Fad in Cornets That Costs Money. Secret of Real Beauty-A Woman of Business Ability-Parislan Fancies-A Russian Reception.

It is most remarkable that though music is part of the education of most women, and with all their apritude for the act and ability in interpretation, the sex has never produced a great composer, and comparatively few compositions that have attained any great popularity Miss French, a young frishwoman living in Paris, is an exception. and another is Miss Hope Temple, a years, every whit as bright and making young Englishwoman. The most popular of her compositions is entitled "Memories," which is a son, of great depth of feeling. It is a preffy glimpee that we the writer was in no sense fumous until have of Miss Temple's childrend when all at once the hour struck and tame was we hear of her living near Dover, where hers. No longer ago than last spring a the gallant ill starred Twenty-fourth regiment was quartered.

and all, loved her and treated her as a of any note in England and America. Hitle daughter of the regiment. Her asking the address of Mars E. Wilkins. very first composition was a waltz for The answer came promptly back, "We the band to play, and as she taught it to never heard of her." They have heard them herself we may be sure that full of her now, however, -Springfield (Mass.) justice was done to the young conductor | Homestead. and her melody. It was a great sorrow to her that this idyllic episode was followed by the grun realities of war, and that the disastrous battlefield of Isandhiwana, in Zuinland, was the grave of nearly all the brave men who used to sa-Inte her so gayly when she went in and out among them. She had little musical. as an instrument, but success in some writing has caused her to advance step by step shie is at work on an operatta. -Philadelphia Press.

A Fad in Corsets That Costs Money.

A recent bride distanced all of hercontemporaries in the value of one item of her transseau, and it is said by her Friends that she thereby set a fashion that must be needed in be followed by all society While it is, of course, the rule for the expectant wife to have her bridal custom, often having them embroidered | pendent. most delicately, it is declared that this instance is the first where gold was used in the place of steel, both for the clasps, the evelets and the lacing tips.

The few intimate friends of the bride who were permitted to gaze upon the mysterious portion of her outfit had their attention called to this feature of the beautiful corsets, and they say that examination showed the metal portions to be composed of gold as described.

One young woman had the temerity to ask what the advantage of gold was, and she was informed that it did not discolor and was in every way preferable to steel. It was generally agreed that the idea was an awfully clever one, but at the same time it was regretted that the world at large would not know about the gold. No one dared to ask how much the corsets cost. The price, however, was \$100 a pair, and the bride had three pairs, one in white, another in pale blue and the third in black. - New York Sun

Secret of Real Beauty.

An ugly woman -and there are such of us, unfortunately-man; never attempt Watteau effects, she must forego mintatures, argrettes, delicate face and forget-me-not silias. Let her adopt copper and bronze, nun's cloth, monk's flannel, alligator leathers and the like. Things vastly better than diamonds the size of chestnuts:

she never enters a room without turning | two-thirds of it, but never mind. Keep people's heads and putting them to wondering the secret of her charm. She never has been known to wear diamonds about her face. When asked why she said, with a shrug of impatience: "What? Put brilliants in my ears to | kill the light in my eyes and the colors himself.-New York Commercial Adin my mouth! I am not so mad as that." And so she saves the delicate and precions stones for her finger rings, slippers and belts, and has the oriental beads and ornaments of china metal and pebble sbout her face, hair and throat.-New York World

A Woman of Business Ability.

an who helped capture the Fulton county murderer, Jim Richardson, in Ala- in medicine, 6 are in the legal departbama, is a remarkable character. She owns and runs a plantation of 4,000 acres in Randall county, Ala., in the very the only country on the continent that heart of the negro belt. Her executive has not taken pains to keep women as power is something wonderful. There far as possible from its universities, and are few men who could successfully and with each new concession from the profitably take her place as manager. She rules like a dictator. Last year she ginned 600 bales of cotton, running the engine herself. She is a notably hand- 127.-Exchange. some woman, superbly made, with a face indicating intelligence and masculine determination and nerve.

She never has serious trouble with the negroes upon the plantation, is thoroughly familiar with every detail of farm work, works herself and personally superintends all the labor and makes one of the most successful planters to be found in the state. Her promise is good for an order of \$5,000 at the store, and her business obligations are always discharged promptly.-Atlanta Constitution.

Parisian Fancies.

Some present Parisian fancies should be described, if only to emphasize their silliness. It is gravely announced that Scotch terriers are the fashion of the moment, because their color accords let ribbon on his collar, and thus, when he is abroad with his mistress, the bit of color she would not wear gives the needed

effect to the gray tones. It is also stated that a language of stamps, which it is important should be

The stamp placed exactly in the middle of the envelope indicates a coming wedding, while one placed at the left hand corner is encouragement, as the flower symbols say. It might be added that any deviation from the proper and acexpited upper right hand corner means folly on the part of the sender and inconvenience to postal efficials. But fashion eschews such considerations. Her Point of Visw in New York Times.

Fame All at Once.

The Book Bayor prints a portrait of Mary E. Wilkins, whose name, if not every new-paper's literary column thesdays. What a present final farmy is, and how turpossible to guess when and where it is going to arrive. Miss Wilkins has been writing stories for six or right and lifelike as those she is writing t day. They were published in the Harpers' and other leading publications, but query was sent from this office to the head of a literacy symbicate which is sup-She loved the soldiers, and they, one posed to have knowledge of every writer

An Aged Mute and Her Family.

In Monongahela township there resides Mrs. Sarah King, widow of Horatio King. She was born in New Jersey in 1802. To us that seems a long time ago -lacking less than eleven years of being a century. Mrs. King is a mute. Her education, and always hated the pinno three children were in no way afflicted. One strange fact is that she named them. Of course she could not speak the word, but designated the two brothers and sister whose cames her children should bear. She could do all kinds of work and do it well. She taught her daughter to be a model housekeeper. Mrs. King was not educated; though she learned to make beautiful capital letters, could not form them into words. A stranger meet ing her would not think her both deaf brides of any pretensions in the world of | and dumb. She understands all that is said to her if she can watch the person talking. Her eyesight and general health corsets made for more elaborately and | are good. She is the oldest person in expensively than has been her former her township.—Whynesburg (Pa.) Inde-

A Bussian Reception.

Where dancing is tabooed it is difficult to know just what to do with the people that you like to invite to your house. Of course there are dinners and teas and musicales, but in the course of human events one tires of all three and sighs for something newer and less conventional. Among novel forms of entertainment which clover hostesses are carrying out is the so called "Russian reception." The eard of invitation is the same as for an ordinary reception, but when the mystical words "Russian evening" are engraved in the corner the recipient knows that she will meet at the house of her hostess some artistic and literary people whom she has long wanted to know; that there will be a deal of bright conversation interspersed with music, that a simple standing collation will be served, and that she, together with the other guests, will take an early departure. - Boston Commonwealth.

Where Women Improve.

Nothing is more gratifying than the progress women are making in extenpore speaking. Even in Sorosis the ladies five years ago could speak nothing like as well as they do now. Often they use no notes whatever. The way to learn extempore speaking is to beare pretty only by contrast, and a pair gin and preach your speech over in of bronzed dragons in her ears will be your mind beforehand, thinking it out carefully, but not writing a line of it except the headings. Then when you arise Bernhardt is far from beautiful, yet to deliver it you will probably forget practicing, and you will gradually remember more and more of it, and new thoughts will at length come to you upon your feet. No matter if you do forget part. Even Wendell Phillips always did that, but nobody knew it but vertiser.

Women in Swiss Universities.

Between 400 and 500 women studied at the Swiss university last year; 229 of them were regularly matriculated, and were preparing themselves to take degrees: 146 of them came from Russia, 26 from Switzerland, 21 from Germany, Mrs. A. H. Perrine, the Alabama wom- 12 from Baigaria, and 5 from the United States: 156 of them aspire to diplomas ments, and 67 are trying to become docters of philosophy. Switzerland is about faculties the number of women attendants has been increased. Ten years ago the number was only 50; five years ago

Hammer and Needle Parties.

A "hammer and needle party" is the entertainment a country social club invented the other day. Each lady was requested to bring a needle, a spool of thread and several buttons, and each gentleman a hammer. When all the materials were on the table each lady picked out a hammer and was given a block and some nails. Each gentleman chose sewing materials and buttons, and the contest began. The ladies drove as many nails in their blocks as they could in five minutes, and the gentlemen sewed on as many buttons as possible in ten minutes. Prizes were given and much her, laughter provoked. - Chicago News.

Aprons Are Fashionable.

A necessity of the moment is aprons. with the caprice for gray gowns for Some worn at the sewing classes are spring wear. The dog has a bit of scar- very Frenchy. These are of black Chantilly lace, ornamented with tiny velvet bows. White ones are seldom used, and are made of Valenciennes insertion over silk. A few New York women have made an effort to introduce at these informal affairs-the sewing classes-the understood, prevails in Paristan society. soft silk turbans which were seen in

Paris early last fall. One young girl Paris early last fall. One young girl FARMANDGARDEN were a pretty one, Mine, de Stael style. FARMANDGARDEN of black silk hold with a silver arrow Some of plaid silk have been seen, and also of solid bright colors, yellow and rose pank. - New York Times.

The lovely granddaughters of old Papa Havemever, girls who will bring to the man they may morry the comfortable downy of \$1,000,000 carn, are dehalf a dezen big relief organizations in their charele. In the spring, when their yment is in commission, they fill the hig white confi teethe rall with poor labbas She Should Have Clean, Dry Quarters. and methers, a fine dinner and a band, and go for a sail upand down the sound. Twice each summer this is their custom. and though Lent is not imposed on their chareit finy observe it only by extra cars of their charges.—New York Cor-Citengo Fierald.

Among the spring woolens none seems more popular than the scatch manespun been treated with so much injustice of twills in stripes, the its or heather muxt- plought, word and deed as the farmer's light, and have the desirable quality of in many instances even without lood. college every day dresses.

in every color now fashiomable, and they believe heavy while being very light heavy while being very light look heavy while being very light. Broken plaids, with the lines in hairy thing else on the farm- in short, to fully raised effects, are quite popular, and solve the problem of making bricks with make very stylish dresses and comparationt straw-for woe to her if she approtively inexpensive ones.

An libra for a Skirt. like appearance which fashion affects, is seasons, for being in every way "more bother than worth." On the other hand, to slash it from hem to waist on the being confined within proper limits, she the foundation, lay a few folds of silk or and fairly decent and cleanly quarters, velvet to simulate an underskirt, and and has been stumped as a uscless, pamthen tie the edges of the upper dress with pered creature, "costing more than she ribbon bows and short ends. If desired, comes to," and peculiarly subject to dismore elaboration may be supplied by ease and vernan. An artificial creation, putting a narrow galloon round the edge, taken from unlimited resources of range of the dress and carrying it up either freedom and fresh air into forced condi-tions just the reverse of all there; imside of the opening.—New York Post.

Heliotrope Is the Proper Shade.

Heliotrope is certainly leading the

Cambridge has a "Ladies' Family club" in which the members pledge themselves to dine at each other's houses. each member taking a turn at being her right that she be furnished with all hostess. Educational and social re the things that are absolutely necessary forms are discussed in secret conclave, to her health and well-being, and wit and despite the fact of its being a "fame conditions that, being artificial, may yet ily" club, as no men are allowed on the approach as near as possible to those club list, when Mrs. A receives the so which are natural, besides raw material ciety Mr. A must dine at his club or enough and of the proper sort to manuwherever he may find it convenient.

Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, who has been appointed state librarian of Michigan, is a sister of the lamented General Custer. In that fearful massacre of the Little Big Horn she lost not if she does not then render to her owner only her distinguished brother but her cash returns more than equal to the outhusband as well, and two younger lay, he is justified in saying that she brothers and a nephew besides. She is does not pay; but until then he is doing a studious woman, and thoroughly com- her rank injustice to hint at such a thing. petent to fill the position to which she has been elected.

Very striking innovations are being made in the conventional wedding gown, both in material and decoration. A bride's dress, recently made, and pronounced very smart, was of fine white serge trimmed with golden beaver. The sign with narrow gold cord, the cuffs of maternity, involving a vast complexity and collar being of the fur.

Mme. Romanoff write that the proportion of males to females in Russia is about the same as it exists in the imperial family, where there are twenty-two grand dukes and only seven grand duchesses. The daughter in the family is al-

by finishing the edge neatly without braid, afterward sewing on the braid that has a mohair cord edge. It takes less than a quarter of the time to replace this that is necessary to put on a new

The Countess Lily Newenhaupt, formerly Miss Wilson, of New York, is one of the most feted belies in Stockholm this season. At a ball given by the minister of foreign affairs she had the honor-that is to say, Prince Eugene of Sweden had the honor of dancing with

Miss Sybil Sanderson, the American girl who made such a success on the operatic stage of Paris, is a pretty blonde woman, with a frank, open face and limpid blue eyes. She has a voice of wonderful power and quality.

Brown some floor and make a gravy of hothed pails, with salt and sugar, and it will often cure well complaint, either with children or adults, if no other food is eaten for a day or two.

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The question, "Does poultry pay? procession in the matter of fashionable has been demanding an answer with Broadway floral establishments are given farmer's hen pay " Before the latter up entirely to heliotrope. Even the con-question can be answered with any show fectioners have taken up the popular of fairness, the farmer's hen must have them to all the available dainties which the season affords. If she is confined within bounds, treated as an artificial and expected to pay in cash results, it is facture the expected product. It is her right to have clean, dry quarters; to have food that will make eggs if eggs are expected; to have pure water, and to have such attention as is necessary to make her comfortable in conditions over which she has no control. Having these,

The Mystery of Maternity.

No truer utterance was ever made concerning the cow than that of Prof. Farrington when he said: We are not dealing with machines, but living creatures endowed with incalculable

peculiarities and innumerable differences The mystery of animal life, who shall solve it? This mystery is as great in Newmarket coat bedice had a waistcoat the smallest living animal as in lordly and sleeves braided in close Persian de man. Wonderfully great is the mystery of operations which all the research and genius of man has never yet been able to fully comprehend. The operation of milk-giving is a part of this vast complexity. It is a pity that this mysterious function of motherhood is so generally intrusted to the control of men who know even less about it than the cow mother herself. There was prefound ways a great pet. Girls marry young and an old maid is a real curiosity.

Understanding and philosophy in that remark of wise old Ward White when he said: "I always speak to a cow as I Dresses subjected to hard wear are would to a lady," It meant a true recmost easily kept neat about the bottom ognition of the usage that must be accorded to motherhood if it is expected to 'have full course, run, and be glorified' in the prosperity of the man who is appointed as its master. The stupid brutishness of men, who are too ignorant of their own interests to be gentle and humane, finds at last sharp puishment; for God, ever just to the least of His creatures, denies such men profit or prosperity, "and thereat all good men 'Amen!' " In dairying it pays greatly to be a gentleman.

> A Complaint From English Farmers. English farmers are complaining bitterly at the low prices of their produce compared with what they were fifteen years ago. Wheat and oats command but four-sevenths as much, barley but two-thirds and other green crops about the same. The latter includes potatoes, which have fallen still more in value. Farmers say that, if they cannot afford to buy manure and grow grain, they cannot raise live stock; hence the decrease in the number of sheep in the past twenty years is estimated at 4,000,000; in pigs nearly as many; in cattle over 10,000,000; while there has been a gain in horses of about 100,000. The acreage in wheat, barley and oats has fallen off an eighth in the period named.

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