

SLANDER.

If there's one thing we all must hate
That thing is surely slander.
These libels on the good and great
Unto base minds must pander.
And that is why it makes us mad—
We loathe, abhor, and fear it;
But, be the slander ne'er so bad,
We somehow like to hear it.

The slanderer we all despise;
Contempt is still his portion.
We count it nothing more than wise
To hear his tales with caution;
That they are false we know full well,
That malice he's displaying;
But if he's bound those tales to tell,
Why not hear what he's saying?

It's really hard to comprehend
How people can be made so
And yet attentive ears we lend,
Most of us—I'm afraid so.
Of course they do no end of harm,
They all deserve a beating;
But then their stories have a charm
And some are worth repeating.

Chicago News.

The Frazer Millions.

By G. B. BURGIN.

IMPUDENCE. I call it," said the fair young widow Marston, "when you know I start for London to-morrow. Marry you, Sim Parker! You! Why, I may be a 'ladyship' before I come back with all that money. All I want is to find some one to take care of Chub till I get back." Chub was her little boy.

"See that tree?" asked Sim, pointing to an ancient rock elm which leaned crookedly against the side of Celinda's pretty little house—the house she had just sold.

"Of course I do. What has that got to do with it?"

"You'll find me leavin' agin it when you come back; that's all." The young fellow's blue eyes impressed her with a sense of power. Her own fell beneath his masterful gaze.

There was a big but unsympathetic procession to see Celinda start from the wharf next day. Four Cornites vaguely resented Celinda's airs and graces, and did not believe that she would get the money. As far back as 1750 Fraser of Ochiltree's eldest son had emigrated to Canada. When Fraser of Ochiltree died his son had never claimed his money, which, presumably, continued to accumulate. One of the Montreal papers said it amounted to four millions. All Celinda had to do was to prove her identity and bring back the money. She wanted to settle down in the Judge's house and show people what she thought of them. But when the vessel got outside Quebec Celinda would have given all the Fraser millions to be back at Four Corners.

But in time she recovered. Chub (he declined to be senesic) made violent love to the captain, whom he persisted in looking upon as a parent, greatly to that worthy's embarrassment. He was a married man, and told Chub so, but Chub only laughed and gurgled, and wanted him to "tiss mummy"—a proposal which sent a blush to the young widow's pretty cheeks.

When Celinda reached Liverpool the captain obtained permission from his owners to take her up to town, and leave his first officer in charge. Celinda had refused to marry the first officer four times, the second officer twice, the third officer thrice, but they none of them bore malice, except to pity the captain for being a married man. "You see," said the first officer to his companions in misfortune, "we can afford to look down on him, because he's out of the married."

"We'll take them home," said the person, making a sign to his wife. And they followed the devious footsteps of the deputation.

Outside, the river murmured at its own sweet will. All the happy souls who had ever loved shone down upon them with radiant eyes as Sim placed sleepy Chub within the empty cradle. Slowly, slowly, Celinda turned and hid her face upon his breast.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

More Indians Than Ever.
The removal of 3000 Choctaws from Mississippi and Louisiana to the Indian Territory, which is now in progress, need inspire no eloquence about Red Men's wrongs and "palefaces' broken treaties." The treaty breaking was on the other side; these members of the tribe are descended from those who failed to move West in 1830 as they agreed, and they are exchanging a precarious and hard existence for comparative affluence.

Our Indians do not now fare badly. Far from dying out, they are increasing in number. The census of 1890 reported 249,000 of them; Secretary Hitchcock's recent report shows an increase to 269,000. Allowing for Indian admixture in men reckoned as whites, there is more Indian blood in the country to-day than when the Pilgrims landed. Then the tribes were decimated by disease and wasted by wars; great tracts of uninhabited forests lay between them, and they could not hold lands so much wider than they used. Now their descendants mainly dwell in compact communities, usually civilized and prosperous.

The rise in value of their lands has made most of the Indians well-to-do, the richest tribes being three or four times as wealthy as the same number of average whites.—New York World.

The Cannon Car.
Military journals express interest in an invention by which it is proposed to arm a self-moving car, driven by a sixteen-horse-power engine, with two rapid-fire cannon, mounted on pivots so as to sweep in all directions. Having four broad-tired wheels, it is claimed that the car can run across a level country (barring fences, of course) at the rate of forty-five miles an hour. Terrible pictures are drawn of the havoc that such cars could make on a battlefield. Only one man is needed to operate the car and its cannon, and he is protected by strong steel shields.—Youth's Companion.

ant voice as the parson's wife approached the tree.

"You bet I'm here, Mrs. Clarke," said Sim, with a smile, "but it's sort of lone-some."
"You—you'll be very gentle with her," hesitated the minister's pretty wife. "You'll be very gentle with her, Sim. True love is never harsh or unkind."

Sim nodded cheerfully. "You bet I'll be gentle, Minister in?" He pointed to the little parlor in which the lamp shone brightly.

"My husband? Yes; he's very hungry. Sim. Don't be longer than you can help."

"I've got a deputation of our 'leading citizens' hiding behind the barn," grinned Sim. "Had to pay old Parker ten dollars afore he'd come, and Chris Jimmerson five, but they've learned their speech."

"You're a good man, Sim," said the little lady, and tripped away to join her husband.

Presently, as Sim stood leaning against a tree, a slight figure stole timidly through the dusk. In its arms it carried a bundle. A sob rose to its lips as it looked at the cosy little house. Then it turned sadly away. Chub, who was weary, began to cry.

"I wouldn't go if I were you, Celinda," said Sim, softly.

Celinda gave a little sob also, then choked it back. "I—I wanted just to have one look at it again. I might have known you'd be here, Sim."

"Of course," said Sim, quietly. "Didn't I say so?"

"They laughed at me," faltered Celinda. "I went to the Bank of England with Mr. Gould, and they were quite satisfied with my proofs. The only difficulty was that there wasn't any money. It had never been lodged at the bank at all, and no one knew what had become of it."

She turned away bitterly.

"Where are you going to put up, Celinda?"

"Anywhere—anywhere. I'm going into the bush," she said, fiercely. "I haven't a friend left. It serves me right. I—I'm only grieving for Chub's sake."

"I wouldn't do that if I was you, Celinda. Here's your own house waiting for you all fixed up comfortable."

"My own—house?"

"Of course." Sim took Chub from her tired arms. "Your own house, Celinda. Shall I carry the little feller in for you?"

"But I sold it."

"Well, I bought it back for you. You've no call to thank me," said Sim. "You! You!" She knelt at his feet. Sim held Chub with one hand and raised her with the other. "I'll go away if you don't want me," he whispered, brokenly. "Only, there's a deputation waitin' to welcome you back, and parson's in the parlor. Brace up, Celinda. Brace up."

"Sim, dear, will you forgive me?" she whispered and kissed him with a heart and a half. "I've been wicked, so unkind, so brutal to you."

"You've kissed me," said Sim. "Kissed me! That answers everything."

He led her proudly to the house as she wiped away her tears. Once inside, Celinda "braced up" and received the greetings of the parson and his wife with shy cordiality. "Would you please marry us, and then we'll have supper," she said with characteristic decision, and the parson understood.

The "deputation" staggered in its brief ceremony finished. "You kin git out agin," said Sim. "You've been asleep behind the barn."

"Ain't sleep a wink. Wansh earn ten dollars," hiccoughed old Parker. "We, the undershined—" He looked helplessly around.

"Citi-citizens," hiccoughed Jimmerson.

"We, the undershined—"

"Well, you kin juss go and shine somewheres else," said Sim. "I'm a married man, I am, and I can't have two cranks like you foolin' round."

After making three unsuccessful attempts to find the door the deputation withdrew.

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FOR THE FAIR
LATEST NEW YORK FASHIONS

New York City.—Blouse jackets with little capes of various sorts are among the features of advanced styles, and are exceedingly becoming to young



MISSSES' BLOUSE JACKET.

girls. The very stylish May Manton example illustrated is suited alike to the general wrap and the costume, but, as shown, is of Rhone blue cheviot and makes part of a suit. The trimming is bands of the same material stitched on with corticelli silk and held at the points with handsome buttons.

The blouse is made with fronts and back. The cape is separate and is circular over the shoulders and extended at the front to front stoles, at the back to give a V effect and to make the position. It can be omitted and the blouse made plain when preferred. To the lower edge are attached the basque plications. The sleeves are full but tucked above the elbows and allowed to form puffs below. At the wrists are plain straight cuffs simply stitched.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (eleven years) is two and a quarter yards forty-four inches

in three bands, each fuller than the other, and each having a heading, so that almost it seems as if the ruffles were there.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Fashion's Favorite Flower.
Following the trend of pendant ornaments, says Toilettes, blossoms that hang from their stems, like the fuchsia, are the dernier cri, and fringes of tiny rosebuds, with long stems, festoons and garlands of small flowers decorate both hats and evening gowns. The long-neglected fuchsia promises to be the leading flower, and appears on everything, and even in the designs of the new laces and passementerie ornaments. The latest fad, however, is the chain of small flowers, violets, button roses or other small blossoms, worn exactly as the long chains in jewels or beads have been worn.

The Short Four-in-Hand.
Curtailed cravat ends mark the "Short Four-in-Hand" which is worn with a morning blouse. As so many waists are trimmed with pendant collar ends, in fact, long, flat streamers of cloth or silk, it would be decidedly too much of a good thing to have elongated cravat ends also fluttering down to the waist. The fresh-looking "shorts" are made of cotton cheviot or Oxford cloth with a brilliant stripe of white upon a dull white ground, and clusters of light blue dots or pen rings sprinkled lavishly upon the shining white stripes.

Silk Mitts Already Worn.
Black and white silk mitts and long-sleeved openwork mittens were worn early at Palm Beach, Jekyll Island and at such resorts where the temperature makes a daily plunge in the ocean one of the regulation incidents of a day's pleasure. Those who are knowing in such matters aver that we are committed to wear mitts this season to complete as a toilet the 1830 gowns and 1830 collars.

Neckwear For Young Girls.
Different styles of neckwear in the simpler designs, turn-over or protection



'LADIES' FANCY WAIST—LADIES' SKIRT.

wide or two yards fifty-two inches wide.

Hints For the Summer Wardrobe.
What pretty fashions we are given this year. We never feel quite sure of styles until the exclusive pages show of the very latest things Paris has put out, because the best come last. But this great event has come off and woman-kind can settle down to dream over and plan her summer wardrobe, sure she is on the right track.

Quite a noticeable feature is the use of the fine, thin laces, frequently the old-fashioned silk laces we have not seen for so long. There has been such a hue and cry about the vogue of heavy, coarse lace that the appearance of these fragile, delicate laces comes much as a surprise. They are used, however, only on the thin sheer muslins, organdies and fine handkerchief laces that build the summer gowns. The coarse lace will still be used on the heavy linens and the voiles and etamines. But on the fine sheer fabrics—the silk crepes, the French mousselines, the filmy printed organdies—this finer lace is used. It is a nice, discriminating touch, and it takes the best of taste and judgment just when to use it and when to leave it alone.

Another point to be noticed is the lingerie effect in the gowns. Of course the abundance of handwork could not but make a trend this way. It is all very dainty and sweet and simply idyllic for the summer girl.

Handkerchief points are much noticed. Some of the daintiest trimming on gowns looks as if the points of fine lace handkerchiefs had been taken and applied to the gown in all manner of dainty ways. In fact, one of the loveliest gowns shown in a recent opening is made of fine crepe de chene in handkerchief squares embroidered, and held together by dainty Val lace. The fronts of the little bolero effect are gracefully drooping handkerchief points, and the long—almost angel-sleeve is entirely of this picturesque handkerchief point effect.

Skirts, many of them, show the three ruffle effect. There are not three ruffles as a rule, but the skirt is shirred

collars, wash stocks and the like, that are worn by the grown-ups, are to be found also in the young girl's wardrobe.

Woman's Shirt Waist.

Plain shirt waists are always in vogue. The very desirable May Manton one illustrated includes just the fullness at the neck which renders it becoming to all figures and is made with the new wide center pleat. The original is made of white dotted batiste with large pearl buttons, but all waistings are equally appropriate. The tie can either be made of the same or of contrasting material as preferred.

The waist consists of fronts and back only and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. The fronts are gathered at the neck edges and again at the waist line, but the back is plain and drawn down snugly at the belt. The sleeves widen as they approach the cuffs, which are straight and can be held by means of buttons or links as preferred.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and a half

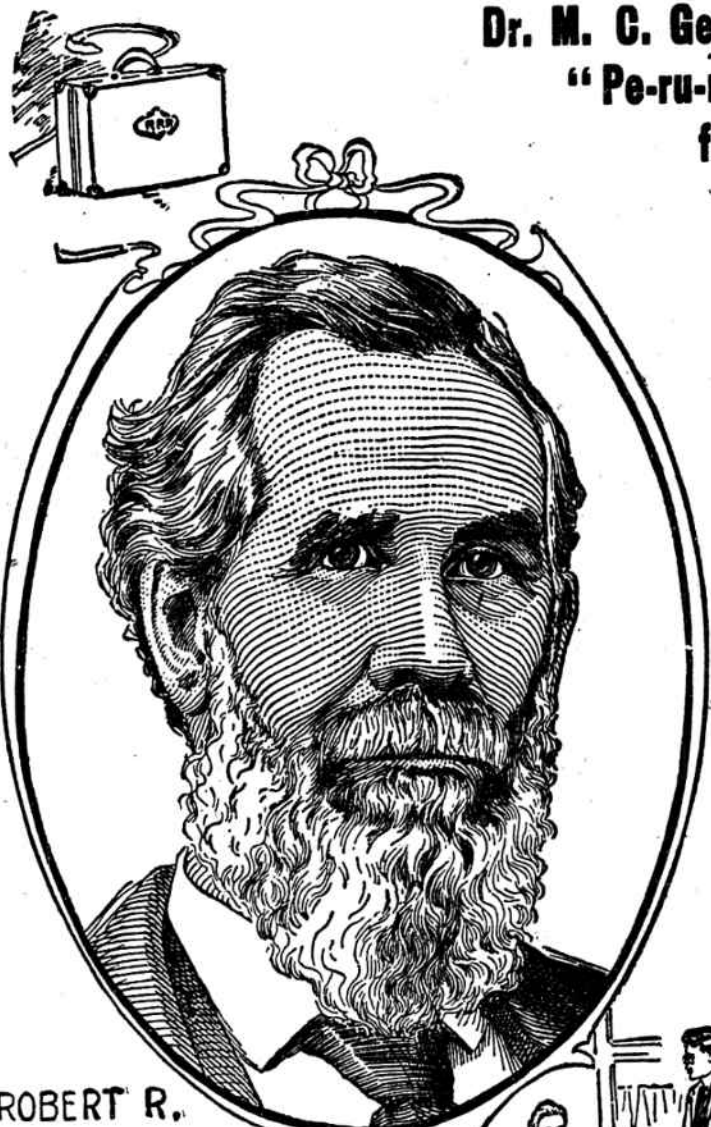


A PLAIN SHIRT WAIST.

yards twenty-one inches wide, four yards twenty-seven inches wide, three yards thirty-two inches wide or two and a quarter yards forty-four inches wide.

PROMINENT PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBE PE-RU-NA.

Dr. M. C. Gee, of San Francisco, Says "Pe-ru-na is of Especial Benefit to Women."



ROBERT R. ROBERTS, M.D.

Robert R. Roberts, M. D., Washington, D. C., writes: "Through my own experience as well as that of many of my friends and acquaintances who have been cured or relieved of catarrh by the use of Hartman's Peruna, I can confidently recommend it to those suffering from such disorders, and have no hesitation in prescribing it to my patients."—Robert R. Roberts.

A CONSTANTLY increasing number of physicians prescribe Peruna in their regular practice. It has proven its merits so thoroughly that even the doctors have overcome their prejudice against so-called patent medicines and recommend it to their patients.

Peruna occupies a unique position in medical science. It is the only internal systemic catarrh remedy known to the medical profession to-day. Catarrh, as everyone will admit, is the cause of one half the diseases which afflict mankind. Catarrh and catarrhal diseases afflict one-half of the people of United States.

F. H. Brand, M. D., of Mokena, Ill., uses Peruna in his practice. The following case is an example of the success he has through the use of Peruna for catarrh.

Dr. Brand says: "Mrs. C., age 28, had been a sufferer from catarrh for the past seven years; could not hear plain and had watery eyes. She came to me almost a blind and cured and various other so-called specialists, and had derived no benefit from them. She told me she did not

want to spend any more money on medicines unless I could assure her relief.

"I put her on Peruna and told her to come back in two weeks. The effects were wonderful. The catarrh disappeared. I first saw her when I first saw her and a smile adorned her face. She told me she felt a different woman, her hearing was improved and her eyes did not trouble her any more.

"This is only one case of the many I have treated with your valuable medicine."—F. H. Brand, M. D.

Catarrh may invade any organ of the body; may destroy any function of the body. It most commonly attacks the head, nose and throat, but thousands upon thousands of cases of catarrh of the lungs,

Egyptian Mummy at Auction.
A young Egyptian girl of high degree wearing necklaces and ornaments of unknown value, is to be sold at auction in London by Messrs. Stevens, says the London Express. Poor girl! She happens to be dead. It is only her dusty mummy that is to be sold. It has not been unwrapped, but a photograph taken with the X-rays shows the presence of necklaces and ornaments. They may be worth untold sums or they may be glass beads. It is a nice speculation.

Origin of Jekyll and Hyde.
Charles H. E. Brookfield says he was in Robert Louis Stevenson's company at the moment when the germ of the idea of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" was conceived. Stevenson was inveighing against a man with whom he had done business and with whose methods he was dissatisfied. The man's name was Samuel Creggan, or something like it. "He is a man who trades on the Samuel," Stevenson declared in his rather finicky, musical Scot's voice. "He receives you with Samuel's smile on his face; with the gesture of Samuel he invites you into a chair; with Samuel's eyes cast down in self-deprecation he tells you how well satisfied his clients have always been with his dealings; but every now and then you catch a glimpse of the Creggan peeping out like a white ferret. Creggan's the real man; Samuel's only superficial."

A Remarkable New Grain.
A new grain, known as corn-wheat, is being grown in Eastern Washington. It has the nature of both corn and wheat, possessing the fattening qualities of corn and the corn flavor. In appearance it resembles wheat. Its grains are twice as large as those of ordinary wheat. It yields sixty to 100 bushels an acre, and seems to solve the problem of fattening hogs in the Pacific Northwest, as corn is not successfully raised in that country.

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"I have a large practice, and have a chance to prescribe your Peruna. I hope you may live long to do good to the sick and suffering."

We say Peruna cures catarrh. The people say Peruna cures catarrh. Prominent men and women all over the United States from Maine to California do not hesitate to come out in public print to say that Peruna is what it is recommended to be, an internal systemic catarrh remedy that cures catarrh wherever it may be located.

Dr. M. C. Gee's Experience.
Dr. M. C. Gee is one of the physicians who endorse Peruna. In a letter written from 513 Jones street, San Francisco, Cal., he says:

"There is a general objection on the part of the practicing physician to advocate patent medicines. But when any one medicine cures hundreds of people, it demonstrates its own value and does not need the endorsement of the profession.

"Peruna has performed so many wonderful cures in San Francisco that I am convinced that it is a valuable remedy. I have frequently advised its use for women, as I find it insures regular and painless menstruation, cures leucorrhoea, and ovarian troubles, and builds up the entire system. I also consider it one of the finest catarrh remedies I know of. I heartily endorse your medicine."—M. C. Gee, M. D.

Women are especially liable to pelvic catarrh, female weakness as it is commonly called. Especially in the first few weeks of warm weather do the disagreeable symptoms of female weakness make themselves especially apparent in crisp, cold weather. It is not so persistently debilitating effects of the drain upon the system, but at the approach of summer with its lassitude and tired feelings, the sufferer with pelvic catarrh feels the need of a strengthening tonic.

Peruna is not only the best spring tonic for such cases, but if persisted in will effect a complete cure. Write for a copy of "Health and Beauty" written especially for women by Dr. Hartman. If you want to read of some cures, also, write for a copy of "Facts and Faces." That will surely convince you that our claims are valid.

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Gave Him Too Much Energy.
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Deserts of the World.
The great desert of Gobi would fill the entire Mississippi valley from the Alleghenies to the Rockies. Upward of 300,000 square miles of Arabia are an uninhabitable waste, while the terrible Sahara is vast enough to cover three whole United States.

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