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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Personal and Literary.

Fanny Davenport-Price has purchased for \$15,000 a piece of property at Canton, Pa., which will hereafter be her summer home. Mayor McCarty has a son who is rapidly following in his father's footsteps. The young man is said to be a very clever writer.

Mme. H. P. Blavatsky and Col. H. S. Olcott have established a monthly magazine called *The Theosophist* at Bombay.

Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich is said to be putting the finishing touches to a new novel at his summer home at Lynn, Mass.

Edward King has been decorated by the French Government for the interest he manifested in the recent Literary Congress at London.

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AMERICA'S GROWING TRADE.

Great Britain's Dependence Upon the United States, as Shown by Mr. Ewart's Reports to Congress.

(Washington Correspondent, New York World.)
The annual report of Secretary Ewart to the House of Representatives on the commercial relations of the United States with foreign countries shows that the depression in trade abroad continues, and that the leading Governments of Europe, especially Germany, have appointed a special commission to investigate the causes of the protracted industrial depression. The Secretary says the leading European countries are suffering from a depression of the same nature as that of the United States, but he thinks that it will be a longer and more severe one than ours, and is not being very much from foreign merchandise and manufactures.

The consular reports from Great Britain are fuller than from any other country. It is an extraordinary year in the history of that country in the matter of exports. The total value of exports for 1877 was \$2,772,000,000, or \$1,000,000,000 more than in 1876. The total value of imports for 1877 was \$2,772,000,000, or \$1,000,000,000 more than in 1876. The following table shows the principal articles of importation, and the total value of the same for 1877 and 1876:

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FASHION NOTES.

All new gowns are made with elbow sleeves.

Short dresses become more and more fashionable.

Pink and cream is a mixture in favor in London.

Underclothes are trimmed with colored and white ribbons.

Pink and silver is one of the newest combinations in gowns.

Dogs and cats' heads are still in favor for parasol handles.

Sprays of wheat in dull gold make the prettiest hat lace pins.

Chinese dresses are not pretty when made with short skirts.

Lockets are the favorite gift for a bridegroom to bestow on the bride maids.

Cotton Herculans are cheap and pretty when made with silk they are stylish.

French lace is used less and less, black brocade having replaced it for many purposes.

Comfortable and pretty gowns have short skirts of black satin and greenish shirtings.

Some of the pretty knit shawls have a ribbon of velvet run into the border by the way of trimming.

Handkerchiefs to match lawn and muslin suits have bands of dress goods stitched around a white center.

The shape of ribbon bows have changed completely. They are no longer made with stiff loops and ends, but merely with very long loops and without any stiffening.

Never was the beauty of silken fabrics carried to so great an extent. There is a soft richness about the satins, a depth in the velvets, and a variety of hue that has never yet been equalled.

High strapped sandals of maroon colored and blue French morocco have been introduced in Paris. They are buttoned on the side of the foot, and the high silk stockings of a contrasting color.

A new fancy in trimming ladies' gowns is to make them rather short, and to trim them in the same way as the dresses.

Very long trains are worn for full dress, but they should be but little trimming on the train, however elaborate the rest of the robe may be.

Walking-hoses, cut on the same principle as the walking-hose, which are convenient and comfortable for summer excursions.

The new dotted net is made into ties trimmed with English or Alençon points. These are even finer than those of the former season.

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THE FASHION FOR THE COMING SEASON.

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A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

The Reported Death of J. W. Hillman, Late of Lawrence, Kas., His Life Rescued by the Intervention of the Chicago Tribune.

The Body Alleged to be Hillman's Was Found in the City of Chicago.

Lawrence, Kas., Aug. 25.—Last March there appeared simultaneously in several of the Kansas and Missouri newspapers, as well as in the columns of the *Chicago Tribune*, through the medium of the telegraph, a paragraph stating that a man named J. W. Hillman, who had formerly been a resident of Lawrence, Kas., had been accidentally killed, it was stated, by the explosion of a boiler at Hillman's, but that a short time previously, obtained insurance upon his life for the amount of \$25,000. When this news reached the City of Lawrence, where Hillman resided, it was received with surprise and expressed as to the truthfulness of the newspaper reports.

In the month of December last Hillman, a resident of Lawrence, applied to the Chicago Tribune, for the purpose of securing an amount of \$25,000, in the following companies: Commercial Mutual Life, \$5,000; Mutual Life of New York, \$10,000; New York Life, \$10,000; the premium on each being \$100 per annum.

Hillman applied for this insurance of his own volition. He represented to the agents of these companies that he was engaged in the business of stock-raising, purchasing and selling sheep in large quantities from the frontier. After the usual medical examination of the applicant, he passed, being graded as acceptable in every particular, and the policy was issued, with premiums as seen as the policies were received. Hillman was a married man, and, of course, in case of death, the law was payable to his widow.