

FRAN

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Most Popular Fur-Trimmed Finery

SYNOPSIS.

Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting. She repairs rather to search for him...

Mr. Bill Smookins was an exceedingly hard-featured man, of no recognizable age. Externally, he was blue overalls and greasy hair.

unsteadily. "In the superlative? I don't see how you can, after that exhibition behind the bars. Anyway, I want you to talk about yourself, what made you go away from town?"

edness—it evolved you, you, the Fran of today—the Fran of this living hour. And it's the Fran of this living hour that I want to marry?"

out; and if this wasn't the last day, I don't know whether I'd have promised you or not. . . . Samson was pretty good, but that mask annoyed him. So you see—but honestly, Abbott, doesn't all this make you feel just a wee bit different about me?"

EVERYTHING is trimmed with fur and already furriers are making up in what are called "millinery furs" imitations of martlet, ermine, skunk, leopard, moleskin, mink and sealskin.

but short-haired furs, not so bulky, are invariably this season cut either narrow or wide.

CHAPTER XXIII.—Continued. He met her eyes unflatteringly. "It's already nine o'clock," he said with singular composure. "Don't forget: nine-thirty."

"I'll steady you," said Abbott, briefly, and he took her hand. She did not appear conscious of his protecting clasp.

"Up, Samson, Up!" given up trying to understand you. Since then, I've just loved. That's easy."

"What will people think of a superintendent of public schools caring for a show-girl, even if she is Fran Nonpareil. How would it affect your career?"

"You're a wonder, yourself!" Fran declared, dropping her hands to stare at him. "Yes, that's it. All these show-people are friends of mine."

FILMY LINGERIE FASHION'S EDICT FOR THIS SEASON

CUMBERSOME clothes are things of the past. Soft and fine, the undergarments of today do not confine themselves alone to sheer muslins, but call lace and even chiffon into their fragile make-up.

the shoulder straps, which are made of beading with lace edging whipped to each side. A narrow hem finishes each side of the front. Wider ribbon is run through the beading at the waist and tied in a bow at the front.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Near the Sky. It was half-past nine when Abbott met Fran, according to appointment, before the Snake Den. From her hands she had removed the color of Italy, and from her body, the glittering raiment of La Gonizetti.

"Look—just so; not saying a word—only waving this way and that. . . . And it made me think of our hypnotizer—the man that waves people into our biggest tent—he seems to pick 'em up bodily and carry them in his arms. Well! And if the people are to be waved into a church, it won't take much of a breeze to blow them out. I don't believe in soul-waving. But that doesn't mean that I don't believe in the church—does it?—do you think?"

"What about my mother who lived and died as a lion-tamer? What will you do about my life-history? I'd never speak to a man who could feel ashamed of my mother. What about my father who has never publicly acknowledged me? I'd not want to have anything to do with a man who—who could be proud of him."

"You're a wonder, yourself!" Fran declared, dropping her hands to stare at him. "Yes, that's it. All these show-people are friends of mine. When the mayor was trying to decide which carnival company they'd have for the street fair, I told him about this show; and that's why it's here. Poor La Gonizetti needs the money dreadfully—for they spend it as fast as it's paid in. The little darling will have to go to a hospital, and there's nothing laid by. The boys all threw in, but they didn't have much, themselves. Nobody has. Everybody's poor in this old world—except you and me. I've taken La Gonizetti's place in the cage all day to keep her from losing

LEGEND OF GARDEN OF EDEN

Oriental Christians Believe Banana Tree Was the Source of Good and Evil. There exists a legend relative to the Christian inhabitants of the east that they believe the banana to be the tree of the source of good and evil, in a bunch of the fruit of which the serpent tempted Eve hid itself, and they add that when Adam and Eve became ashamed of their nakedness, they covered themselves with the leaves of this plant.

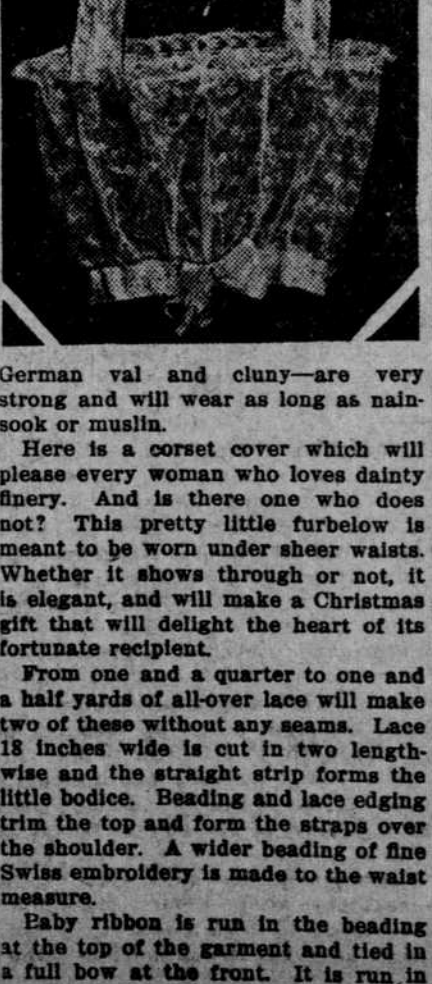
through the surrounding islands and the main land. This has never been authentically established, however, and some authorities include the banana among the articles that formed the base of food supply of the Incas and the Aztecs before the arrival of the Spaniards.

Little Lesson in Efficiency. A woman who has been studying the science of household efficiency comments that the obvious things that every woman ought to know about conserving time and energy in the doing of the daily household tasks are the ones that seem to make no impression upon the average household. For instance, she says, always have the draining pan when washing dishes upon the left of the washpan.

VALUE QUEER RELICS HIGHLY

Large Sums Have Frequently Been Paid for Articles That Many Would Call Grewsomes. It is not every man, not every hero worshiper, who would esteem the tooth of his hero of more value than diamonds. There is a ring belonging to an English nobleman, in which the place of honor, formerly occupied by a diamond, is given to a tooth that once did duty in a human jaw.

on Wednesday, August 11, 1871, in the gardens attached to the house of Madame Koch, at three o'clock in the afternoon." The wig of a literary man appears to have been even more sought after than his teeth. That which Sterne wore while writing "Tristram Shandy" was sold soon after the writer's death for ten thousand dollars; and the favorite chair of Alexander Pope brought five thousand dollars.



Cretonne Silps. Cretonne slips to put over frocks that are hanging in the closet or wardrobe are convenient. They are made of two pieces of cretonne, cut in semi-circular outline, a little bigger than a dress hanger. They are seamed together about the curved edge, with a little opening left for the neck of the hanger.