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To See the Fair Cheaply.

A leading Chicago newspaper has taken the pains to figure out the cost of a 10 days' visit to the exposition as a little less than $19, including admission to the grounds, entrance into all the side shows and concessions, rides on all the sliding railways, etc. This allows for fares from the heart of the city and back and 50 cents a day for luncheon, which last item may certainly be reduced one-half. The 50 cents admission to the grounds grants entrance to all the main buildings (14 of them and their annexes) with their exhibits, any one of which would repay hours' or even days' study; to all the foreign buildings, except those on the Midway plaisance, and to the different state buildings.

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The Woman's building makes especial provision for the comfort of women at the exposition, and the Children's building across the way is designed for the entertainment of children and the instruction of their mothers. There will be plenty of lunch counters and dining rooms, where you may buy whatever you like, from a cup of coffee or a glass of milk to a square meal, and pay accordingly.—Mrs. Moses P. Handy in Ladies' Home Journal.

Why Crinoline Will Fail.

I don't believe that there is any danger of a revival of crinoline. Life is now so much freer in the fashionable world than it was in the fifties and the sixties. There were then no lecturers who were favorites of the fair at the Sorbonne and the College of France. Elegantly dressed women did not jump into tram cars or in fine weather enjoy the prospect of the street from the roof seats of these vehicles. The public that went to hear the debates in parliament was a small one compared to what it is now. Crinoline would be out of the question in the now overcrowded tribunes. There was no flying off to the Riviera in the decades I speak of, or if things were not there to one's liking running farther on to Egypt, or maybap to India. The quantities of trunks that a fashionable lady dragged about with her when she went to Compiegne or Fontainebleau would be thought now unendurable.

There were then whole regiments of imperial domestics with luggage vans and wagonettes to take charge of boxes and bandboxes and bring them to the rooms marked out for their owners. The thing is now to have toilets the least cumbersome that can be made. I have seen lately several really elegant dresses and lots of other wearing apparel stowed into a portmanteau without being creased. To have a quantity of baggage when one goes to a health resort or a watering place is to be at the mercy of hotel keepers. The ladies of the empire did not care what they spent because the bills they ran up were generally paid out of the treasury. Extravagant women must now draw the line somewhere.—Paris Cor. London Truth.

Powerful Legs of Ostriches.

The strength of the ostrich is something prodigious. We have all read, with more or less of skepticism, of their carrying boys upon their backs. I have my self seen, and close at hand, a hen ostrich running freely with a full grown Kaffir of not less than 10 stone weight astride on her back. They are dangerous, too, at times, for, though powerless in neck and beak, an ostrich possesses formidable weapons of offense in his great legs and 2-toed feet.

A raking forward kick delivered by an ostrich has been known to rip a man clean open—as any one will readily believe who has seen the heavy nails and the enormous muscles of their thighs. It is commonly said by those who know, that a kick from an ostrich is as bad as a kick from a horse.—Macmillan's Magazine.

She Kicked Off the Porter's Cap.

Broad Street station crowds were startled by a sudden vision of lace and black hosiery in midair and the gyrations of a pretty young woman who had just alighted from a New York express train. The young woman was gesticulating with a parlor car porter who held fast to a red cased umbrella on which she, too, had a grip. She was French from the shrill piping of her voice to the gay butterfly tips of her big hat. The crowds had watched the excited damsel's efforts to gain possession of the disputed umbrella, when all at once the damsel lifted a tiny foot, and in a trice the porter's cap was sent flying across the tracks. The porter gave up the umbrella and simply stared. A peal of merry laughter, a scurrying of skirts, and the damsel and three others of her type were whisked away to the Continental, where they registered in pure French as Mlles. Coquelicot, Fanchon, Fauvette and Macarone.—Philadelphia Record.

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A Glimpse of Gladstone.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon I took a bus at Parliament street and climbed on top to enjoy the fresh breeze and the movement of the streets. Just as we were passing the dingy cul-de-sac of Downing street the driver turned round with a quick, animated motion, and pointing his whip said, "See! 'ere comes the Old Man!" And there coming out of Downing street was a rather seedy looking 1-horse victoria and in it an old couple, the gentleman wearing a tall hat considerably the worse for wear. This was the prime minister of England and his wife going for an airing in the park. The extreme simplicity of the turnout was impressive. The single horse was a common bred, awkward limbed roan. I have often seen better under a farmer's side car in Ireland. The only sign of state, and that was no more than the state of a simple gentleman, was the two servants on the box. "There he goes," said the bus driver, with a glance back at his passengers. "The greatest man in the world, by gosh! Say, Jim" (this to the conductor, whom he heard just then on the roof taking fares), "see the Old Man? There's the man as is going to give peace and prosperity to your country," from which remark I gathered that his friend Jim was an Irishman.

By this time the victoria was just alongside the bus on the roadway below, and Mrs. Gladstone, happening to look up, the driver took the opportunity to crook his elbow and give her a professional salute. All the passengers on the roof without exception took off their hats. Mrs. Gladstone called her husband's attention, whereupon he, looking up, returned the courtesy with old fashioned grace. The strong features after their momentary relaxation relapsed into their firm, almost stony expression, and one received a vivid impression of the power and greatness of that massive face as it contrasted with the throngs of insignificant physiognomies passing to and fro on pathway and roadway. It was an impression which seemed to reveal for a moment the secret of genius and its preeminence.—London Cor. Boston Pilot.

Women Voters of Wyoming.

I found that the great majority of the women in Wyoming are in the habit of voting. Not all of them vote as their husbands do, and, as one official expressed himself, "good men pride themselves upon not influencing their wives." Yet it is true, I am told, that very many women, of their own volition and unconsciously, copy the politics of their husbands. Occasionally the men of the state hear of women who refuse to embrace the privilege, who do not believe that women should meddle in affairs which concern the homes, the prosperity and the self respect and credit of the communities of which they are a part, but such women are of course few.

Among the women who show an intelligent interest and take an active part in politics, a few resort to the stump and speak for whichever cause they have adopted. But there are many who serve side by side with the men as delegates to conventions and voters in the party primaries. In the last state convention of the Republicans there were three women delegates. In that party's last county convention in Laramie county the secretary was a woman, and three delegates were of her sex. Women literally flock to the primaries—in the cities, at all events. At the primary meeting in the Third ward of Cheyenne last autumn out of 181 who were present at least 80 were women. In the other wards the proportion of women was as one is to three. On election days the women go a-voting precisely as they go a-shopping elsewhere. On foot or in their carriages they go to the polls, where, under the law, there are no crowds, and where all is quiet and orderly. There is no doubt that female suffrage has an improving effect upon politicians and their manners.—Julian Ralph in Harper's.

A Good Time to Wear Loose Shoes.

Women who consider their good looks as well as their comfort always wear shoes a size larger in summer than in winter. The feet, in spring weather especially, seem to respond to the languor of the rest of the frame—they are less elastic and less firm, they expand in size because they are relaxed in muscle, and they are causes of genuine torture to the saleswoman behind the counter as well as to the finely dressed customer before it. It is a serious mistake to make your complexion muddy because of aching and pinched feet. In contrast to this is the woman who delights to go barefoot and who does, in the seclusion of her dressing room and music room, kick off her slippers and run about in what would be called "stocking feet." On coming from her bath, with Turkish slippers on, this genuine child of nature will not have her feet rubbed with a towel.

She delights in drying them naturally as the nearest approach to the "barefoot cure" of Germany—the walking over dewy grass with bared feet—the nearest that she can attain to at home or in town. It is a notion of some western doctors that what they call "water tread" is good for the nerves, which means a foothath of not long duration and then no towel rubbing to follow. As the season approaches for bathing experiments this may be tried without danger. In the meantime the woman whose winter size of shoes is 3½B is now luxuriating in a 4½D. She has sensibly chosen a shoe that gives her the same freedom of motion as though she were barefoot.—Philadelphia Ledger.

When One Wants to Be Alone.

The man who said "there are moments when one wants to be alone" knew what he was talking about, and no one has more reason to appreciate this fact than a woman. Even the most affectionate and companionable woman in the world cannot enjoy companionship if the curl is out of her bangs, especially if her companion be of the opposite sex. There are other times, lots of them, too, when a woman feels the necessity of being alone, absolutely alone—for instance, when she feels like having a real good cry! At such a time she wants to indulge in tears without caring a snap whether or not her nose is red, her eyes swollen and her mouth distorted, and if there be a witness to her distress the comfort she might otherwise derive from a flood of tears is sadly marred by the consciousness that she is looking like a fright.

No true woman can enjoy anything, even grief, if she is not perfectly sure she looks well. When a woman breaks her corset lacing, loses her garter or her switch or applies the blush of youth to her faded cheek and a touch of gold to her gray locks, it is much better for her to be alone. She feels more comfortable and is less apt to impair any emotion of admiration your companion may entertain for you.

Recent Discovery In Iceland.

Iceland is still a field for explorers. From a lecture delivered recently before the Berlin Geographical society by Herr Thoroddsen, the Icelandic explorer, it appears that a hitherto unknown group of lakes to the west of the glaciers of Vatna Jokull has been discovered by him. Thoroddsen employed 10 summers in making himself acquainted with the interior of Iceland, and during these 10 journeys he was about 700 days in the saddle. It was necessary to be provided with food for himself and food for his horses, as he had endless deserts to cross and met with very few human dwellings. Before July there is no possibility of traveling, the ground being too soft with snow water. Even in summer there are often terrible storms, and the glacier rivers are difficult to pass. There are, by the way, five printing presses in Iceland; 10 newspapers and eight magazines are published, and that the Icelanders have a great impulse to intellectual production is proved by the fact that the 12,000 Icelanders who immigrated to Manitoba have founded 19 newspapers in their new colony.

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