

HOW THESE UNITED STATES ARE REPRESENTED AT THE KAISER'S CAPITAL.

WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS AND HIS MISSION

Our Minister and the Man of Blood and Iron Were Quite Chummy.

OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN LEGATION

Sumptuous Home of Uncle Sam's Representative and How it Was Secured.

SOMETHING OF MINISTER AND MRS. PHELPS

How They Surprised the Berliners—Manifest Duties of an American Minister—Bismarck Pledged the President in American Whisky—Our Consulate.

BERLIN, NOV. 28.—[Special Correspondence of The Bee.]—I had William Walter Phelps...

Mr. Phelps tells me that Bismarck is a delightful conversationalist, and that his home life is charming.

Upon Mr. Bismarck's departure for Berlin Mr. Phelps was among those who bade him good-by.

How Bismarck Took His President.

Mr. Phelps' presence in Berlin has several fine portraits of Bismarck, and at one of the dinners which Bismarck gave to Phelps...

Office and Duties of the American Minister.

The legation in Berlin has a sign on the ground floor and it is American in every sense of the word.

Home of Minister Phelps.

Mr. Phelps wanted a house to himself and he wanted it in a fashionable part of the city.

letting him make the appointment and it rather looks as though he did it in this way as a snub direct.

The consulate to Berlin is the almost complete negation of the American consulate.

DEADLY AND CURIOUS.

The temperature of the planet Neptune is estimated to be 200 degrees below zero.

Stenography was first used in the French parliament about the year 1830, and one of the few official stenographers of that period...

When an Egyptian god wishes to drink at the Nile he goes a short distance up the river and howls for some time.

A new porcelain has been obtained by grinding asbestos to a fine powder, dissolving out all soluble matter with hydrochloric acid...

The communications between the two shores of the St. Lawrence river at Montreal are made, as is known, by means of the Victoria tubular bridge.

In each wing of the ostrich there are twenty-six long, white feathers which require eight months to grow to maturity.

A jury has decreed, at Bridgeport, Conn., that eccentric Miss Agnes Murray shall pay \$1,200 to Miss Adella W. Hibel as damages for the pain and mortification wrought upon the plaintiff by the defendant's assaulting and battering her with a brick.

RELIGIOUS.

Last year the people of the United States built 8,748 churches.

The Salvation army of San Francisco proposes to feed 1,000 hungry people on Christmas day.

During the last ten years the number of Christians in Bengal has grown from 122,000 to 189,000.

The Episcopal church in the United States has 72 bishops, 3,865 ministers, and 549,250 church members.

The cornerstone of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York will be laid December 27.

Miss Sophronisa Breckinridge, daughter of the late Gen. James B. Breckinridge, is admitted to the bar and is practicing law in Kentucky.

A wooden building costing \$5,000 and accommodating 6,000 people will be expressly for the relief of the poor in Dublin, Ireland.

It is said that there is not an infidel book published in the Welsh language.

The gain in the churches in visible property since 1850 is a romance of Providence.

A devoted missionary has discovered a new way of doing good.

He is settled in Medford, Mass., and makes a specialty of trying to head off shipments of rum to Africa.

Rev. Dr. Tuttle, rector of St. Luke's church, New York, is the oldest Episcopal clergyman in active service in that city.

There are now forty-two narrow-gauge railroads in the world for the work of the home missionary.

DAME FASHION'S NEW IDEAS

Latest Novelties in the Make-Up of Street and Afternoon Gowns.

MISMASTED WAISTS ALL THE RAGE NOW

A Foretaste of the Glories of the Patriarch's Hall in New York—Description of Some of the Dresses in Preparation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—[Special to The Bee.]—When we people who write about fashions make an unusual effort to be practical...

It was at an early committee meeting—how early you do not have to begin in order to sandwich all your philanthropies and your educationalities in!

The gown she wore it with was a fine black velvet with a narrow little black velvet ruche at the bottom, lined with tartan like the blouse, and flaring like all the newest skirts, six or eight yards round on the floor.

THE NEWEST CAP.

A girl can dance and is very wise to dance in such a dress as this one.

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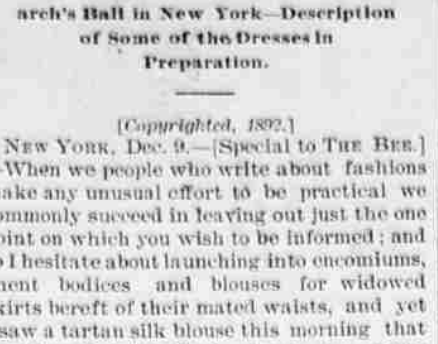
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Advertisement for Dr. Down's, featuring the text 'To the SICK' and 'Without money and without price.' It describes the benefits of the medicine for various ailments.

Advertisement for Pears' Soap, featuring the text 'The Palace Office Building of Omaha' and 'Why is Pears' Soap—the best in the world, the soap with no free alkali in it—sold for 15 cents a cake?' It includes an illustration of the building.

Advertisement for MME. M. YALE'S LA FRECKLA, featuring the text 'How to Cure Freckles in 3 Days' and 'MME. M. YALE'S LA FRECKLA WILL DO IT.' It includes an illustration of a woman's face.

Advertisement for Dr. C. Sigel, featuring the text 'DON'T MISS IT!' and 'The Cure of Them'.