

PARAFFIN WAX IS VALUABLE.

New Uses Constantly Being Discovered for This By-Product of Petroleum.

Paraffin wax, so long an unconsidered by-product of the eastern petroleum, grows in importance each year. The big oil company manufactures more than 300,000,000 candles of 700 sizes and kinds yearly. Tallow and wax (beeswax) candles have disappeared and 12,000,000 pounds of paraffin wax is sold yearly to candle-makers. It is used for making waterproof paper for wrapping, for preserving stone surfaces from weathering and crumbling, for making colored crayons, for blanching linens and cotton cloth, for chewing gum, for sealing canned fruits and as a substitute for beeswax, for sealing wax and as an insulator for wires.

New uses are discovered every day. The last available figures for the United States' production of paraffin wax are those of the United States census of 1905. In that year the total output was 258,072,100 pounds.

Petrolatum, a product not generally known under that title, is disposed of to the extent of 12,000,000 pounds a year. It serves as the basis for vaseline, salves, ointments, shoe polish and so on.

Asphaltum, the base of heavier oils, is another most important thing in roadmaking. Coke, the final residuum of the distillation of petroleum, has proved valuable. It sells for \$7 a ton and is used for fuel as well as for making the carbon points of arc lamps.

As Others See Us.

"The man who can pick out the best picture of himself is a rare bird," said a photographer. "Even an author, who is reputedly a poor judge of his own work, exercises vast wisdom in selecting the best book, compared with the person who tries to choose his best photograph. Every famous man or woman who has been photographed repeatedly has his or her favorite picture. Usually it is the worst in the collection. It shows him or her with an unnatural expression, sitting or standing in an unnatural attitude. The inability to judge of his best picture must be due to the average man's ignorance of how he really looks, or perhaps it can be partly attributed to a desire to look other than he does. A stout man will swear that the photograph most nearly like him is the one that makes him look thin; a thin man the one that makes him look stout; the solemn man selects the jolliest picture; the jovial man the most vadauerous. President Roosevelt is about the only man whose favorite picture is the one most photographers would pronounce the best, but then exceptional judgment on his part is expected all along the line."

An Ancient Mine.

At Falun, Sweden, are the headquarters of a mining company with a history so remote that the date of its origin cannot be definitely fixed. An original purchase deed dated in the year 1288 has to do with a sale of stock of the present company and charters given by King Magnus of Sweden and Norway are dated February 24, 1347. At that time the rights granted by King Magnus' predecessors were referred to as very old. The original business was the manufacture of copper and the mine at Falun, "Stora Kopparberget" (the great copper mountain) has been continuously worked for nearly 700 years. In this time it has yielded about 500,000 tons of copper, 15.5 tons of silver and 1.2 tons of gold, the whole representing a value of 1,000,000,000 kroner, or about \$255,400,000.

Old European Regiments.

The Gentlemen-at-Arms, inspected by the king on the four hundredth anniversary of their incorporation by Henry VIII, are not the oldest "nearest guard" of their kind—this honor being contestable by the "Garde Ecosaisale" of the kings of France, of which the lineal representatives—to some extent, at least—are the "Royal Scots," now forming the first regiment of the British line. The Garde Ecosaisale consisted of a hundred men, whereas our gentlemen-at-arms never numbered more than 50, and the famous "Cent Gardes" of the second empire were modeled on the corps in which Quentin Durward served at Pleassia-les-Tours.—London Chronicle.

Substitute for Broomcorn.

A new broom which is practically made of a substitute for broomcorn, the interior or body being constructed of hay, is now being placed on the market. Only the outer edges or exterior of the brooms are made of broomcorn. The brooms are neat in appearance, are said to possess good sweeping qualities, and as such durability as cheap broomcorn.

Woman Journeyman Goldsmith.

Fraulein Thuzelda Heyberger of Ulm has the distinction of being the first woman to pass the examination as a journeyman goldsmith in Wurtemberg. She received her first instruction from her father, who is a sculptor and a teacher of mechanics. Then she worked at the bench just as any boy would and finally came up for examination as to her ability in the goldsmith's art. Her masterpiece, which was submitted to the guild, received the highest commendation.

DOINGS AT THE CAPITAL

Congressmen Victims of Bunco Game



WASHINGTON.—A novel and gruesome scheme for forcing statesmen to part with their money has just been discovered in Washington, with the result that congressmen are laughing heartily at the recent experience of Representatives Murdock of Kansas, Gardner of New Jersey and Currier of New Hampshire. Mr. Murdock, who was prominent in the house insurrection against the Cannon rules, tells the story on himself to show, he says, that though the insurrection isn't dead yet, the hand of death occasionally weighs upon him.

The Kansan, according to his story, was sitting not long ago in his office meditating revenge on the Cannonites, when an impressive-looking negro entered and inquired if he were Mr. Murdock. Mr. Murdock assured him that he was correct.

"Don't you remember meeting me, Mr. Murdock?" the visitor went on. "I'm Bishop De Graffenried-Forest of your district. I've met you many times. I'm sure you will remember me."

"No, I don't. And you didn't know me when you came in. But never mind, what is it?"

"Mr. Murdock," the bishop said, "I'm in a powerful lot of trouble. My dear son, who has been to school in Virginia, was injured in a ball game

last month, and he's just died. I am removing the body to Kansas, and I find I lack just \$9.60 of the amount necessary for the trip. I am appealing to you as my congressman to accommodate me with this small sum until I reach home. Then I will pay you back, and if you don't help me I'll have to leave the body here on your hands."

"You're trying to bunco me," said the suspicious Murdock. But he was ashamed of himself the next minute when he saw the look of pain come over the open countenance of the visitor, and reached for his checkbook.

"Make it an even \$10, Mr. Murdock, and the Lord bless you," the bishop ventured.

That was the last Murdock thought of the matter until he was lurching in the house restaurant the other day. Then he caught a snatch of conversation from an adjoining table.

"Needed just \$14 to get his son's body home," Mr. Gardner of New Jersey was saying. "I thought it was a bunco game, but I didn't want to take chances on having a body consigned to my hotel, so I let him have the money and—"

Murdock grew red about the ears. Then he picked up his hat and started out. In the corridor he met Mr. Currier of New Hampshire.

"Currier," he said, "did you ever happen to hear of a negro bishop who needed money to get his son's body—?"

"Sh!" Currier interrupted. "Don't say a word. He got me for fifty."

"And I'll bet most of the congressmen in town," Murdock said, "have been contributing to that mortuary fund."

Neglignee Costumes Becoming Popular



VIEWED sartorially as well as with respect to other attributes of statesmanship less perceptible to the eye, one is led to speculate as to what Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun and the other dead and gone heroes of the heavy oratorical period in American history would think if they could come back and take a look at the United States senate in these summer days. Time, the tailor and the modern haberdasher certainly have combined with the seasons to work a marked change from the conventionalities.

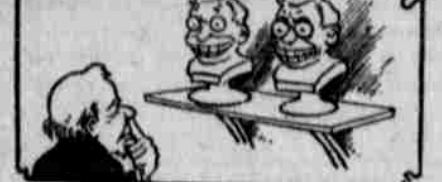
In summer as well as winter the aspiring youth of the land have been wont to picture the dignified senator as a frock-coated, starch-bosomed being. Can you conjure up Webster thundering undying speeches in a negligee shirt a la Leader Aldrich, Orator Beveridge and a whole galaxy of present-day luminaries, Calhoun defending the ordinance of nullification min-

us collar or "choker," a la Elkins, or Clay or Charles Sumner tripping about the senate chamber in tan shoes, a la Lorimer of Illinois.

A base observer, looking over the variegated display of unconventional dress on the floor of the senate not long ago rendered the opinion that if haberdashery had been as far advanced then as now the statesmen of that glorified period would have taken advantage of it. But it does knock school book ideals to finders, nevertheless, to view the realities of today. Convention as to attire is losing ground even faster than the traditions that are falling under the force of radical senators who recently have entered the senate. Since Vice-President Sherman appeared one day in a suit of blue Georgia cotton, the senators have been blossoming out in the merriest and most striking modes that spell for comfort and hot weather ease.

The southern senators are more prone to cling to the "boiled shirt." Collectively the senate resembles an aggregation of bank clerks as it pursues its work. Dignity is very, very negligee. As yet, however, no statesman has removed his shoes, as a southern senator did his boots one sultry day a few years ago.

Senate Puzzled Over Roosevelt Busts



A MARBLE bust of Theodore Roosevelt is soon to be placed in a niche in the senate chamber in Washington alongside all the other vice-presidents of the United States since John Adams. The sculptor, James L. Frazier of New York city, has finished his work. He has modeled two busts and it only remains for the committee of the library to choose. That is what it is trying to do now.

The trouble is the two busts are so different. One shows the calm and thoughtful Roosevelt, and it is said to be perfect in its way.

The other portrays his as vice-president as the senate knew him best, with fiery eye, protruding jaw and tense facial muscles—in short, the real strenuous Roosevelt.

While Senator Wetmore, chairman of the library committee, has not committed himself in favor of either one, it is rumored that he and the other members of the committee are disposed to award the palm to strenuousity.

It is said they think the senate will feel more at home with that one looking down on its deliberations. But the rub comes on account of the fact that Col. Roosevelt has himself expressed preference for his reposeful self.

Before he left the White House he was shown the work of Mr. Frazier and did not hesitate a moment in making his choice.

Of course, the committee recognizes that Col. Roosevelt ought to have something to say about his own bust, but the question is it is trying to decide how much. The committee is inclined to think that the senate ought to have something to say about the matter, too.

It is truly a knotty problem, and one that is likely to cause the library committee much worry.

School of Instruction for Diplomats



IN ORDER to prepare new appointees to the United States diplomatic service more thoroughly for their duties the state department has established a school in Washington for the instruction of men who have successfully passed examinations.

Mr. Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, has given particular attention to the selection of new members for the service, and aside from a more careful and painstaking examination than heretofore this practical training has been decided upon.

Heretofore there has been a so-called "instruction period" of 30 days

for successful candidates for diplomatic positions by statute, which they have usually spent in receiving formal instruction from the department and "whiling away time."

The new school of instruction will be under the direction of Mr. John H. Gregory, Jr., United States minister to Nicaragua, who is now in Washington giving the matter careful attention. Mr. Wilson and other officials of the state department and of the other departments will give lectures on appropriate subjects.

The course will last 30 days, beginning at the time of taking the oath of office, and the men who have passed their examinations will have a little extra start, inasmuch as no one has yet been appointed. Before the men are appointed the course of instruction will be confined to generalities, but after the appointments are made each appointee will be taken into the confidence of the department and instructed along certain lines.

Dainty Lingerie



GIrls who are making their trousseaux will be interested in this very dainty underlinen, which, although being very pretty, is quite simple and practical. The drawers at top corner are a French pattern trimmed with valenciennes lace and embroidery beading. The chemise below has yoke of insertion, headed by beading; then comes a nightgown, trimmed with insertion and tucks. The camisole at top is for evening wear, and is made in piece embroidery, with insertion shoulder straps. The lower camisole has a yoke of insertion; the combinations are to match, and have French legs. The Empire bodice of the nightdress is of piece embroidery.

Material required: Drawers: 2 yards 36 inches wide, 2 yards valenciennes beading, 4 yards ribbon.  
Camisole: ¾ yard 36 inches wide, 4 yards insertion, 1¼ yard beading, 2½ yards ribbon, 2½ yards lace.  
Nightdress: 5 yards 36 inches wide, 2 yards embroidery 18 inches wide, Camisole: ¾ yard 36 inches wide, 2 yards embroidery 18 inches wide, embroidery edging, 2 yards ribbon.  
Camisole: 1 yard embroidery 18 inches wide, 2 yards beading, 1 yard 2½ yards ribbon, 2½ yards lace.  
Combination: 2½ yards 36 inches wide, 4 yards insertion, 3½ yards beading, 2½ yards wide and 3 yards narrow lace, 5½ yards ribbon.  
Nightdress: 5 yards 36 inches wide, 2 yards embroidery 18 inches wide, 3 yards beading, 3 yards ribbon, 2 yards wide and 1 yard narrow lace, 2 yards embroidery insertion.

VALUE OF THE COLORED SLIP

With a Number of These a Good White Frock Can Be Worn on Many Occasions.

The girl with little money and a great need for pretty clothes would do well to remember that old but none the less clever device of using colored slips over a white gown.

Girls who could not afford both a class day dress and a commencement dress bought a nice white frock and wore it on class day over a colored slip, with colored accessories, and usually flowers to match.

By having various slips, of lawn or silk, a good white frock may be worn upon an endless number of occasions.

Besides providing a change of costume, the slip actually protects the gown and helps to keep it fresh.

A thin gown frequently looks better, hangs better, with a slip than without one.

There are various accessories which may be had to match; sash, necklace or pendant, stockings and even shoes, and, where possible, flowers.

Charming and inexpensive frocks may be made of white eyelet, embroidered in a color and worn over a slip of the same color.

CUIRASS STYLE IS POPULAR

For Young Girls It is Acknowledged One of the Most Effective of the Season.

The cuirass style of gown has brought about an effective combination of net covered with embroidery and other materials. One of the popular evening frocks for a girl who has a good figure is a gracefully fitted cuirass which extends to the hips, and a knife-plaited long skirt. The former is made of coarse net covered with a flat embroidery of silk soutache, and the latter of messaline with a scroll of the soutache outlining the top of hem. This has tight elbow sleeves fastened with frills of lace and is cut into a Dutch neck outlined with a flat band of valenciennes lace or a tucker of fine white net run with a colored silk ribbon. This frock is fastened down the back with lace buttons.

The original model came out in linen with the cuirass of coarse net covered with an Egyptian design of fine soutache. It ran straight to the neckband and was finished with a Dutch collar of baby Irish lace. The sleeves are long, almost tight-fitting, and finished with a turnover cuff of baby Irish.

PRETTY SILK BLOUSE.



Blouse of silk trimmed with wide bands of embroidery simulating a bolero and laced in front with ribbon. The gumpes and undersleeves are of tulle.

Woven of Linen.

For the stout woman there are beautiful combination garments even thinner than the usual batiste and linen affairs made by the perfect seamstress. They are low necked and of knee length.



The princess costume is a feature of the season.

The pointed waistline is a novelty after the straight cross effects of the empire cut.

Stripes are not as wide as they were last year in men's shirts; nor are they as fancy.

Among the materials used for bathing suits are mohair, fine serge, taffeta and silk serge.

Some of the newest and smartest of skirt and coat costumes are being made without sleeves.

The princess, both fitting and semi-fitting, the director and the empire, are all holding their own.

Necklaces of small cut jet beads will be worn much this summer by those who favor the collarless gown.

Shanting for Summer.

For comfortable summer suits, fine serge with shanting for the coat, both in the same shade, is being employed.

Such suits are finished simply, the only braiding often being on the turn-down collar, which comes only to the side of the front and around the sleeves at the hands and possibly above and below the elbows.

The fancy for trimming sleeves around and around at different parts of the arm is a growing one. A waist which a girl has just embroidered for herself has a band of embroidery near the shoulder, another on the arm below the elbow and another at the wrist.

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Shortcake.

The strawberry shortcake, I love it, I love it! I prize it more dearly than tongue dare to tell! No sherbet or pudding or pie is above it; there's nothing in pastry I like half so well. Just give me a section as large as a platter, with freshly crushed berries spread over the lot, and I am contented and happy, no matter what ailment or trouble or sorrows I've got. Ho, bring on the shortcake, the strawberry shortcake, and always and ever I'm Jack-on-the-spot!—Los Angeles Express.

Where Trouble is Found.

Wigwag—I never knew such a fellow as Bjoness! He is always looking for trouble. Henpeckle—Then, why doesn't he get married?—Philadelphia Record.

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