

DR. SKINNER'S HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

The country home of Dr. George Skinner, in the Oak Grove district, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday.

A valuable library, which the owner had spent many years in collecting, a number of highly priced oil-paintings and a collection of old china-

ware, all of which were lost, were stored in the house. The building is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. Charles Lancaster, the overseer of the Skinner ranch, was, at the time, the only occupant of the house. The flames, when discovered by him, had gained such headway as to make impossible the saving of anything. Dr. and Mrs. Skinner are spending the summer at their former home in Hamilton, Ohio. Insurance to the amount of \$1500 will probably cover the loss.



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The newest sect in Klickitat County, according to the Trout Lake correspondent of the White Salmon Enterprise, is composed of several men and women who are camping at the Indian Race Track, and who are Greeks, togged out in old Grecian style of dress. They appear unique and altogether cool looking in the brief tunics, a continual delight to the wary and festive mosquito which is especially numerous upon the occasion of the visit of the new arrivals, who flutter about trying to avoid the tender mercies of the long nosed gentry of the insect world.

When asked why they are gowned as they are they say they are devotees of living the Simple Life and believe in just this sort of dress. They believe it more healthful and very comfortable during hot as well as cool weather.

The cult expects to remain until the Indians arrive, and will attempt to teach the red men and maidens that it is the proper thing to return to the styles and customs of the ancients, and will also try to set the words of the aborigines to music, in the weird songs they sing around the camp fires.

KOBERG PLANS RESORT ON BEACH NEAR CITY

J. H. Koberg, who owns extensive property along the Columbia river about a mile and a half above the city, will begin work soon on the improvement of a pleasure beach for the convenience of the citizens of the town and valley.

The location owned by Mr. Koberg offers an excellent site for a swimming pool. A large cliff, known as Stanley Rock, juts far into the river and forms a protective cove, which for years has been frequented in the summer months by residents who are fond of aquatic sports.

The owner will build a number of attractive houses along the sandy beach. Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood, and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is Herbine. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by Chas. N. Clarke.*

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A GRANITE BOMB.

Jack Frost Hurlled It Down Into the Yosemite Valley. Delicate frost tracings on the window panes seem to be the work of fanciful and harmless sportiveness, but the hand that forms them is capable of greater deeds and of other kinds. Mr. J. Smeaton Chase, in "Yosemite Trails," describes an experience that must have been wonderfully impressive to the spectator. He had been spending some weeks in exploring the Yosemite valley and the "great rocks," like El Capitan, that wall it in.

Standing one day of late autumn about the middle of the valley, I was startled by a report like a cannon shot, which filled the whole valley with echoes that roared and boomed, repeated and multiplied, in a long continued, glorious tumult.

As the deafening sound died away in sullen mutterings under the vizor of El Capitan I was able to distinguish the point of attack by the long, clattering descent of a vast quantity of rock.

The night had been a cold one in the valley, and on the seven to eight thousand foot levels of the upper rim the temperature must have dropped almost to zero.

Frost, working quietly with his Archimedean lever, had just succeeded in shifting from the shoulder of the sentinel a trifle of fifty tons or so of granite. For near a thousand feet the boulder fell sheer, swift and silent; then, striking the cliff, it burst like a bomb, shattered into a myriad flying shards and splinters and dislodged a smother of fragments that trickled down to the valley in a stream that lasted for minutes.

Then from the spot where the boulder had struck dust began to rise into the sunny air, slowly building up and burgeoning like a summer cloud and every whit as snowy. It was the dour of granite, powdered instantaneously by the terrific shock.

GOWNS AND OMENS.

Odd Superstitions That Darken the Dressmaker's Shop.

"Women who wear fine dresses are as superstitious as the girls who make them," said a dressmaker. "If the little accidents that happen in the workroom were not mercifully concealed from the owners of rich gowns they would be sick with apprehension half the time. I had one customer who refused to accept a very expensive dress because a girl who assisted with the fitting dropped a pair of scissors, which fell point down and stuck in the floor. That meant an order for mourning within six months. The customer hoped that by refusing the hoodoo dress she could avert the calamity, but the precaution was useless. In less than three months her father was dead.

"Girls are especially particular in their work on wedding dresses, for if a tiny drop of blood from a pricked finger should fall on the gown the bride would surely die before the end of the year. Then there is green thread. Whether the customer is there to see it or not, no dressmaker will keep green thread near spools of another color. Green thread used for basting means the return of a dress for alterations, and there is enough trouble of that kind in a dressmaking establishment without deliberately bidding for it.

"Women who are themselves superstitious are never surprised or offended at a sewing girl's untidy coiffure. The girls tumble their hair about on purpose when working on a large order, for it is a sacred belief among dressmakers that a hair inadvertently worked into the garment shows that more work is coming soon from the same customer."—New York Sun.

A Hospital Nurse's Hands. As an example of trademarks you ever noticed the hands of the hospital nurse? The soft white hand which in fiction is occupied in cooling fevered brows does not exist and could not. It is a skilled hand, but its work makes it rough and chapped. Try bathing your hands in disinfectants twenty times a day and you will find that, look after them as you may, they will soon be seamed with cracks, which an east wind often turns to bleeding cuts. And as they are worked hard for some twelve or thirteen hours a day the nurse takes a somewhat larger size in gloves than most women. If you ever see the photograph of a hospital nurse you may observe that she prefers to keep those hands behind her back.—London Chronicle.

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An Afterthought. "Ye-es," remarked a young husband at breakfast, "these biscuits are pretty good, but don't you think there ought to be a little more?" "Your mother made them," interrupted the wife quickly. "—of them?" expounded the husband, with a flash of inspiration. Man is his own star, and that soul that can be honest is the only perfect man.—Fletcher.

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