

A bill enabling women to practice as solicitors has been read a second time in the House of Lords.

White felt hats can be renewed by being gently rubbed with fine white oatmeal, then vigorously brushed, first with a stiff and then with a soft hat brush. The trimming must first of all, of course, be removed.

George H. Wilkins, of London, a member of the just-completed Canadian Government Arctic expedition that spent three years under Steffanson and Anderson, the explorers, studying the blonde Eskimo of Victoria Land, Liston and Sutton Islands and Herschel Island in latitude 72, about 900 miles from the North Pole, arrived in Chicago recently. "The blonde Eskimos, as they are called," said Mr. Wilkins, "are very interesting people. There is no regular marriage ceremony, and polygamy prevails in a good many tribes, but the trial marriage is everywhere recognised as legitimate. The autumn is their time for weddings, and most of the girls get married between the ages of fifteen and sixteen. They pick a man they want and go and ask him to marry them, or the man may do the asking. I talked to some of the pundits about that, and the old men told me it was better to let a woman pick her own man, because it saved a lot of trouble afterwards. If there is trouble the girl goes back to her people, or she need not do so. The man may take another wife, and for that matter, two more, and the wives seem to live in harmony. I lived with one man who had three wives, and with one woman who had two husbands. The woman who had two husbands always managed to keep one of them out fishing a good part of the time. She didn't seem to care which one."

"I can see at a glance, madam," said he, "that you would not be interested in the preparation I am selling, except possibly as a gift to some of your neighbours." "What are you selling?" she inquired with interest. "A facial beauty preparation, madam," he replied.—"Judge."

Speaking on the work of the Plunket Society, the Hon. G. W. Russell pointed out the other day that in the Dominion there were 98 boroughs with a population of over 1000. Of these 77 had no Plunket nurses, although he had been informed that nurses paid visits to some. Towns like Blenheim, Masterton, Palmerston North, Greymouth, New Plymouth, and others of secondary importance should have special assistance for the guidance of mothers. It was necessary for him in his position as Minister of Public Health to look at the question from the broader point of view. He hoped that an extension of the Plunket nursing system would reach centres other than those where the society now was engaged, and that the staffs of nurses in the cities would be increased in order that the great mortality of infants of one year and under might be diminished.

She had been sitting in the furniture shop for nearly two hours inspecting the stock of linoleums. Roll after roll the perspiring clerk brought out, but still she seemed dissatisfied. From her dress he judged her to be a person of wealth and thought it likely she would have a good order to give. When at last he had shown her the last roll he paused in despair. "I'm sorry, madam," he said, apologetically, "but if you could wait I could get some more pieces from the factory. Perhaps you would call in again." The prospective customer gathered her belongings together and rose from the chair. "Yes, do," she said with a gracious smile, "and ask them to send you one or two with very small designs, suitable for putting in the bottom of a canary's cage."

It is with a feeling of satisfaction, writes a Melbourne authority on dress, that in reading the forecast of fashion from overseas one notes that the changes are all for the better. What was extravagant before is now toned down. It is something, indeed, to be thankful for, as the "freak" note has lasted too long, and vulgarity he'd too much sway. Tailor-mades and afternoon frocks for the cold weather are to be of the simple, slim, and becoming order. One thanks goodness that the foolish fashions—followed slavishly by the elderly as by the young—of skirts almost knee-high, revealing limbs that with much advantage might well have been covered up, is now considered "bad form" (a remark that might very aptly have

been applied to the aforesaid limbs). The all-in-one dress, with its high waist, straight lines, and generally loose-fitting effect, will be much worn both in the form of house dresses and outdoor coat-frocks. In serge or in velvet, sometimes finely pleated on the skirt section, with lines of silk braided on the bodice, and with the inevitable touch of fur, what could be more becoming and attractive for its very simplicity? The best-dressed woman next season will be she who presents an appearance of simplicity and a smart severity.

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