

spring fabrics. Many earrings are in imitation capes are a novelty. The bodies are entirely out of the fancy for ribbon trimming is gaining ground. An autumn leaf in variegated gold is the latest scarfpin. Picot-edged ribbons are the most fashionable for garniture. Myrtle leaves are mixed with orange blossoms in bridal wreaths. The blossoms of the crab apple furnish the "very latest" perfume. The darned thread laces and old Normandy laces are in great favor. New French satens are in pompadour designs of very bright colors. Wraps and jackets will not be fashionable for street wear this spring. Artificial flowers have given place to real ones as trimming for ball dresses. Floral muffs of natural violets, rosebuds and the like are carried by bridesmaids. Colored handkerchiefs are but little worn, and silk ones are entirely done away with. Skirts for the street remain short, but all house and evening dresses must be semi-trained. The newest blue is the "jubilee," and the newest shade of pink is called "Charles X."

SECRETARY LAMAR evidently believes that hard work is a good substitute for genius. He devoted four months' diligent effort to the preparation of the Calhoun oration which he recently delivered at Charleston, S. C.

THE small pox is in San Francisco; the approach of warmer, drier weather mitigates the probability of the scourge afflicting the coast, but all due precaution should be observed. With steam and sail craft almost daily arriving here from San Francisco vigilance is needful.

IF, says the S. F. Post, the charge of arson made against ex-Manager Simmons of the Hotel del Monte be well grounded, his offense and his arrest will make one of the most singular incidents in the history of crime. The theory is that in order to revenge himself for his discharge and to conceal dishonesty in his management, he fired the hotel. The water appliances of the building were tampered with, and failed to work when the flames broke out. It was only by the greatest good fortune that a frightful loss of life was not joined to the destruction of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property.

According to current accounts, Simmons is the sort of man that we are accustomed to meet with as the heavy villain of melodramatic fiction. For years he served the hotel in a subordinate capacity, and did so well and was so trusted that he was raised to the position of manager. As soon as suspicion fell upon him, however, his past was looked into, and we are told that it is discovered that he did a term in an eastern penitentiary for embezzlement. But the strangest part of the story is the preservation of the account books of the hotel, which are said to prove his thefts. These books on the night of the fire were not placed in the safe. The hotel was of wood and burned like a bunch of matches. The chances in favor of the destruction of the books was ten million to one. Yet the wildly improbable happened. The books were not burned. Timbers from above crushed down upon them, they fell on sodden ashes, and the beams resting upon them preserved them from the flames. In these days of parlor fiction, the American novelist would turn away in gentle disgust from such a story as this. It would be too lurid, too theatrical altogether for use in his mild and polite pages. A character like that of Simmons, too—a man of intelligence, apparently a gentleman, but still an ex convict, coolly resorting to wholesale murder, to get vengeance and hide the record of his filchings—a milk-and-water realist of the Howells band would not think of soiling his gloved fingers by touching so improbable a monster. If Simmons' guilt shall be proved, no punishment provided by the laws of our state is adequate. For such crimes as he stands charged with the penalty should be death on the gallows.

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