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POPULATION OF LINCOLN, 65,000.

It has been suggested before by others but will bear repetition, that the fire department could obviate a great deal of unnecessary anxiety on the part of every citizen by adopting and promulgating a code of alarms by which everyone would be at once apprized of the location of a fire. Such systems prevail in many cities and prove a comfort and convenience that none who have enjoyed would consent to forego. As it is, when a fire alarm sounds everyone trembles for the safety of home and family, and he who lives in the opposite end of the city is as much perturbed as the man in whose home the havoc is being wrought. The only way in which one can relieve his anxiety is to get out and chase around after the machine, as it is simply impossible to learn within any adequate time by means of the telephone. There are about 800 telephones in use in Lincoln, and as soon as a fire alarm is sounded 800 anxious subscribers grab their 'phones and clamor in one grand chorus for information as to the location of the fire. Of course all cannot be satisfied. It would be a very simple matter to sound alarms by numbers, as is done in other cities, so that all might, by becoming familiar with the numbers of boxes or districts, know about the location of the fire. Chief Malone can inaugurate a serviceable reform in this matter, and the sooner the better.

And now our genial friend Manager Church of the Lansing will be in for it. On one side the woods will ring wild with the joy of the multitude, while on the other hand our fair damsels with large roomy hats will vent their feelings by calling Mr. Church all sorts of mean names. "Oh, he's horrid," or "I always liked Mr. Church but now I think he's too mean for anything." These, I imagine, I can hear coming from the mouths of some of Lincoln's dear ones. But then, girls, now honestly, isn't it right? Think of the dozens of men that are constantly kicking to the manager about these big hats and then imagine yourself in his position and see what you would do if you had charge of the destinies of the Lansing. But there's one place where the ladies have got Mr. Church; he did not say what would be considered a big hat or a little one and so the dear girls will have to use their own judgment as to where the line is to be drawn between the two. However it is a move that I think will win within a short time be happily accepted by all and although a little sudden and severe on some, yet I apprehend that Mr. Church will be given the praises and thanks of the entire community for the stand he has taken. Probably you were not at the play last night and did not see a program. The following appears thereon and will remain their indefinitely:

Notice to the Ladies. Ladies wearing large hats will be kind enough to remove them during the performance. I have sold the right of the stage to the players and am anxious to deliver the goods. Miss Welloughby in ladies parlor and cloak room will be pleased to take charge of all of apparel free of expense. Very cordially Ed A. Church.

Barr's Jewelry Store Removed. L. Barr, the O street jeweler is now moving to new quarters, corner O and Twelfth street, Missouri Pacific's old stand opposite Burr block. Mr. Barr having but a short lease at 1133 O street, had a chance to secure a lease of several years at his new location, considers it a good move.

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Hardy and Pitcher have received a new lot of chairs and tables for rental purposes at card parties, etc. Call and see them or call up 'phone 521.

All the first families of Lincoln buy their meat of Henry Pfeiff, 314 South Eleventh street. Where do you buy yours?

Beautiful souvenir spoons are now being given to new subscribers to the COURIER. Present subscribers may also secure one of these handsome premiums by paying a year in advance and arrears, if any. These are not cheap trashy spoons, but just the same as jewelers sell for \$2 or more.

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When you give the next party at your house leave your orders for table at Hardy & Pitcher's. They have a new supply just in that they rent at reasonable prices delivered to and taken from your residences.

AN AVAILABLE GOWN.

AN INNOVATION WITH ADJUSTABLE TRAINS, CORSAGE, ETC.

It is Designed in the Interest of Economy, but is Expensive Nevertheless. Suitable Costumes for Growing Girls. General Fashion Notes.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—We are told just now that we are in an economical period as regards dress, and that the lady who can invent new ways to wear a few clothes so that she shall seem to have unlimited quantities is the heroine of her set.

We are gravely counseled by the dressmaker to be economically elegant, and how? Well, she says that fashion



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changes so rapidly that, basques being out, we must take those basques, which really are but elongated waists after all, and drape them around with a sort of sash in the Louis XIII style, or if it is preferred we can make the skirt come up on the outside of the waist, thus making it round. In that case a little sash drapery is necessary.

One dressmaker, who makes for the very brownest part of the upper crust of society, has evolved what she calls the available gown. The skirt is cut plain gored and trimmed around the bottom as suits the owner. It is desirable that it should have some perpendicular trimming, which on the sides raises to let the adjustable train button on and hide the buttons after. The train is trimmed in a different manner from the front. Under the train is a plain full plaited back of the same material, so that when the train is off the dress is walking length. The train fastens just between the shoulders, so as to hang Watteau fashion, and has a little rosette, under which are two stout hoops, which fasten to strong eyelets.

The corsage is so arranged that it can be low or high in the neck, as one may or may not remove the chiffon gimp. If this plan were to be developed for a married lady, it would be better to have the corsage of the same material as the skirt and trimmed to correspond. Adjustable trains have always had a useful place in a lady's toilet, and it seems to me that this is a good plan to work by. It would require rather rich and stately looking material to look well for this costume.

With this gown a long wrap of shot velvet or velours du nord or of brocade would be suitable, but no jacket, coat or short wrap. So taking it all around, unless the lady has a selection of velvet or brocade wraps on hand to choose from, it wouldn't be such an economy.

Pelerines of cloth bound with handsome fur on each of their superposed capes are very dressy and handsome, and make a rich and elegant wrap for any one from grandmother down to little peach blossom.

There are many varieties of the pelerine. One of the most popular is that style worn by the young girl in the center of the picture. The capes come down to the waist line, and the collar and lapels are of fur, while the rest of the garment is like an ordinary loose coat. Some call these capelines and some pelerines, but they are equally warm and stylish, called by either name.

During the past decade more attention has been paid to suitable costumes for girls from twelve to sixteen than ever before. For plump little ones there are hundreds of different fancies, and for older ones whose figures are developed there is no end to the designs, but until lately the growing girl was not provided with raiment designed to hide her lack of figure or to make the most of the slender grace of youth.



SETTLERS FOR YOUNG GIRLS.

Now there is every imaginable kind of garments that are suitable for them. The dress skirts have an arrangement of trimming that distracts the eye from undue slimness, and the waist is draped in loose folds, with deep ruffles or berthes; sashes, bows and full vest also are devoted to them. The Eton jacket is a dainty and favorite style. The Figaro jacket and baby waist over a guimpe are pretty and often worn. Plaid, with lapels of velvet, with foot bands or perpendicular trimming, are all suitable for them for nice home or school gowns. The colors most in vogue for young girls are green, blue, brown and mix-

tures, as well as small checks in the colors mentioned. Red is worn some, and so is light Havana brown, and for dressy occasions they wear the same light and delicate shades and nice light wools and silks that their elder sisters do. But they are made extremely girlish and never low necked for American girls. No American girl wears a low dress until she is really "out."

No young girl under sixteen ever wears a bonnet anywhere, or a velvet or brocade wrap or cloak. The hats differ little from those worn by young ladies and children under twelve, partaking a little of each.

The hair should be worn in a long braid until the girl is about fifteen and then tied up to form a catagan braid. The front hair can be simply banged curled or combed plainly back.

OLIVE HARPER.

She Earned a New Bonnet.

Early yesterday morning a very dainty looking lady came down Sixteenth street, walking very fast. Upon her head she wore a large, pink, funnel shaped sun-bonnet. Her dress was so well made and fashionable that every one had to take two or three looks to decide whether or not she was from the country or whether she was a city belle in disguise. She held her head down so that no one could see her face. A young man stood in the doorway of the People's bank building, and when she passed said:

"Go it, bonnets!" in a tone which he didn't intend for her to hear.

But she did, and in spite of herself she looked up for a second. To his consternation she recognized her as one of the society girls way up in the social scale. She recognized him at the same time, and covered with confusion she darted into the doorway and pulled off the obnoxious head gear.

"Don't you dare to tell any one. Call a carriage for me and send me home."

"What on earth?"

"Papa made me," she said, nearly crying.

"He said that girls were too proud nowadays, and that when mamma was a girl she wore a sunbonnet to church. He said I couldn't have another single dress or hat until I came down to his office all the way in a sunbonnet. I have done it, and he gave me thirty dollars. I didn't expect to see any one who would recognize me, and if you ever tell on me I'll never forgive you."

Jumping into the hack which had arrived, she rolled away, shaking her head as she looked through the window.

Needless to say, he told.—Denver Sun.

A Shattered Idol.

Here is Thackeray's version of his first meeting with Charlotte Bronte. The tiny intense creature had idealized Thackeray personally unknown to her, with a passion of idealization. "Behold, a lion cometh up out of the north!" she quoted under her breath as Thackeray entered the drawing room. Some one reported it to him. "Oh, Lord!" said Thackeray, "and I am nothing but a poor devil of an Englishman, ravens for my dinner!" At dinner Miss Bronte was placed opposite Thackeray, by her own request. "And I said," said he, "the miserable humiliation of seeing her ideal of me disappearing down my own throat, as everything went into my mouth and nothing came out of it, until at last as I took my fifth potato, she leaned across with clasped hands and tears in her eyes, and breathed imploringly, 'Oh, Mr. Thackeray, don't!'"—Argonne.

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