

PANTALON TO PANTALET

INTERESTING MATTER EDITED BY A MAN

If you want the latest you should read this column. In our last issue we had a Comment to Make on the Fashion or Customs of the Day. Send it in for this column—Help to Make it interesting.

O woman, lovely woman, nature formed thee to temper man.

The new secretary of agriculture has a most charming wife. He was married when he was sixteen and she was fourteen. Mrs. Morton is not unlike the late ex-vice-president's wife and they are excellent friends. Mrs. Sterling Morton recalls the French idea of a model woman, being dainty, artistic, in everything.

Padewski's manager has come to the pianist's assistance to keep the girls away. The persistence with which they insist upon waylaying the pianist in town and out of town, in the wings on his way from the stage to his dressing room, has led to the omission from the programme of the Padewski recitals a list of the pianist's future engagements, with the times and places of his appearances. This has been done at the request of Padewski, who was forced into some measure of protection from the mob of women who have pestered and followed him everywhere. Poor Padewski!

One of the favorite arguments against the higher education of women is that the race will degenerate if women to a great extent abandon maternity as her prime vocation in life. In practical refutation of this argument one of the novel exhibits at the fair will be a set of photographic likenesses of babies whose mothers are remarkable for intellectual achievement and ability. It has been suggested that these scientific cherubs be christened "Political Economy," "Greek Literature," "Higher Mathematics," etc., in accordance with whatever branch of learning their erudite mothers have been most distinguished.

The hoop skirt was invented over 200 years ago by Mrs. Selby. She invented it for someone else to wear and then stood aghast at the rapidity with which it was taken up. It does not matter that the fashion may have been devised to cover the deformity of some titled or conspicuous person; hitherto there have been plenty to copy.

Mrs. Selby died in January, 1717, but she lived to see the article she devised, for reasons other than beautifying, the rage of the fashionable world. Her last revival was about twenty years ago, when Empress Eugenie made it fashionable just before the death of her son, prince imperial, who was slain in Zululand.

Though everybody but the dressmaker is praying that the crinoline may pass up and though there is a probability that the prayer will be answered, artists who study the gawking of women from the standpoint of artistic beauty, do not find much to praise in the "lovely" gowns which now step from the fashion plates into the streets and drawing rooms. They say that women are drifting away from a really artistic style in vogue only a few years ago, and each inch of breadth of height added to those protruding sleeves gives them a pang. Not only artists experience the pang. The average male who has an idea of beauty, experiences a feeling of horror at each new addition to the fashionable woman. The quotation from Otway at the head of this column can be construed to give the feeling of man toward a perambulating fashion plate. Women wonder at the lack of great poets at the present time, but never stop to consider that the masterpieces of great poets have been inspired by woman, original woman, women in their natural loveliness. The barbarism of present fashions distort a woman's appearance and her intelligence to such an extent that she has lost that subtle hold upon a poet's fancy, and she could not inspire a Tasso, a Byron, a Zola or a Gerson. The ideal woman is a fancy, a child of the imagination now. She existed once, but like the gods of the Greeks, she is now a mythical being.

The beautifying of the female face divine has come to a head in New York. It has many skilled practitioners, who under the name of "dermatologists," patch up defective complexions, remove wrinkles and freckles, weed out unduly thick eyebrows and otherwise improve upon nature. In a recent interview with one of these gentry, published in the *World*, he said to a lady reporter:

"Superfluous hair is one of the most common diseases we treat. There is nothing a woman dreads more than the suggestion of any down upon the upper lip. The elderly lady who just saw step out of the operating chair came here a number of months ago with a full-grown beard. By the use of the electric needle we have entirely removed it."

"How do women regard the electric needle? Most of them consider it a blessing and their best friend. However, I had a woman from Jersey not long ago who was an exception to the rule. She came back many times, but never thought it necessary to take that precaution again.

Just to see what the sensation is like the visitor had a hair removed from her hand. First she firmly grasped the electrode. The operator held her hand steady and plugged the tip of the electric needle into the pore of the skin from which the hair grew. The moment it touched the pore she felt a stinging sensation so unpleasant that

she decided not to have any more hairs removed. But it only took a moment and then the hair was all ready to come right out. It didn't have to be pulled out.

"Do women ever come to you with the request to be made beautiful?" was asked.

"Yes, indeed. Very frequently their faces don't suit them at all, and they ask to have them made over. If a woman's mouth is too large they come to us to have it made smaller. This requires a surgical operation of the most delicate description, but we have often performed it with entire success. The way we do is to cut the flesh of the mouth both outside and inside, along the edge of the vermilion border of the upper lip at the corners of the mouth. A small section of this red flesh is removed by dissection and the edges of the lips are then drawn together at the corners and sewed, the healing process does the rest.

"One of the most effective treatments is the removal of wrinkles. It is done by electricity. The electric needle is drawn along the line which forms the wrinkle. After this is carefully done we use a metallic roller charged with electricity and just iron the wrinkles out. No matter how deep are these indications of sorrow and care out they come with an ease which seems the work of trouble and care it took to produce them.

"We change the shape of the nose to suit the whim of the owner. The girl whose nose has a tendency to ascend to celestial heights is sure to long for a nose of Greek proportions. We can assist her in changing noses.

"One of the most sensitive of our patients is the red-nosed woman. She is willing to suffer with any amount of pain to have that nose made white and this we can do.

"We find that women bear the pain of the necessary surgical operations patiently. They are willing to suffer to be made beautiful. The successful result of many of our operations changes a woman's entire disposition. Have you ever thought how easy it is for a woman to be pleasant when she is perfectly satisfied with her personal appearance?

"Epileptics are another source of dissatisfaction to women. They are either too thick or not clearly defined. We change them to order by means of the electric needle.

"One of our patients whom we have treated regularly for years was so satisfied with her changed face that she wrote us one day asking if there wasn't something we could recommend her to take internally. If we could do so much for her externally she didn't see why we couldn't give her something to take which would prolong her life and make her invulnerable to sickness."

Have blonde or brunette women had most influence in the world, ruling by love or force? The *New York Sun* decided in favor of the blondes as follows:

The fair haired woman, besome and loving, has had her day. Dark-eyed beauty, framed in dusky tresses, seems more in keeping with the tall and queenly type of woman that has late supplanted the petite ideal of the old days. Men say it is because the tall woman makes such exquisite pictures, leaning and swaying in graceful poses, because she is infinitely nicer to make love to than the little woman, she can cuddle her head up under a man's chin and touch his face with her smooth velvety cheek, while a little woman, even if she stands on tiptoe, only rumples his shirt front. And when she takes to ordering a man about he doesn't feel so much like a fool as when a little one takes on the airs of a commanding officer.

But the other woman, she of the fair tresses, of which Browning wrote: "Such a wonder of fix and floss, freshness and fragrance—floods of it to you, Gold, did I say? Nay, gold's mere dress. She counts in her sisterhood the greatest beauties the world has ever known. It was in a web of gold tresses that Helen snared the heart of Paris; it was with blonde hair that Mary Magdalen wiped the feet of the Master.

Phryne the fair when brought before her judges, suddenly threw off her poplin and abalaster, the workman with her wondrous beauty, clad only in the waves of rippling hair. Men have not changed through the centuries. Beauty was then, as now, a woman's best defense. Her pardon was instantly granted.

Paula of Toulouse, whom the people followed in crowds, enchanted by her beauty, was a blonde. She complained to the magistrates of these troublesome crowds, whereupon they in their wisdom decreed that she should not be thus annoyed. But as her beauty, being a gift of Providence, did not belong to herself exclusively, and the people had a right to enjoy it, she was compelled to stand an hour every Sunday afternoon on her balcony that the people might come and gaze upon her loveliness.

DO NOT EAT PORK.

SEVERAL CASES OF TRICHINOSIS IN CALIFORNIA.

A Little Worm that Invades the Muscles of Man and in Proper Time Kills Him. A Case Has Never Before Been Known on the Pacific Coast. (Review of Eastern Bacon.)

The other day three Germans of San Francisco were taken to the hospital suffering with trichinosis. Two of them will recover while the third is doomed. The medical men of the coast are taking a great interest in the cases from the fact they are the first that have appeared.

"Neither the peculiar disease called trichinosis nor the queer little worm that causes it—trichina spiralis it is named—was ever heard of, so far as I know, before 1828," said Dr. William F. Nutt, of the San Francisco hospital. "According to this book," he continued, "and it is quite trustworthy, I think, the history of the trichina is divided into three periods. The first comprises the time in which the earliest trichina capsules were discovered in the human muscles without their nature being recognized. This period extends from 1828 to 1835. The next period—from 1835 to 1860—begins with the discovery of Paget of the round worm contained within the capsule. In 1860 Victor discovered the trichina for him—the intestine of a dog—mature, sexual, egg containing creature. It was in the course of this year, also, that in a considerable number of human corpses numerous capsulated trichinae were found. The third period, however, beginning in 1860, is that in which the greatest progress has been made in the study of the queer parasite. Up to that year the little worm had been considered a mere curiosity, which at best, in common with other parasites, roused a purely scientific interest. With the exception of Wood, who in 1855 in the *London Medical Gazette* propounded the question whether a case of severe rheumatism observed by him might not possibly be connected with the trichina found embedded in the affected muscles, all had considered the parasite innocuous, and some had positively affirmed that they produced no disturbances whatever. All of a sudden the world awoke to a realization of the truth that a trichina is a death dealing creature, when in 1850 Zenker published an account of his inquiry into the death of the Dresden servant girl. And since that inquiry great progress has been made."

The girl whose death resulted in the throwing of a flood of light upon trichinosis was a young girl, twenty years of age and until afflicted with the new disease, had always enjoyed good health. She commenced to feel ill at Christmas, 1850, and was forced to take her bed on the succeeding New Year. On January 11, 1850, she was removed to the hospital at Dresden, where she was treated for trichinosis. She was sleepless, without appetite, constipated, afflicted with headache, high fever and abdominal pains, and toward the close suffered from intense rigidity of the muscular system and profuse sweats. Just before death there were symptoms of pneumonia. Zenker's autopsy showed that the girl's muscles were infested with trichinae in various forms; some curled, other extended; some immature, others sexually developed. It was found that on the estate where the girl had been employed a hog had been killed Dec. 21, 1850, and Zenker discovered innumerable capsulated trichinae in the ham and in the fat, and in the lungs, which by also found that every person who had partaken of the diseased pork was more or less afflicted with trichinosis.

Since Zenker's famous case there have been many deaths from trichinosis in Wurzen; in 1851 at Hamburg; in 1852 at Breslau; in 1852 at Magdeburg and in 1852 at Blankenbush, in 1852 at Harz, in 1852 at Stolberg, in the Harz. It is now generally believed, too, that the heavy mortality at Wegeln, near Quevlinburg, in 1849-50, which was attributed to "English sweat" or "black death," was really the work of the dread parasite, trichina spiralis. It is thought, moreover, that a strange disorder which swept over Paris 1828-9 and afterward extended to many other districts of France, was in fact nothing more nor less than trichinosis.

Since Zenker's discovery in 1850 the disease has been observed in most parts of the world, though it has been most prevalent in Germany and Austria. In 1860 it was epidemic at Coblenz in Waldeck; in 1861-2 at Plauen in Voigtland; in 1862 in Calbe on the Saale; in 1863-4 at Posen, Hettstadt; in 1864 at Hanover; the same year at Dessau; in 1865 at Goritz; in 1870 at Lobau in Saxony, and in 1871 at Göttingen. The most severe of the latter day epidemics, however, was that in Hederlesheim in 1863, when, out of a population of 2,100, 237 persons were stricken with trichinosis and 101 died.

"The disease is almost unknown in this country," said Dr. Nutt, "and that, probably, because we fight shy of raw or half-cooked pork. The people in this country get down to a pork rusk, comparatively speaking. In Germany and Austria, on the other hand, it is quite common for pork to be consumed in a raw or partially raw state. I know that from actual observation. There isn't a bit of danger of infection, you know, if the pork is well cooked. Intense heat always kills the worms. According to Felder's inquiries a heat of 142 to 155 degrees Fahrenheit is ample, and Gerlach places the mark even lower—131 he believes. But he must not be understood that this heat must reach the innermost parts of the meat in order to do

THE SENSES OF OWLS.

Their Hearing Wonderfully Acute, but They Can't Smell.

The hearing of all species of owls known to me is marvelously keen; so keen, in fact, that I know of no way of testing it, since it is so much more acute than that of man. If owls have the sense of smell, I am unable to find satisfactory evidence of it. I have tried various experiments with them, hoping to prove they could smell, but the results are all negative. They dislike putrid meat, but they bite it to ascertain its condition. They will not eat toads or frogs which yield an unpleasant odor, but they did not reject these species until they had tasted them by touch.

They may be ever so hungry, yet they do not suspect the presence of food if it is carefully covered so that they cannot see it. This test I have applied with the utmost care to a great horned, snowy and barred owls. The latter are shrewd enough to learn my ways of hiding their food, and when they suspect its presence they will search in the places where I have previously hidden it, pouncing upon pieces of wrapping paper and poking under feathers and excelsior with amusing cunning.

I tested them with the fumes of camphor, ammonia and other disagreeable and unusual smells, but they failed to show that they perceived them unless the fumes were strong enough to affect their breathing or to irritate their eyes. Finally, I put a cat in a basket and placed the basket between the two owls. They were utterly indifferent to it until the cat made the basket rock, and both of them talked precipitately and could be induced to re-enter the basket again. Although Puffy will put a cat to flight when on his mettle, Puffy is frightened almost out of his wits by them.

A Japanese bird, made of a piece of wood and a few scarlet feathers, was eagerly seized by Puffy, indicating not only a lack of power of smell, but the presence of an appreciation of color. I have fancied that an appreciation of color is also shown by barred owls in their selection of beech trees as nesting places, by great-horned owls in their choice of brown trunked trees and by snowy owls in apparent preference for gray backgrounds.

ODD CAUSES OF DEAFNESS.

Instances Where it Has Resulted from a Sudden Mental Shock.

Sir William Dalry, consulting aurist surgeon to St. George's Hospital, has been noting down some "strange incidents in practice"—that is to say, certain cases within his own experience as to mental shock which he considers himself unable to account for by any course of cause and effect with which the profession can be said to deal at all accurately familiar. The most curious have reference to the effects of emotion on the various senses. One is that of a lady who was standing before a man who was talking through an open door into her husband's dressing room when she saw in a mirror the reflection of her husband in the act of cutting his throat. From that moment she was absolutely deaf. A similarly sudden and complete loss of hearing happened some years later to a young married lady who was suddenly struck dumb by a blow with her dead husband at a time when she believed him to be quite well, and when she was going to meet him after a long absence. On various occasions Sir William Dalry has noted the remarkable effects produced upon the hearing by emotional influences, not only by great mental shocks, but by mental strain. He has known not only sudden grief, but also overwhelming joy instantly to make a person quite deaf. Sir William Dalry has known the sense of smell to be lost by very strong emotional influence, and with this the sense of taste.

A remarkable instance of the loss of a faculty is that of a brother physician who in boyhood found himself suddenly deprived of the power of speech. He was a man of middle age and robust appearance. His hearing was perfect, and he could understand all that was said, but his replies were communicated by pencil and paper. One day this physician announced that the power of speech had returned as suddenly as it had originally left him. He added that he was entirely unable to ascribe the recovery to any cause, and Sir William Dalry confesses that his experience does not enable him to offer any explanation.—*London News*.

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Father (coming home)—Is Carrie out? Hopeful—No, but the lamp is. That Spittkins fellow is here again.—*Denton Transcript*.

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