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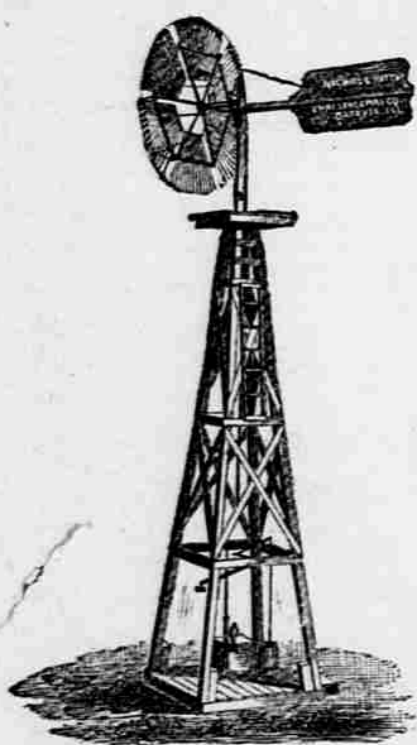
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### THE ABSURDITIES OF FASHION.

How Foreign Ladies Follow the Will-o'-the-Wisp.

(Fashion Journal.)

"Do you think American ladies dress as fashionably as their French and English sisters?"

La Princesse was stitching away for dear life; her needle described wonderful evolutions through the air; her line of snowy white thread grew beautifully less in an incredibly short space of time.

"Fashion is an absurd, intangible will-o'-the-wisp," answered La Princesse, so vehemently that her broken, but delightful English failed her, and she had to seek reinforcement from her native Parisian. "English and French ladies follow this will-o'-the-wisp blindly. American ladies don't. They're too original. They don't run in a herd after some silly style that can never suit them, Tiens!"

La Princesse ran her needle into her little white thumb in her enthusiasm. Her listener was obliged to stanch the flow of blood.

"I don't believe what you say about the Europeans," said he who listened, indignantly. He knew nothing of the cause of fashion—only its effects.

"Petit idiot!" exclaimed the lady angrily; "listen, and I'll give you as many examples as you can require. Mme. de Pompadour once had an ugly pimple on her chin. She was vexed, and at last, in despair, pasted a piece of black plaster over the offending spot. Result: All the ladies of the court appeared the following week with pieces of plaster on their faces. A fashion was established, and it was kept up a long time. The same lady, as I suppose you know, was exceedingly diminutive in stature. To remedy this defect she invented high-heeled boots. They were unknown before her time. Result: The ladies of the court took to high-heeled boots, and another fashion had birth."

"I'm nearly convinced." "O, but I've not finished yet. Marie Antoinette had enormous quantities of hair. She didn't know what to do with it. She was waiting for a barber one day with the intention of being shorn, and had piled up her hair in a negligent manner when she suddenly found that this style of headdress set off her small features to advantage. Result: monstrously high coiffures came into fashion, and were worn for a very long time. Anne of Austria had exquisitely formed arms. Result: Short sleeves came into fashion."

"Well, where's England in this controversy?" "He! he! he!" chuckled La Princesse.

"I'm coming to Albion. The princess of Wales is the unfortunate possessor of a limp. No, sir, not a chic little amble, but an ugly, unprepossessing limp. Well, would you believe it! Some time ago a large number of ladies had one heel of their shoe made lower than the other. Result: The 'Alexandria limp' became the height of fashion. The 'Grecian bend' was another result of this unfortunate defect. Well, this same noble lady has some slight deformity in the neck which prevents her wearing dresses cut low. Result: The fashion, which still rages among English ladies, for bodices reaching almost to the ears, which fashion is much ridiculed among the Parisians. I must say it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black."

### Prolonging Life.

(Chambers' Journal.) It was during the darkness of the middle ages, ripe with fanaticism and superstition, that the most absurd ideas of witchcraft, horoscopes, chiromancy, and empirical panaceas for the prolongation of life first became disseminated. The philosopher's stone and elixir of life were then vaunted by the alchemists.

Foremost among the prolongers of life we find Paracelsus, an alchemist of great renown, and a man of considerable attainments. He claimed to have discovered the elixir of life. So great was his influence that even the learned Erasmus did not disdain to consult him. Patients and pupils flocked around him from every quarter of Europe. Notwithstanding his famous "stone of immortality," he died at the age of 50. His vaulted elixir was a kind of sulphur similar to compound sulphuric ether. Nevertheless, to the researches of Paracelsus we are indebted for our primary knowledge of mercury, which he was the first to use as a medicine.

About this epoch Leonard Thurneyser attained world-wide celebrity as an astrologer and nativity caster. He was a physician, printer, book-seller and horoscopes all in one. He professed that, by the aid of astrology, he could not only predict future events, but likewise prolong life. He published yearly an astrological calendar, describing the nature of the forthcoming year and its chief events. His calendar and other quackeries enabled him to amass the sum of 1,000 florins. He declared that every man lay under the influence of a certain star, by which his destiny was ruled. On ascertaining from what planet a person's misfortunes or sickness proceeded, he advised his patient to remove his residence within the control of a more propitious luminary. In short, to escape from the influence of a malignant to a more friendly satellite was the basis of his theory.

### A Gambler's View of His Trade.

(Philadelphia Press.) Now, doesn't it stand to reason that the beautifully furnished club-house, the high rent of the house, the free lunches, dinners and suppers always laid out in a decent place, the wages of the dealers, the cost of the elegant instruments, the chips, the cards, the commissions to the steers, the tips to the police and a lot of other things, all have to come out of the pockets of the flats that play? Just so. Now do you suppose the men as run the banks want to be a society for the object of providing fortunes at short notice to bums, dudes, dry goods clerks and newspaper reporters? Not much! Look at the chances the bankers have to take. They are always liable to be hauled up before the justice and fined or imprisoned, not to mention the confiscation of their stock in trade. No, sir; I don't know six men who make a certain income at it, and only one man who may be called rich, and that's Daly, of Long Branch.

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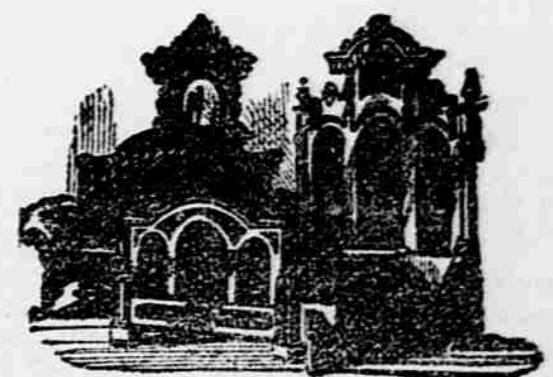
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