

NEW THINGS IN PORTRAITS

An Artistic Fad Attacks the Portraits of Gotham's Rich Women. FEMININE FANCY MIGHTLY TICKLED. Faces of the Fashionables Reproduced on Dinner Plates, in Stained Glass Windows and in Cameo Photographs.

It is a solemn truth that portraiture has become a gentle rage in the millieaire feminine boom. Full length paintings in oils, by the most eminent Parisian artists and miniatures on ivory are among the methods of picture making that the rich women are beginning to tire of and to discard.

remarkable portrait, made had small medallion portraits made of themselves in the stained crystal, and it is said that to a London artist, less person than Alma Tadema, the young duchess of Marlborough, is giving sittings for a glass portrait like her mother's. THE IDOL OF NORWAY. Freda Knagen Hailed as the Queen of Skiers in a National Contest.

STRANGE DEATH OF A STEER

Story of a Remarkable Freak of Nature in New South Wales. FRACTIOUS TERROR OF THE RANGE. Curved Horn of a Bullock Grew into His Eyes, Driving Him to Insanity and Death.

A squatter in the back blocks of New South Wales had a young steer with horns so perfectly turned that they formed two artistic loops at the sides of his head. One day "Boss" stayed with a mob of store cattle into a piece of wild country infested only by kangaroos and the out-station boundary riders' families.

a great open fire in the hall, when they heard the noise of a carriage on the road, then on their driveway; it finally stopped before the door. One of the boys sprang up and opened the door, but there was nothing to be seen; he stood quite still, he was so amazed, and the rest of the family crowded around. All had heard the carriage drive up and halt; they could see a telegram man standing on the road on either hand, so that it would have been impossible for it to have driven on without being observed.

with happy tact calling out and making the most of the good qualities of the man whose favor she seeks. when women are most fascinating is, of course, a matter of opinion, but the age is now put by observers of good judgment at 30 and older. All the women famous for power and the hearts of men, from Cleopatra to Helen of Troy, were nearer to than 20 when at the zenith of their power.

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A STAINED GLASS PORTRAIT.

Richmond, Va., and request him to cut a big and beautiful cameo of her face. He made a very effective likeness in white on a background of sapphire blue stone and when Mrs. Gebhard had this set about with large diamonds and wore it as one would wear a brooch, every woman who saw it and could afford the expense went and did likewise.

the great center for this winter recreation, and Holmenkollen, one of the great heights in the vicinity of the city, is the skiing headquarters. Here all the great competitions are held, and in the presence of hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic spectators, and attended by the greatest amount of excitement seen at any public event in the world, is held the big meeting of skilled skiers, which has come to be known as the "Derby of Norway."

he had charged madly every kind person who was sent to get him. Because his horns curled like those of a sheep he was called "Sheep Head." His mild, tractable nature added to this delusion of likening him to a lamb. Six months after his entrance upon the range he began to act strangely. A wild look shot out of his eyes under the points of the growing horns, whose shadow fell hoar and hoar upon the retina. He constantly shook his head, as if being to himself of some annoyance. Then "Boss" would stand and stare at the points which were pressing the pupils nearly up against the sockets. He became more irritable and unfriendly. He roared, stamped, shook his head and stared at the creeping things before his vision.



THE BULLOCK WHOSE HORNS GREW INTO HIS EYES (DRAWN FROM PHOTOGRAPH)

points of the horns were cruelly pressing his helpless eyes back in their sockets and every jar upon the ground tortured his brain and enraged him. "Boss" had scattered the mob of his ruminating mates and had so terrorized the few people about that women and children lived in mortal dread of the unfortunate beast.

Women Give Their Testimony as to Some Mysterious Experiences. A short time ago a New England family was spending the Christmas holidays at their country place, which is lovely and isolated, being some distance from any other habitation. There was no snow on the ground, but the weather was bitterly cold, so that the road was frozen into deep ruts, over which a carriage or a cart rattled so that its approach could be heard when it was some distance away. One night they were all gathered around

OLD INDIAN FIGHTER'S STORY Tells How He and Another Found Thousands of Redskins. Charlie Gates is an old-time Indian fighter. He used to reckon his dead Indians by the count. He has fought more Indian battles than any man on earth or under it. He has just returned from a trip to the north, and speaking to the Salt Lake Herald of the journey said: "The most interesting part of it was that I went back to the place where Bill Hanks and me stood off 3,000 Redskins for three days one time back in the late 60s. There was seventeen of us at first, but only three of us were left to tell the tale. The spot is some thirty-five miles from Bluff, Idaho, near where the roads fork. The Indians sailed into us one afternoon and made things lively, I tell you. We dragged the wagons together in a circle, and the horses and strung them around for breast-works and bade the painted devils come on. They came on, but they fairly rained Indians. We kept shooting and so did they until night came on, when we discovered that Bill Hanks, myself and Jim Defoe were the only ones left of our party. The rest could not hold out, so we drew back to one who would go for help, and Defoe went and crawled out. He told us when he got back that he had killed one of the Indians through the darkness before he dared rise up.

"Why did he crawl so far?" asked Dan Nickum, who was a listener. "Because he was crawling through the Indians for nine miles," answered Gates with dignity. "There were more Indians there at that time than was ever gathered together in any one place before. Well, sir, for three days me and Bill sat there to that circle and mowed down Indians. When the soldiers did come we were mighty glad, but they were left of our party. They counted and found me and Bill had killed exactly 2,000 of the 3,000 which first attacked us. The soldiers killed the balance."

"What on earth would you do with an Indian's hide?" asked Nickum. "I'd use 'em in slices and make razor strops of 'em, that's what we always did with Indian hides. We used to ship 'em to Europe to Europe every year. That's where I got my start."

WHEN THE MOST FASCINATING. Woman's Zenith of Attractiveness Above, Not Below, Thirty Years. Balzac, famous as a literary and social lion, was once attacked in a Paris salon by a pretty little miss of 17, who demanded why it was that he liked women whom she would consider passe.

Discovery of the Winter Habitat of Salt Water Fish. The most important discovery in coast fishing so far has been made by the fishermen off Beaufort, N. C., and there is reason to believe that there will be far-reaching results obtained in the future through improved methods of deep-sea seining. In the two winter months of January and February, relates a correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, all of our littoral species of fish disappear almost entirely from the waters off our coast and fishermen are compelled to fold up their seines and wait until spring for the reappearance of their favorite species. A very few daring and adventurous spirits do not fold up to sea with long lines and succeed in catching a few eels day to supply the markets; but, as a rule, the catches have been comparatively small and insignificant.

Scientists have concluded that the fishes of some unknown region or depth in the ocean to breed during these two cold months, and upon their return in the spring they bring with them a considerable number of young fry. The discovery offshore at Beaufort is nothing less than that of a winter nursery for the fishes of our coast. From six to eight fathoms below the surface of the water the fish have been found to be literally swarming in countless numbers, and books and seines let down to that depth invariably bring up rich hauls. No amount of cooling and incumbrance can induce the fish to leave their warm winter habitat far below the surface, and the fishermen have to adopt new methods of catching them.

The fish are found off Beaufort and Morehead City in deep holes or corrugations. In the summer time they come inshore further and swarm around the oyster beds and the bays and inlets. A great variety of food fish is found in this winter nursery, such as the red drum, gray trout or weakfish, spotted sea trout, bluefish, croakers and many others. Last winter the fishermen, with deep-sea lines, managed to make big hauls over these winter pasture fields. They drew down lines from ten to twelve fathoms and brought up big game. But this was soon considered too slow work, and special deep-sea nets were manufactured for the purpose. These nets were heavily weighted, and when sunk to the proper depth they brought up enormous hauls of fish.

A new sort of seine has been used here this winter for the first time. It is designed just for this deep-water fishing. It closes up in the shape of a long, narrow seal put with a heavy weight at the lower end. It angles over the side of the fishing smack by several ropes, which are manipulated by the crew. This is done by means of a rod. Four rowboats leave the smack, and each one pulls a rope attached to a corner of the seine. Thus it spreads out on the bottom of the sea directly under the hooks of sea fish. Then it is gradually hauled up. A deep pocket in the bottom of the seine is quickly filled with so many fish that they threaten to break through the net. The fishermen bring up at least 500 pounds of fish.

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