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NATIONAL NEWS

(Articles collected from various 1875 sources.)

CROOKED WHISKY

Newman's Ridge is a small, rough mountain on the border of Hancock county, East Tennessee. The Morristown Gazette says that for years it has been well known that illicit distilleries were at work in the deep, dark, gorges of the ridge, making large quantities of whisky and brandy, which liquors have been distributed all over east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and western North Carolina, and secretly sold. Efforts have been made at various times to suppress this illegal traffic, and to capture and punish the manufacturers of the illicit liquor; all of which proved fruitless.

FROM THE FRONT.

Some apprehension is felt that the Indians will renew the war in the spring with increased fierceness, but this is barely probable unless the hostile savages of the south are joined by others from the north. They have been badly whipped, according to their accounts; their ammunition is exhausted; a large proportion of those yet out have lost their ponies, and are not in a condition to offer any very serious resistance to the troops; and as to making raids on frontier settlements, they will have enough to do to watch and evade the troops. It is now well ascertained that the confederated bands of hostile Indians in the south cannot muster over five hundred fighting men, and when the columns of Gen. McKenzie, Cols. Hatch, Davidson, and Biddle are put in motion, they will make short work of it. The first two officers are ordered to take the field in person at once. Biddle is already out, and the different columns will soon be put in motion. So that, on the whole, the prospect for a speedy and permanent settlement of our Indian troubles was never more encouraging..

AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

St. Louis, March 2. A dispatch from Gen. Augur, dated San Antonio, Texas, today, to Gen. Sherman, says: The balance of the Kiowa Indians, numbering 140, among whom were Lone Wolf, Red Otter, and other prominent chiefs, surrendered unconditionally to a scouting party on Salt Fork, on February 22, gave up their arms and ponies, and were expected to arrive at Fort Sill February 26. There are only 12 Kiowas now out.

DAYLIGHT THROUGH HIS HEAD.

San Francisco, July 28. S. J. Finney, late joint Senator of San Francisco and San Mateo, was found dead this morning at his residence, shot through the head by a rifle ball. Not known whether accidental or otherwise.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Lincoln, though insane, will continue to draw the pension of \$150 per month from the Government. Sympathy and regret on account of her sorrowful condition are being expressed in all parts of the Union.

A San Francisco woman had read of Samson and Delilah, and, as her husband displayed unusual strength at times in mauling her, she sheared her head and face down to the closest notch one day, when he was asleep. Since the time that husband awoke, need it be said, that woman has been a bitter and incurable unbeliever in Biblical inspiration.

TURNER TRIAL

Bessie Turner is described as a little girl of good complexion, with reddish brown hair, dropping a long, red curl behind; comely, but not striking features, and a general appearance of a poor girl somewhat uneasy in the society and prominence she has attained. She is slight and small. In court she wore eardrops of plain gold in her smallish ears, wore dogskin gloves on fairly small hands, a black, neat dress, and looked timidly out upon the audience. The general impression she conveyed was that of one detached, unawed, incidental and unfortunate, but without much consciousness of it.

[Editor's Note: Yes, they DID say "dogskin" gloves!]

THE SIOUX.

Red Cloud Agency, July 14. We met Boules and Ogalolla in council today. They desire a general council to be held at Shadron Creek, midway between Spotted Tail and Red Cloud agencies, September 1st. They positively refuse to go to the Missouri river. They will aid in bringing in the Northern Sioux and Cheyennes, and have even assented to the time and place designated by them, subject to your approval.

Camp on Shadron, July 15. The young chief Afraid-of-his-horse, with five of his men, went to bring in the Northern Sioux today. Red Day and others accompany us, to influence the Indians there.

THE CHOCTAWS

Major Geo. Ingalls, the U. S. Indian Agent for all the civilized nations, is here. He is doing much good in developing the material, educational, and religious interests of the people, and is a very popular public official.

FOREIGN NEWS

Three royal sprouts of Europe, who may yet be all ruling nations at the same time, are Louis Eugene, of France, aged 16, Fredrick Wilhelm of Germany, aged 18, and Alphonso of Spain, aged 19.

England's empire in the southern hemisphere covers 3,000,000 square miles, the United States, less Alaska. The white population of Australasia, as these great islands are called, was in 1850 about 240,000. Now it is but little less than 2,000,000.

Four families of Bohemians, consisting of eighteen grown people and several children, arrived at Salina from New York on Friday evening. On Saturday they took a view of the city and adjacent country and the leader started on Sunday morning for New York, and is expected to return in a few weeks with thirty families more. So says the *Advocate*.

INDEMNITY TO FRENCH.

M. Bronte Duval intends, in the assembly, to ask the government, why indemnity due French citizens for losses sustained by them in the U. S. during the late war has not been paid, while the claims of other foreigners have been settled.

ADVERTISEMENTS

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WANTED

An opening for an enterprising medical practitioner exists among the Indians at Hot Springs, California, their former medicine man having lately been made defendant in an aboriginal malpractice case, wherein the damages consisted of his ears and scalp.

All articles above are
Courtesy of "The Constitution", 1875



SMITH COLLEGE FOR YOUNG WOMEN, NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

This College will be opened for the reception of students on the second Thursday in September, 1875.

The course of studies, occupying four years, will be fully equivalent to that in our best New England college for young men.

Candidates for admission to the lowest class will be examined in Arithmetic, Geography, the construction of the English Language, general outlines of History, the Latin and Greek Grammars, the Catiline of Sallust, seven orations of Cloero, the first six books of Virgil's *Eneid*, three books of Xenophon's *Anabasis*, two books of Homer's *Iliad*, Algebra to Quadratic Equations, and two books of Geometry.

For circulars or information apply to the President, REV. L. CLARK SEELY E. AMHERST, MASS; or to the Secretary of the Tru tees, J.M. GREENE, LOWELL, MASS.

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HUMORS OF THE DAY.

A WOMAN TO BE ENVIED-The wife of a poor Curate writes, sighingly, as follows: "I see that the Sultan is always appearing in public with a new Hatt. I wonder if the Sultana exercises the same privilege, and can come out as often as she likes with a new Bonnet."

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHIN-An exchange asks: "If there's a place for everything, where is the place for a boil?" It has been said that the best place for such an ornament is on some other fellow, and we don't think a better location can be discovered.

ADVICE THAT NEVER WILL BE FOLLOWED-A woman should never marry. Previous to marriage, she is an Angel; whereas after marriage, she is nothing more than a Woman!—One who admires Women far too generally ever to give a selfish preference to One.

MRS. ROCHEFOUCAULD'S MAXIMS.

A looking-glass never pays compliments, but it enables us to win them.

Time is our bitterest enemy. He makes us wear caps. Children are mile-stones that tell the world the distance a woman has traveled from her youth.

Some women blush to prove that they have a little modesty left.

DISINTERESTED ADVICE TO LADIES OF A LITERARY TURN.

—Never marry an author. He is sure at some time or other to put you in his books, and the consequence is, you will come out, like those rare botanical specimens similarly preserved, as flat and as dead as possible. Not a fraction of color will there be left in you! There will only be the withered outline, by which you will be able to trace your original beauty. In fact, a wife to an author is only so much book-muslin to enable him to dress up his characters with

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SPECIAL FASHION REVIEW 1870 to 1875

Courtesy of our desirous and honored Godey's Ladies Magazine and Peterson's Magazine, following is a Ladies Wear pictorial review.

1870 - January



1870 - August



At the beginning of this decade we see a subtleness of shape as it becomes less exuberant from the late 1860s, but the trimmings much more elaborate. The taste for using two materials and two colours developed, with one colour predominate, and the secondary harmonizing with the first. A darker colour was socially required for the overdress and the brighter colour for the underdress. It was, on the whole, a year in which colour and textile, rather than form, supply the novelties.

1871 - January



1871



The polonaise made its return from the 18th Century in this year, first as an outdoor garment, then as an integral part of the dress. It consisted essentially of a bodice and tunic in one, the tunic being looped up at the sides, short in front and much looped up behind into a poof. Different from the previous year was the use of the same colour throughout the

dress but in different shades. The use of different materials, however, continued. 'Suits' also became very fashionable as well as an introduction of sport costumes.

1872



1872



This year was marked by the development of the polonaise and the change in colour taste. One observer remarked on the 'exquisite combinations of blue grey and pink' or bronze, olive brown and greenish grey. The back of the polonaise is prolonged to knee-level but the sides continued to be looped up generally with a bow of ribbon at each hip. The use of different materials for the polonaise and the skirt was also more fashionable. For the complete costume, 25 yards was required; the polonaise taking 9 yards of the total.

1873



1873



'What will mark [this year], among others, is the amount of trimming with which we have found it possible to load every separate article, from the slipper to the monument we have agreed to call the bonnet.' Tis true as flounces became piped, edged, waved, and leaded down with fanciful devices. Bias folds of different shades of the same color were used, and ruching became one of the most fashionable of trimmings. Sashes were a prominent feature as well, being very long and wide either holding up a pouf or draped round the waist.

1874 - June



1874 - July



The shape was a principal distinguisher of this year. The dresses were made tighter round the hips and in effect the wearer no longer stood, as in the previous decade, in the centre of a circle but at the very front of an ellipse. Features included an increase of the tablier, diminishing bustles, longer waists, tighter corsage, tie-back skirts, trained, and a vogue for coarse woollen materials. Evening dresses were 14 to 15 yards.

1875 - April



1875



To eloquently summarize, the reasons for the present extraordinary luxury in dress is that the surplus million of women are husband-hunting and resort to extra attractions to that end. This statement is only true to the later and most recent of fashions of this fine year of 1875. The puffs and bustles of late winter and early spring have all but disappeared leaving very flat backs and very tight fronts, shewing the hips and figure as much as possible. Fashion is now starting to consist of long waists, long skirts, long tabliers, long ends at the back, deep basques and coat sleeves. There are few of us ladies, however, that disregard the newer Parisian fashions and flaunt their bustles with excitable exuberance.

LOCAL NEWS

From the Residents of Oak Street

Mrs. Von Horn's Local Gossip

As one never to back down from a challenge, I moved into this new town and settled on Oak Street, as we all know. Now I give the Hensley's high praise for not only hiring on a woman as an article writer, but one as controversial as myself. It takes a strong pair of people to let the truth be heard and not sugar coated like the Bakers pies! These are interesting times for our town and I aim to be the one to muse about it.

To set this whole thing in motion, I guess I ought to settle some of the tattle that has befallen myself. I wear the "Mrs." title as a symbol of my undying love for the ruggedly handsome gentleman that captured my heart. Let it be known, that a man who makes his living as purveyor of fine medicine, is a completely acceptable profession and has bought me many a fine item. It is this man who has left his mark, in a most permanent fashion, by causing a spring a life to dwell within my loins, as has been seen. Due to the fact my man of valor is currently on call, by the befallen masses for his elixir of health, his travels have taken him to distant places and I mourn his absence. I am a woman that by no means cannot take care of herself, therefore any indication by the town's people that I am weak or undignified can, in my humble opinion... eat filth.

Speaking of filth...ever since I retained this new maid from the Johnson Oak Inn, I wondered if it was more of a sacrifice to myself than the ladies that own the Inn led me to believe of their loss of employee. One would assume that in the years of service to the ladies of the Inn that one simple Irish maid would learn the rules of etiquette and refinement. Now I'm not saying I haven't had my moment of amusement, when the looseness of tongue finds my maid spilling all that the town's lesser class has to offer (I have yet to be amazed at the what the "lad and lasses" have heard when the those that think they are alone whisper to each other.), but really, having to track her down from the most undignified places has become laborious.

Just the other day I found myself intrigued in the story of loose lips and even looser morals. Under those shiny buttons and whitened lace there's a tainted soul or two! I'd watch those so called "Ladies of The Inn" and if you are a well rounded gentleman with a pocketbook that might have a bit of paper inside, I'd hide them far away... for the smell of possible wealth can bring on the trembling of women's virtues.

I am not one to kiss and tell, but I must leave you wanting. Remember, it's not how you present yourself to the world that matters, it's what you do when you think no one is watching.

A Celebrated Visitor Returns

We are pleased to report that Miss Henrietta Kingsley is once again in our midst, as she stops here briefly in the midst of her travels to visit with her young cousins, Mrs. Lily Cressman and Miss Violet Johnson, of the Johnson Oak Inn.

Our frequent readers will recall that Miss Kingsley is well known in private circles as the author, under a variety of pen names, of many of our favorite stories which appear regularly in Peterson's Ladies' Magazine. On previous occasions she has been so gracious as to entertain us with personal readings of a few of her best regarded tales, such as "The Soldier's Letter," "Trifles," and "Miss Martin's Boarder."

Dare we anticipate that, if prevailed upon with the proper degree of importunity, Miss Kingsley will once again favor us with a reading of her newest work? A little bird has hinted to us that it has something to do with Croquet.