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THE startling announcement is made by an advertiser that "spring has come" while another little premature, gets "summer is here." Things must be getting a little warm when two seasons come at once.

MARION CRAWFORD, the novelist, has conquered the cigarette habit. If American novelists have sufficient strength of will to conquer such powerful habits, how is it that they do not conquer the novel habit?

A NEW Sabbath day paper is to be started in Lincoln. The Sunday morning Globe promises to make its appearance April 14th. If the publishers see room for it, the COURIER does not object to its coming, but extends its best wishes for success.

THE owner of the English yacht Thistle has learned something from American yachtsmen. It is said that he is fitting out that craft with a centerboard for another race for the America's cup. The prize cup belongs as naturally to the centerboard as the cup which cheers to the sideboard.

CITY elections are over and THE COURIER feels proud of the fact that in the list of officers for the coming year who will preside over the destinies of this fair city, a majority of them are representative young men, and just the kind that we have championed. Now look out for genuine prosperity.

OUR esteemed friend of the Omaha Excelsior seems to be annoyed at something and says after this he will give an explanation with each of his editorials. This news will undoubtedly be received with gratification by readers of the Excelsior and certainly the COURIER will duly appreciate the favor very much.

ALL fools day in Lincoln passed off as it should, without anything noteworthy to mark the occasion and like unto St. Valentine's day, should keep going to decay until within the next few years, both will only be known to the world for what they have been. People of these modern times have no time to spend in such way.

MR. BERLIN'S retirement to private life in Omaha will cause a sinking of the young feminine heart in Lincoln the like of which was never known before.—Omaha Republican. Yes, that bright smile and those handsome whiskers of Dicks will be missed in these parts, but as we have been assured that he will visit Lincoln occasionally, the dear ladies find comfort in that consolation.

THE sad intelligence of Booth's illness comes like a thunderbolt to the thousands of admirers of this, the greatest of our modern time tragedian. The great actor was stricken with paralysis Wednesday evening in Rochester while playing Othello. It is to be sincerely hoped that his recovery will soon be heralded throughout the land for the American stage can ill afford to lose such genius as Booth.

THE department in our society exchanges entitled "Doings of Society" are short and sweet. There seems to be a dearth in the events of the charmed circles as spring approaches, and then again, Lent has had its effect on dampening the spirit of festivities. Warm weather being close at hand we need not look for much indoor amusement and society will turn its attention to lawn tennis, la cross, ball games, picnics and outing in general.

THE prospectus for the Nebraska State Fair of 1889 is on our table, and in reading its pages one is thoroughly convinced that the coming show will be the show of all shows. Several new names are noticed in the list of officers who are noted for their push and enterprise, the great rustler Robt. T. Furnas, however, still remaining secretary. Preliminary arrangements as to transportation have already been completed and will be announced in due season. Everything points toward a phenomenal success this year and we may look for the largest attendance as well as the finest exhibit ever seen at any state fair in the entire west.

THE Evening Call is now located in its new quarters on F street. The new home of this popular journal is larger and better facilitates the transaction of its growing business than the one just vacated. It would not be out of place, at this point, by the way, to congratulate our friends, Bu-nell, Fairbrother and Cox on their success thus far achieved and to complement them on the bright prospects that now loom up before them. The Call is a live paper and for an enterprising evening chronicle of the days news, such as a growing metropolis like Lincoln demands, it most certainly fills the bill and that too, very cleverly.

## SPRING TIME FASHIONS.

SOME GOWNS THAT ARE "DREAMS" AND "POEMS."

Olive Harper Says It is a Fallacy to Imagine That Woman Suffragists Dress in Phenomenally Bad Taste—Costumes Worn at the Recent Sorosis Meeting.

[Special Correspondence.]  
NEW YORK, April 4.—Much has been said about ladies' hats in theaters, and with perfect reason, and much also has been said about men going out between the acts after clothes and things, which is just as reprehensible a custom, and it is with feelings of sincere pleasure that I can now say that both abuses are in a fair way to be abolished. Very few white women now wear large hats to the theatre, or if they do they have the grace to take them off, and no gentleman now gets up and crowds his way along the narrow space in front of the people and after knocking every hat in reach



RECEPTION GOWNS.

away and stepping on everybody's sores corn at last reaches the aisle and tiptoes his way out with squeaky new boots, to come back afterwards smelling of all the spices on the colander, with some unknown quantities thrown in. So now that the hat nuisance and the "see a man" nuisance are abated there is nothing to hinder any person's enjoyment of the play, except worrying over the probability of the ushers dislocating their jaws with the gum they chew. One lady cured her husband of going out between the acts by taking a big red apple with her and threatening to eat it right before everybody.

Recently Sorosis had its great anniversary convention and some of the meetings were held in the Madison Square theatre, and, I assure you, there was some fine dressing done by ladies who are supposed to have no ideas beyond culture, literature and suffrage. The theatre was so full of ladies that I don't know where another one could have found room, and strong minded women in these days are not all dowdy, nor ugly, nor old. The new president, Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, is very pretty and graceful, with a charming manner, and she wore a serpent green faille with high puffed sleeves, and a dainty close bonnet with pink roses in it. Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) wore a kind of bronze green faille directoire dress, with three puffs to the sleeves, and a bonnet of smoke colored tulle with delicate sprays in it. She is vice president now.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe wore a black silk dress with white lace around the neck, and a black lace bonnet framing her noble old face with its crown of silver hair. Mrs. Todd, from Wichita, Kan., wore an "old sage" green faille francaise, made to fit her handsome form beautifully, and a bonnet of the same shade in tulle, with scarlet sage blossoms. She wore also a jabot of point lace held with rosebuds. Her speech was the brightest and best and the best delivered of any.

Mme. Demorest wore a silver gray armure silk, made in simple but graceful style, and trimmed with fine steel passementerie. Her bonnet was of gray velvet and steel lace, with some tiny, fluffy plumage in front. It is hard to believe that this bright, active woman, with her dark hair, her snapping black eyes, rosy cheeks and trim, girlish figure, can actually be the Mme. Demorest known for over a quarter of a century to the reading public.

It is impossible to tell what all the la-



TEA GOWN AND RECEPTION DRESS.

dies wore, so I will only say that Mrs. A. M. Palmer, the wife of the manager of the theatre, was the most beautiful woman present, among many handsome ones. I sat watching the play of her lovely features and trying to keep track of two dimples in her cheeks as she smiled, until I almost forgot to notice how she was dressed; but I remember a

dainty black lace bonnet full of bluish roses, a pair of flashing earrings, a seal-skin wrap, and that is all.

I was at a reception last week where there was some fine dressing, and of the very latest styles, so that I present the gowns, one worn by Mrs. Orme Wilson (nee Carrie Astor). It was of slate gray faille, with poppy red veloutina over dress and train. A dress for a young lady, piece of Consul General Charlton Way, of Russia. Miss Fanny Williams wore a high necked silk and veloutina costume in tobacco brown and beige.

Two other handsome gowns; one, a tea gown, is of pale green crepe de chine, with dark green collar and trimmings, and the other an exquisitely embroidered house and reception dress of pink cashmere, embroidered in Persian shawl colors.

I wish to say a word about these new veloutinas, which have displaced so suddenly all the velveteens on the market. They are made with a short pile like the Lyons velvet, and resemble that material closer than any other goods. They are largely used in skirts and garnitures, and are very durable, particularly for children, and they look richer than any other material that can be employed.

I don't know anything nicer or more princely than a Fauntleroy suit for a boy or an empress dress for a little girl made of this goods. All the newest shades are represented. The light grays, greens and golden shaded browns are really beautiful, and the navy blues, wine color and dark greens are certainly as beautiful as the Lyons velvet at one-fifth the cost and with better wearing qualities.

I remarked among the "newest" colors a sort of a color like crushed strawberries and cream, with a little pink and blue thrown in and the whole overshadowed with a flesh color, and a soft green with all the delicacy of sage green and all the hazy softness of moss, and these are to be combined. The first is called "Tripoli" and the second "Vesper." Separate they are the ugliest and most unsatisfactory colors I ever saw. Together they are beautiful.

A rich cloth of the green has a wide bordering of the other and together they make a gown so pretty that any one might envy it. Sleeves to many of the warm weather dresses are to be quite short, reaching scarcely to the elbow, and loose or tight, as may please the wearer. There will be eight button gloves especially for them, and open work mitts which will just turn the elbow. Lace of all kinds will be very fashionable, more so than ribbon for the lighter dresses is trimming, though nothing can ever fully displace ribbon for ornamental purposes. The black, white and cream colored laces will be worn, and there are also pink, blue and lilac laces used, also brown ones, all in delicate tints.

I came across two of the daintiest little frocks for two little darlings, and I captured them for those patient mothers who are always trying to find something simple and pretty for their children. The first is of white flannel and is trimmed with three narrow velvet ribbon bands, and a sash of the same with a knotted



TWO LITTLE DARLINGS.

The little bretelles are also of the velvet, which I should say is cardinal. The other one is of cream colored cashmere with white sash and vest front. The bretelles and upper puffs to the sleeves are of shrimp pink surah. Both these charming little costumes—frocks I meant to say—can easily be developed in any summer goods, and in that case the sashes, etc., are made of wash fabric. For instance, a white nainsook dress has a sash and trimmings of turkey red or indigo blue, or some other color which will wash without fading. The other can be of narrow stripe or checked gingham or pique or other summer fabric. Nainsook is excellent for wearing quality, and so is pique, which is so very pretty this summer. The models on sweet, clean little girls will always be charming, and I send a loving kiss to all who are both.

Hosiery, one might think, would be the same always, but it isn't. The spring fashions in this necessary line of goods show a great variety, from the new white ones to the black, and from that through an endless number of colors and combinations. I saw some yesterday that had stripes two inches wide round and round of red and yellow. The white ones have never been so fine and soft as now, for there has been a new invention in weaving that makes them as soft and flexible as floss silk. There is also a new weave which has Sea Island cotton inside and silk surface, which are very pliable and soft and very beautiful. They do not cost as much as all silk, wear longer and are fully as handsome. There are others in Lisle thread in lace effect, so very delicate that it is enough to make one regret so much labor lost. Children's stockings are almost invariably black except for parties, when they are of pale pink, blue or to match the shade of the dress.

OLIVE HARPER.

The king of the Belgians, as sovereign of the Congo state, has instituted an order for rewarding services rendered to the progress of civilization in Africa. The order is called the African star, and the decoration consists of an enameled star with five points, surrounded with palm leaves and having in the center a gold star on a blue ground. The ribbon is azure with a yellow stripe.—New York Home Journal.

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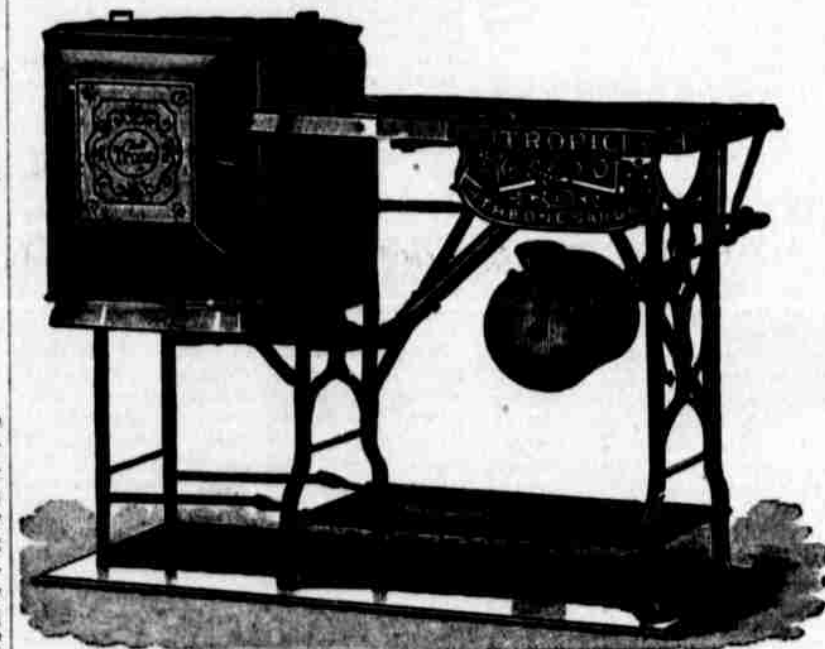
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