

WHAT WOMEN WEAR.

Long wraps of cloth are elaborately braided with feather edged ribbon. Green and heliotrope is a favorite combination, following as nearly as possible the flower and foliage tints. Lace draperies are used on almost all dress materials. Combinations of color are among the favorite studies of artists in costumeing. Hairdressing is growing more and more elaborate. The tresses are closely crimped and arranged very loosely over the sides of the head. Among the innovations, or rather revivals, is a dress with the skirt slightly raised at one side and caught up with a rosette and a large bow and ends of ribbon. The ingenious woman may now trim her own hat, as there are ready made bows, loops, rosettes and bunches of white trimmings in almost endless variety. A round hat has a very high, flaring crown. A wide scarf of silk passes around the crown and at one side of the back are upright bows mounted on foundation. Among the Paris models is a dress of fine cloth in a rich navy blue, with the collar, revers, jacket fronts and the lower parts of the sleeves almost covered with very heavy open embroidery. A handsome costume for evening has the upper half of the skirt of almost solid embroidery. The lower half is of silk muslin in fine side plaitings. A wreath of violets heads this plaiting. A handsome costume is of heliotrope poplin, with trimming of pansy purple velvet. There are a band of velvet around the skirt, a very wide pointed corselet, a dainty bolero, with revers and a high, rolling collar. A dress of accordion plaited india silk has sleeves and waist front of heavy lace. Wide, long epaulets of velvet extend far out over the sleeve tops. The collar and belt are of velvet.—New York Ledger.

STAGE GLINTS.

Laura Burt and W. J. Ferguson have been engaged for "The Widow Goldstein." The centenary of the poet Alfred de Vigny has been celebrated by the Comedie Francaise. "The County Fair" has received the stamp of British approval at the Brixton theater, in the outskirts of London. Carter, the magician, has been engaged by Joel Marks to play the part of a magic waiter in "The Widow Goldstein." Sardou recently wrote Sir Henry Irving a letter congratulating him and Ellen Terry upon their success with "Mme. Sans Gene." During her coming season in Paris Eleonora Duse will give one performance, that in aid of the monument to Alexandre Dumas, in French. A new farcical comedy by F. Finsey, called "Solomon's Twins," was produced recently by George Giddens at the Vandeville theater, London. Sarah Bernhardt has recently given her annual performance to the students of Paris. "La Tosca" was the play. The enthusiasm was unrestrained. Two dramatic efforts of the queen of Roumania, who writes under the nom de plume of Carmen Sylva, have recently been produced at the Royal theater at Bucharest. Jesse Burns has secured the eastern rights of Frank Harvey's play, "The Land of the Living," and will star his wife in it, opening the season in September or October. "The Wedding Day" will go on the road next season, after which the three stars Lillian Russell, Della Fox and Jefferson de Angelis will return to their respective managers to star separately.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

For a "tight little island" England does a pretty good commercial business. Her total foreign trade in 1896 amounted to \$3,126,315,396, while our own reached only \$1,642,925,161. The recent starving of some dogs on liberal allowances of water and meat broth respectively—the former dying in 18 days, the latter in 19—has demonstrated the insignificant nutritive value of meat broths. The Japanese do not take to fiction. Of 27,000 books published in the mika-do's empire last year, only 462 belonged to that class. Works on philosophy, the arts and science and religion stood the highest in the list. A man well up in dog lore counsels intending purchasers of a puppy to let the mother of the puppy choose for them. In carrying them back to their bed the first mother picks up will always be the best. Seven dollars and a half is all it costs to knock down, beat and kick the referee in a football game in England when he decides against your side. That was the fine recently imposed in a London police court.

DAINTY TRIFLES.

Hand engraved leather goods attract deserved attention. Brocade opera bags with gate tops of silver gilt are very popular. Tea bells of decorated crystal have their value enhanced with silver mounts. Belts, chataleine bags and purses are out in the fashionable purple seal leather. Enamelled silver corners decorate some of the newest leather card cases and pocketbooks. Collectors of souvenir spoons will welcome the artistic and massive Nansen spoon, which is, of course, commemorative of Nansen and his farthest north expedition.—Jewelers' Circular.

PERSONALITIES.

J. E. Daughtrey of Alexandria, Va., sneezed while leaning back in a chair and dislocated his spine. Thiers' hundredth birthday passed unnoticed in France, while Germany was celebrating the anniversary of William I. General Cadorna, who commanded the Italian troops when they took possession of Rome in 1870, died recently at the age of 82 years. Thomas Nelson Page, accompanied by his wife and daughter, has gone to Europe for the summer. He will spend most of the time in Italy. Mr. Balfour has assigned \$750 of the royal bounty this year to the two surviving daughters of William Carleton, the Irish novelist, who are in poverty. Theodore Schreiner of Mount Pleasant is dead. He was especially beloved by all the Missions of Iowa. He had been grand tiler 40 or more years. He was 86 years old. Sol Miller, who was the editor of the Troy (Kan.) Chief for 40 years, died the other day. His fund of eccentric humor made him and his paper well known all over the state. M. Levassor, one of the pioneers in the horseless motor carriage movement in France, who generally came in ahead in road races, recently died suddenly at the age of 55 years. General De Charette, who formerly commanded the papal zouaves, recently visited Pope Leo with the object of bringing about a reconciliation between the Duc d'Orleans and the Vatican. Dr. Jameson is about to leave England for the dark continent, to take charge of the administration of that portion of the Chartered company's territory which lies between Lake Nyassa and Lake Tanganyika. Archbishop Martinelli, the apostolic delegate and representative of the pope in the United States, has just sustained a severe loss by the death of his only surviving brother, the Augustinian monk, Father Aurelius Martinelli. Governor Groat of Vermont, who is one of the best farmers in that state, was recently found by a visitor to his home in Derby making maple sugar. He has tapped 45,000 trees this season and made 12,000 pounds of sugar and syrup. William Harding of Waseca, Minn., who celebrated his one hundredth birthday recently, took part in the war of 1812, the Mexican war and the civil war. He was 60 years of age when the latter war broke out, but got enrolled as a volunteer by giving his age at 40.

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LORD RANDOLPH'S WAGER.

How the Statesman Made Quick Time Across Westminster Bridge. The late Lord Randolph Churchill was scarcely less famous as a wit and joker than as a statesman. His colleagues in the house of commons were oftentimes the victims of his pranks, and many a good story is still told in the lobby. One night while Lord Randolph was conversing with several friends in the cafe attached to the house a question arose as to the time it would take a pedestrian to cross Westminster bridge. Different opinions were expressed, but no two of the disputants were able to agree. At length Lord Randolph, who had been a silent auditor of the discussion, offered to wager that he could cross from the Middlesex to the Surrey side of the bridge while "Big Ben," the great bell in the clock tower of the parliament buildings, was striking the four quarters and the hour of 12. The wager was accepted by one of the members of the company, and it was arranged that at the hour named witnesses should be stationed at each end of the bridge to watch the performance. A few minutes before midnight a select party of well known members was seen to emerge from a little door near the speaker's quarters in the parliament buildings and stalk sedately across the bridge. At the farther end the party paused and was soon surrounded by a curious throng. Several other distinguished legislators soon afterward appeared and politely requested passersby to keep to the left. Just as "Big Ben" began to strike the first quarter the little figure of a man, wearing a top hat and evening clothes, was seen to leap out of a little group of men on the Middlesex side. Some wagfish friend raised the cry of "Stop thief!" and in a jiffy half a score of wondering men and boys were fast on the heels of the doughty sprinter. A policeman, hearing the cry and observing the fleeing man, started in pursuit. As Big Ben continued to clang the pace grew hotter and hotter. One by one the pursuers began to fall away, but the big policeman hung grimly to his task. When the center of the bridge was reached, the quarters had been rung and the great bell had already begun to strike the hour. A cheer arose from the watchers on the Surrey side, and Lord Randolph, who had until then been running up an incline, now had the descent in his favor. A few moments later the panting policeman came upon his man, surrounded by admiring friends. "What's up?" stuttered the breathless and bewildered bobby. "Two strokes to spare!" puffed the victorious Lord Randolph. The officer started, blushed, apologized, wiped his brow and went away.—Exchange.

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Pine and fir have long fibers, exceeding in length and in the use of the paper maker, but the resinous substances contained in these woods form so large a percentage of the composition and are so difficult of removal that the paper makers are compelled to use other varieties. Every Japanese barrack has a gymnasium, and the Japanese soldiers rank among the best gymnasts in the world. In half a minute they can scale a 14 foot wall by simply bounding on each other's shoulders, one man supporting two or three others. The domestic tastes of the Princess of Wales have a most natural origin. Her father in early manhood was a poor young man and lived almost in seclusion with his wife and children. Her mother, a German matron, trained her to housewifery.

BIG GUNS.

The Skill and Machinery Used in Turning Out the Monsters. Think what one of these guns is. It is a piece of solid steel weighing about 60 tons. It has a chamber running nearly its entire length 13 inches in diameter. At the breech of the gun that chamber is enlarged to a diameter of 15 1/2 inches for 6 3/4 feet. The long tube of the gun is strengthened by an enormous band, reaching almost half its length and called a "jacket," and in addition it has what is called a hoop or band with the appliances whereby the gun is fastened or locked to its carriage. Inside the tube of the gun there are about 50 spiral grooves, which give the projectile or long bullet a twist as it leaves the gun. That twist causes the projectile to turn nearly 75 times a second as it plunges through the air. This projectile weighs 1,100 pounds, and it requires no less than 600 pounds of powder to give it its full force. Every discharge of the gun costs in powder and projectile fully \$600. The cost of one of these guns is not far from \$100,000. To make one of these implements of war requires not only great skill, but the use of very costly machinery. Not only must the steel be cooked in enormous furnaces, but it must be seasoned as delicately as the most expensive dish for a banquet. Chemistry is called upon to say just when the metal of which the gun is made is of the proper degree of purity. Then the steel is cast into a long casting. When it is cooled, it is forged or elongated under pressure while hot. Then it is turned outside and inside on enormous lathes. Then it is tempered, so as to harden the metal and to distribute the molecules evenly through the mass to prevent dangerous strains and bursting when the gun is fired. Then it is turned again outside and inside with absolute accuracy as to size. Then the powder chamber is finished, and the mechanism for the fastening of the breech block is made. Then the gun is ready for its carriage, without which, of course, it could do no work.—Harper's Round Table.

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