

FASHION NOTES.

Some of the Eccentricities Which Distinguish Woman's Attire in the Blue-Grass Region.

Small knots and bows of velvet will again be worn in the hair.

New summer bonnets will be of drawn net, close at the sides, with trimmings very high in front.

A black net bonnet with soft pink roses is very attractive, this combination of colors being always admired.

A glove intended for evening wear reaches to the wrist, and has a long lace sleeve of the color of the glove extending nearly to the shoulder.

A beautiful little jacket of black net, embroidered all over with gold, with a deep flounce of gathered lace, and a moire sash fastened about the hips is very becoming to youthful figures.

A girl's hat is of gray straw, bound with blue velvet, and trimmed with a blue and gray scarf, with a handsome gray buckle in front.

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In the latest bonnet styles we observe one of medium size, faced with gold tinsel nicotine, the brim finished with a fringe of gilt and straw beads, having a soft crown of Egyptian embroidery in a design of tinsel and straw.

A pretty dress for a little girl has a skirt of handsome brown and red plaid material, made with broad side plaits and set on a waist of silesia.

Another large hat has a flattened, oval-peaked crown of rose-colored silk undervalving of Oriental piece lace, the brim being formed of bordering lace.

Another bonnet, with mitre crown and pointed poke brim, is of pale, straw-colored silk, covered with tinsel embroidered net.

A handsome dress is of moss green Sicilienne with front trimmed with wide, handsome passementerie of cut black jet, with small jet tassels depending from it.

A costume of mushroom color, in faille francaise is attractive. The skirt is trimmed with narrow stripes of tartan velvet running round it.

NEWSPAPER CUTS.

How a Bright Boston Journalist Met an Emergency.

About nine years ago James W. Clarke, who is now the managing editor of Boston Traveler, was conducting the Boston Sunday Times.

In Maryland, in early times, a box of forty pounds of tobacco was levied upon every taxable inhabitant for the pay of the preacher's salary.

MUTTON AND MERINOS.

The Two Factors Which Render Sheep-Raising Profitable.

Sheep husbandry would not be profitable if we raised the fleece only. Mutton and wool are the combined object we seek.

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THE BIRD SPIDER.

History of a Remarkable Insect Native to Warm Countries.

Few animals are more repulsive than this gigantic spider. The bird spider (Mygale aricularia), for so the creature is called, excites horror in all the countries in which it is found.

In the Antilles and in the forests of Venezuela, Brazil, Guiana and Ecuador, its repulsive aspect has, among the residents, as well as among travelers, caused a terror that the imagination of the aborigines has still further exaggerated.

Freud from these local exaggerations, which are so frequent among these weak minds in a state of nature and examples of which might be easily found nearer home, the history of the bird spider still remains sufficiently interesting to merit being narrated and to be better known.

Linne described this species under the name of Aranea aricularia, the specific name recalling the animal's habit of feeding at times upon birds, and even upon adult humming birds, captured upon the nest.

Of the several hundreds of spiders that have been described, this is the largest. The largest specimen that I captured measured exactly, with legs stretched out, seven inches in diameter.

At the extremity of the strong, black, smooth jaws are the palpi, shaped like legs, and each terminating in an enormous, black, shining sting, which is obliquely swollen like that of the scorpion, and, like that, filled with a dangerous venom.

It is rare that the bird spider is seen to hunt during the daytime, except near its nest, and principally in dark places; but as soon as night arrives it leaves its lair.

If there is a craze called roller skating raging in the land, as reported, it is very strange that some of the paragraphs don't make a joke about it.

—Some one has discovered that the reason why men succeed who mind their own business is because there is little competition.

THE ART OF THE BAKER.

An Improvement in the Methods of Making Cakes—The Latest Novelties.

Fine cake-making is not a secret, but it is manifestly an art. The regulation old-time pound-cake, and jumbles are still to be seen, but they no longer hold the palm.

"We sell on an average about \$600 worth of cake each month," said a young lady behind the small counter of a place where genuine domestic compounds in the way of bread, cake, preserves, etc., are offered for sale.

"But few ornamented cakes are used by Americans except on some pronounced festal occasion like a wedding, and not always then. The Germans make the most use of ornamental cakes, but the cake is very light.

The German people sometimes use colored flowers on cakes for special occasions, but not for weddings. Many Americans, however, consider cakes ornamented in any way suggestive of being a thing to gaze upon and not to eat, in very bad taste, and seldom use them.

Miss Sartoris, in her book on the Soudan and Egypt, says: "Every village has its pigeon houses, looking like great mud cones, and in the evening the owners go out and call them in.

After the death of a man at Biddeford, Me., over \$10,000 in cash and bonds were found concealed in his bed.

NOT A BLAMED WORD.

How the Tender Feelings of a Bright Young Man Were Trampled Upon by a Deserving Young Woman.

The Auditor of State, hearing someone enter the room looked up and beheld a man who looked as though he and melancholy had long been companions.

"Good morning," said the Auditor. "Only tolerable."

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CELEBRATED CHURCH EDIFICES.

Exterior Front Views, with Some Interesting Facts Concerning Them.



The three most notable church edifices in the United States are probably Trinity Church in New York City, and Plymouth and The Tabernacle in Brooklyn.



Plymouth church in Brooklyn, "the city of churches," has long been famous as possessing in its pastor one of the greatest orators of the country.



Not far from Plymouth church is the Tabernacle, where the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage frequently gathers on Sunday an audience of nearly 5,000 people.

Burlington Free Press: "Winter is close at hand," remarked an exchange. How refreshing is a bit of truth like this, in the midst of such a rubbish heap of old lies with the nail still sticking in them.