

GORGEOUS ATTIRE.

Dress of a Liverpool Merchant in the Eighteenth Century. The Liverpool merchant in the latter half of the eighteenth century must have presented a far by no means unpleasing appearance.

POLLY LARKIN

The languid, helpless, sentimental girl is no longer fashionable. She has had her day and the admiration she at one time called forth has waned.

waiters receive a handsome tip, and from that on they are as blind as bats in the daylight, as far as they are concerned, and the articles are carried off with impunity.

BRIEF REVIEW.

The Story of the Brain.

The story of the brain, as scientists have gradually unfolded its peculiar construction, is of marvelous interest, says Stephen Smith, M. D., LL.D., in Leslie's Magazine.

Ravages of Field Mice.

Winter is often a season of starvation with the moles, or meadow mice, for those that dwell far from corn and grain fields do not lay in enough provisions to last them until spring.

Girl Slaves in Russia.

The following report from Orel reveals the well-nigh incredible fact that the Orelski Vostnik, in earnest and indignant terms, complains of its complete accuracy.

Indian Racing Ponies.

Not much more enviable than the lot of the unfortunate man who is reported to have grown shorter is that of racing ponies in India, Egypt and elsewhere.

Idiot.

"Should idiots be killed at birth?" asks a curious clergyman. Sometimes you don't find it out till they are grown up and get to asking fool questions.

Carefully Guarded Tea.

The tea used in the Chinese royal household is treated with the utmost care. It is raised in a garden surrounded by a wall, so that neither man nor beast can get anywhere near the plants.

PAUS AND PINKSTER.

The Dutch Easter Time Festivals in the Mohawk Valley. Next to New Year's day Paus and Pinkster were the more popular and generally observed holidays of the old Dutch in the Mohawk valley.

COLOR OF THE SUN.

What would happen if it were Other Than What It Is. A German astronomer has published some interesting observations on the theoretical effects of a change in the color of the sun.

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY.

An Extraordinary Work of Art of Great Historic Value. Few besides those who have visited Bayeux or have especially studied the subject have any idea of what this extraordinary work of art is really like.

Several True Bills.

It is of course true that a jury, theoretically, is composed of a set of unprejudiced men, with open minds; still there may be occasions when a slight bias and feeling influences their ranks.

Bodily Brought Up Soldiers.

During an official massacre at the village of Koniakli the Turkish commander—a fat major—slept and smoked in the shade of a tree near the scene of carnage.

Novel Oyster Parties.

Oyster parties are the great diversion of the Spanish gentlemen who pay family visits to Vizco. The party goes on in a large flat-bottomed boat.

The Eye of the Shark.

The eye of the shark is small, long and narrow, closely resembling that of a pig. All observers have agreed in attributing to it a sly and malicious expression.

Mortal Man.

It was perhaps ordained by Providence to hinder us from tyrannizing over one another that no individual should be of so much importance as to cause by his retirement or death any chasm in the world.

Some French Diamonds.

The French furnish us with some well-cut diamonds. "Patience is the art of hoping," Vauban says; "Truth is the skeleton of appearances; De Mussy set; All bow to virtue—and then walk away." Dumars.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

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The Cruelty of Fashion. The splendid snow white heron, known as the American egret, one of the few kinds which bear the aigret plumes of millinery and commerce, is among the vanishing species of America.

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Cloth Made From Wood.

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Frenchwomen Score a Victory.

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The Hedgehog's Frown.

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RIGHT HANDED FOLKS

WHY ARE THEY SO VERY LARGELY IN THE MAJORITY?

There are Two Factors in the Problem of an Inherited Tendency and Constant Practice—The Origin of the Innate Propensity.

That the great majority of persons use the right hand with greater skill than the left is doubtless due to two influences—an innate proclivity and constant practice.

Dr. George M. Gould says in the Popular Science Monthly that right handedness is so thoroughly ingrained in human nature that it must have been partially developed in the savage ancestors of the race.

When warfare had been carried to such a stage of advancement as to involve the use of a shield, however, that object was probably held on the left side in order to protect the heart.

While civilization was yet at a low level communication was carried on, especially with strangers, largely in the sign language. Barter laid the foundations of arithmetic and called in to play the digits.

Before discussing the cause of left handedness Dr. Gould calls attention to the fact that with right handed people the left hand is occasionally called upon to perform a task of greater importance than its mate.

In playing a violin or violoncello the fingering is done with the left hand and the bowing with the right. It is suggested that some of these operations may result from the superiority of the right eye.

Left handedness is considered by Dr. Gould an inheritance from ancestors, savage or civilized, who were obliged by some misfortune to abandon the use of the right hand.

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