

Vagaries of Fashion.

Crepon, so much used last year, has taken rank among the deplaid fabrics.

Linings of outside garments will be a showy character and light glaces will remain in vogue for lining dress skirts.

THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them.

One gigantic species of Costa Rica grasshopper lays 2,000 eggs in a single laying season, which extends over but three weeks.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic.

The easiest way to make some men angry is to compliment their competitors.

Comfort to Californians.

Yes, and economy, too, if you take the Burlington route's personally conducted, once-a-week excursions which leave Omaha and Lincoln every Thursday morning.

Tourist sleepers—clean, bright, comfortable—through to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Second class tickets accepted.

Only \$5 for a double berth, wide enough and big enough for two.

Write for folder giving full information, or call at the depot and see the local ticket agent.

A million dollars in silver will weigh 56,931 pounds, or almost twenty-eight and one quarter tons.



Spiders' Eyesight.

How far away can a spider see a fly? After several years of ingenious experimenting Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, the naturalists, have concluded that the greatest distance at which spiders are able to see objects distinctly is about one foot.

Piemont in Guiana.

It is reported through Science that an American commercial traveler in Guiana has recently discovered in that country villages inhabited by little people, averaging only about four feet and a half in height.

A Frosty Mine.

The ice-covered regions of the far North doubtless contain many treasures which the inhabitants of summer climes would vainly possess.

A Real Vacuum.

What would seem to be an absolute vacuum was recently produced by Prof. Elmer Gates of Washington in an exceedingly simple manner.

Ants with Umbrellas.

The doings of ants are among the most interesting things that naturalists find to study. No members of the insect world present more startling suggestions of intelligence and forethought governing their actions.

Light and Perfumes.

A garden full of flowers is more fragrant when shadowed by a cloud than when bathed in sunshine; at least, that is the conclusion to which the recent experiments of Monsieur Mesnard led.

is heavy with odors, because then their emanation is not opposed by the sunlight.

Tramps and Panics.

If tramps became tramps and remained so because they could not find work to do, there would be a close correspondence between the number of tramps and prevailing industrial conditions.

The first of these tendencies is strongly marked. Professor McCook, of Yale University, who has made a thorough study of the subject, finds that after each of the panics of 1873 and 1896 there was a great rise in the number of tramps.

The reason is obvious. When times become dull, a weeding-out process among workmen begins. The drinking men are the first to be dropped; then in different workmen; then incompetent single men; and sober, capable, married men the last of all.

But Professor McCook's statistics show further, that there is nothing like a complete reclaiming of the tramps, even when business is at its best.

Therefore the first remedy for the tramp evil is work. The withholding of private charity, and the exaction by the authorities of a full equivalent in work for food and shelter, will put a new face on the world to the able-bodied tramp.

When he finds that to secure support in vagabondage he must work not less hard, but harder than under other conditions, the nomad life will lose its charm for him.—Yonah's Companion.

Keeping Everlastingly at It.

From its scrap book the Cleveland World reprints the following very probable experience of an advertisement, teaching the wisdom of persistency, which, when aided by pleasing variety, adroitness and artistic perfection removing all the "source of some pain" or reference "to that old 'ad.' again," that impressed the mind of the old versifier to a sorrowful admission of a then existing unpleasant side, is irresistible:

An "Ad." when first looked at, is scarce seen at all. And again on the sight unnoticed may fall. The third time it slips in its own proper place.

At the eighth we blurt out: "There's that old 'Ad.' again!" At the ninth time we read it in less than a minute.

At the eleventh we say: "We will ask 'cross the way.' Should it turn up a twelfth time: "How can such things pay?"

Thirteen times makes us think it may be a good thing. While the fourteenth perused a longing will bring.

Fifteen times having read it, we imagine we'll try it. Our wife, on the sixteenth, suggests that we buy it.

On the seventeenth, now 'tis the talk of the household. On the eighteenth we're reminded that pay-day has come.

On the nineteenth rolls round; it is ordered and paid for. O, twentieth reader, that's what "Ad-verts." are made for.

Almost as Cheap as Walking. It is calculated that the theatrical profession in England will save \$125,000 a year by the reduction in fares which the railway companies have conceded to traveling companies.

Mother of Seven Noted Men. Mrs. Bardsley, mother of the Bishop of Carlisle, who died recently at the age of 94, had seven sons, all of whom took holy orders.

Led to Crime. Kindly individual (going through prison)—My good man, tell me what brought you here.

Embezzler—I tried to keep a bicycle in repair on a small salary.—Up-to-Date.

Dynamite Not So Dangerous. Dynamite, contrary to general belief, is comparatively harmless so long as it is kept from the materials which are used to explode it.

After a man passes fifty he can look up the road any time and see his grave. Then he becomes serious.

Some people are nice to you because you still have some juice left in you.

A VEGETABLE OGRE.

The Wild Fig Kills the Tree that Gives it Shelter.

But of all the vegetable inhabitants of the tropical woods the strangest is that one whose seed, it is said, will die if it falls upon the ground, and which only grows when it finds a resting-place on the rock or a fence, or on another tree, where there is not a particle of earth or moisture; and in all the West India forest this tree is the greatest criminal.

Let us imagine that some hungry bird, taking in its beak one of these figs, flies to a neighboring tree, and alighting on a lofty branch, eats the fruit. One seed is left. The sun is warm and the air moist, and after a while the tiny germ begins to sprout, and the minute leaves, breaking their thin shell, shoot upward—tender little innocent, putting up its slender arms in a "please-help-me" sort of way.

But nature has endowed this sprig with daring, and nothing daunted, the slender thread leaps into the air, and, feeding upon the moisture which the hot atmosphere is laden, it drops slowly and boldly to the ground, and here takes root.

It lets fall other long feeders, one by one, which descend to the earth. Some of the tentacles have by this time found that the tree itself affords an easy descent, and one day a root starts along the branch, and, reaching the trunk, trips lightly down its spiral stairs, and thus reaches the soil.

The wild fig belongs to the same family as the banyan. It is found in the East and West Indies and in Australia, and has the same destructive habits everywhere.

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SPRAINS AND PAINS St. Jacobs Oil the foil. Use it and promptly feel the cure. That's all, but that is something sure.

The largest theatrical building is the Grand Opera at Paris, which covers three acres. The growth of nails on the left hand requires eight or ten days longer than those on the right.

At the first of the year the armies of the world numbered 4,500,000 men. In the twenty-four books that Dickens wrote there were 1,425 characters.

CATARH IN THE HEAD. A Constitutional Disease, Requiring a Constitutional Remedy.

Catarh in the head consists of inflammation of the mucous membrane in the nasal passages, and sometimes it extends to the air cavities which cover a considerable portion of the face.

There was a prize of \$50 offered not long ago for the best and simplest invention. This prize was carried off by a Mrs. Lettie Cox of Blue Spring, Neb.

Miss Muriel Wilson, the daughter of "Tranby Croft" Wilson, is one of the beauties of London at present. She reigns by virtue of her jet black hair and eyes and olive skin, so different from the general run of British loveliness.



MADAME LILLIAN NORDICA. Who has written a practical article, "How to Train the Voice," for The Companion for 1907.

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