

PANTALON TO PANTALET

INTERESTING MATTER EDITED BY A MAN.

If you want the Latest you should read this Column--If our Lady Reader has a Complaint to Make on the Fashion or Customs of the Day, Send it in for this Column--Help to Make it Interesting.

O days and hours, your work is this. To hold me from my proper place. A little while from my embrace. For fuller gain of after bliss.

That out of distance might ensue Desire of nearness, doubly sweet; And auto meeting when we meet Delight a hundred fold accrue.

---Tennyson.

A novel piece of furniture is a shaving stand, but the bright woman who has a cottage where economy of space has to be considered can use it for a great many more purposes than that which its name is called. It is tall and narrow made of white maple and trimmed with bamboo. At the top there is a mirror which will show a man just how his mustache looks and also on other occasions accurately reflect the condition of a woman's back hair. Below the mirror is a place for a brush, comb and pin cushion. Then there are two rather small drawers. Towards the bottom there is a cupboard for bottles and above this is a place to be used either for books or for bric-a-brac.

It is to Mr. Laborer that the idea of an "anti-wedding present league" is due. Evidently the after-Easter strain upon his purse aroused the feelings which led to this idea. But a contemporary of Truth points out that not only the wedding guests and givers of presents are to be pilloried, but also the unfortunate recipients of dozens of paper knives, photograph frames, secret bottles and the like. This paper suggests a "Wedding present reform league," by which prospective donors would write to the first bridesmaid, find out what was wanted and not yet bestowed, and thus escape the horror of displeasing gifts.

All those who believe that an interest in intellectual pursuits is the particular possession of the nineteenth century woman should read the accomplishments of Anna Maria von Schurmmer, a spinster who lived at Utrecht during the sixteenth century. She spoke German, French, English, Italian, Latin, Greek and Hebrew with equal ease and even understood Syriac, Chaldean, Arabic and Ethiopian. Astronomy, geography, philosophy and theology were her hobbies, and for diversion she painted, played, engraved and carved. And yet she died unwept at the age of seventy-two.

Mrs. Walden Bell has started a movement to found a house for young American artists in Paris, whose ambition and genius exceed their financial resources. Subscriptions are flowing in freely, and Dr. J. W. Evans has already placed at the disposal of the committee a large house of forty rooms, where the experiment will be tried. Girls who can afford it will be charged five francs a day for their room and board, and arrangements will be made for the accommodation of those who are not able to pay so much.

Do you know how to blush? The capillaries which connect the veins and arteries form, particularly over the cheeks, a network so fine that a microscope is necessary to reveal them. Ordinarily the blood passes through these vessels in normal volume; leaving the natural complexion. A sudden emotion, however, increases the action of the heart, and the blood is forced through the veins in greater volumes. This is a blush. Be prepared for emotions and you will avoid this outward sign of them.

Miss Braddon, the novelist, was asked to give her ideas of an ideal holiday. She would choose a "fortnight at Venice--the last week in April and the first in May--spent half in a gondola and half on the islands, with a picnic basket and a volume of Byron, Browning and Shelley." Mrs. Kendall, the actress, wants to be "somewhere with flowers and sun, a good book and my belongings playing tennis near enough for me to tell who's winning."

You should buy a batiste dress for the summer if you have at one already. It is one of the softest and prettiest of materials and comes in all the new shades at thirty-five cents a yard. Plain doted swiss is also thirty-five cents a yard. It comes in pale green, pink, blue, violet and yellow. For 65 cents a yard you can buy it, sprayed with flowers. It is very effective over silk of the same color as the flowers.

A young woman whose favorite sport was bear hunting has just died at Olone, Russia. She was a peasant girl and rejoiced in the title of the "Russian Diana." She was young, beautiful and fearless and always returned home laden with her prey. She met her death by the accidental discharge of her gun, which was surely "loaded for bear."

There are woman christians in three or four English churches. At St. James', Westminster street, London, they wear surplices like those of the ordinary choir boy, and college caps. At Killeonoy Abbey where there are about twenty of them, they wear a full robe of white linen, tied in at the waist by a white girdle, and a small cap, pushed backward so as to show their hair.

Queen Victoria will use a key adorned with an opal at the opening of the new Imperial Institute. The stone is the gift of the colony of Queensland, from which many of the best opals come. The queen has not the ordinary superstition concerning this gem, having one of the finest collections of opals in existence.

Mrs. Ida Lane Ney, of Vienna, has discovered a new use for cigar ribbons. She made a gown of 3000 narrow yellow ones with stripes of plaid black goods. This gorgeous robe was greatly admired at a soiree in Vienna.

Some Interesting Facts

There are 47 Chinese temples in this country. In the five years before 1890 there were 9225 suicides.

A tree-planting day has been established in 28 states. The first street railway was laid in New York in 1852.

The first omnibus astonished the New Yorkers in 1829. The first iron forge was set up in Massachusetts in 1652.

In 1891 New York had 4199 fire alarms Chicago 4349. There are 3980 miles of electric railroad in this country.

The first public library was opened in New York. Temple, N. H., first manufactured window glass in 1780.

The first American paper was made from straw in 1828. Peter Cooper built the first American locomotive in 1830.

There are 236,549 miles of telephone wires in this country. The Masons opened a lodge, the first, at Boston in 1733.

Carding machines were first used in this country in 1788. The Dutch of New York about 1640, made the first brandy.

There are 443 cities, having each more than 8000 population. The first American tin was made in Connecticut in 1770.

Mansfield, Conn., made the first sewing silk in 1829. The Mississippi valley has an area of 1,000,000 square miles.

The United States have had 16 foreign or domestic wars. This country has 9,144,500 men fit for military duty.

In 1891 the number of books printed in this country was 4665. The people of this country sent 600,000 telegrams in 1892.

The first cotton mills were erected at Beverly, Mass., in 1787. The United States produce 565,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

The United States produce 510,000 tons of butter and cheese. The hottest place in the United States is Death valley, 140 degrees.

The cotton crop of the United States in 1892 was 9,038,704 bales. In 1672 the whale fishing was begun by vessels from Nantucket.

The first water pipes were bored logs, used in New York in 1770. The first American brooms were made in Philadelphia in 1790.

In 1890 24,306,005 gallons of wine were made in this country. Over 20,000,000 hogs are annually slaughtered in this country.

By the Emancipation Proclamation 3,895,172 slaves were freed. In 1892 there were 447,591 miles of post routes in this country.

There are 399,424 teachers in the district schools of the country. In 1890 there were 82,229 prisoners in our jails and penitentiaries.

The national debt in 1890 was \$14,640,000. The Grand Army of the Republic has a membership of 406,488.

Parliament established in 1710 a postal system for the colonies. About the United States. Cotton was first exported in 1785.

Baltimore, in 1816, introduced gas. The first college was Harvard, in 1638. The United States has 43,000,000 sheep.

In Boston, 1641, the first rope was made. The annual cost of fencing is \$80,000,000.

New Orleans made the first sugar in 1790. Yale college used the first telescope in 1830.

In 1891 there were 12,394 business failures. Philadelphia, in 1811, numbered its houses.

In 1791 anthracite coal was first discovered. In 1890, 822,963 persons died in this country.

Philadelphia, in 1785, issued the first directory. There are ten active volcanoes in our territory.

Umbrellas were imported from India in 1772. Nails were first made in Rhode Island in 1777.

Elias Howe patented the sewing machine in 1846. The rocky mountain ranges are 300 miles wide.

In 1840 gold pens were first made in New York. The United States produces 46,000,000 tons of hay.

The United States had, in 1892, 67,119 post offices. Up to 1891 West Point had graduated 1,966 officers.

Rice was introduced from the East Indies in 1695. The United States has nearly 300 active geysers.

In 1890 there were 7,380 homicides in this country. In 1616 tobacco was first cultivated in Virginia.

In 1619 the first African slaves arrived in Virginia. The first currency used here was the Indian wampum.

The Boston News Letter, 1794, was the first newspaper. Cost of Columbus' Expeditions.

The cost of discovering America by Columbus, says Prof. Rice, in the Globe, was 1,140,000 maravedis, or about \$2,280 of our money.

The money of Queen Isabella, of course, had a higher purchasing power than the dollar of today. Of the sum named, Columbus had an annual salary of \$320, and two captains each \$192 per year.

Each sailor, in addition to his subsistence, received \$2.45 per month, or one ducat. THE TELEPHONE-REGISTER has made arrangements with all the prominent papers and periodicals in the United States whereby they can be obtained in connection with this paper at less than the publisher's price.



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"Nathan." "What was that 'y' throwed over?" "Oh, I war only throwed stones."

"What yer throwed stones that a-way for?" "Fur fun."

"Well, 'y' just keep away from th' fence or 'y' shan't play in th' yard at all. I'll shet 'y' up with th' big brother of yours."

"Waal, I won't go thar no more." And Jakey took a top out of his trousers pocket and began plugging imaginary tops on the ground.

"Suddenly there came to her a quick shiver away from the pleasurable sensation. A sense of danger rushed in to take its place. Surely something horrible was about to happen.

In a moment she heard the clatter of horse's hoofs as a gallop. Looking up the road, which she had a view from the window, she saw a horse covered with foam tearing toward her, with a negro boy on his bare back.

In a moment the rider was at the fence and reined in his horse. With a haste and excitement, seeing Souri at the window, he called:

"Am dis Slack's place?" "Yes." "Whar Souri Slack?" "Yes." "You?" "Yes."

"The boy held up a red handkerchief, and was jumping, in his horse's reins over a picket in the fence, he vaulted, and running up to the window, he poked the handkerchief at her. Souri at once recognized the handkerchief as the given Mark. Sewed on to a corner she noticed a piece of dirty cloth on which some one had written with a pen in blotted letters:

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houses which formed the Slack dwelling. The sun was shining brightly, and a morning glow had traced up on the grow about the window was fresh with dew. Souri's heart felt unusually light. The air was so fresh; the sun was so bright; the morning glow flowers had such a companionable look in them that Souri was very happy.

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was up at a breakfast which the old man prepared for her. After this he set out to show her the way to Chattanooga. He asked no questions. All he knew was that his efforts were in "de cause ob freedom," and that was quite enough. The old woman who had brought him the handkerchief had told him where her cabin was in Chattanooga, and he seemed to understand that he was to guide Souri there. She gave him some information as to a man and a boy at the jail in Chattanooga. This was all he knew.

He crossed the river by the regular ferry, having no trouble in doing so, for citizens and negroes were passing all the while. About ten o'clock in the morning they reached the cabin of the old negroes who had started the handkerchief.

"Fo de Lo'd!" exclaimed the woman. "How 'y' git hyar so quick?" "I rabel all night," said the pilot. "Who dat yaller gal?"

"I'm Souri Slack. Whar th' jail?" The woman led Souri out to show her the way, and the man left the cabin on his way home.

"Reckon she could see the jail, and the woman told her where to find the crack through which Jakey had conversed with her.

Souri went to the place alone and going to the fence he found the crack through which Jakey had conversed with her. She peeped in, hoping to see her brother, but Jakey was not there. She waited an hour or more, but he did not appear.

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When the good Sir Thomas Gresham in the sixteenth century promulgated the principle that bad money always drives the good from circulation it received small recognition from his own or the succeeding generation; but its attempted violation by the quarters of monetary legislation has always brought its own penalty. At length, however, the world came to recognize that the principal which Sir Thomas Gresham modestly advanced was an immutable law and his own name has appropriately been given it.

Two great American liners are being built at Philadelphia. At present the ships are known as No. 277 and No. 278 but it is understood that the names which will soon supersede the numbers have already been selected. The first of the two steamers launched will be christened Minneapolis and the other is it is stated, to be named after one of the larger cities in the far west. They will be constructed, in the same yards, two other monster passenger ships, large as the new boats of the Cunard line and as fine in every respect.

During January and February of this year 902,032 bunches of bananas were imported to this country. More than half of them, or 457,900 bunches, were landed at New Orleans. New York had the next largest number 243,856 bunches; Baltimore is third on the list, with 86,840 bunches, and Boston, with 84,327.

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