

CURRENT TOPICS.

As a New York World correspondent...

The Marquis de Donagel recently stated...

The "regal red poppy" has recently been found...

Dr. Dix says the new Episcopal cathedral in New York...

Mrs. Blavatsky, the Theosophist, has explained the Keely Motor...

Justice Kersten of Chicago, gave this advice to a prisoner...

The father of Hugh Mottram Brooks, alias Maxwell...

The latest time-saving invention is known as the "porteletric system"...

At Mr. Clifford's lecture at Prince's Hall, London...

This is a good time of the year for bad men to switch off...

Queen Victoria has selected a new maid of honor...

Advertisements are often very amusing in their attempts to illustrate...

The Duke of Wellington has told Lord Stanhope some curious facts...

According to the Pall Mall Gazette, Capt. Ingram, who was recently killed...

In his article on "Slavery in Africa," in the June "Scribner"...

The London Weekly Dispatch says the Government of New South Wales...

stamps. "That symbol of Imperial unity," the Dispatch continues...

Light shades of paper make a room look more cheerful...

If the Turkish Government consents, says a letter in the Philadelphia Press...

The Oklahoma boom has proved to be very short lived...

Sir Edwin Chadwick, in an address on sanitary science...

The newest personal adornment in the old world takes the form of hairs from the tail of the African elephant...

Hospital puts in a plea for the exercise of all the muscles of the body...

A New York woman says that women are, as a rule, more deceptive than men...

The Duke of Buccleuch is getting up with an exhibition of an exhibition in which many of his own family relics will figure...

The islands in Georgian Bay, especially Manitoulin Island, Cockburn and St. Joseph Islands...

tree. They are of limestone formation, and the cedar is almost the only tree that grows there...

According to a Baltimore paper the girls of that aristocratic city are indulging in a very remarkable fad...

Speaking of his father's physical recreations, Mr. Herbert Gladstone says in the Birmingham Times...

He Fooled His Bishop.

A good story is told of one of the most popular clergymen in a city not 100 miles from Brooklyn...

The Rod.

A rather curious angling incident occurred the other day in the neighborhood of Kelse, Scotland...

In Guy's (London) Hospital Reports, vol. 1, page 376, is found the statement...

A Gift from the Pope.

The Owl, the Ottawa College paper, says: "A letter from Rome brings the information that His Holiness Leo XIII. has given another proof of his esteem for Ottawa University by presenting to it a magnificent portrait of himself in the attitude of giving his blessing..."

HOW TO PREPARE STRAWBERRIES.

Hints to the Ladies Which Are Worth Pondering Over.

If strawberries from the market always come to our hands as free from dust and grit as the hot-house specimens forced on us during the winter months...

Some persons like strawberries sugared and set away on ice a little while before serving...

Temperance Notes.

In regard to surgical operations every physician dreads to have anything to do with beer-drinkers...

A statement has been issued by the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee...

One of the first literary men in the United States said to a temperance lecturer, "There is one thing I wish you to do everywhere; intreat every mother not to give a drop of strong drink to a child..."

A Home for Poor Freemasons.

For over thirty years the Freemasons of New York State have been striving for a home to shelter helpless craftsmen and their families...

Sympathy.

Miss Prim (to Mr. Richfellow)—"Oh, it's nothing, nothing. My teeth ache a little; that's all."

Wanted a Change.

Deacon Goodie—"You have labored continuously for five years without a vacation. Wouldn't you like to go somewhere for a change?"

A Martyr to Duty.

Doctor—"I am going to church." Office boy—"Yes, sir. What time shall I call you?"

—When a man slips on a banana skin the first thing he does is to look back to see what it was. The first thing a woman does is to look around to see if any one saw her.

THE LADIES' WORKBOX.

Fashion's Fancies.

French chollies, which come in pretty floral designs, make very dainty summer dresses.

Bordered gingham and cotton goods are now shown in large varieties, and make stylish dresses.

Long black lace wraps, lined with pale gray or lavender satin, are popular for middle-aged ladies.

Tan-colored goat-skin shoes will take the place of canvas shoes this summer for the sea-side and mountains.

Printed foulards are very fashionable, and among the favorite colors are pale green, dull blue, purple and copper.

The latest design in brooches are represented in the form of rare and delicate orchids, sprays of mimosa, wild roses and other flowers.

Handsome pins and combs of brilliant stones and metals are now used to hold in place a lady's hair, the style of dressing being either high or low.

Blouse waists of washing silk, brieft-stitched, are popular with yachting costumes, and are worn with a wide belt, fastened by an immense silver buckle.

The plain tailor-made gowns of faced cloth or cheviot is still considered the most refined dress for general wear, and there is no trimming save buttons of the material.

Stylish hats have crowns of all heights and brims of all twists, and the most popular trimming is flowers, which are used in great profusion, and frequently compose the entire hat.

A brimless bonnet, horse-shoe shape, has a wreath of Nile green hopblossoms around the edge, veiled with a frill of black lace, and the puffed black lace crown has Nile green "baby" ribbon run through beading.

The monk's cloak for travelling is made of brown Carmelite wool, and envelops the wearer from head to foot, while there is a genuine monk's hood at the back, and the cloak is confined at the waist by a knotted rope of brown wool.

Tennis costumes have become so popular that they are no longer strictly confined to the play ground, but are worn for morning wear, especially at summer resorts. They are found exceedingly comfortable, and are alike pretty for the lady or the young miss, and are usually made of striped dannel.

Black watered silk, and the ribbon of all widths, bids fair to grow in popularity during the spring and summer seasons. For those who cannot afford a black lace gown of the best quality, black point d'esprit is fashionable. Made elaborately or with simple plaited skirts, be sure to add fully two or three bows of narrow moire ribbon, run on in rows of three and four about the skirt, hems, up and down the front of the waist, on the sleeves, and, in fact, wherever a bow or a band can be laid. Finish with a broad moire sash, and the effect will be eminently pretty and stylish.

Remnants of delicately colored silks and mulls can be converted into adjustable vests and worn with any gown, and can easily be made at home under the usual cost. About the throat fits a high collar of white silk, buttoned or hooked at the back, while one breadth of silk serves to make the vest, which should be sloped slightly to fit the curve of the collar, then gathered on, laid in very fine plaits, or smoked in two rows. In case of the full garter, let the whole fall loosely and full in the Moliere vest, but, if plaited, draw down smoothly and finish at the waist by a band of silk or dark velvet, and if the breadth be sufficiently long make the full vest, then draw the remainder to the right hip, and let the end hang in a fringe.

Consumption from House Sweepings.

The Manchester Medicines Wochenschrift No. 308, reports that Carnet has experimented with the dust obtained from the walls and floors of various dwellings in which tuberculous patients have been, including guinea pigs with it, and carefully excluding all possibility of infection from outside sources. In this way, 21 rooms of seven Berlin hospitals were examined and bacilli found to have been present in the dust from most of them. Positive results were also obtained with the dust from insane asylums and penitentiaries. The dwellings of 53 tuberculous patients were investigated in the same way, and the dust in the neighborhood of 30 patients found to be virulent. It was the case, with absolute regularity, that the dust was always virulent when the patient had been in the habit of spitting on the floor, or in a handkerchief, while it was never so when a spit cup had been employed.

How to Tell Her Age.

Girls of a marriageable age do not like to tell how old they are, but you can find out by following the subjoined instructions, the young lady doing the figuring: Tell her to put down the number of the month in which she was born, then to multiply it by 2, then to add 5, then to multiply it by 50, then to add her age, then to subtract 365, then to add 115, then tell her to tell you the amount she has left. The two figures to the right will tell you her age and the remainder the month of her birth. For example, the amount is 822, she is 22 years old, and was born in the eighth month (August). Try it.—Leading Telegram.

One in the Family.

Boy—Papa, is there really such a thing as an ossified man?
Papa (a poor relation)—There is, my son, there. Your Uncle Bullion is an ossified man.

Boy—Why, I never heard that before! Why doesn't he exhibit himself in a show?
Papa (savagely)—He would if he thought anybody would pay 10 cents to see him.—Chicago Tribune.

No man ever had to be far seeing to see temptation.—Athenian Globe.

A horse at Ansonia, Conn., got a pibble in his nose while drinking from a shallow brook, and now, whenever he crosses it, laps water like a dog, though elsewhere he drinks in the usual fashion.

Cincinnati points with pride to a Ludwig Vonhinkelsteinshausenblosler.

Visitor (to Butler who is showing him through the picture gallery of the old mansion)—That's a fine portrait. Is it an old master? Butler—No. That's the old missus.