

SUN SHADES FOR MEN.

The other day when I was sweltering on the sunny side of the street, clad in medium tweed and hard black hat there met me my friend B— arrayed in white cotton and crowned with a Panama and carrying above his head a spacious umbrella of the family class.



He looked the personification of coolness.

of envy every time I looked at him. Even being in his company was pleasant, like sailing alongside a stray iceberg in the tropics. But it was evident from the glances cast at him by other promenaders, on business or on pleasure bent, that they rather despised B—'s get-up, especially the umbrella. A smile of contemptuous compassion fitted over the perspiring countenances of the passers by as they regarded the unfamiliar vision of 'the man with a sunshade,' but looking at B—'s delightfully cool visage I could not but think he had the best of the joke.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Notice to Contributors.—Any letters or MSS. received by the Editor of the "New Zealand Graphic" will be immediately acknowledged in this column.

'Ellie.'—It is not necessary, but more courteous, to put the name of the lady who employs Miss B. as governess for the address on her letters.

'N.M.'—If the lady is at home do not leave your card.

'U.'—No, very bad form.

'Reply.'—There is no necessity.

'Literal.'—Yes, why not? She is a cousin.

'Soply.'—You would find one good skirt and morning and afternoon blouses quite sufficient.

'Mater.'—Certainly; ask the young man his intentions.

'Rubicon.'—We do not print such queries.

'S.V.P.'—Thin bread and butter and oysters, hot coffee.

'Junior.'—Certainly not. The wife of the eldest son takes precedence of the younger's bride, even if the latter have the advantage in years.

'O.M.P.'—Ten, cake, or sandwiches are quite sufficient.

'V.S.'—Declined with thanks.

'Oscar.'—Stories of your culture are not printable in this paper.

'Cyclist.'—A good tweed jacket, skirt, and bloomers, with woven underwear, a neat felt hat, would answer all your requirements.

'Wants to Know.'—In addressing letters, this is a titled lady's rule: 'Your tradesman is Mr; your friend is Esq.'

'Mrs.'—Could not be done.

'Ellie.'—Many thanks.

'E.M.'—Yes, will do admirably.

'O.N.T.'—Illustration not necessary.

'Etriquette.'—Never forgot to thank for a courtesy.

'Mater.'—Give your boy something to interest him at home.

'Bet.'—Eyeglasses are not fashionable unless the wearer is really short-sighted.

'Yellow.'—Why not?

'D.S.'—Give up trivial letter-writing and irregular reading, and cultivate your mind.

'Lady Charlotte.'—Buy a good water proof and save your dress.

'Miss Hinder.'—I think your complaints are unfounded. Do your own shopping and see for yourself.

'Peter Smith.'—You would have to pass an examination.

'Lottie.'—Auburn; quite a fashionable tint.

'Work.'—Walking sticks ought to be within your scope. Try to curve one.

'Earl.'—Do not know of any book on that subject.

'Tatters.'—If you are sure the letter was received, you must accept your dismissal.

'Stirling.'—Sulphate of copper sometimes cures dry rot. Syringe with it.

'E.G.'—Put sand in the cage.

'Manawa.'—The number of bites which Mr Gladstone is reported to have given to every mouthful of food he took is 32—which is, by the way, precisely the number of teeth which nature allots to the adult man and woman.

'Constant Reader.'—(Query No. 1), Sandow, who is a well known authority on physical training, recommends the use of five pound dumb-bells to begin with for youths above seventeen years of age, but if you are not very strong, perhaps it would be better for you to begin with three pound dumb-bells and gradually increase the weight as you gain strength. (Query No. 2), Bicycle riding is accounted beneficial to the weak if indulged in in strict moderation, and the rider takes care not to go too far at a time, or too fast, and walks instead of riding up hills.

'Nini.'—I am so sorry not to have answered you sooner. I think my girl is justified in giving a friend such as you describe a broad hint to either cease his attentions or come to the point. You might tell him of the engagement of some other girl, and ask him if it is true, as you heard, that he is engaged. Or tell him you intend to get married, and see how he takes it. If he is only trifling, he will be relieved; if in earnest, he will show it in his manner.

A LITTLE RUSTY. 'By George, Jim!' said his friend, 'I never saw you as nervous before when you were getting married.' 'You must remember,' said the Chicago bridegroom, 'that this is the first time I have been married for more than two years, and I am a little out of practice.'

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