THE DRESSMAKER.

An Individual of the Female Persuasion of Uncertain Age and Migratory Habits.

Come, children, put away your playthings, and I will tell you about the dressmaker; a creation which you have all heard of, no doubt, but of which it is not possible you can be fully informed.

A dressmaker, then, is an individual of the female persuasion; age, uncertain: habits, migratory. It is the custom of the dressmaker to

roam about from house to house, ostensibly for the purpose of fitting dresses to her victims; but this is an er.or. The dressmaker was never known to be guilty of such an indiscretion. They who have spread the report have injured he. grossly.

No; the dressmaker does not fit dresses. She has better business on her hands than any such trifling affair as that. Her mission is a high and ennobling one. All such commonplace matters as cutting and fitting dresses she relegates to the inferior intelligence of her customers.

But let me tell you just what the duties of the diessmaker are.

To-day she is engaged to spend the day with Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith re-ceives the dressmaker with open arms and some twenty or thirty yards of silk. The dressmaker is kind enough to look at the silk, and kinder still to sit down and cut it into patches eminently suitable for insertion in a crazy quilt; in the meantime regaling Mrs. Smith with a full and accurate account of domestic economy as practiced at Mrs. Brown's,

While the dressmaker is engaged in Mrs. Smith's silk and Mrs. Brown's household affairs, Mrs. Smith is kept very busy. Listening to a recital of one's dear friend's eccentricities—al-ways a delightful occupation—and superintending the preparation of dinner are quite a strain upon even the strongest constitutions.

But in process of time dinner is ready, the silk is divided and subdivided to the satisfaction of the dressmaker, and the whole story of Mrs. Brown's domestic economy has been told.

That is to say, it seemed to have been told. But the app arance of the several articles of tood upon Mrs. Smith's table reminds the dressmaker that she has omitted some very important items, and straightway she proceeds to com-pare the respective bills of fare pro-vided by her housess and by Mrs. Brown, much to the disadvantage of the latter.

Dinner over, the dressmaker pins and bastes and ties upon Mrs. Smith all the pieces of silk, big and little, that come convenient; all the while, of course, entertaining her hostess with most improving conversation upon a variety of subjects, embracing almost everything under heaven, from the last novel up to the way Mrs. Gray's servant acted when Mrs. Gray's baby came down with the measles.

The afternoon is consumed in this way, and supper time and Mr. Smith come before the trying-on process is fairly completed. Mrs. Smith retires to make herself presentable, the dress-maker meanwhile gracefully flirting with the lord of the manor.

At the tea table, the dressmaker, now having an enlarged audience, repeats with additions and improvements, her essay on the comparative merits of the Smith and the Brown cuisine, and at the close of the meal the dressmaker retires from the field with the proud satisfaction that she has shed a radiance over the Smith household for one day at least, besides amply earning the five dollar gratuity for her distinguished services. The dressmaker and the dress have no interest in one another from this moment, but during the ensuing three weeks that Mrs. Smith is engaged in sewing, ripping, re-sewing, undoing, rearranging and altering that dress, it is to be presumed that the dressmaker is ever present to her thoughts.

THE CHARMING WIDOW.

How She Impressed a Hard-Hearted Storekeeper, as She Always Does, with Her Dalaty Sobs and Tearful Glances.

She was pretty and sweet, so much to that the several clerks nearly broke their necks in struggling to see who would be the one to wait on her. but she ignored them all, and, sitting down on a stool, drew from her pocket a handkerchief which she held in readiness for an application to her eyes, and sent for the manager. He soon came up to the lady, who, with the handkerchief to one eye, flashed the other brill ant ori at his, and told her story thusiv:

"Mr. B, Charley, my husband (sob.) is dead and I have no suitable (snifile) mourning. I came down to see (gulp) if you would trust me for a (sob) mourning outfit." (Sniffle.) Here the other eye was hid behind the handkerchief, while a kind of cold chill shudder passed over her.

"But, my dear madame, I don't know you. It would be rather departing from our rules to comply with your re-quest," replied Mr. B—, politely. "How much of a bill did you wish to

buy?" "I want (sob) everything as nice (snifile) as I can get (sob) about (an-other snifile) \$200, I (sob) guess.

"I am sorry, but as you are a stran-ger to me I shall have to decline unless you can furnish security or come recommended by some one known to us.

"Do you (sob) know Mr. (two sobs) Mr. Richfe'low?" (Two sniffles.) "Yes, madame, I know him; do you

think he would guarantee the payment of the bill?

"I don't (sob) want (sniffle)-want you to (sniffle) ask him (sniffle)because this two-fold operation of dissecting I am going (two sniffles) to marry him (sob) when my (sob) mourning has ex-pired." (Sob.)

"Well, in a case of that kind of course we will trust you; we can pre-sent the bill to him after your mar-

riage." "O, thank you (brightening up), thank you; indeed, that will be all thank you; indeed, that will be all right. Now I want a box of black gloves number six and a half, fourteen yards of cashmere, thirty yards of crape cloth, twelve yards of veiling, two boxes of black silk hose (number eight) and the necessary trimmings; please fix it up nice. Don't you think I will look nice in mourning?" Mr. B— looked into her eyes, his

heart began to jump, and thinking discretion the better part of valor, he assured her that her order would be filled and the lady depart-d smiling. Mr. B---- after the flash of m- pretty widow's eyes would have filled a thous and dollar order and paid it out of his own pocket. He is bald-headed .-

Brooklyn Times. CHANGHI.

Visit of a Traveler Who Enjoyed His Surroundings.

A scene I cherish with especial tenderness is that passed at Chaughi, behind Singapore. A Malay fishing village lay beneath our bungalow upon a broad and snowy beach. In barbarous regions of the North men live underground, but these dwellings were suspended in the sunny air among plumes of cocoanut and betel; behind them rose the shadowy and his garden in the sea. The smooth sand below high water mark was a par-terre of sponges, green and red, and purple blue, intermixed with coral. Old fashioned people in Europe cherish certain round masses of Emestone, daintily fluted, and put them under

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CAN BRIGHT'S DISEASE BE CURED 1 Mr. Geo. W. Edwards is a well-known Philadelphian, now in middle life. His father was one of the most public spirited men of the Quaker City, and did much to improve the place by the erection of a number of hotels and other costly edifices. Mr. Edwards, Sr., diedabout twenty years ago of Bright's Disease, and so did his wife. The present Mr. Edwards thus in-herited the disease and at an early period in his life becames confirmed invalid with but little hone of recovery.

In his life became a confirmed invalid with but little hope of recovery. A gentleman connected with the press, who was threatened with the same dis-ease and had heard of Mr. Edwards' re-covery, recently called upon him and gives the following account of his interview: To the question if he had really been as great a sufferer as represented, Mr. Ed-wards explicit.

great a sufferer as represented, Mr. Ed-wards replied: "Yes, I had Bright's Discase. My father and mother died with it. So did two of my brothers. It came on me slowly. I passed much albumen and many epithelial casts, which are the sure indications of the disease. For three years I was so prostrated as to be waable to attend to business. I was utterly echausted. Not only was I not able to walk with comfort, but actually could hardly walk at all. I only was I not able to walk with comfort, but actually could hardly walk at all. I hardly averaged an hours' sleep in the twenty-four. Nearly all the while I suf-fered with severe neuralgic pain in my head and rheumatic pains in my joints. My digestion was miserable. I was ner-vous and continually disturbed. At the St. George hotel, where I lived, I found it immediate to the my mails at the table. St. George note, where I lived, I build it impossible to take my meals at the table, for my nerves were in such a state that the rattling of the knives and forks dis-tressed me and compelled me to leave the dining room. The little I was able to eat was brought to my room.

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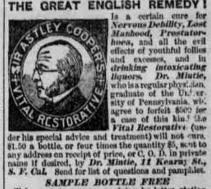
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It is needless to follow the dressmaker on her mission of love and usefulness. To-morrow she will be irradiating the household and severing the silk of Mrs. Black. The only difference in the day's duties will be that, instead of Mrs. Brown's domestic affairs and Mrs. Brown's cookery, it will be Mrs. Smith's home economy and Mrs. Smith's cuisine which pass in review.

I think I have said enough, children, to show you that the dressmaker does not fit dresses much less make them. If you have any doubt about the truth of what I have told you, however, you would better ask your mammas, who are amply able to satisfy your uncertainity. -Boston Transcript.

A Mock Polar-Bear Hunt.

The mock polar-bear hunt is a favorite game among the Esquimau boys. A few lines will describe it. One of the boys of the village gets a polar-bear robe, and wrapping it around him after he is out among the ice-hummocks about the village, he comes crawling along some sledge-path near the igloos, when he is discovered by the dogs and surrounded. This is likely to be very rough sport: for the boys take their spears and jab away at their brother in the bear role, until you would think they would break some his ribs; while the dogs, emboldened by these sup-posed brave advances, oftentimes take big bites of fur from the dangling edges of the robe. The mock bear rears up on his hind feet and growls in a very ferocious manner, until, worn out at last with his hard work and with having his head so tightly covered up with a heavy robe, he finally falls over at some thrust of a spear and pretends to expire. But the next moment he crawls out from the robe, much to the disgust of the dogs, with their hopes of a line meal of bear flesh.-Licutenant Fred-erick Schwatka, in St. Nicholas.

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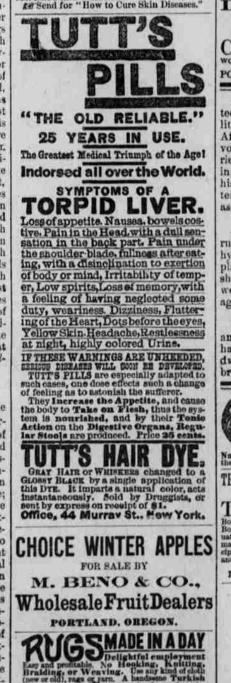
But after the first impulse of delight one almost comes to overlook this charming foreground: for beneath the water lives a tangle and a maze of all things lovely for shape and color and growth and motion. Coral takes a hundred flowery forms, weeds branch like trees or wave like serpents: sponges are cups of amethyst and ruby. When waves lie still, one sees just as clearly into the depths below as into the air above, and almost as far as it seems. The vegetation is gigantic in its loveliness. There are coral growths shaped like an Egyptian lily and as white, but three feet in diameter, wherein a mermaid might take her bath. Others break into a thicket, each twig covered with snowy rosettes which bear a morsel of green velvet in their bosoms. Others are great round hillocks diapered with emerald, with here and there a bush of scarlet thorn springing from their sides. Through and over the garden long silvery weeds tremble and quiver in a net. Small fish as quick as humming birds, and almost as gay, dart to and fro. Water snakes float past in coils like Indian enamel of every shade, in red and brown and vellow and purple. I am grateful that fate allowed me three weeks of life at Changhi.-Frederick Boyle. in Belgravia.

Pompeii's Danger.

There is reported danger that the latest eruption of Vesuvius will overwhelm Pompeli afresh. The whole of the old city has not yet been disinterred by any means. It is slow work to resurrect a wealthy place which once con-tained at least 20,000 inhabitants, from such a deep tomb of ashes and scorize; and furthermore, the work had to be prosecuted with extreme caution. Reckless haste might result in the destruction of priceless works of art; a too sudden exposure to light and air might cause masterpieces of fragile material to crumble into dust. It has been hoped that further researches would be rewarded by the discovery of precious manuscripts-works of unknown authors, or complete copies of works whereof the greater part has been lost, and of which we possess only fragments of exquisite beauty. Already many manu-scripts have been found; but these were not of the character hoped for. A delnge of lava would end all research of this kind, and deprive the world of one of its most delightfully interesting places of pilgrimage -N. O. Times-Democrat.

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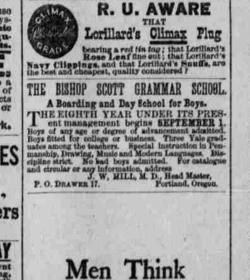
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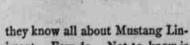
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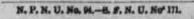
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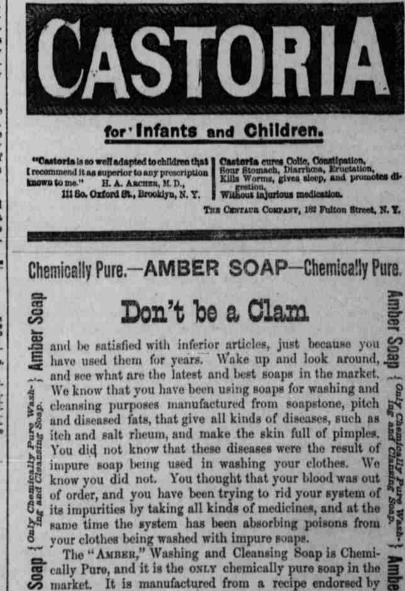
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