to the earth—that Schiaparelli first saw the canals. It will be recalled that in that same year Professor Hall discovered the two tiny moons of Mars with the great telescope at Washington.

"There are upon that planet great dark lines, traversing the continents, to which may be given the name of canals, although we do not yet know what they are. Various astronomers have already detected several of them, notably Dawes in 1864.

"Greater yet was my astonishment when, the 19th of January, I saw the canal of Jannina, which was then in the center of the disk, divided very accurately into two straight, parallel lines, the space which separates the Nileague lake from the Gulf of Aurora.

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LIFE IN JERUSALEM.

CHRISTIANITY AT ITS WORST, MOHAMMEDANISM AT ITS BEST.

A Returned Missionary's Interesting Account of the State of Affairs in the Holy City—Destitute Jews from Arabia—The American Colony.

Rev. T. F. Wright, who has returned from Jerusalem recently, talked with a reporter in regard to the condition of affairs there at the present time.

"The state of religion in Jerusalem is very interesting. I remained five weeks in the city, and was brought into contact with persons of every class. It must be confessed that Christianity is seen at its worst there, and Mohammedanism at its best.

"The Christians in Jerusalem are in a state of bitter sectarian conflict. They are not agreed among themselves as to the sacred sites, and they have more than once come to bloodshed in acting together in the celebration of some of the Christian festivals.

"In the church of the Latin Franciscans alternate with the Greek monks in the performance of a most singular and grotesque ceremony. The bells of the church of the Holy Sepulcher and on the Mount of Olives are rung by the rival sects, apparently only for the purpose of expressing their unkind feelings.

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