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#### WHERE ART THOU, BINGER?

r IS HIGH TIME that the Hon. Binger Hermann of Roseburg got a tracer to work to locate himself. His great and good friend of the Oregonian is beginning in throw the harpoon into his tender carcass. Whence, where and whither this sudden spasm of militant virtue that now shricks in high falsetto and mourns because it finds it not in others? Whither are we drifting and can such things be, permitted to overcome us like a summer

It is but a few brief months since the Hon. Binger Hermann, thence newly segregated through the violent efforts of the president himself from the commissionership of the general land office at Washington, cast about for "a vindication" at the hands of his beloved constituents in Oregon. The secretary of the interior made no superhuman effort to conceal the fact that the Hon. Binger had been forcibly ejected from a job which gave him opportunities of which the Hon. Binger appeared to have industriously and enthusiastically taken advantage. He got the nomination for congress. With that imposing pretense of superior virtue which has always characterized the Oregonian its editorial columns were kept free of anything commendatory of Hermann, but the other columns fairly boomed him. Then was perpetrated the trick to which Hermann owed his election. That was the notorious instance in which the president of the United States and the Hon. Binger Hermann were represented standing on the rear end of a Pullman car in terms of bilarious amity. It is now known that an Oregonian photographer had been waiting for hours for this very moment which had been cleverly prearranged without the knowledge of the president, and once the photograph was procured it was reproduced under stunning headlines in the Oregonian and scattered broadcast through the district. This circumstance more than any other led to Her-

But now the Oregonian is beginning to rip open old sores. In its good old pharasaical way it is at work to show that the Hon. Binger was never all right; that he left his Washington job under a cloud; that he had stood in with the land thieves; that it (the Oregonian) had done its full duty in exposing evil doers, while some perhim as Binger Hermann of Roseburg, congressman from Oregon, had signally failed to do his duty.

Anybody who can tell the difference between a hawk and a handsaw can see there's a hen on in the Tall Tower. Binger Hermann has fallen outside the pale of the senatorial calculations. He no longer dovetails with the situation. He may have been all right last spring and summer, but he is no longer all right now, even though he has the same old odiferous record to go on.

It is for this reason that we suggest to the Hon. Binger Hermann of Roseburg to get out a tracer and locate himself before his job is pre-empted by a handsomer man.

THE CITY OFFICIALS seem disposed to find faultwith the property owners for the condition of the streets, and the attitude of opposition and indifference of the taxpayers which at times is apparent. A little introspection and reflection would, perhaps, shed some light on this question. This city assumed a metropolitan position so far as trade and commerce is conof money in the aggregate have been spent on the streets. After all these years and after all this money has been spent, how many streets on either side of the river are in good order or kept in a clean condition?

The causes for this barren result are not far to seek nor, in the light of the past, is it a matter for surprise that the property holder is both suspicious and pessimistic when the street question is mentioned. In the first place there has never been any general scheme or plan for street improvement adopted. Without this we shall always go on in a hit or miss fashion. Different conditions, physical and otherwise, the uses and purposes of a street, all enter into the problem of fixing the particular character of pavement required. Streets when improved have not been maintained or kept in repair. A main artery of travel would be paved and instantly all the traffic would rush to it, no attention would be given to the maintenance and in a few months it would be ruined and the property owners be out both street and money.

The street railways have in many ways discouraged laid. The attempts of the property holders for years to maintain good pavements on Morrison, Third and First streets are still fresh in the memory of every citizen. In some respects they are doing better now, but for corporations which have secured invaluable privileges from the tended and for which it should be spent. people of this city at but trivial cost, they at times show a woeful lack of appreciation for favors granted. A restarted to improve Twenty-third street. For a good helders desired to improve, but it is said the railway comwill have to be some streets leading to the fair grounds tion engine from Lovejoy street north until now it is an belongs to it. deep, notwithstanding the contractor gave a \$1,000 bond

that would take into consideration the uses of the par- things so far beyond their intellectual balliwick. ticular street, Specifications for various kinds of pavement should be prepared by a skilled road builder and handsome residence, although a student of such matters town.

and an architect by education, employed a landscape gardener to advise him respecting the laying out of his grounds. Why then should the city hesitate to get the road through Alaska to connect with the Persia, no other country can for the best advice where millions are to be spent? Nay, how dare it hesitate? The average citizen knows but little dare it hesitate? The average cruzen knows but the bas been completed, and others are be-about street work, although he may have good ideas in has been completed, and others are be-ing constructed. Canada is pushing two quietly preparing the highways and general. It may be that a pavement good in other places lines will not do here at all and the fact that a majority of lot holders petition for it will not make it good. Their error should be pointed out, and the pavement not laid to let experience teach them. A man with a little savoir faire, and knowledge of street paving, who could talk to the property to Hong Kong, and eventually the rails 10,000 mile railway from New York to owners when the questions arise would, at the present will be extended southward to Singtime, be a blessing. Then if the feeling that it ought to be the "other fellows' street which should be improved this time" were eliminated, we should be in measurable distance of permanently good streets.

#### MUNICIPAL OWNFRSHIP OF NECESSITIES ONLY.

HAT "Grand Old Man of Oregon," Mayor Williams, announces that we are to have a close corporation composed of the municipal government of this city and the gamblers and saloon keepers who belong to across the 40 miles of water that septhe highly privileged class of "old residents" and law breakers who are already broken to the new and curious the proposed branch of the Siberian railway of putting up or shutting up which prevails in Port-

The mayor's announcement that he has set his foot apon the proposal to allow outsiders to come in and share the good things provided only for the citizens of Portland is made with as much impressive strenuousness as was his announcement so often quoted by the Oregonian, that he would not be "swayed from his judgment by popular trans-Asian railway project is largely in these improvements are completed, we clamor or newspaper criticism." The fact that he never plates a southern route from the caphad any judgment of his own in this case doesn't matter at all. His lack of judgment is ably remedied by the excellent judgment of the gambling element, ward politicians and the Oregonian; each outvying the other in deft flatteries and suggestions skillfully made to appear to the mayor as his own "judgment."

Almost simultaneously with this announcement of the mayor comes the announcement of the Oregonian that it son whom it will not name further than by designating advocates municipal ownership of absolute necessities

> Now we are getting at the real inwardness of things. The citizens of Portland will soon be thoroughly awake to the great obligation they owe to the Gambling-Municipal-Oregonian combine.

Saloons, gambling houses, and other places of chaste entertainment for the youth and beautiy of Portland are an absolute necessity; private citizens cannot supply themselves without great loss and inconvenience. The possession of opinion forming newspapers, the ownership of the officials of the municipal government and the complete shutting out of foreign competition all point to one great and good end; that of providing the people of Port-SOME PRACTICAL THOUGHTS ON STREETS land with the strictly home-grown, first-class Portland product in the gambling line.

The great struggle of the sublime forces of immorality is reaching a triumphant end. The war cry is "public saloons and gambling houses a public trust." The encouragement of local talent and the fostering of home in- days he read the Mussaph prayers on dustries the great aim; and the reward will be to the saloon men and gamblers, the privilege of breaking the laws peacefully and quietly, unmolested by foreign com- generally. He was not only a pious, but cerned many years ago. During those years vast sums petition or domestic interference; for the municipal oftinually and contemptuously snapped their fingers in the face of the general public, and conscientiously lived up to and the wisdom of rest, he divided his unable to assist her in getting to shore. their oaths of office to uphold lawbreakers whenever and property among so long as it should prove profitable and safe to do so; for the Oregonian the glow of self satisfaction over the help L. Frank of Baltimore, became and is at anything to do with me, and called me rendered infant industries and the assistance given in installing injustice upon the throne of broken law and the bringing of disgrace, despair and ruin into many homes of this fair city through the greater facilities for the cor-

# TRYING TO GRAB THE WATER FUND.

HROUGH the manner in which the issue is being raised between the city council and the water board there is danger that the public will grasp the shadow and lose the substance of the controversy.

or the water board shall attach the fire hydrants to the good pavements on those streets on which their rails are mains. If this included everything involved, the controversy would soon be settled. But the heart of the issue is something very different indeed, for it involves an indirect other than the legitimate purposes for which it was in-

thing else and, once the entering wedge is forced, the line of demarkation between the water fund and the other city funds will rapidly disappear. The policy of the water pavement a proper rail is required. Many of the property board has always been to keep within its income, to extend its mains, to furnish an adequate supply of water pany operating on this street opposed it because a new track and, as fast as possible, to reduce the rates. It is maniwould have to be laid. Now it must be conceded there festly unjust and unbusinesslike to divert this money to other city purposes and thus prevent any reduction of that can be used without producing dislocation of bones rates, and on the other hand, to force the user of water to or breaking carriages. Twenty-third street is a disgrace pay for that which is justly chargeable to the property to the city as it is. Twenty-fourth street cannot be used owner. This will be the inevitable result if the practice as the council or executive board or somebody or some- is ever established of making other funds whole through thing has turned it over to the tender mercies of a trac- taking from the water fund the money which legitimately

If imitation is the sincerest flattery surely The Journal and was to keep the crosswalks clean. Ask any resident has every reason to be gratified over the slavish imitation of that street or any west of it, what they think of city of its makeup and mechanical methods which is shown in authorities who would permit this outrage, or how they its boiler plate contemporary, the Oregonian's Evening look on furnishing more money for street improvements Shadow. These methods have proven so popular in The under the present dispensation and they will soon learn Journal, they have been so generally accepted as evidence why objection is made to throwing money to the dogs, or of modern enterprise and progressiveness, that the Shadow emerges long enough from its shell to grab some It must be accepted as a fact, owing to climatic and of these mechanical ideas but not long enough to absorb physical conditions, that good pavements are an im- the spirit, the push and the quiver of life of which they perative necessity. There should, therefore, be adopted are merely the outward expression. It is next to imposat once some general plan for improvement, some plan sible for the kindergartners to get a horizontal view of

should be strictly insisted on. Once beget confidence in Washington time, or 8:40 o'clock p. m., Portland time. So the property holders that they are going to get something prompt is The Journal's telegraphic service that the anfor their money and that it will be taken care of and there nouncement of his death went into the regular city edition will be no trouble about streets. The burnt child dreads and was being sold on the streets of Portland before any the fire. The park board, although composed of men of other Portland newspaper was aware of his death. The fine attainments professionally and otherwise, did not day has gone by when live people are willing to wait for hesitate to take advice from a high-class landscape startling news until it comes by slow freight. Fortunately gardener. A prominent citizen of the city, now building a they no longer have to do so since The Journal came to

# A POPULAR BOARDING HOUSE.

A Virginia woman has made her boardnghouse in this city highly popular with id-fashioned corn pone.

The meal of the south is ground in the flour with it. It is not fit to eat before water mill, slowly and exceeding fine, or after mixing it. Our Virginian orders When sifted and wet it sticks together her meal by the ton from the mill that in a compact mass, and is a beautiful clicked on her father's plantation when y popular with bread when cooked. Northern meal is she was a child. There is no dyspepsia. A little meal. Eiln-dried and granulated; to induce it to in that sort. You can't buy it in New a little water, a little salt; that's all form into pones it is necessary to mix York; no use trying.

# Vast Railroad Plans for Coming Years

Writer says:

Buenos Ayres.

Mount Blanc.'

"But, after all, however, Russia is the

present, lay any railway on Persian soil

"The greatest intercontinental project

subscribed liberally toward the prelim-

inary survey fund, and promises to aid

pleted in existing lines, but there still

remains a 5,000-mile gap between south-

hundreds of miles will be above the

in the Andes higher than the summit of

three or three and a half days."

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Portland, Or., Feb. 12.-Dear Miss

Fairfax: I am a young man, 24 years

of age, of well-to-do eastern family, and

so I will take the liberty to ask you for

I wish to become acquainted with a

respectable young lady and I do not

know just how to go at it. I suppose

I could get acquainted if I attend the

Dillard, Or., Feb. 7 .- My Dear Miss

I am very much in love with a lady

Last evening we were out boat riding

out I went to look for her. I found her

out any manly principles at all, and she

I want to make up with her and try

sure we would be happy if she would

It is not to be expected that a woman

"lost cause." Don't pursue it further.

Dear Miss Fairfax-I am a young lady

of 18. The latter part or September I

him from the first and having seen sa

question is, how could I let him know

company more than common friendship.

would make a great deal of difference

in his feelings toward me. Please give

shows a preference for you that is am-

ple to encourage you to further interest

in him. Even in love matters the re-

ciprocal principle is the best to depend

one side or the other may bring about

average man appreciates shyness, back-

woman that he has regard for. The for-

ward, bold woman only attracts the

bashful, hesitating, inexperienced male,

We all usually regard that most which

JAPAN'S MERCHANT PLEET.

more wonderful than that of its mer

chant fleet. Up to 1870 there was none,

if we except a few coastwise trading

of modern shipping. That has increased

junks. In 1892 there were 214,000 tons

in 10 years to 934,000 tons in 1902, and

the Japanese merchant fleet is soon to

take, if it has not yet taken, seventh

Only Great Britain, the United States

Japanese merchant fleet is even greater

most rapid about the time

surpass the shipping of Japan.

Too much effort or display on the

you do he may take to flight.

a contrary result to that desired.

U. S. M.

met a gentleman of about 22. I liked

No good can come of it.

know it is not a mere fancy.

me your advice.

only be my wife. What would you ad-

would have nothing more to do with me

ANXIOUS G. S. D.

Mexico and northern Argentina,

Andrew Carnegle has

During the present decade more than struction through tropical, barren, south a billion dollars will be spent in build-ing transcontinental railroads, writes dexander Hume Ford in the February it seems probable that England may

He says that Russia has just com-He says that Russia has just com-pleted the longest railroad in the world, giving European merchants a direct and that it contemplates building at overland route to India other than those least two other lines across Asia. Australia is financing a transisland rallroad. "But, after all, however, Russia is i Europe is projecting several such lines, only country that spends money like Siberian railroad.

In South America a continental road without Russia's consent, she has prac-

In May a through train will be put on between Paris and Peking—a journey of 8,000 miles, occurring 17 and peking—a journey of Speaking of an American 8,000 miles, occupying 17 days. Other railways in process of construction will add 1,500 miles to the line, extending it now before the world is the pr apore, at the extreme southern end of the Malay peninsula.

If present plans are worked out, it in financing the entire scheme. Fully be possible in the future to take a half the mileage may be said to be comtrain in Chicago for St. Petersburg, Berlin and Paris, without change.

This scheme seems a wild one, but ern Mexico and northern Argel not as wild as the realized dream of the This Pan-American railway will Siberian railroad would have seemed 50 some \$250,000,000 to complete, and for years ago.

Engineers have pronounced the Alaskan railroad feasible, though expensive. Part of the scheme is to have giant boats on Behring straits to whole trains, passenger and freight, the United States the author writes: arates Asia and the American continent Connection would then be made with struction across the United States, we

Russia, still leading in railroad proects, has planned another trans-Asian railroad from east to west, keeping near the tropics. Other lines are planned citic railway companies are spending from north to south. Eventually the railroad systems of Russia and India

will be connected. The writer says: "The one itals of Europe to the far east. The German railway concession in Turkey has its beginning at Constantinople. The railway now ending at Konea in Asia be possible to go from Cape Horn to the Minor is to be extended to the head of Cape of Good Hope by an all-rail route. There Not content with these great projects, the Persian gulf via Bagdad. has been some talk of carrying the rail- the plan to tunnel under the British way on to India, but the expense of con- channel is being revived.

#### ISIDOR BAYNER. Advice to the Lovelorn

come.

#### A Jewish Estimate of the Lately Elected Maryland Senator.

Jacob Voorsanger in Emanuel The elevation of the Hon. Isidor Rayner to a seat in the United States senate, confers a merited distinction upon one of Maryland's most eminent citizens, and is a source of gratification to a little advice. the people from whose loins he cama forth, and with whom, to a considerable degree, he is still identified.

The political press has fully exploited the career of this distinguished dances, but I am not so inclined. American, but we may amplify the data heretofore published by a few family All you have to do is to keep your facts. Isidor Rayner is the eldest son eyes open and your opportunity will of the late William S. Rayner of Baltimore, in his time Parnass of the Har Sinal Congregation and one of the most plous Jews of his community. William Fairfax: Noticing your valuable ad-Before the reform to seek your aid in my trouble. Rosh Ha'Shanah and Kippur to the who is much my sentor. But as I love Torah, well her so dearly I have every reason to becongregation, being a Ben versed in the ritual and Jewish learning lieve we would be happy together. an eminently just man. Two years oe- and I took the opportunity to propose fore his death, having earned a com- As I was anxiously awaiting her answer petence, he assembled his four children, the boat struck a rock and tipped over, and sensible of the approach of old age my feet got tangled in a rope and I was reserving one- When I got the boat righted and balled fifth for himself. One of his daughters, Bertha, afterwards the wife of Dr. S. in a fit of rage. She refused to have the present time one of the most phil- a big, lubberly kid, and a coward, withanthropic women in the country.

With such a family record, backed by his own sterling merits, Senator Rayno will doubtless reflect great honor upon to regain her affections, but she ignores the people who are proud to own him; me. I am 20 and she is 33, but I am for, just as the dishonor of any Jew to some degree upon all his coreligionists-that being the justice that stupid prejudice metes out to us-so, in superior degree, may we rejoice of 33 will be satisfied with the love and when one of our blood attains to justly earned honors, and promises to develop into a statesman of distinction. surely the nast record of this remark ablel man justifies the prediction that he will add to his already numerous laures! and shine in the highest forum of the world with a luster eclipsed by no con-

The election of Senator Rayner brings to the senate the fifth Jew who ever sat in that august body. His predecessors were Yules of Flordia, Judah P. Ben jamin of North Carolina, Benjamin Franklin Jonas of Louisiana and Joseph Simon of Oregon. In the house of rep resentatives Jews have occupied seats almost continuously.

[Dr. Voorsanger might have added that in every instance except that of Joseph Simon they were from the south and Democrats.]

# THE MEPHEW'S PLAINTIFF PLEA

There is sadness in the tower, there is weeping in the loft. Grief is scattered everywhere around

the shop; tiles of the dear nephews are in-

elegantly doffed As they cry, "Dear Uncle, won't you make 'em stop?

'We're doin' everything we can to keep the thing affoat, Conscious that we are no longer on the And we hate to feel the fingers of those people on our throat:

Oh, uncle, won't you try to make 'em

stop? They're a scoopin' lot of fellows-we have realized that truth-And as peas upon a griddle make us

And now as you have loved us through babyhood and youth, We pray of you, kind uncle, make 'em

They git us on their war news and or Of affairs of state they always have a crop; How in Samuel Patch they do it, it's

impossible to tell. And it grieves us. Uncle, won't you make 'em stop?

cause the ice is too thick to cut,

anition holds us fast; In our tracks we feel that we're about Japan's naval vessels are all com manded by Japs. This has about used bouncing, bounding Journal has us up the available supply of native eduon the hip at last;

cated seamen, so that most of the mer-chantmen are commanded by Euro-Say, uncle, won't you try to make 'em Mever Bains But It Pours From the Cleveland Plain Dealer From the Cleveland Leader. Lake Michigan is still frozen from

peans. But they won't be very long. Punishment to Fit the Crime

The small boy is now going through companies are wringing their hands be-

### First Visit of Commodore Parry to Japan Recalled by the Death of Rear Admiral Beardslee

The Japanese newspapers have pubished laudatory notices of Admiral Lescombine with Germany to finance such ter Beardslee, who died recently in As a midshipman in Commodore Perry's fleet he was a witness of the opening of Japan to the world. He revisited it as a ship's commander in 1870, when the country was torn with the Satsuma rebellion, and after his recirement from active service he gratified his long de-sire and spent a year in lefsured case on shore in the far east.

Admiral Beardslee hunted up, with the aid of a yachting American friend, the exact spot where the boats landed Comodore Perry, and where the president's letter was delivered to the unwilling sage, gave the explanation, Japanese officials on the beach of the The handsome old commo little village of Kurihama, 40 miles below Yokohama.

At the next banquet given him by the many societies and many societies and associations of Tokio, eager to honor the survivor of expedition, he demanded to know why there was no monument such an important spot, since Japan is dotted with monuments and memorial stones from one end to the other. Forthwith, the Society of Those Who Have Been in America, as Belyukuwal might be translated, promised to erect a monument if Admiral Beardslee would wait to dedicate it.

Of the railroad building situation in men headed by Baron Kaneko, that Harvard graduate and degree man, who "While no new transcontinental railstands ways are projected for immediate conreform in municipal matters, went with the admiral to the spot. They planted shall probably spend as much money in trees, marked the monument site, and in the next decade in the rebuilding of our a little over six months had the memorpresent systems as will Canada on all ial completed and unveiled with great her railway projects. The Pennsylceremony on the 48th anniversary of the vania, Union Pacific, and Southern Pa-

Admiral Beardslee had a strong sense millions annually straightening their of humor and dearly loved to tell how lines, building tunnels, and reducing grades, the most optimistic prophesying he first set foot on Japan. When the string of ships' boats had landed Commodore Perry and his staff and his files that within a few years at most, when of marines, Midshipman Beardslee was told off to command one of the boats and told not to leave it. While the mysterious proceedings went on in draped inclosure time dragged on the ial mansion, crowded with the trophies hands of the lively young midshipman, and, wearing his boat closer inshore, he determined to step off on the beach for gardener went back to America only a minute, "just to say he had him, and the tireless old admiral had a been on shore in Japan." One cautious little Japan on his place of every green foot had just gone over the gunwale and and growing thing he had been able to touched the soft sand when the other officer in command spied him and roared mens from Japan, chrysanthemums and out: "Get into your boat immediately, Mr. Beardslee," and his experience on

> Equally joyful was the old admiral's memory of his first and last interview with Commodore Perry. At that time grog was regularly served in the American navy, and on great occasions a special ration was given to seamen. shipman Beardslee was attached was a hard drinker and had with difficulty tremens on the way up from Canton. His ship's commander feared that the powers of the world

Eliza R. Scidmore in Chicago Tribune. order for extra grog on the night of the delivery of the president's letter might be his undoing, and, not to make it an affair of official record and correspon Georgia, for to them he was a historical the flagship to verbally state the case figure and a figure in their own history. to Commodore Perry and ask that that particular ship be omitted from the or-

commodore sat at his desk, collarless, writing. The little midshipman was ushered in and twirled his cap a few min utes, waiting. The commodore's quill pen scratched on and on, came to a stop, and the handsome old head was raised. An eagle glance shot from the eye, and the naval diplomat said:

Eigh?" The midshipman repeated the message, gave the explanation, and stopped. tated a minute, and said "Umph!" and resumed writing, and the midshipman slipped through the cabin doorway and breathed freely on deck after the brief interval in the commander's presence. "And that was my first and last interview with the commodore during the whole cruise," Admiral Beardslee used to say with a chuckle of delight.

The emperor had a special interest in receiving Admiral Beardslee, and the audience was not the formal, impersonal affair of set speeches that such affairs usually are. There were difficulties in arranging for the presentation, however, as Admiral Beardalee had no naval uns form with him in Japan. When he retired from the navy he retired, he said. He was a private citizen only, and the gold lace and buttons were not for him any more.

"But you must wear the uniform of your rank at the palace," said the despairing minister.

Did General Grant wear a uniform in Japan?" said the retired admiral, and the vanquished chamberlain arranged for the presentation at a garden party. where civilian dress was permissible

After he had seen the Japan of 1900 Admiral Beardslee in reality retired and settled down to an active life on his place at Beaufort, N. C., in an old colonand accumulations of a busy life on many seas. Japanese servants and Seeds, roots, bulbs, and specimorning glories, iris and splendid show for him in a first season, and his mulberry trees nourished siik ers 70 pounds of shining, glossy skeins at the first trial. His was a happy old age, full of honors and activities, and the Japanese mourn him.

Japan has never falled to recognize the debt she owes to the United States. of the officers on the ship to which Mid- It was the fleets of the latter power that showed Japan the open door of the world and started the chrysanthe been brought out of an attack of delirium mum kingdom on its surprising march toward the front rank among the great

# Dainty Stuffs and Quaint Modes Affected in Fashionabie

Ellen Osborn in the Chicago Record-, beloved of youthful brides. While creps

orange flower and "Lohengrin March" associations it makes the better bridal costume. Explanation is simple: The rise of white satin in favor for even he simplest evening dress has swept away dressmaking traditions. In the past the satin wedding dress, useless after the ceremony, has been a costume The satin evening dress has flouted the aw. With its sacrilegious additions of delicately transparent lace and the ivory softness of chiffon it has dared to make even the debutante wears white satin. the dressmaker has learned to subject it to everyday, varied handling. satin wedding dress, as seen at fashionable midwinter bridals, is no longer, as a rule, dead white. Ivories and creams, according to the coloring of the bride. are more usual. The old stiff satin has of 33 will be satisfied with the love and gone out. An extremely soft quality counsel of a man of 20. Yours is a is now chosen, which may be heavy, but is apt to be almost as light in weight and supple as crepe de chine.

> Trimmings perhaps were never be-New York's best designers:

great deal of him find that I have grown he, when asked to give an opinion as fichus. There are brides who delight to love him with all my heart. I have looked at the matter in every way and with a fine, well-set-up figure and a ness, but others prefer that their flower good carriage can stand magnificence, girls should wear simply beruffled frocks care for him without being in the least way unladylike. I do not know if he is lost unless she wears something loves me or not, but feel sure from his ple and ephemeral. You must consider manner toward me that he values my not only the style of the bride, but herself. If she is likely to be nervous, for fresh rose petals. I think that if he knew I loved him it instance, she must wear something in which she will feel at ease and comfortable, while for a self-possessed bride it is safe to plan a picture dress or the Do not make any advances, for if newest prettiness, even if it is out of

the ordinary.
"I believe," he continued, "there is too much trimming on the ordinary the care we take to keep young girls simply dressed, suddenly, on the wedday, just when we wish them to look their best, to load them with old lace and embroderies unsuited to their fancy straw trimmed with white feathwardness, delicacy, refinement in the

> A bridal dress worn at this week's most imposing ceremonial was made fles waved and bordered with black velgleaming. It had a full trained skirt plaited into the waisthand and decorated was cut out at the throat over a small in front with a panel of Brussels lace, the long point of whose triangle came trimmed with medallions. The elbow just under the point of the waist beit. Edging this panel were puffs of chiffon frills. edged with tiny ruches, which ran down bodice was a blouse with a transparent the first starting from a series of shir yoke of Venetian lace. Crossed fronts rings with a ruched head. The bodice, were edged with puffs and ruches. girdle was deep and pointed Each down the front with big buttons. Around sleeve was a succession of ruched the shoulders was a guipure yoke flounces. The veil was of tulle, fas- hemmed with sable. The sleeves, shirred tened by a flat wreath of orange blos-

place among the world's peace navies.

The growth of the merchant fleet was This dress was no more characteristic Chinese war, rising from 486,000 tons other, of white satin, almost as light as crepe. Trails of orange flowers ran Germany, France, Norway and Italy down the front of this dress, marking off a skirt panel; garlands of orange flowers ran around it in circular lines. than our own foreign fleet. It is our At the foot of the skirt came two enormous "coastwise" shipping that deep full lace founces. The swathed places us second to Great Britain in fect, with narrow girdle. It was al most hidden under a deep lace shoulder collar. The hair was dressed with a knot of orange flowers at each side of the front, the tulle veil falling well

princess cut, are seen occasionally. White brocade does not meet with much occasionally. White silks are scarcely used.

Herald. de chine is the most useful and beauti-Because white satin has lost its ful material for the wedding dress, and though no longer the extreme of fashion, its vogue is enduring. Whatever may be the case in February, the lighter materials will come back for bridals in June.

The bridesmaid's frock depends on the wedding's color scheme. One wedding outfit now being finished in a Fifth avenue shop for a February marriage is in pink and white. The wedding dress is of white satin. The maid of honor is to wear peach-pink Liberty satin with white lace, and the four maids are to dress in white muslin flowered with honor will carry a flower muff of white roses decorated with a spray of pink, the maids' baskets will be full of pink roses, and all five attendants are to have seline and pink roses,

In England it has become the fashion wreaths and veils. The wreaths chosen are of flowering myrtle, roses, forget-menots, and the like; the veils are always of tulle.

of uncompromising quaintness. ter of course. Let me quote one of dyke gowns are worn, of satin touching "You must consider the bride," said satin hidden under demure white musling "A girl in such touches of old-day picturesquewhile a soft-haired, 'fluffy' looking girl of sheer stuff such as the season's fashions yield. Flower girls, whether or not they actually scatter blossoms before the bride, carry baskets of roses or of

> Among trousseau dresses that the week has yielded must be named a smart, severe going-away dress, its skirt blue cloth, finished in dark porcelain with half a dozen little ruffles, its coat of porcelain blue velvet, half-length tight fitting. its sleeves were full at the bottom, with corded revers. collariess throat, the fronts and long basques were outlined trimming consisted of embroidered trefoils. There was a hat of velvet and

> had its full skirt flounced with tiny rufvet. ing of large lace medallions. The bodice rounded chemisette of lace, and was sleeves were full and trimmed with lace

had its skirt widened by two flounces, The slightly bloused, fastened, in old style at the shoulders, ended in cascades of embroidered lawn.

To another trousseau belong charming house dresses; one of white silk muslin and lace insertion, its shoulders covered by a scarf collar tasseled with silver; the other of pale blue muslin veiled with a lace peplum and embroldered with green and silver flowers.

#### Japan's Financial Position. From the Boston Herald.

a recent authority Japan's financial situation is at present most favorable, and in event of emergency she would have ample available funds. The bank of Japan has a specie reserve of 113,000,000 yen; it has some 40,000,000 lying in London, and it has a 35,000,000 legal margin of note issuing power. The treasury has three capital funds, aggregating 50,000,000 yen and also some 20,000 in London remaining the list of comic valentines in the effort to find one which fits the particular case parent fabrics are hardly so much to throughout the empire are also said to the fore as last winter, but are still have large stores of idle cash.