

FASHION'S FREAKS.

A Calm View of the Exaggerations Created by Old Dame Fashion.

Dame fashion is a funny old girl. She is so changeable in her notions and so freaky, that it is positively laughable.

She works upon the ladies in the same way, changing the cut of their clothes and the style of their hats, and, in fact, she rules everybody and every thing with an iron hand.

Sometimes a man will stumble on to a photograph or tin-type taken at that time, and he invariably makes the remark: "Well, I wonder if I was ever such a blamed fool as to wear such a looking-hat."

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Women Engaged in Business.

The proportion of women who engage in occupations outside the household is smaller in the United States than in foreign countries, but in no country is the proportionate number engaged in superior industrial occupations equal to that in this country.

A Calm and Pointed Reply.

A remarkable story was often told by Lord Cardwell, who heard it from Sir Robert Peel, and I have never seen it in print. Lord Cardwell was a treaty with an influential member of the Irish Parliament for his vote, which was to carry several others with it, and terms had been settled, when the legislator was seized with a dangerous illness, and, repenting of his iniquities when he thought himself on his death-bed, he requested an interview with his Lordship on his recovery.

ABOUT MARRIAGE.

Some Plain Talk to Women by One of the Most Noted of Their Sex.

Whether they are sufficiently honest to acknowledge it or not, ninety-nine girls out of every hundred look forward to marriage as a matter of course. It would be better for them and for their future husbands were this taken into account in the training of girls, and without teaching that a single life must be empty and unsatisfactory, yet instruct them that, as matrimony will probably be their destiny, they should fit themselves for it, not only by training in domestic duties, but by the study of gentleness, forbearance and unselfishness.

A blessed provision of nature often overlooked is the change worked in a woman's disposition by love. If the sentiment be worthy of the name, the deep, strong affection from which alone marriage should spring, and not a mere passing fancy, the tendencies will be to awaken all that is best and noblest in the heart.

Occasionally a wife may be found who is sufficiently devoid of womanliness and generosity as to sigh over the immunity from care she knew before her marriage and to reproach the husband of her choice with his inability to provide her with the luxuries she craves.

The custom of early marriages has, perhaps wisely, fallen into disuse. The title of "old maid" is no longer conferred upon a woman who remains single until twenty-five. More girls marry within a year or two after that age than five years before it.

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If a special training be necessary in the preparation of a woman for marriage, it is no less important for a man. This is a fact that is generally overlooked. A great deal is said about the beauty of gentleness and unselfishness in a woman, and of the need of her possession of these qualities in making true home happiness.

It is a common habit to lay the blame upon a woman's shoulders if a home is not peaceful and happy, except in cases where the husband's well-known vices present this. Even then there are always censurers ready to hint that if the woman had made domestic life all it should be she would probably have less cause for complaint.

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The Farm Journal says that the animals must drink in hot weather and must take what they can get. But they hate nasty water as much as we do.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

A Maine man says the way to start an obstinate horse is to take him out of the shafts and lead him around until he is giddy.

The farmer who worries the least, and does more work than his neighbor with less trouble apparently, is the one who is never behind with his work.

Secretary Russell says that a farmer who cannot make \$100 bring him more than \$4 interest a year invested in his own business must be a poor manager.

There is lots of difference in hired men; the good ones are not paid enough, and the poor ones are paid too much, says a writer in the New York Tribune.

Stock needs salt, and it is a matter that should be looked after. Many cases of colic in horses and hoven in cattle are caused by a deficiency of a supply of salt.

A first-class man who is capable of taking charge of other hands, commands on a farm in Scotland from \$150 to \$200 a year, with house rent and fuel furnished. But he keeps himself.

The Berlin farmers have organized a grange, No. 134, with forty charter members. Samuel Wheeler is master. This is the eighth grange organized in Massachusetts since the 1st of January.

The chick that seems nearly naked and which feathers slowly will be easier to raise, if kept warm, than one that begins to feather rapidly from the start. It is the feathering period that is the critical time with young chicks.

Milk does vary. At a Maine dairy meeting, Washington Hall, of Brewer, said his herd of cows would make a pound of butter from sixteen pounds of milk. Charles Foster, of Stetson, said it took twenty-two pounds. Here is a difference of 33 and more per cent. in the value of milk.

Ed. Cheever, of the New England Farmer, says that the character of the Jersey cow has been sadly injured in public estimation by the course too often pursued by breeders in saving every calf that has a pedigree, regardless of other qualifications. It has come to be a common saying with some of our best breeders that more than one-half the Jerseys now in the country ought to have been sold for veal before they were six weeks old.

J. D. Goodwin brings to light in the Sheep Breeder a new enemy of sheep—the skunk. This odorous little animal attacked his flock and succeeded in killing two sheep. It caught them by the nose and held on in spite of the frantic efforts of the sheep to throw it off. The heads of the wounded sheep swelled badly, and they lived but a few days, thus strengthening the general belief that the bite of the skunk is, to a certain degree, poisonous.

Prof. Long, of England, says there are in every herd cows that are mere manure-makers or pickpockets. They have the same feed that the rest get, and yet they will not give one-half the milk. The cows are in the herd, yet the trouble is to pick them out. They are generally found in the fact that they are the best looking cows of all. They give a good measure of milk for a short time and then drop almost out. It pays to get rid of all such cows.

A PERFECT BAKING POWDER.

The great success of the Royal Baking Powder is due to the extreme care exercised by its manufacturers to make it entirely pure, uniform in quality, and of the highest leavening power. All the scientific knowledge, care and skill attained by a twenty years' practical experience are contributed toward this end, and no pharmaceutical preparation can be dispensed with a greater accuracy, precision and exactness. Every article used is absolutely pure. A number of chemists are employed to test the strength of each ingredient, so that its exact power and effect in combination with its co-ingredients, is definitely known. Nothing is trusted to chance, and no person is employed in the preparation of the materials used or the manufacture of the powder, who is not an expert in his particular branch of the business.

—New Yorker (to Boston young woman)—"Shall we take a boat for Cape Cod?" "Miss Penelope—" "What is a 'boat' for, Mr. Smith?" "New Yorker—" "One drawn with a single horse and without a conductor. Don't you have them in Boston?" "Miss Penelope—" "Yes, but we call them Darwinian cars."

—N. Y. Times—"The newspapers of Northern California are anxious to inform Eastern people that that section of the State is a winterless land. At present they are crowding the Southern part of the State to its utmost capacity. It is asserted that the same advantages of climate now unbroken to the Oregon line."

—New York wants to know who "R" is. "R" has been telegraphing to Wall street recommending the purchase of certain stocks and the stocks have invariably gone up. "R," we beg to inform New York, is the letter that permits them to eat oysters. "R" there," as a Detroit oyster-man says.—Detroit Free Press.

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ITALIAN ELECTIONS.

The Important Part Played by Clairvoyants on Election Day.

Italian elections have one peculiar characteristic, and that is the part taken by clairvoyants. The clairvoyant does a thriving trade, particularly in the small towns and villages, and is even patronized in large and populous cities. In the middle of the Faro Bonaparte, a pug-nosed, sixty-five-year-old, little man, and a middle-aged, busy, bustling little woman officiate all day long in the middle of a circle of their credulous clientele. The majority of the crowd consists of raw recruits from a neighboring barrack—country lads, whose Arcadian manners have not yet become refrigerated by contact with the skepticism of city life.

What then can be of greater service than a medicine which impels them to greater activity when slothful? No malady is more pernicious than those which affect the kidneys, and which impels them to greater activity when slothful? No malady is more pernicious than those which affect the kidneys, and which impels them to greater activity when slothful?

At London, recently, a man named George ran a mile in 4:12, the fastest time on record.

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SAVED FROM DEATH.

No, my friend, you do not know what it is to be saved from death. You think because you feel into the water, and are rescued from drowning that, in the space of five minutes, you realized the idea of the lingering agony of weeks and months of suffering, the certainty of death is ever counting noses and counting minutes. But let me tell you a story.

In the Fall of 1870 I had occasion to take a stage ride in Oregon at night. I was severely cold and wassick for a week. I covered my usual health with the attention of a slight cough, to which I paid no attention. On my return to California the coughing became troublesome. I applied for medical advice. It was ascertained that it was an attack of bronchitis, and a bottle of medicine would set me right.

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