

FEMINE FADS AND FANCIES

California Ladies Throw Conventionality to the Four Winds

AND RIDE HORSEBACK A LA CLOTHESPIN

A Plea for Pin Money for Daughters—The Spring Household Upholstery—Jewels and Buttons—Latest Fashions—Feminine Personalities.

Alameda, a lovely suburb of San Francisco on the east side of the bay, has a club of forty ladies devoted to horseback riding. Thirty-six of the number respect the side-saddle and are shocked because the remaining four have declared openly and boldly for the clothespin style.

The woman who was first brave enough to defy public opinion was Mrs. Dr. Bull. Mrs. Bull is an English woman of advanced ideas. She likes to ride and she believes in comfort. One day she appeared in her divided habit, riding in an ordinary man's saddle.

The Alamedans shrug their shoulders when questioned on the subject and say: "We used to think it was funny, but we soon became used to it."

The four ladies frequently ride with their horses abreast. They make a good appearance, as all are excellent riders and sit on their horses much more firmly than is possible in the old-fashioned way.

The costume adopted by these ladies is as inconspicuous as anything in the divided line can be, and it is certainly becoming. The habit is in two pieces. The upper part is the ordinary tailor-made blouse with long coat tails.

My heart aches for a daughter whose overanxious parents talk to her as if all her wants, pleasures and pursuits were frivolities, and to be condemned, says a writer in Harper's Bazar.

It is most commendable to be a good housekeeper, but don't be a fussy one. It isn't necessary to make every one unhappy by an occasional washing against untidiness, and remember always that one room at a time can be set in order; therefore, do not get the whole house upset in your zealous ardor.

It is rumored that a glossy hair is to become the fashion, and that the sheeny locks seen upon the heads of our grandmothers are coming in again with the adoption of silk nightcaps.

One of the principal clubs of St. Louis includes in its constitution a bylaw which provides "That the members, wives, daughters and lady friends shall have the right to enjoy the privileges of the club."

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San Francisco artists disagree on the subject of the California Venus. They all declare that the state is full of living models that would outlive even the ladies that lived at Melos, but doubt seems to lurk in the studios as to the wisdom and propriety of exhibiting this California beauty at Chicago.

Others assert that while the statue might be entirely within the bounds of propriety and have space drapery enough to make a bathing suit, it would not be becoming for the state to make beautiful pretensions about so divine a thing as woman's loveliness.

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Now that the spring is really here, according to the calendar, though not according to the atmosphere, the careful housewife who runs her family affairs on systematic principles will soon be dragging out the furniture from the nooks where it has stood all winter, taking up the carpets and relaying them, or else replacing them with matting, substituting lighter draperies for the heavy ones, and, in fact, putting dust and dirt to rout in her thorough and energetic manner.

There is a tendency toward the revival of skirt draperies, but it remains to be seen whether they will be generally adopted. Platings are noticed but among the new spring costumes except upon the edges of the skirts.

One of the handsome spring fabrics is the Rochambeau weave, a very fine woven rep, with a dot of silk of another color, which, though of pure wool, is remarkable for its lightness. It is used extensively for both entire costumes and in combination.

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likes very much with perfect comfort, even if she is six feet high and he four. But even if the two are just matched, she can make him feel anything she can, discomfort, dislike, anything she likes, by the way she does not hold on to him.

The English Woman's Year Book, in its review of woman's work states that the demand for woman lecturers on almost all questions of practical value is steadily increasing. With so many additional openings with remunerative employments, the editor congratulates the community on the disposition increasingly apparent among young women to be content with a single life, and admits her surprise at the inconsistency with which this tendency has been reproached by the very persons who at other times are given to deplore the overpopulation of the country.

Tartan plaids and color-mixtures appear among new fancy grenadines. Slipper-lined with ribbon to imitate a sandal effect are worn with empire gowns.

The statement that corsets are found on Egyptian mummies is conclusive as to their danger. Not a single mummy of them all is alive.

Wool bengaline is a material of richness and refinement that has become very popular in this season. It is soft and lustrous in appearance and drapes gracefully.

The latest fad in hair dressing is a cleverly contrived wire frame, upon which a crimped switch can be easily arranged into a light and graceful chignon.

The old-fashioned rolled hem, held in place by blind stitches, is used for the lower edge of the fashionable flounce, and the upper edge is a standing ruffle of the material doubled.

The young woman of the day scarcely considers herself up to the times if she does not possess a number of wraps, entirely unlike any of the materials in the skirt with which she wears them.

White will be very generally worn during the coming summer. Pretty simple dresses of white linen-lawn, with hem-stitched tucks and hems, will be quite the thing for dainty young ladies.

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Miss Lucy Cabinniss is a caterer and florist at Jackson, Miss., and serves as a woman's exchange to Mississippi housekeepers.

Henrietta Herschfeld, the first woman graduate of the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, is assistant court clerk in Germany.

Mrs. Anna E. Field has been drawn to serve on a petit jury in the federal court in Minneapolis, the first instance of the kind in the history of the state.

Mrs. Hoke Smith is said to be a skillful and brilliant entertainer, and it is expected that she will shine socially in Washington under the new regime.

Mrs. Sarah Ulrich Kelley of Honesdale, Pa., who is a candidate for the position of national poet, with a Washington house and \$15,000 a year thrown in, was prevented by illness from attending the Cleveland convention.

The ladies of Dresden have been holding a riding tournament, the honors of the joust being won by a young English girl, Miss Theresa Brooks, whose spirited riding won showers of flowers and laurel leaves.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, the sister of Governor Cleveland, is now in Europe. Last summer she was met walking on a road in Switzerland by Colonel Dan Lamont, who was making the tour.

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