

Riding Without a Horse.

An ingenious man has invented a saddle machine for the acquirement of a perfect seat and self-confidence as an equestrian within one's own home. It is said that many ladies are overcoming timidity by means of this home practice as a prelude "to learning how to ride" the veritable equine back.

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The Biggest Goose.

I heard the other day an amusing tale of a certain well-known English nobleman, who had imported two emus, and on leaving his estate for town left also strict injunctions that the greatest care should be taken of the lady emu, if she produced the desired egg or eggs. The egg arrived in due course, but, as artists have found before now, the lady declined to "sit." The steward, however, however, was an ingenious man, and thought of a substitute, but his powers of composition were by no means on a par with his inventiveness, and he announced the interesting event to his master in the following terms: "The emu has laid an egg, but we were in a great difficulty, as she would not sit on it. I did what I thought was best, and in your Lordship's absence I have placed the egg under the biggest goose on the estate."—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Bank Failure.

AN INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

A general banking business is done by the human system, because the blood deposits in its vessels, and health we may gain from day to day. This wealth is laid up against "a rainy day" as a reserve fund—we're in a condition of healthy prosperity if we have laid away sufficient capital to draw upon in the hour of our greatest need. There is danger in getting thin, because it is a sign of letting down in health. To gain in blood is nearly always to gain in wholesome flesh. The odds are in favor of the terms of consumption, grip, or pneumonia, if our liver be inactive and our blood impure, or if our flesh be reduced below a healthy standard. What is required is an increase in our fighting strength. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery enriches the blood and makes it wholesome, stops the waste of tissue and at the same time builds up the strength. A medicine which will rid the blood of its poisons, cleanse and invigorate the great organs of the body, vitalize the system, thrill the whole being with new energy and make permanent work of it, is surely a remedy of great value. But when we make a positive statement that 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption can, if taken in the early stages of the disease, be cured with the "Discovery," it seems like a bold assertion. All Dr. Pierce asks is that you make a thorough investigation and satisfy yourself of the truth of his assertion. By sending to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., you can get a free book with the names, addresses and photographs of a large number of those cured of throat, bronchial and lung diseases, as well as of skin and scrofulous affections by the "Golden Medical Discovery." They also publish a book of 106 pages, being a medical treatise on consumption, bronchitis, asthma, catarrh, which will be mailed on receipt of address and six cents in stamps.

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SPRING FASHIONS.

PARISIAN STYLES NOT CLOSELY FOLLOWED IN AMERICA.

Skirts Growing Wider for Warm Weather Wear—Organdy the Coming Craze—Decided Change in Sleeves.

HERE is an item, culled from a celebrated French authority, that will, says a fashion writer in the Washington Star, create some little consternation in the mode circles: "It will take American women the usual six months to discover that the pre-eminently huge sleeves and the immense flaring skirts they hear such fairy stories about are not, and have not been, the vogue in Paris. Moderately large sleeves and gracefully flaring skirts, not excessively wide, have prevailed; and are still the mode, and are likely to continue also to be favored by the most celebrated ateliers in France for months to come."

American modistes are telling their deluded customers that skirts are growing yet wider for spring and summer wear, and that eight yards around will be a modest limit. The text of this celebrated French authority and its illustrations do not agree, however, and the women are pictured in petticoats that flare like those of a ballet dancer. Truth to tell, women do not pay a great deal of



FASHIONABLE CLOAK AND COSTUME.

attention to the letter of fashion anyhow. They take the suggestion and dress it up to suit their individual needs, and that makes American women the best dressed in the world. American women, as a class, have not worn the excessively wide skirts complained of by the French authority. The well-groomed woman has too much sense to go to the extreme in anything.

It is true that the skirts are going to be wider, but have you seen the fabrics that they will be made of? Why, they are so sheer and fine that

you will be able to draw the whole skirt through your finger ring.

The stores are full of the new summer goods. Organdy will tell the craze, if the counters will tell the truth, and anything prettier than organdy can scarcely be mentioned. It comes in all the daintiest and most delicate shades, and is drifted over with bouquets of blossoms that are so real looking you almost think you can smell them. Most of the designs are large, but a few are small and delicate. A single violet, or a long-stemmed crocus with a leaf or two. The purple iris is one of the favorites, and an exquisite half-blown rose is another that attracted universal attention. These organdies are to be worn over colored slips, and will have a great deal of ribbon garniture, and quantities of lace. By the way, lace will be more worn during the summer than ever before. The always favorite Chantilly will be in the fore front. For the organdies and mulls, some delicate white laces are exhibited, which have net tops, with borders of Milanese, Spanish and Pompadour patterns interwoven in bewitching designs. The Vandyke laces will be as much in demand as ever, but will come in the soft Chantilly patterns.

The new French lawns are as charming as can possibly be imagined. They come in very fine quality and at reasonable prices. The flower tracings take one back to great-grandmother's day, and it seems as though there ought to come from the lavender and sandal wood scents that used to cling around her garments. Delicate shades of green predominate, and pink, real plush rose pink, comes next. Heliotrope in its varying shades will be as much worn as ever, and blue seems to have taken a new lease on life, too.

Of course the silk mulls and dotted Swiss are out in force. They will have colored slips also, to match the ribbons worn with them, or can be worn in all their virgin purity, if so desired.

To wear with these organdies and lawns, and with sheer white goods, are ribbons with bouquets of flowers embroidered on them. At least, they look like it, and some others look as

The Coldest Winter.

The most notable thing about the spell of cold weather through which we have passed is its widespread intensity. All Europe has been in the grasp of the ice king, and his antics are more talked about than those of any other monarch. In far Asia Japanese sailors were frozen to death while training their guns on the Chinese forts and fleet at Wei-Hai-Wei, and even in Northern Africa snow fell for the first time in so long a period that grown men gazed at it with wonder.

What does it all mean? Scientists have been at work for years to figure out a law of climatic and weather changes, and their conclusion is that it takes between thirty and thirty-five years to get from the extreme of heat to the extreme of cold. Just why this is so they can not tell, but their delving into the old records convinces them that there is some natural law at work and that sooner or later it will be discovered.

Five years ago a Swiss professor, Brueckner by name, published a book called "Climatic Oscillations Since 1700," and, strangely enough, his calculations made it appear that one of the culminating periods of extreme cold would come around about this time—perhaps in this very year—followed by gradually increasing warmer weather, which is scheduled to reach its highest point about the end of the first quarter of the next century.

While we think of our sufferings, we may, therefore, turn for consolation to 1925 or 30, and revel in the anticipation of the mildest winter that we can secure in this latitude.—New York News.



To Clean Clothes.

According to the American Analyst the proper way of restoring old clothes is as follows: Take, for instance, a shiny old coat, vest or pair of trousers of broadcloth, cassimere or diagonal. The scourer makes a strong, warm sopsuds, and plunges the garment into it, soaks it up and down, rubs it through several waters and hangs it up to dry on the line. When nearly dry he takes it in, rolls it up for an hour or two, and then presses it. An old cotton cloth is laid on the outside of the coat and the iron passed over that until the wrinkles are out; but the iron is removed before the steam ceases to rise from the goods, else they would be shiny. Wrinkles that are obstinate are removed by laying a wet cloth over them and passing the iron over that. If any shiny places are seen, they are treated as the wrinkles are—the iron is lifted while the full cloud of steam rises and brings the nap with it. Cloths should always have a suds made specially for them, as in that which has been used for white cotton or woolen cloths lint will be left in the water and will cling to the cloth. In this manner we have known the same coat and trousers to be renewed time and time again, and have all the look and feel of new garments. Good broadcloth and its fellow cloths will bear many washings, and look better every time because of them.

A Dog Who Was Not to Be Dared.

A dog story has come to the writer's ears, which, though not within his personal knowledge, is vouched for to him in an entirely trustworthy way. A certain dog, which was growing old, was in a barn one day with his master. The two were up on a hayrack from which a sloping ladder led down to the barn floor. The master walked down the ladder, but the dog went around by another way. When the dog reached the barn floor his master began to say to him somewhat tauntingly, "Poor old fellow! Daren't walk down the ladder any more! Daren't walk down the ladder!" Whereupon the dog, with a quick glance at his master, walked clear up the ladder to the top, and then turned around and walked down it again. The proceeding looked very much like a deliberate demonstration on the dog's part to his master, that he was still capable of walking up and down a slanting ladder. Did the dog understand the taunt, or did he merely catch the words "down the ladder," and take the utterance for a command, which he dutifully proceeded to obey? No one will ever know, probably, since the dog himself can give no account of the matter.—Boston Transcript.

Ingenious Thieves.

Thieves of Upper India are generally very smart when it comes to the squeeze of capture, and the care which native burglars take in the way of precaution against surprise is phenomenal, writes a correspondent of a contemporary. They are usually most painstaking, and a friend of mine one morning awoke to find that he had been "looted," and at given intervals the places of exit had been laid out with broken bits of bottle so that if the man had been disturbed and pursued the glass would have in all probability brought the pursuers up smartly.

They, themselves, knowing its position, would have avoided it and got away comfortably. House burglars all carry a wallet of fine sand, and a handful of this thrown over the shoulder into the face of a would-be capturer is warranted to postpone the pursuit. In the case above mentioned the highwayman was a little extravagant to part with his blanket. They generally bring the enemy up with the ample folds of the turban, which rarely fails if the lassoing is done adroitly.—Bombay Gazette.

What Can Be Done With a Cent.

A few years ago the Episcopal church of a small Maryland town was in want of an alms basin. The congregation was for the most part poor, and few in numbers. The minister in charge appointed a young girl a committee of one to collect subscriptions. The amount needed was \$5, for an alms basin costing that much had been heard of for sale by a more prosperous parish, that had outgrown the one with which it started in life.

The young woman's first call was at the store of a well-to-do merchant. Asking something from him for her fund, she received the following reply, spoken in a very gruff voice: "I can give you nothing," but as she turned to leave, he added: "There, you may have that if it will do you any good," and suiting the action to the word, threw down on the counter a cent. Mortified and abashed, her first impulse was to leave it where he threw it, but better judgment prevailing she picked it up, thanked him and left.

Without going further she returned home and told her mother that she would not ask for anything more and ran the chance of another treatment a second time. "Take the cent, my dear," the mother said, "and show what you can do with it." She followed this advice and bought a small china doll, and dressing it in some scraps which she had, sold it to a friend for her little daughter. Having increased her capital 400 per cent., she invested it in a spool of crocheting cotton, with which she worked several small articles, and the sale of these brought her in \$1.20. This was, in turn, used to purchase cotton material, out of which were made several dresses for small children, that netted, when sold, the desired \$5, when the alms basin was duly bought.

This story was told to a lady of Socialistic views, who was constantly complaining that she was not rich, and saying she could say so little by the way of worth while to save; the answer was: "Yes, she got her \$5, but what a lot of work she had to do."—Kate Field's Washington.

Compliment to the Dog.

A very delicate compliment was lately bestowed by a dog lover upon the intelligence of his Skye terrier. The owner of the dog was sitting in his office apparently alone, when an acquaintance entered.

"Glad to find you alone," said the visitor, "because I have a confidential communication to make to you, which no one else must hear."

"Hold on a minute!" cried the other, checking him. And then he called out:

"Here, Spot!"

A small terrier crawled out from under the table, wagging his tail.

"Go out Spot!" said his master. The dog went out.

"Now then," said the owner, "you may go on with your confidential communication. Now we are alone."

—Detroit Free Press.

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