

MALE DRESS REFORM

IT IS HOPELESSLY HAMPERED BY THE STIFF WHITE SHIRT.

The Way This Garment Interferes With Both Health and Comfort. Some of the Absurdities of the Present Masculine Style of Attire.

The necessity by which men feel coerced of proving to the world that they wear white shirts lies at the basis of all the difficulties of the dress problem.

Until the garment becomes extinct it is hopeless to attempt the reform of men's dress on the lines of health and comfort.

It will of course ultimately disappear, for it is but the mark of a stage in the evolution of dress, just as the vermiform appendix is a useless evolutionary remnant in the body.

Why do we wear white shirts? Ages ago it was only the wealthy who could afford to clothe themselves in linen.

The possession of linen underwear was then a mark of social position, and there was an obvious advantage in making public display of it.

We may put down three-fourths of the discomfort of the hot summer to the account of the starched shirt. It prevents the very process devised by nature to keep the body cool—the evaporation of sweat.

In winter it is a fruitful cause of illness. Why do we wear white shirts? Ages ago it was only the wealthy who could afford to clothe themselves in linen.

The lord chancellor's wig was once a comfort in ancient drafty legislative chambers and now merely serves to make a sensible man look ridiculous and give him headaches.

And people who drew up laws were long ago paid according to the number of words, but the multiplicity of words now only causes confusion.

From the point of view of health nothing could be more stupid. Bronchitis is one of the most deadly of all diseases in this country.

The white shirt, in fact, might appear in the tables of the registrar general as the cause of so many deaths, perhaps 100,000 a year.

And does it really improve a man's appearance? By virtue of the association of ideas it certainly does.

The case for the white shirt has not a leg to stand upon. The garment is uncomfortable, unhealthy and unbecoming.

The difficulties of this course are very great no doubt. What we want is an "antiwhite shirt society," which would agree to wear, from some prearranged date, a dress designed wholly with regard for comfort, health and beauty.

Billings and cooling among the Fijians is a curious feature in their social customs. It is decidedly against the rule to do any courting within doors.

The gardens or plantations are the spots held sacred to Cupid, and the generally approved trysting place of lovers is high up among the branches of a breadfruit tree.

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CURIOS INSECT.

A Butterfly That Enjoys Only Five Hours of Life.

It is in August that the naturalists observe the marvelous insect which is born, reproduces and dies in the period of a single night on the banks of the Marne, of the Seine and of the Rhine.

The life of this insect does not last beyond four or five hours. It dies toward 11 o'clock in the evening after taking the form of a butterfly about six hours after midday.

The change of this worm in the water to an ephemere which flies is so sudden that one has not the time to see it. If one takes the worm in the water the hand cannot be taken away before the change is made unless by pressing the worm slightly in the region of the chest.

The ephemere, after leaving the water, seeks a place where it can divest itself of a fine membrane or veil, which entirely covers it.

In three days' time one sees appear and die all species of ephemere. They last sometimes until the fifth day, for the reason that some malady has affected some of them and prevents them from changing at the same time as the others.

A STUDY IN EYES.

Michael Angelo had hazel eyes. Mohammed had coal black eyes. Milton had gray blue eyes, clear and round.

Beethoven had small brown eyes, very mobile. Dante had, according to Boccaccio, large black eyes.

Isaac Newton had blue eyes, small, bright and piercing. Cowper, physically timid, had weak blue eyes devoid of animation.

Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, had small eyes, full of spirit. Carlyle's eyes were described as "the very handsomest ever seen in a man's head—dark blue."

Bismarck had eyes of steely gray, deep sunken, almost hidden under bushy eyebrows. Dr. Johnson's poor health so affected his eyes that they were dull and lifeless, of a watery blue.

The first reporter of France was Louis XIII. The National library possesses the manuscripts of thirty-six articles written by that king.

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If, now, we admit that the number of visible stars is limited, the next question to be asked is, What is the order or shape of their distribution? Various astronomers have had various theories about this matter.

The "Man" Who Minds the Cows. In the Basque country the children begin to work at an early age. They learn to tend and guide the oxen, which are used entirely for agricultural and draft work.

The first mention of the Huns in history is in China B. C. 210. They conquered that country and were afterward driven out by the Celestials and marched clear across Asia, penetrating the country now known as Hungary in 876 A. D.

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PROBLEMS OF SPACE

ENIGMAS THAT SCIENCE IS STRIVING TO SOLVE.

The Question of an Infinity of Worlds and Their Distribution in an Infinity of Space—Distance of the Nearest External Universe.

There can be no subject more calculated to impress a man's mind with his own insignificance compared with the overwhelming power and glory of his Creator than the study and contemplation of the firmament in all its boundless infinity.

Only as far back as the seventeenth century astronomers placed the number of stars in the universe as a little over 1,000, but this was absurd, as the real number visible to the naked eye is about 7,000, and perhaps treble that number can be seen by persons with exceptionally good eyesight.

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Coming Attractions!

"Dolores, or Through the Fires of Sorrow," a drama in two acts and five scenes. This is a drama that thrills, that brings laughs and tears in equal amount.

High School for Nehalem.

There will be a mass meeting of the people of Nehalem and vicinity next Saturday, beginning at 1:30 o'clock and continuing until 3:30 o'clock in the W. O. W. hall.

A Woman Tells How to Relieve Rheumatic Pains.

I have been a very great sufferer from the dreadful disease, rheumatism, for a number of years. I have tried many medicines but never got much relief from any of them until two years ago.

Referendum Cost \$23,000 a Time.

Salem, Or., April 15.—When the people of Oregon come to realize that it is going to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the satisfaction of exercising their rights of suffrage upon just one question of general legislation, it is very doubtful if they will display such haste in petitioning for this privilege.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliancy vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled.

Whopping Cough

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family in cases of whooping cough, and want to tell you it is the best medicine I have ever used. W. F. GASTON, Posco, Ga.

Dairy Dots.

A really good cow will lose less milk rather than gain it when in full flow.

Stop the churn as soon as the butter granulates if you want to work the butter milk.

If the heifer calf is to become a profitable dairy cow she must be fed as though she were a good cow now.

All cows do not like the same kind of food, neither will they do so well if they would on some other kind.

Under present conditions the most profitable dairy cow is the one that helps you to make the most butter in winter.

Butter will never grain finer "coming" if the fat globules have previously been injured by overheating the cream or too much violent churning.

Good cows will produce butter at an average cost of about 7 cents a pound, considering the by-products. About 10 cents a pound figuring on basis of butter and feed only.

Cows will bring the cost up to 18 cents. It doesn't pay very well to make "store butter" that sells for 15 cents unless you can produce it at about 7 cents.

Only the amount of food in excess of that which is necessary to maintain animal heat and repair the waste of the animal tissue can possibly be a source of profit.

Hence the dairyman should aim to get the most amount within safe limits of the profits she should return in the amount of food consumed.

Milking with wet hands is a practice. The clean milk uses hands and is sure before he that the cow's udder is clean and no falling dirt can get into the milk.

Using lard on the hands in milking easy will aid in making milkers. It will also help to keep the teats very tender. Damp teats with milk also has the effect.

The New Jersey experiment recently experimented feeding cows with cow peas hay, and found with the cow pea ration milk made at a cost of 39.8 per 100 while the cost on a grain ration was 60.5 cents. On the grain ration cows produced 8.3 per cent more milk and 15.2 per cent more butter.

Comparison of the price of cow peas showed a large balance in favor of cow pea ration. Why not plant a few acres to cow peas next year?

The Wilson River toll road has been a great deal of trouble and has cost the settlers who live along the road and the people who have to use it.

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