

THEY NEVER CHANGE.

The moon an' the women is jest the same. Sense of Bill Shakspeare's times. The moon as round and the girls as strange.

As when Bill wrote his rhymes, I've read 'em all an' I tell you what, The girls is jest the same.

The City Swell

WHEN Milly Ransome returned from a six months' visit to the city she was accompanied by Harry Lawrence, a tall, slim young man, clad in clothes of the newest fashion and wearing upon his light curls a shining silk hat, a fatal thing to do in the little, narrow-minded town of Grotton.

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"Don't you work?" asked the old man sharply. "Not in summer. I teach chemistry in the university, you know. It does not open until September."

"The news of the new arrival had spread through the village like wildfire, and every window they passed seemed to frame a pair of prying eyes. Some few passed them even unheeded audibly, and Milly was in distress."

"She looked at his hands and realized suddenly that they were whiter than her own, his hat and his shoes shone like mirrors and a ruler could not be straighter than the crease in his light trousers."

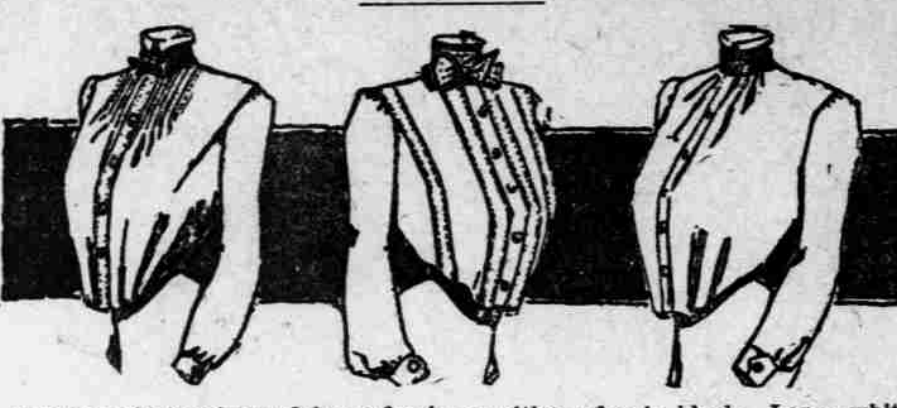
"Just out of a bandbox" and "mamma's boy." And all the time she knew that she loved him.

"Do not ask it," she said quickly. "Do you mean you would say no?" he asked, and she noted the pain in his voice.

"Oh, here is the village," she said, and he turned away. They passed the tiny shop and the watering trough and then they noticed a group of people outside the only saloon in the place.

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BE-STITCHED SHIRT WAISTS.



The new shirt-waist models are fascinating indeed. White seems to take the lead and the combination of black and white comes next in popularity.

lifted off his feet and shaken until his teeth chattered. "You brute," was hissed in his ear, and he was sharply pulled to his feet.

Harry Lawrence settled his tall hat on his head again, wiped his hands daintily and turned toward the carriage. An old man left the group of silent spectators and held out his hand to him.

When they had left the village Milly stole a look at him. His face seemed sad and his thoughts were far away.

"What are you thinking about that makes you so—" she stopped, startled at her own temerity. "I am thinking how I shall get along without you," Milly gasped.

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"The next few days were hard ones for her. Her girl friends laughed when they passed Milly and Harry, and more than once she heard someone say: 'Just out of a bandbox' and 'mamma's boy.'"

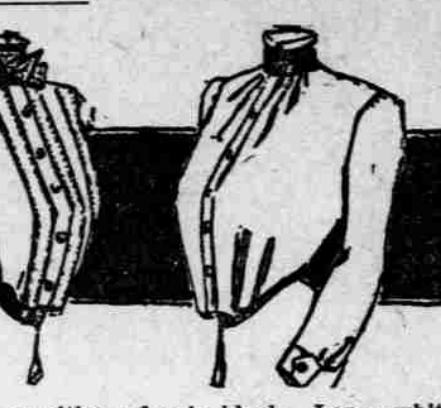
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ladder or following an intricate path through a maze, etc., writes Prof. Edward J. Thorneley, of Columbia University, in the International Monthly. They learn readily to abandon those acts which bring discomfort and to emphasize those which are successful in securing them food, shelter, warmth and the companionship of their fellows.

TOBOGGANING WITH ELEPHANT.



Elephants are so often the winners in an encounter with men that it is rather interesting to learn from Chums of one that was fairly outwitted. It was an African elephant, taller, lighter and nimbler than the Asiatic variety.

On either edge in black. Large white pearl buttons down the front and on the cuffs and stock of black and white dotted taffeta. Belt of black velvet ribbon. Another stunning model has wide inverted plaits on each shoulder, covering the gatherings in the top of sleeve. Five small stitched tucks, either side of the front at the neck, give the fullness to the front. Stock of black satin ribbon with white linen turnover.

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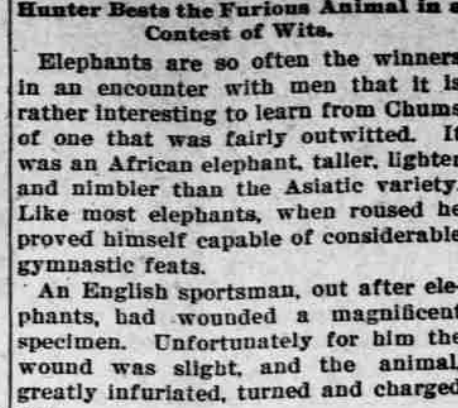
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PLANNED FOR LARGEST SHIPS.



Locks of Nicaragua Canal to Accommodate Biggest Vessels Afloat. The Federal statute under which the Isthmian Canal Commission was created required that body to make examinations and devise plans for a canal of sufficient navigable depth and of the requisite dimensions to accommodate the largest vessels afloat.

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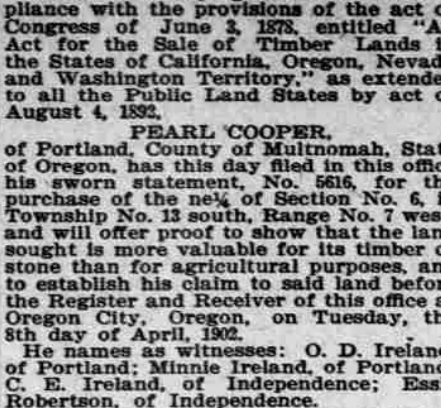
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CHANGES BEING WROUGHT IN THE OIL COUNTRY.



"The Americans are invading every mercantile field," said one European agent. "Yes," answered the other. "The first thing we know they will be producing the 'old masters' that they so much enjoy purchasing on their own account."—Washington Star.

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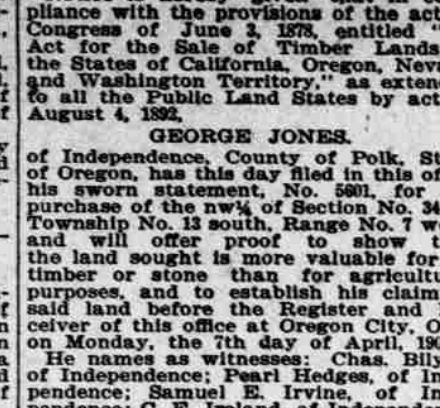
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AMERICAN OIL FAVORED.



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