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HONEY FOR THE LADIES. Roller-skating is now the correct "racket." Lace and beads on dresses and mantles still hold their own.

The old-fashioned chemist or tucker is to be in high favor this coming season. A New York cook ends up her advertisement with "none but first-class families need apply."

Four young ladies acted as pall-bearers at the funeral of one of their number at Jaernarvon, Pa., on Saturday last.

All ladies of the Cour d'Alene mining district show tobacco, but to their honor be it said, some of them leave the line of fine cigar.

A Philadelphia architect built a house exactly as a lady wanted it, putting in all the closets she desired. He described it as a box of pigeon holes set on end.

Gray in all shades prevails in all kinds of dry goods from dress fabrics to stockings. Churches and parades are decorated with vivid colors in ribbons, stripes and checks.

Pearls are more in favor than for many years, and are rapidly increasing in value. Coral sets are also in occasional demand, especially for the south-western trade.

In New York the other day a bride's dress "came home late," and the consequence was that when she appeared at the ceremony the guests could hardly notice the dress was unhooked in the back and the busting threads had not been removed from the skirt.

Alpaca is being introduced by some of the leading dressmakers as a novelty in dresses for spring and summer, but the novelty alone is its sole attraction, as its durability and utility are not to be compared with any of the pure woolen or foreign goods.

The prevailing style of ladies' dressing—the shoulders being made to stick up in their about two inches—is said to be very popular in Boston. It enables the young women of that city to look fashionably without undergoing the painful process of having their shoulders sandpapered down.

Gipsy hats and little Princess bonnets composed of wondrously looking blossoms and foliage are just now the prettiest head-dresses exhibited, for the reason that they are about the only shapes which are not made with a high crown and which are so much affected. Some of the gipsy shapes are made of shirred crape and trimmed with velvet in rich contrast, with an additional garniture of gray chapelet of roses and birds.

All-wool fabrics now partake of much of the elegance once thought possible only for velvets and high-class silks, and one sees an amount of richness in the texture of these materials that is not to be met with in any of the chief constituents of promenade costumes. Camel's hair, in all its grades of vogue, comes in many styles, and may be made to bear the palm as the fabric of excellence of the best-dressed women in Paris when promenade or shopping, and not a few attire themselves with the gray chapelet of roses and birds.

New York claims to have more than a thousand women who speculate in stocks, grain, oil, whiskey, and every other way known to the sterner sex, but it is not so much the women's custom. The reason for this was expressed by a broker thus: "Their risks are small, and they are not so much interested in making a hit." "Well, then you're confidential." "They tell you they knew it was coming so. They dreamed of a black out, or the baby and the mother is in a state of some kind. They swear by their dreams. If a woman has a certain dream and puts her money on that, she is sure to make a hit, and she is wrong way, why, she has been swindled by the operator."

Although light woolen fabrics are very fashionable for spring and summer dresses, printed calicoes, muslins and batistes are introduced in large numbers this season, and, unless the weather is decidedly unfavorable, will be very generally employed for summer frocks. The preference for fanciful rather than floral patterns, already seen last year, is still more marked this season, and the queerest devices are introduced in the printed designs of calico fabric—dolls, tiny drums, pinneps, dice, punchinello and other playthings, pipes, guns, and monkeys, and many more. There are also descriptions of other ways of calico, girls and babies in the Kate Greenway style, which is now extremely popular in Paris.

The Case of a Colored Woman who was a grandmother at twenty-six is reported from Newburyport, Mass. The child was born in Italy to England, a journey of nearly two days, and reach their destination looking as fresh as if just cut from the parent stock.

The natives of the Island of Chilo in the shell of a crab as a barometer. In dry weather it is nearly white, but on the approach of rainy or stormy weather it is blacked with red spots. In a wet season it is red.

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It is all very well for a gentleman to possess a phenomenally intelligent setter dog, but the said dog rather oversteps the boundaries of his position and violates all the precepts of friendship when he stops at the closed door of a rum shop on Sunday, and compels his master to argue the case with him before he moves.

A minister who spoke at a grange meeting the other day in Worcester, addressed his audience that it took more brains to preach to an audience of farmers than to a city church, and the homely-minded agriculturists voted unanimously that the reverend gentleman was admirably fitted for city preaching.

PEPPERMINT DRO S. The blind pool is for the blind. Members of Congress are beginning to sing "Home, Sweet Home." The price of oil will not be advanced unless the capitalists insist too warm. Nothing makes a jury disagree so quick as a \$100 bill in the hands of the foreman—Fugate.

Here we are, well along in the third week of May, and not a single killed with a base ball! Everything is backward this season. Bangs are still popular. If you don't believe this just notice how the men bang doors when they come home and find the family house clean—Fiddlers' Delight.

Yes, this is May. Gorgeous, glorious May; the month of sweet roses and waxy perfumes; the season for picnic and night getting bugs down your neck—Chicago Sun. A Chicago dandy blushed and ran into a stairway when he saw a party of young ladies coming down the street. He had forgotten his cane and could not meet them in such a nude state.

A point to the wife whose husband spends but few evenings at home. A piece of soap left on the stairs at home-coming time has been found to have melted in the house for three months.—Chicago Sun. A pretty girl dropped to the floor in a faint the other day while she was playing the piano in a room which had been locked as if a physician had been called in time, but her mother was washing dishes in the kitchen at the time, and did not hear her fall.

Good cause for Challenge? "What is your objection to that witness?" asked a lawyer whose client was being tried for burglary. "It was at my house that he made the acquaintance of his present wife," said the witness. "Heaven's sake, or he will want to find me guilty without leaving the jury box."—Texas Sittings.

EDUCATIONAL. Columbia college will teach librarianship as a profession. Many changes will be made in the elective course of Harvard University in the coming year. The largest school in the world is said to be the Jews' Free School in Spitalfields, London. It has a daily attendance of over 2,800 pupils.

It is said that a woman in Maine has formed 500 intelligible words from the letters comprising the familiar word "incomprehensibility." A bill is before the Ohio Legislature providing for the consolidation of three State universities—Miami university at Oxford, Ohio university at Columbus, and the Ohio State university, at Columbus.

Governor Cleveland has signed the bill to prohibit the board of education in New York City from closing the schools to colored children next September, or but this stops them. The Saturday Review thinks that the best way to teach a language is to make the pupil learn it absolutely by heart, a grammar, rigidly kept down in point of minutiae, and then set him to abundant and careful reading of original authors.

Mrs. Laura White, an American girl, is studying architecture in the special school at Paris, with a view to making it her life work. Probably before long, says an old bachelor, some nice young man will ask Laura to marry him and she will forget all about her life work in the hurry of the moment.

Mr. John A. Porter, a graduate of the College of the city of New York, is a prominent member of the Scull and Key Society, has published in the current number of the Age Engineer an able defense of the Yale secret-society system. Up to this time, society men have refused to discuss this subject, or even speak about it.

The New Haven Palladium says the pay of full professors at Yale College is only about \$3,000 a year. Fresh graduates get \$4,000 and the tutors from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Harvard pays its professors from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and its President about \$7,500 a year, and if Columbia is competitive, it will have to pay its professors, its professors each receive \$7,500 a year.

Following is a brief made a distinct feature of the school of military engineering at Chatham, England, and extensive preparations are already in progress for labor on experiments to be carried on during the summer months. Officers and engineers will be instructed in the use of coal and hydrogen gas, telegraphic communication, taking of photographs, the use of the electric battery, the use of the pneumatic jack, inflation, and the construction of screens for the protection of balloons. Special practice also will be devoted to the most effective means of conveying gas from one position to another. At list, it seems as if the practicability of balloons for reconnoitering and signaling has been fully realized.

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