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THE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Around the Christmas tree we stood, and watched the children's faces

As they their little gift's received, with childish airs and graces.

We grown folks had our share of fuu, in mak-

dark-eyed maiden, While near her stood our little Eve, her arms

But when to me the darling came, all emptyhanded was she, And when I asked: "Why slight me thus!" And when I asked: "Why slight me thus!"
she answered: "Oh! because we—
We dinna know you tumming here!" and then
with blue eyes shining.
To Bessie's side she went, her arms her sister's neck entwining.
"But something I must have," said I, "my
Christmas night to gladden."
A shade of thought the baby face seemed presently to sadden,
Till all at once, with gleeful laugh: "Oh!
I know what I'd do air!

I know what I'd do sir! I've only sister Bessie left, but I'll div her to Amid the laugh that came from all, I drew my and sent a thrill all through me.
"Oh! blessed little Eve!" cried I, "your gift I

ingly, balf sadly.

Then to her father straight I turned, and humbly asked his blessing Upon my Christmas gift, the while my long stored hopes confessing;
And as his aged hands were raised above our heads, bowed lowly.

The blessed time of Christmas ne'er had seemed to me so holy.

POLICE SPIES IN RUSSIA.

It was on Sunday afternoon, the 10th of July, that we arrived at Wierzbolow, the first Russian station on the railroad. had been passing through old Prussia. But here although only one

women and children, passing to and markable child. Even our minister, than of those things that are given us. from the villages to the stations, and who is undoubtedly a man of superior. As far back as the reign of Henry the the far-off glimpses caught of happy sagacity and foresight, declared that, children playing in the fields under the with proper training, and a systematic Year s gifts to the reigning monarch, ing hamlets-these all vanished

clad and bare-footed; and beggars, of tion for his future profession. all ages, from the gray-haired old pilsix to seven years of age.

blessed Mother.

When the train arrived at Wierzbo-

and cried: "Passport!"

It was with a feeling of utter helpment, handed it to the armed giant.

A wooden bench, or shelf, ran all

an imposing scene: the varied and mot- safe, but one horn had given me a hard ley crowd, the Russian porters in their rap on the knuckle.

work of inspection. At length the order was given to

to it. They both examined it very critically, and as far as I could judge decided that I was some important personage; for they opened my trunk and shut it again without dis-

turbing anything in it, returning my small bunch of keys with a most polite inclination of the head, to which salutation I cordially responded. Presently another and rather officious porter thrust his hand into my shawlstrap and pulled out "Murray's Guide to Russia," holding it up triumphantly to the inspecting officer, who very decidedly bade him put it back again.

At length one of the police officers from the table rose and came up to me with my passport and read aloud: "Annah Leowvin Ohvins?" I bowed. "Brishtish soobject?"

I bowed again. He then returned me my passport with a long slip of paper. With this I followed the porters to the adoining hall guarded by an iron grating or gate, at each side of mitrates into the Mediterranean each twenty-four hours. The loss answhich stood two formidable-looking which stood two formidable-looking armed Russian soldiers. I presented the magic slip of paper. The iron grating was withdrawn and at one step erossed from Prussia to Russia. On the following evening, I arrived at the Hotel d'Angleterre, and was shown baronetcy on Mr. William John Clarke up into a small but neat room on of the colony of Victoria. This gentlethe third floor. I had begun to apply some scap and water to my face and hands, when a knock was heard at my floor, and before I had time to take my face out of the basin of water in ferred on an Australian. walked, to my utter astonishment, a police officer. With my face all covered

most have been an object to behold! However, I quietly told him in English that I was dressing, and that I could permit no one, not even a Russian po lice officer, to intrude upon me. I pointed to the door and the officer

"Passport," "passport."
"You will have my passport in good time," said I, and I shut my door and went on with my dressing. On the stairway, as I was going down to dinner, I met the clerk and the po-

me in broken English "That now Russian Government very strict," on which I handed him my passport.

I afterwards learned that the officeclerk had to make eight copies of the document, one for the hotel, one for the post-office, two for the secret police, two for the foreign office, and two for the city police. I also noticed that a good many official-looking people fre-quented the hotel at lunch and dinner, and that everybody at the hotel had a more or less constrained air whenever

house in St. Petersburg. -Mrs. A. H. Leonowens, in Youths' Companion. Our Cow.

these personages appeared. I was also

told that spies of the secret police, dressed as ladies and gentlemen, were

to be found at every hotel or boarding-

It is said that one thing brings on another; the events often following each other in rapid succession, and the happenings in our domestic kingdom have verified the saying: First there was the advent of one of the cutest, smartest and best looking boys that ever occupied the position of first born in any Hitherto, from Berlin to this town, we household. Now I don't say this because it was our boy. Not at all; others have said the same thing under mile from the last Prussian station, the similar circumstances, but because the Instead of these signs of peace, con- the pulpit, or the bar. That settled it; ten ment and prosperity we now came and we want it thoroughly understood

the smoke of centuries, ill-cultivated is now undergoing a process of lung offered to sovereigns and high dignitafields; men, women and children barely development as a necessary prepara-Now it may be that drums, rattles, grim to the ragged boy or girl of from whistles, rubber dogs, etc., are good enough as play-things, but there seemed At every station from Wierzbolow to to be an aching void in the little fellow St. Petersburg, the beggars appeared, that play-things could not fill. Howcrossing themselves, bobbing their ever, by dint of patient thought, invesheads up and down, and imploring with tigation and consultation of authorities, extended arms a few copecs in the we were at last enabled to solve the name of the Holy Savior and His most void problem; that boy wanted a cow, and a cow he must have. His grand-Such were the glimpes we caught of father had to be consulted right away, parts of Poland, now Russia, and of for he is an authority on cows, he knows a cow from hoof to horn, and from muzzle to switch. But then we knew low, we were abruptly ordered to quit something about cows, too, although our carriages. Russian porters seized not so much as we do now. I had seen stood guard while her mother milked a When I had gone about twenty steps, cow, and they had triumphantly marched a Russian soldier of almost gigantic stature, armed from head to feet, and booted and spurred, stood before me booted and spurred me booted me booted and spurred me booted me booted and spurred me booted me lessness that I drew out my pocket- milked. Armed with a milk-pail and a book, and taking out the official-docu- bucket of bran, we commenced opera- resistance of foreign oppression—the He then motioned me to tollow the baby. We performed the feat of get porters, which I did, with a vague feel- ting into the barn in a masterly manner, ing of having committed some great wrong, and thus entered the hall leading the bucket of bran well to the and thus prepared the way for the res-

cow as well as the veterans. Well, the cow came in the absence of grandpa, the aforesaid authority, and must be tions, leaving grandma to watch the ing into the frontier station of the great front, we held a consultation, and it was to ration of the Stuarts to the throne the great decided that I should feed the cow with they were so soon to forfeit—and in bran, while my wife did the milking. round the hall for the luggage, with room for the passengers to range themmy wife said she knew how to milk, and of these events an era in English hismy wife said she knew how to milk, and of these events an era in English hisselves behind it. In the middle of this I didn't, and she'd rather trust the cow's tory, the first and the last eras in the hall, at a large square table, sat at heels than her horns. Well, I sidled up towards the cow's head with the bran. While innumerable porters, with and my wife was about to begin opera-badges on, explored the trunks, boxes, tions, when there was a switch of the etc., and ranged them on the bench or tai', a dash, and that cow's nose was up shelf, the armed giant proceeded to lay to her eyes in the bucket of b an. My all the passports he had collected be- wife skipped to the rear, and I leaped fore the officials at the table. It was over into the next stall. We were both

national dress and curious caps, the Russian officials peering into the manifold passports of the different nations have never seen anything equal the of Europe in solemn silence at the ta- manner in which our cow waded into ble, the armed giant, grim and resolute, that bucket of uran. I don't believe looking at them with piercing eyes and she had eaten anything for a week. But earnest countenance. the Custom-House our reputations were at stake, and the officials waiting orders to begin their cow must be milked, so we rallied, and resolved upon a new plan of operations. We would both milk while the cow was the Custom-House officers to proceed busy with the bran. Accordingly 1 with their work. There must have been | took the pail and cautiously advanced a dozen of these present, and I must toward her left side, while my wife took say they did their work with a quiet up a position on the right. Now if there dignity and impartiality that were quite is one thing that I stand in fear of more than another, it is a kick, either from a One of the porters, seeing on my horse, cow or anything else; and this trunk a rather large square placard of fact will explain why I stood on my feet with my back to the cow's head colored flags and the an American line of steamers, with colored flags and the names of various ports printed on it, was much impressed; he forthwith called the attention behind sent me spinning through the air and I landed all in a hear beautiful to the sir and I landed all in a hear beautiful to the sir and I landed all in a hear hear

tween the thills of a buggy. My wife ran to my assistance but fortunately I was unhurt. This was unaccountable. I never knew before that a cow could kick with her horns, that cow must go back, she was ugly and dangerous. By this time grandma had got the baby to sleep, and hearing a racket in the barn, came running out to see what the matter was. We explained, and she laughed "Why," she says, "you goose, you

shouldn't try to milk a cow on the left side; that is the wrong side. You must milk on the right side;" and taking the pail she quietly sat down on the right side and milked the cow without any trouble. But I learned one thing, and that is, to approach anything and everything, even a cow, on the right side. -De Warren, in People's Weekly.

-Queen Victoria has conferred a

-One of the colored members of the with soap and water dripping from it, I Georgia Legislature wears ear-rings.

New Year's Day.

The Romans named the opening month of the year from the god Janus, whose two faces, the one looking back and the other forward, denoted memory and hope. The early Saxon names Wolf-monat, (wolf-month) is said to retired, shrugging his shoulders and repeating the one English word he knew: have been suggested by the fact that the wolves, deprived of their customary they, were won't to prowl round human habitations in quest of food; but it seems quite as probable a theory, that it was enggested by the exteme severity of the reason when Nature, of late so genial, lice-official. The former explained to

seems harsh and even cruel. The customary celebrating with re-joicing the opening of the new and unknown year seems common to many ages and nations, so natural is it to hone that what is new may be good, and to trust that however rough our paths may have been, in the com ng time we may find the "green pastures" and "the waters of comfort.

In the words of the gentle Elia: "The birth of a new year is of an interest too wide to be pretermitted by king or cobbler." No one ever regarded First of January with indi terence.' It is an old cus om to keep the day as holiday, though it has been the practice of superstitious persons to work a little in the morning with the idea that this course would insure them prosperity and plenty of profitable employ-

ment through the year.
In England the celebration commenced on New Year's Eve, when the "Wassail-cup" was carried from house to house by a group of youths and maidens. A prettier custom, originally Scottish, was for the whole family to go in procession to the outer door, and opening it as the last stroke of midnight sounded, welcome in the New

Year with words of greeting. The presentation of New Year's gifts cheap article?" asked the yo was fashionable as far back as the early I want the highest-priced—" many-gabled homesteads with their said so, and a young man, who has an cred mistletoe previously cut with re- wish a soft hat." well-kept farms; the flourishing fields, application in as book-keeper for our ligious ceremonies, and friends ex- "I wan waving with rich corn, ready for the firm, said his mother said that it was changed presents. Of this custom an the youth. ligious ceremonies, and friends ex- "I want something lum tum," said reaper's sickle; the well-fed cattle, the loveliest and sweetest child she had old writer says: "As presages are grazing placidly in wide-spreading ever seen, and all of our acquaintances. drawn from the first things which are built villages, the gayly dressed men, ship and good will, said it was a re- a year, none can be more pleasing blue sky, or round about some cluster- course of mental and moral culture, he and some sovereigns did not hesitate was most assuredly destined to grace to extort gifts when they were not the pulpit, or the bar. That settled it; freely offered. It was by the help of these annual contributions that Queen upon glimpses of mud-hovels, or that upon the sub ect of our boy's Elizabeth kept her magnificent wardwretchedly built log-houses, thatched capacity, good looks and future des robe well replenished. Gloves, in for hat and looking in the glass. "Are they tried to unbuckle the straps. Then it straw; straggling villages, black with tiny we will bear no contradiction. He mer times very costly, were frequently wearing brims like the front of a ferryries. Pins, once a great luxury, were

acceptable gifts to ladies. Instead of was sometimes given-hence the terms "glove-money," and "pin-mon- the brim, sir, but the very latest, I asev." The more rigid Puritans objected strongly to New Year's presents, as being "a meere relque of paganisme and idolatry."

The First of January, being a week Festival of the Circumcision. The Christmas and New Year holi-

days close on the Feast of the Epipha- those confounded animals." ny, January sixth, -Twelfth Day as it is called, being the twelfth from Christmas. Many old superstitious customs our bags and shawl-straps, and hurried a good many cows, and my wife had are associated with it. The following the youth, throwing the hat back so as the use of a wooden leg without Monday, when the people returned to to show his bangs, and then pulling it springs. - Chicago Herald. the sober realities of working-days, was over his eyes. "I can't get over that

connected with New Year's Day may Tell and his brave compatriots, (1308) the commencement of three centuries' coronation of Charles the Second as King of Scotland (1651) when the Scots they were so soon to forfeit-and in 'and then you'd have plenty of room dentally learned that among girls the 1863, the abolition of slavery in these

A Battle with a Bear.

Captain John M. Bowman and Dr. B. L. Langton, two well-known sportsmen of Muncy, have just returned from a week's hunting in the wilds of Sullivan County, and they relate same thrilling adventures while in that region. They established their head parters in the cottage of Captain Bowman, at Lewis Lake, and crossing that body of water to the mountains on the other side commenced operations. trophies of the first day resulted in the killing of one deer, two foxes and a porcupine. The second day they were not so lucky, but they discovered fresh bear tracks leading in the direction of the nearest settlements, and they re-

solved on capturing bruin. Judging from the tracks, the bear was of great size, and extreme caution was sir." necessary to get near enough for a shot. The Captain carried a sil er-mounted Remington that never missed fire, and the doctor was armed with a doublebarreled shot-gun, a hatchet, and an Indian pipe, obtained from a Sioux chief when residing in Iowa. They failed to find the bear that day, notwithstanding the most careful search.
On the third day, however, they were more fortunate. The doctor had be come separated from the Captain, and ed." said the youth, picking up one with the same and that the boys were encourage! to smoke by their parents. "It's a difficult matter to deal with," he continued. "Many parents with," he continued. "Many parents while he was in the act of clambering of the high hats again and trying it on reason as does a much-esteemed Judge laurel thicket he was startled by a fierce growl, and on pausing to reconnoiter he discovered the bear sitting on its haunches in the bushes watching him. He acknowledges that he was startled by the monster, which was of enormous

size and evidently not disposed to re-What to do he did not know. He and the Captain was not in hailing distance with his rifle. As he stood deliberating the bear made a movement to-ward him, evidently bent on mischief. Its eyes were fiery and it displayed a double row of savage looking teeth. The doctor says he feit like repeating the Lord's prayer right then and there. But there was no time for worship in the wilderness, as the bear was moving upon him in force. He instinctively raised his gun and let drive with one barrel, the contents of which went crashing into the bear's ear. This enraged the brute and, rising on its hind legs, it rushed upon the doctor, who emptied the contents of the other barrel. In a moment the savage beast, smarting with pain, was close upon him, and he could feel its hot breath on his face as it grappled him. He clubbed it with his shot-gun, but as the weapon despinning through the air.

Matters now became desperate.

beast, but he retained sufficient selfpossession of mind to resolve to sell his life dearly. Grasping his hatchet, which was heavy and sharp, he rained blows on the head of the monster. Every cut went to the skull of the animal, and as it reached with its

It contained a system of springs which enabled the Major to use it in such a powerful arms to embrace him, he sunk natural manner that when he was walkthe weapon in its tesh to the hilt. This seemed to disconcert the beast for a moment, but it soon rallied and, grapof his own legs. pling the bold hunter, prepared to give him the death-hug. Just as it was drawing him into close quarters, Capice and gave the store leg a severe wrench. He must have dislocated some tain Bowman, who had heard the shots, appeared on the scene, and, taking in of the springs; for, after reaching the the situation at a glance, sent a bullet crashing through the head of the bear, and his comrade was saved.

On releasing himself from the arms of the animal, the doctor found that he had sustained but trifling damage, but he regarded his escape from a horrible death as remarkable. Being a dentist, he said he could not help admiring its beautiful white teeth as it came at him with distended jaws. His gun was found twenty feet away, with bent barrels, and his beautiful Indian pipe was badly bro en. They succeeded in dressing the animal and in getting the carcass to the cottage, which they found to weigh 340 pounds. Captain Bowman says he considered his friend beyond salvation when he discovered him in the embrace of the beast, and i was only by a lucky shot that he saved him from a horrible death. - Williams-

Buying a Hat.

port (Va.) Cor. Philadelphia Times.

sexton sixteen or seventeen times in a most insolent manner, varying the ex-"I wish to buy a hat," said a fash ereises by making eccentric swoops of ionably-dressed youth, entering a hat to one side, during which it kicked store on Fulton street. "High or low?" asked the clerk. eight of the high hats at the pew doors into black silk chaos. "Do I look as though I wanted a

cheap article?" asked the youth. change from Germany to Russia was nurse said so, his grandmother said so, striking beyond description.

"You misunderstand me," said the our next door neighbor, who came in of the early Britons. In that day the clerk. "I simply asked if you wish a As if by some wizard's touch the tall, to take a look at the little stranger, Druids presented to the people the sa- high silk hat or a Derby, or perhaps you

"I say I want something lum tum; pasture-lands; the clean, thriving, well- who placed any value upon our friend- met on the beginning of a day, a week, high up; the right caper, you undersaid the youth, picking up a got down to see about it the leg brandstand." high silk hat and inspecting it critically. "Ah, yes," said the clerk, "you wish | the exercise by planting a terrible blow

our latest?" "Exactly," said the youth. "They're wearing Derbys this year a dollars to take the leg off, and the good deal," said the clerk. "There's driver accepted the offer. For several about your size." "Head looks like a pea under a snowshovel," said the youth, putting on the hold of it and hung on while the Major

boat this year?" "Our best English Derby, Sir," said the clerk. "Manufacture 'em ourselves, these pre-ents, their value in money and know just the stuff that's put in them. That hat is a little extreme in other the crowd would scatter in order

sure von! "Well, that's what I want," said the youth, cocking the hat over his left ear. and then trying it over his right auricular. "Somehow or other, that hat whipped. Mr. Woolley got a cow-bar after Christmas, is celebrated by the makes me look like a frog. Didn't you and aimed a blow at the leg with the Churches of England and Rome as the ever see those pictures of frogs on intent to smash it. But he missed it screens with gumdrop Derbys on? Well, and nearly killed the dog. As soon as this thing makes me look like one of the dog retired, Mr. Woolley whacked

> "It's the style, sir," said the clerk. apologetically. "Well, of course that settles it," said

clerk. "But perhaps you would like vestigation concerning the use of tobe mentioned the league of William to look at our high silk hats? Very bacco by the school-boys of Boston. graceful style this year, sir. Try that with a result that is so astonishing that "Head looks like a buckshot under a

factory chimney," said the youth. made in schools of all grades, leads to "But it's the very latest Broadway endeavored to atone by loyalty to the style," said the clerk. "Wear that the conclusion that the age at which "Why, you could set up a circus-ring | the minority is but a few months over on top of this hat," said the youth, ten years. Worse yet, it was inci-

for the spectators." "Pell crown, sir. The fashion this year, sir. Making all the hats in London like that this year." "Suppose we'd have to wear coal scuttles if those infernal Englishmen set the fashion," said the youth.

"Haven't you got something that does n't extinguish a fellow quite so much as duced to make a detailed investigation this funereal fire tower? I'm willing to the instructors were astonished at the stand as much as the next fellow fot revelation. lum-tum's sake, but that thing makes me feel as small as a flea under the belly of an elephant." "There's something that may suit you

be'ter." said the clerk, handing the youth another silk hat. "Worse'n the other," said the youth Why, that thing would make Cleopatra's needle jealous. You ought to throw a balancing pole with that hat lectual standing of the school as a If a fellow ever got a li tle full under that structure he'd bite the dust, sure. falling off in the health and scholar-I want an all round hat, you know. Something that will weather a racket tobacco. Most of the boys did their without flooring the wearer, you understand.'

"That's got a roll in the brim fit to make a 'ellow seasick." said the youth. | 'he English high school, wherein are Why, my ears stand out like election | bout five hundred boys, didn t believe banners, and it gives my face the appearance of a weasel. That's the worst opinion which greatly amused the

I've tried vet.' "If you wish to be in style, sir, I she

over the trunk of a fallen hemlo k in a and smiling sarcastically at his refe tion "Now, if you'll just throw in a life and accident insurance policy with this edifice I may be in tuced to face the dan-

ger of wearing it."
"Am afraid we can't do that, sir," said the clerk. "Well, now, I'll tell you what I'll do," said the youth; "I'll bet you the dared not use his shot-gun on the beast hat against its price that I break my neck the first time I wear it on a racket."

"Never bet," said the clerk; "at least not in working hours." "Well, I'll go you on this bridge tower, any way." said the youth, paying for the hat, "but if it downs me on the first racket, my blood be on your head," and he sauntered up Fulton street, grasping his cane in the middle and feeling that he was doing the correct thing, even if it was at the risk of his life. - Brooklyn Eagle.

-A New Jersey man "couldn't see of taking an occasional whiff, for the any danger in smoking while weighing powder," and a deaf man working in the next field not hearing the explosion was simp'y horrified by the remarkable phenomenon of a shower of fragments of humanity.

scended the bear warded off the blow —A spring in St. Tammany parish, stand. He was one of four brothers with its right paw and sent the gun La, pours forth clear, cold water all who had drug stores in different parts day long, but at sunset goes suddenly of Boston. Many of the most success-The dry, discharging no water until the sas ful druggists in Boston began as clerks else: for the other chap is sure to be an of the again rises. doctor found himself in the grasp of the again rises.

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WHOLE NO. 666.

The Major's Artificial Leg.

Major Todd, of Bangor, Me., lost his

right leg at the battle of Fredericksburg,

and some time ago he purchased an ar-

titicial leg from a man in Washington.

ing along the street nobody would for a

moment suppose that he had not both

One Sunday, while the Major was on

his way to church, he slipped up on the

church and taking his seat, and while

the clergyman was reading the Script-

ures, the leg suddenly flew up and rest-

ed on the back of the seat in front of

him. The congregation looked at him

in amazement, and he grew very red in

it jumped up again and wiggled about

on the back of the pew, finally kicking Mrs. Thompson's bonnet to rags. Then

the Major suppressed it again, and held

it down, but it instantly began a con-

vulsive movement in his own pew, dur-

ing which it upset the stools, plunged

around among the hymn tooks and hats, and hammered the board beneath

the seat until the mini ter had to stop.

The sexton came rushing in to find out

what was the matter, and the Major,

after explaining the difficulty in a whis-per, asked the sext n to let him lean

on him while he charge on the front

door. As soon as the Major got into the aisle that dislocated leg kicked the

By the time the Major reached the

vestibule the leg had become perfectly

reckless. It new up before and it flew

up behind. It butted against the good

leg, and darted out sidewise, and de-

scribed circles, and tried to insert its

the Major in it the leg banged through

the window-glass, and when the driver

in his stomach. Then the Major told

the driver that he would give him ten

it as it danced about, but finally he got

to give it sull play. Finally Ben Wool-

Boys and Tobacco.

doubtless the attention of parents

everywhere will be drawn to the figures.

The best-detailed inquiry, judiciously

the non-users of tobacco come to be in

any means unknown. On first inquiry among the teachers of boys, the esti-

from fourteen to eighteen years, used

tobacco to some extent but he did not

believe that the habit a ected the intel-

ship directly to the inordinate use of

said they used tobacco openly at home,

with their parents consent. The use

of tobacco in or near the school prem-

ise; is prohibited. The head master of

many of the boys smoked-an

I know. He was afraid his boy would

smoke whether forbid en or not; so he

prohibited the use of cigarettes, but fur-

nished him with money to buy good

eigars and told the boy to smoke, if at

all, openly at home, and not skulk be-

hind somebody's back fence or at the bottom of some alley. Other fathers do

the same thing, because they prefer the smoking to the bad company it leads to

Among the grammar school-masters

there was a great difference of opinion

as to the extent of the evil, and there

was found a corresponding difference

among the boys, according to the place

Information from tobacco-dealers

showed an immense trade among school-

Washington street dealer. "that nearly

half my trade in cigarettes is directly or

indirectly among women and girls? Girls, some of them in the high and

normal schools, I know are in the habit

sake of their nerves, as they say."

in which the schools are situated.

boys. "But do you know."

if forbidden at home."

ley set his dog on it, and a most excit-

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Fashion Items.

Riack matelasse dress goods are much

Overskirts cut open here and there and laced together with silk cords are new and effective. With evening costumes of silk or satin the bodice is made to match, and the lacing is done under

Birds of every description are used to lecorate muffs. Duplicates of those seected for the must are generally worn on the hat or bonnet which accompanies it. Some of these ornithological specimens are too large for good

Stylish military redingotes of dark blue cloth have the standing collar, pockets, cuffs, and double-breasted front rimmed with silver braid in Roman designs. Down the back of the skirts is set a double row of large buttons, the face. 'As soon as he took it down in designs of old Roman medallions. For outside wraps plain velvet is very fashionably worn both for large and small confections; and many redingotes and long casaques are being made of it by principal modistes. The trimmings are of fur or of jet pendants, and ex-

ceedingly wide passementerie bands. There is nothing new to signalize in the way of lingerie, hosiery or gloves. Kid slippers are cut very low, and where the stockings are embroidered the mules or sandals are plain, and vice-versa. With evening dress the color of the stockings must invariably match that of the toilet worn. For house wear, black or fawn-colored stockings embro dered with cardinal, those of solid cardinal, are the height of fashion.

Very handsome visiting dresses are shown, having a bodice cut in Jersey shape and made of colored velvet. This fastens to a box-plaited shirt of moire or satin, the joining of bodice and skirt being concealed by a scarf drapery of the same. A back velvet Jersey fastened to a black satin skirt is very elegant; so also is one of dark myrtle green, with gold and green satin in toes in the Major's coat-tail pockets. wide stripes laid in plaits for the skirt, and to whack him on the nose. When and plain green satin for the drapery. In laying the kilts, the gold stripes of course go underneath. A costume of this kind, included in a bridal outfit. has the dark green velvet bodice trimmed with tiny arabesques in very tine gold braid.

Next to the usual manner of making up stockinet cloth in the Jersey shape, the most popular form is a doublebreaste | casaque, with a small standminutes it eluded all his efforts to catch up col ar and revers like a gentleman's coat. The skirt is draped over the hips after the style of a Watteau tunic, and is made full and bunchy at the back. came off and rolled the driver in the When made of black stockinet it can mud. He got up to watch it. It writhed and kicked and jumped and be worn o er a skirt of black velvet, moire, satin, or silk, or any two of these throbbed and hopped; and whenever it materials combined. The collar, cuffs. would make a dash to one side or the and pockets of the casaque itself are often tinished with velvet or moire, and sometimes with jet as well. There is always the inevitable sash at the back, ing contest ensued, the leg two or three however else the casaque may be trimmed.

times running of with the dog; and it Buttons may almost be classed among the luxuries of dress. In point of elegance and in the matter of price they have never been excelled. Among the novel styles are those of gold or silver, set with mock gems, in Moresque or it again and burst it into flinders, and Florentine designs. These are models then there was peace. Te Major of art and beauty. They would also be drove home and got his crutches, and mo lels of extravagance were it not for since then he has confined himself to the fact that they will never tarnish, being of the genuine metal. They can therefore be transferred from one costume to another, until they have "paid for themselve." Another beautiful style of bu ton is a cut jet, in mosaic The Boston Journal has made an in- designs, with monogram or crest of semi-precious stones in the center. These stones may be of any color, so that the hue accords with that of the

How to Wash a Baby.

costume. - N. Y. Post.

Thirty women listened for thirty Franklin Institute. Philadelphia, to Miss Mary Hobart, who told them The lecture was illustrated. The illussmoking of mild eigarettes is not by tration was kindly furnished by young mother in the audience. It had a very red face, very bright eyes, a wee mates given about the extent of tobit of a nose, and a voice. The lecturer, bacco-using ranged from ninety to ten per cent., according to the class and a fresh faced, handsome woman, began by explaining how to wash and dress age of the pupils and the master's knowledge of the subject. When ina newly-born in ant without drowning it in the basin, or causing it to burst by tight bandaging. "White Castile soap is the proper thing to wash a babe with," said she, "and the water The testimony as to the effect of the should be at a temperature of 100 denarcotic upon the boys and the methods grees. The babe should not be washed of dealin with the practice by some of a little at a time. Its head, face, and the masters are full of suggestive points. ears should be attended to first, and The head master of the Latin school had then the entire body should be imno doubt that half the boys, ranging

mersed in the water, like this."

The illustration was placed in a deep

basin filled with water and the illustration manifested its disapprobation by a howl. "In dring the child,' continued Miss Hoba t, as she lifted the squalling bit of humanity out of the bath, 'do not rub he child much, but pat it carefully until dry. Rub its back smoking surreptitiously, though a few if you like -that p eases a babe. Then powder it with starch or Bermuda arrowroot, and the squaller was liberally besprinkled with a white powder. "ome mothers,' said the lecturer, "in drying a child's ear, dig it out this way." The illustration blinked its eyes, puckered up its mouth, and let out a wild yell. "Use a soft rag, wound lads when questioned out of his hear-"Can't do any better," said the clerk. ing. In making individual remonstran- around the little finger, ' and as the acces with the smokers, the master of this tion was suited to the word, the illustration crowed gratefully. "In dressing," went on the speaker, "the bandages should be loose enough to slip two fingers underneath," and as the babe was deftly turned on its stomach it grunted a satisfied grunt. Then came the ticklish operation of pinning the banda Miss Hobart showed how to do it without sticking the pin more than a sixteenth of an inch into the baby's back, a proceeding, she said, that nearly all infants objected to. The lecturer advised that where it was practicable and could be done properly the broad linen straps should be sewed and not pinned. "In putting on the baby's socks," continued the pro tem. mother, cleverly thrusting a little pink foot into its woolly covering, "be careful about tootsy-wootsy's little toes. 'E don't like 'e 'ittle toes all turned up, do 'e?" and the illustration lifted up its voice and howled a denial.

Miss Hobart then took a small piece of soft rag and washed out the child's mouth, something, she said, that should be done after each meal. General advice was then given on keeping the babe away from a strong light; how to handle it properly, and how to soothe it to sleep when fretful. The lecture was concluded by a practical illustration showing how to change the bed clothing expeditiously and without discom--John J. Brown, a druggist in Bos- fort to the mother. The babe comfortton, recently died at the age of ninety- ably dressed and crowing with delight two. having been in the drug business was handed back to its mother, and the since 1807, being fifty-two years at one audience dispersed. — Philadelphia Times.

-Young man, don't try to forget your identity and become somebody inferior person.