

THE LADIES.

AN ORIGINAL AND THRIFTY MAIDEN.

Here is a story of an original and thrifty maiden. For many years she hoarded the envelopes of all the letters she received.

SAVED HUMAN LIVES.

Froken Anette Weber and Froken Augusta Weber, from Stordalen, in Norway, will obtain the medal for saving life as a reward for the plucky and resolute manner in which they, some time ago, saved two men from drowning outside the Lorkvik lighthouse.

TO REMOVE FALSE HAIR.

The French hairdressers are circulating a petition which they will submit to the Minister of Fine Arts when it has 500,000 signatures. The purport of the document is that women be prohibited from appearing in their hats in the theatres subsidized by the government.

A RECENT SWELL WEDDING.

At the recent wedding in London, England, of the Countess of Dudley, nee Gurney, the bridesmaids wore black hats, and not only were the hats black, but the gowns also relieved, however, by knots of cream lace.

HAWAII'S QUEEN.

It is not so hard to pronounce the name of her gracious majesty the Hawaiian Queen, as it may at first sight seem. Who last month became a widow. Try this - Lil-lic-wok-a-lanny.

AMAZONS OF THE FORGE.

Efforts are being made in Great Britain to secure legislation that would prohibit the employment of women and girls in the business of making nails, spikes and chains.

We have nothing to say against the crusade for female emancipation, though if the truth be told the amazons of the black country, with its countless furnaces and its smoke-darkened sky, are by no means the serfs they seem to be.

We do not believe in female employment in such a masculine business as making spikes and chains, says the Age of Steel. The forge is no place for a woman, but if she chooses to swing a hammer, who can prevent it?

no law can annul the right of the gentle sex to make the shoe or pound the anvil. That there are two sides of this question of female blacksmiths can no longer be denied.

A lass of sixteen years, who wielded a hammer weighing eighteen pounds, pleaded her improvement in health as a reason why the law should not interfere with her business.

FASHION NOTES.

Solid silver photo frames come in pierced work threaded through with fancy velvets.

Emery bags devised as peaches, mounted with silver tops, are among quaint offerings.

An exceedingly neat ring consists of a slender gold wire with three diamonds one above the other, in an inclined setting.

English women continue to wear with their tailor-made suits very high collars - collars that only seem possible to the long, English throat.

It is gravely announced, by a fashionable shoemaker, that women really in the best style, as far as shoes are concerned, will have on those made of green calfskin, laced with brown.

The daintiest stockings to be worn by a bride are of fine white silk with a medallion of Valenciennes lace set in the instep.

Lizards, spiders, and serpents are approved ornaments for the hair, the grotesque in jewelry reigning supreme at the present moment.

Nowadays the wearing of false hair is barely tolerated, and women with but little of their own arrange what they have to the best advantage.

Quaint old china and pottery models are being revived for flower holders - a milk maid and her buckets, and animals with flowers springing from their backs.

One of fashion's bizarre foibles is the Red Riding hood cape, which is of cloth of the most vivid tone but of the finest quality.

Dress skirts are being made narrower even than they were worn a few months ago; indeed, those who affect the exaggerated mode find difficulty in walking.

An expensive but handsome novelty is a gown cloth ornamented with a flat band of leather trimming made of lophophore, peacock or other brilliant plumage.

The most elegant material for visiting and dining gowns this season is the finest plain cloth. Its weight makes it possible to use brighter colors than would be desirable in a less solid fabric.

Just at the present moment millinery particularly favor bronze browns and the different varieties of green.

What is known as the sanglier hat has a rough surface, and is designed expressly to wear with shaggy tweed and rough camel-hair costumes.

Elegant evening dresses are ornamented with delicate silk embroideries or handsome jeweled passementeries around the hem, often arranged in deep points.

The bodice is made with a collar with deep points standing like a Stuart fraise and with cuffs, extending nearly to the elbow, of the deeply vandyked trimming.

The heavy foundation-skirt is omitted in many of the most elegant and expensive imported gowns.

Every family should take this brightest and best of illustrated literary papers in addition to its local paper.

Very handsome are some of the French walking-coats made of deep Alderney cream-colored billiard cloth and trimmed with cut jet cabochons and faceted nail-heads.

"Ulan blue" is a very favorite shade of that color. It appears among wool fabrics in ladies' cloth, camel-hair, India cashmere and Syrian cloth.

The velvet rosettes that have obtained so much lately are still fancied, and to carry out this artistic idea, are to be preferred to bows, as a bow should not be placed where something does not seem to require joining together.

As a rosette, being purely an ornament, can be placed where it fulfills its duty in life, and is simply decorative.

MICROBE OF LEPROSY DISCOVERED.

M. Pasteur Talks on the Find of an English Doctor in India.

Great interest was caused in medical and other circles in Paris at the report from Simla, India, that an English doctor there had succeeded in discovering, separating, and neutralizing the special microbe of leprosy.

The news of the discovery of the leprosy microbe is no surprise to me. In fact, with the progress of science and by following the lines already laid down, I have not the slightest doubt but that in time the microbes of all diseases which attack the human body will be discovered and cultivated.

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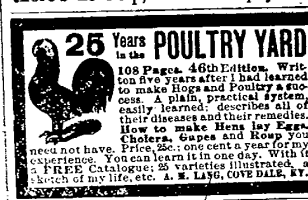
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