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Fashion in Afghanistan.

Civilization will rejoice in the fact that the queen of Afghanistan has decided to adopt European dress. A fashionable firm in London has forwarded to her majesty four costumes, which I hasten to describe. The material in each case is wool. Her majesty's fondness for flowers has been respected in the trimming. One fuchsia dress has a velvet basque with gold fringe and tabbed skirt. A convolvuli costume is made up of a velvet zouave bodice and skirt trimmed with guipure lace. A striking characteristic of a heather costume is an umbrella skirt, while green silk and ivy leaves add to the attractions of the fourth costume. All the dresses are high necked, short skirted and silk lined, and in appearance are a sort of compromise between English simplicity and oriental splendor.—London Cor. New York Sun.

Sensible Handkerchiefs.

Sensible women have been earning new claim to that adjective lately by selecting hemstitched initial handkerchiefs in preference to the one time fashionable flimsy cobweb. Apropos of this, it might be remarked that it is always in rather questionable taste to tuck a handkerchief under the bodice, even with the excuse of a pocketless gown, and the daintiest and rarest lace trimmed handkerchief protruding from the bosom of the waist is too suggestive to be sanctioned by good taste. A handkerchief of fair size, of fine but firm linen, is truly usable and will go through the face mopping of a shopping expedition without being reduced to the stringiness of the tiny lawn affairs.—Detroit News.

A Friend of the Soldiers.

Lady Wolseley, never weary of working for the welfare of soldiers, whose happiness she has close at heart, has decided to hold her "army bazaar" in aid of a fund for founding a much needed soldiers' home in Dublin in Easter week and is already throwing herself into the preliminary work in that whole hearted fashion so characteristic of her. The bazaar will open on Easter Monday in the grand old hall of the Royal hospital and will be a delightfully picturesque affair, the gleaming armor, the torn and faded flags and the trophies of arms forming a quite uniquely appropriate and charming background for the pretty tents which will be utilized as stalls.—Dublin Exchange.

Explosives That Must Be Shocked.

Some explosives, such as dynamite, nitroglycerol, gun cotton, picric acid and the new German military powder, when simply heated, burn quietly if freely exposed, or, if confined, explode only at the spot where heat is applied, without the whole mass taking part in the explosion. According to H. Blitz, this is probably because they are bad conductors of their own explosive wave. If, however, the same substances are subjected to a violent shock by the explosion in their midst of initial charges of mercury fulminate, the shock apparently affects all the molecules of the explosive at once, and the whole mass of the latter explodes with a violence that is enormous and destructive.

Must Be Very Good.

Jenny—Papa, cook must be very good.

Papa—Why, my dear?

Jenny—Because in my lesson last Sunday it said that the wicked shall not live out half their days, and cook says she has lived out all her life.—Harper's Young People.

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Who Can Look on the Infirmities of a Veteran Without a Feeling of Deepest Sympathy?

From the Herald, Woodstock, Va.]

There is an old soldier in Woodstock, Va., who served in the war with Mexico and in the war of the rebellion, Mr. Levi McInturff. He passed through both of these wars without a serious wound. The hardships, however, told seriously on him, for when the grip attacked him four years ago it nearly killed him. Who can look on the infirmities of a veteran without a feeling of the deepest sympathy? His townspeople saw him confined to his house so prostrated with great nervousness that he could not hold a knife and fork at the table, scarcely able to walk too, and as he attempted it, he often stumbled and fell. They saw him treated by the best talent to be had—but still he suffered on for four years, and gave up finally in despair. One day, however, he was struck by the account of a cure which had been effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He immediatly ordered a box and commenced taking them. He says he was greatly relieved within three days time. The blood found its way to his fingers and his hands, which had been palsied assumed a natural color, and he was soon enabled to use his knife and fork at the table. He has recovered his strength to such an extent that he is able to chop wood, shock corn and do his regular work about his home. He now says he can not only walk to Woodstock, but can walk across the mountains. He is able to lift up a fifty-two pound weight with one hand and says he does not know what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for others, but knows that they have done a great work for him.

He was in town last Monday, court day, and was loud in his praises of the medicine that had given so great relief. He purchased another box and took it home with him. Mr. McInturff is willing to make affidavit to these facts.

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Tungsten.

The fact is well known that a mixture of tungsten with steel imparts to the latter so great a degree of hardness that it readily scratches glass and quartz. Recent investigations have thrown light upon this somewhat remarkable phenomenon—that is, a definitely crystallized compound of iron and tungsten is announced as having lately been discovered, the crystals being so hard as to be capable of scratching topaz. Tungsten is a brittle white metal, almost as heavy as gold, and the crystals formed by its combination with iron, in the proportion of one atom of iron to two of tungsten, are silver gray and very brilliant. The conclusion arrived at by experts in this line is that, on tungsten being alloyed with steel, some of the compound just described is formed in the mass, thereby producing the remarkable increase in the hardness of steel and adding to its usefulness.—New York Sun.

Her View of It.

Old Maid—Is he hurt much, doctor?

Doctor—Not much, but pretty well shaken up.

Old Maid (eagerly)—Then he's ready to be taken, ain't he, doctor?—Atlanta Constitution.

TO IDENTIFY THEM.

THE FRENCH SYSTEM OF MAKING SURE OF CRIMINALS.

Dr. Bertillon on His Anthropometrical Method Based on Anatomical Science. Would Enable the Police of All Countries to Hunt Down Malefactors.

Dr. Alphonse Bertillon, the author of the French system for the identification of criminals, writes as follows in regard to the best means for making it of general use by the police of the large capitals of Europe:

"The growing ease and rapidity of communication between the great cities of Europe have so lessened distances that the intercourse between the police of the various countries daily becomes more frequent. London, for example, may now be said to extend as far as Paris, and Brussels is practically a suburb of the French capital. In the midst of these daily exchanges of good services where is the officer who has not longed for the creation of an international descriptive—or distinctive mark, signaleltiques—method and language?

"In the other branches of human activity, especially in electricity, congresses have, in proportion to the necessity, supplied this want of a universal understanding. It is thus that the electrical units—watt, ampere, volt, etc.—have been created and unanimously adopted. Why should not the police of civilized—or policed, for it is all one—countries do as much for the description and notation of the different shapes of forehead, nose, color of the eye, etc.?

"There exist under the name of hippology whole treatises filled with words of English origin for the description of the coat and the points of the horse. For the description of the human being all seems left to chance. Nothing was attempted in this direction until the appointment by Mr. Asquith of the commission for comparing the different methods of identification and description.

"This commission found at Paris, by the side of a system of measurement which has borne some little testimony everywhere, a very carefully considered method of describing the human body, and the face in particular. There is in this neither invention nor personal proprietorship. My intervention has consisted in transporting and adapting to the wants of the police the procedures of description in use in anatomical sciences, and particularly in anthropology.

"Anthropometry, properly so called, is only a part of that whole knowledge necessary in tracking criminals, and its sole aim is to supply a basis of classification.' One is able by means of the metrical information supplied by it to classify several hundrd thousand individual notifications. But let me hasten to say that these notifications should themselves always be accompanied by an abstract of particular marks found upon the person examined, and it is this last document much more than the agreement of measurements which is appealed to to give judicial certainty to an ulterior identification.

"At Paris photographs of the person in profile and full face are added, which by themselves also afford the certainty of identification. Thus the elements of certainty are not wanting. A photograph or impression of the ear would alone suffice to establish an identity. It is, as a matter of fact, impossible among 100,000 individuals to find two ears exactly alike—except in the case of twin brothers.

"The great advantage of adding to the anthropometrical notification a complete descriptive photograph of a person is that the police are provided with a document which, in case of a fresh offense, of escape, etc., can be looked to to render the greatest possible assistance.

"It may be well to add to these elements of information, clearly independent of one another—measurement, particular marks and profile photograph—which, together, 10 years' experience has shown to be absolutely infallible—a fourth element, 'finger tip impressions' (l'impression des filigrammes du pouce). It goes without saying that I see no major difficulty in it. But I am afraid that the exercise of the process may at first sight appear much more simple than it really is. In the first place, let me repeat that the finger tip process neither does away with nor replaces in any way judicial anthropometry, for these delineations are so diversified that they do not offer an adequate element of classification—that is a point which no one disputes.' Therefore the finger tip process should be considered as affording supplementary information only, capable at the most of replacing photography.

"Moreover, does not Mr. F. Galton himself say that the examination of these impressions can be properly made only by means of photographic enlargements? Then why not photograph the man himself whose measurements have just been taken?

"I must own, however, that up to the present I have always postponed the full trial of the finger tip process on account of the unpleasantness of sending all my subjects before the court with their fingers more or less blackened, for everybody knows how viscous printing ink is and how difficult to get off. Nevertheless I have quite determined, if the process should become customary in England, to petition the minister of the interior and the prefect of police for the requisite authority to add it to the anthropometric description—so great is the importance that I attach to international uniformity in police communications."—New York Herald.

The Knife Was All Right.

Dumley (who had been asked to carve the duck and is meeting with poor success)—Whew!

Landlady—Isn't the knife sharp, Mr. Dumley? I had it ground today.

Dumley—The knife is all right, Mrs. Henricks. You ought to have had the duck ground.—London Tit-Bits.

MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED.

There is a natural and very strong desire in the spring and early summer to get rid of underwear and overwear, so that the fresh air may thoroughly refresh. But the worst colds of the whole year are taken, and especially at open windows, where the drafts are strongest and a chill the surest. It is there where lumbago sets in. It is just the condition and circumstance to make such an attack sure. It is just the time also when St. Jacobs Oil should be handy for immediate use. It is a time, too, when it makes its surest cures. For lumbago it is a certain remedy.

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A preacher says that one time while addressing about 3,000 children and entertaining them with a variety of stories he thought it might be well to point the moral of one of them. He had hardly, however, begun to say, "Now, this teaches," when a little ragamuffin on the front bench cried out: "Never mind what it teaches. Give's another story." "I learned from the little rascal," he said, "to wrap the moral well in the heart of the story, not to put it as a sting into the tail."—Ram's Horn.

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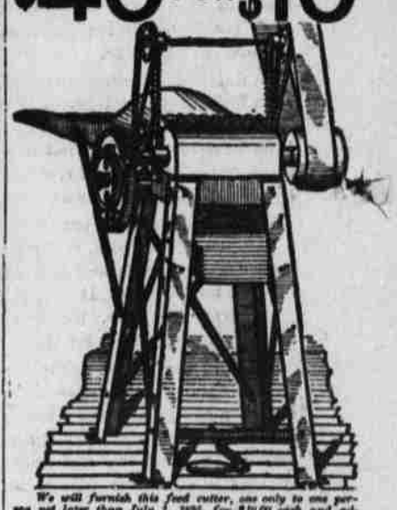

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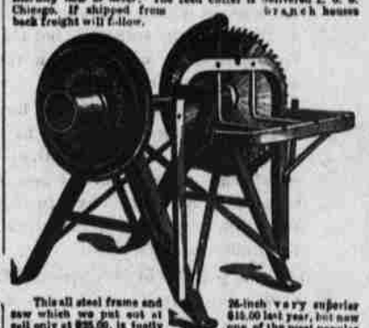

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