

A Journal for the People. Devoted to the interests of humanity. Independent in politics and religion.

Correspondents writing over signatures must make known their names to the Editor, or no attention will be given to their communications.

FASHIONS FOR LADIES.

At present our modistes seem little inclined to change the styles of hats and bonnets. The pretty and inevitable "gipsy" the jaunty "sailor" and the sensible "sea-side" are all retaining their favor.

The cool weather and steady rain of the past fortnight has had a tendency to somewhat check the retail trade in fancy spring dress goods, but the trade renews with the return of balmy weather.

The best dressed women are not always those who buy the most material. It is the carefully managing their means that enables them to make a respectable display with a moderate outlay.

CORRESPONDENCE.

This department of the New Northwest is to be a general vehicle for exchange of ideas concerning any and all matters that may be legitimately discussed in our columns.

Mollie G.: The Mason and Hamlin organs are considered excellent. Smith's American organs and the Estey are both deservedly popular.

Henry G.: Yes, we'll offer anything from the houses of our advertising patrons as premiums. Those who deal in "gang plows, balin wagons and Haines' harvesters" haven't advertised with us yet.

A. S. G. Sets, writes: "Can you confidently recommend the soap manufactured by McCord & Co., of Albany?" How many subscribers must I get to enable me to secure a box of their toilet soap?"

Mr. B.: An intelligence office would not require much capital. You would need an office in a central location, and your rent would be the principal expense.

A "timid woman" writes: "Would I not run the risk of ruining my character by trying to engage in business?" Men are apt to talk about independent women.

Mr. D.: We think you cannot do better than to remain with your husband and children. If, as you say, you have borne ill treatment for twenty years, we advise you to bear it no longer.

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Sensible Words.

A great part of the children that are born now-a-days are not good, average, healthy children. They are children of deficient brain power, of diseased nervous systems; children begotten of tobacco, of opium, of whiskey, of gin and rum, and dyspeptic stomachs.

There is scarcely a man that does not use tobacco; and if a man uses tobacco, there is a constant emanation of it from his person. Now, however, he may justify the use of it himself, he can hardly think that stale tobacco effluvia is a healthy agent to be carried into the lungs of a delicate infant.

New Orleans is threatened by a ravage at Bonnet Carré, forty miles above the city, which has passed entirely beyond the control of the engineers and is pouring across the lowlands through a break in the levee some four hundred yards wide and of unknown depth.

You remember the old fable of a man when dying told his son that he had hidden a good deal of money in one of his fields, but he could not remember which, but "dig up," said he, and you will find it. After his death they began to dig, but after field was dug and no gold found, but no treasure could be found.

A good way to save the expense of raising children, is to go visiting and leave them at home on an evening to play with a horse, and a cow, and a pig, and a dog, and a cat, and a chicken, and a turkey, and a pig, and a cow, and a horse, and a dog, and a cat, and a chicken, and a turkey.

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