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have what she calls "kind eyes." She declares that she has enough of the money left to buy "twenty more cheap dogs if she wants them, and Mrs. Robinson is in dire straits to get the girl a promise, she intends to abide by it, whatever the consequences. Meanwhile the cost of transporting the dogs has already amounted to a deal more than they are worth.

#### SWINGING TEARS.

In feminine swiftness the latest craze is swinging as an athletic exercise, and of course the fashionable physician has come forward with an endorsement of it. He declares that it is an ideal physical exercise, that it renders the muscles delightfully supple, improves a woman's figure and carriage and imparts a pretty tint to her complexion. But it is on other grounds that it appeals to the vanity of the young women. It enables them at one and the same time to give displays of prowess and effective dresses and bewitching glimpses of pretty ankles. It is said that "swinging tears" will be popular during the coming season, where competitors in ravishing gowns will bewitch all beholders.

#### THE EMOTIONAL GOWN.

Talking of ravishing dresses the latest thing is the "emotional gown." Just how gowns can express emotion is something of a mystery to the ordinary mind, but it is none to Mrs. Brown Potter, and Lady Duff-Gordon, who, under the style of "Laudie," runs an ultra-fashionable dressmaking establishment in Hanover Square, and finds her title a most valuable business asset. Mrs. Brown Potter is to appear in "emotional gowns" designed by Lady Duff-Gordon in her forthcoming production of "Madame Raoul-Duval's comedy," "The Golden Light." It is said they will mark "by their curves, colors and textures," the moral changes in the heroine as the play proceeds. That will be a new problem for the dramatic critics to tackle when the time comes, but meanwhile Mrs. Brown Potter is getting a good "ad" out of the idea, and Lady Duff-Gordon is coming money out of it. At Lucille's she has had a room fixed up as a miniature theater on the stage of which lovely models make their appearance arrayed in "emotional gowns." For the benefit of those who are not up in this millinery color cut a booklet is supplied in which their mystic meanings are explained. Thus, according to Lady Duff-Gordon, one dress which is entitled "Incessant Soft Desire," is "Full of youth and longing which wakes up the slumbering, indefinite thirst for possible happiness. It is furnished with its grey and pink its flush of deeper rose here and there, the tint of apple bloom, which would hold and torment and enthrall one with the yearning and unrest of spring." Probably the strongest emotion produced by the "emotional gowns" will be those experienced by the husbands or fathers who have to pay for them, for they come high. Next we may be treated to sympathetic shoes and hysterical hats.

#### AFTER THE PLUG HAT.

Lord Ronald Gower has revived his old campaign against the conventional masculine garb. This time it is to take the form of a show of ancient costumes that by contrast with the attire of the male spectators will afford a striking object lesson in the degeneracy of the modern man in the matter of dress. It is the stove pipe silk hat, the accepted emblem of eminent respectability, which especially offends Lord Gower's artistic tastes. He aims to get rid of that first. If he succeeds he will do battle against coat tails and long trousers. A soft hat of the cavalier type, a tailless coat, short trousers or knickerbockers, with gaiters or stockings, represent his idea of reasonable dress—at least that is as much as he ever expects to accomplish in the way of dress reform with the present generation. In the privacy of his own home he wears a picturesque costume of his own design which incidentally reveals the fact that he is the possessor of a fine pair of calves. In public, however, he dresses much like other men, wearing his "boots and all," the silk hat. By the way, calves displayed in silk stockings, and knee breeches in lieu of the ordinary nether garments, are what etiquette demands of the male guests at any dinner party, great or small, at which the king appears. If Lord Ronald could induce the king to extend the sphere of his influence over nether garments, he might well begin his campaign at the high end, and make the fight for masculine calves before he tackles the other hat.

#### AMBASSADOR GOES FISHING.

Ambassador Choate finds little scope for his diplomatic talents in these days of cordial relations between Uncle Sam and John Bull. With abundant leisure on his hands, while staying at the pretty country house he has rented for the summer and autumn at Hertfordshire, he is striving to master the gentle but difficult art of fly-fishing, under the tuition of a local expert. Miss Choate is also taking lessons of the same kind, and it is said can beat her father at casting all hollow. A trout stream that flows through a neighboring meadow affords them abundant opportunities for practice. Lady Evelyn Grey, who will accompany the newly appointed governor general of Canada, Earl Grey, to America, inherits her father's sporting proclivities. She is an expert angler and a keen fisher. Last year, in opening a miniature rifle range at the Crystal Palace she scored seven bull's eyes in succession. Altogether she is a fine type of the aristocratic English sportsman, full of life and vigor, and delighting in all forms of outdoor recreation.

#### EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.

More anecdotes are told concerning the only daughter of the German emperor than have ever been furnished by her six brothers. The latest is told by the Tagliche Rundschau, and runs thus: The little daughter of the v. d. M. is a

playmate of Princess Louise. The other day she was at the palace, and the two ladies, young as they are, discussed the secrets of their toilet. "Just fancy," the little princess said complainingly, "I have to put on clean underclothing every day! Does your mamma make you do that, too?" "No," said the visitor, "not every day." "Then you are well off," replied the imperial princess. Little v. d. M. repeated the conversation at home, and her father, asked indiscreet questions, said to her, "My sweetheart, people don't ask about such things." Soon after the little girl was again invited to the palace. Meanwhile the young princess communicated the important conversation to her parents, adding that she envied her friend, who was not worried every day by all these changes of garments. The emperor was highly amused by the affair, and said laughingly to his daughter's friend, "Why you lucky little mortal, and so you need not put on clean underclothing every day?" Whereupon the young lady made her profoundest courtesy, and said, "Your majesty, my papa says people don't ask about these things." When she got home she told that the emperor must have thought she had said something very nice, for he had shouted with laughter at her reply.

#### "PUTTING ON STYLE."

The American millionaire is not much concerned about putting on style. He is quite content that his palatial town residence should be designated merely by the street number which is officially bestowed upon it. So are all other Americans, rich or otherwise, who live in the cities. But the English town dwellers who can afford to rent an entire house, he ever so small, generally insist on giving it some high sounding name. John Scott Williams, for instance, having accumulated enough money in his East End butcher's shop to keep him in modest comfort for the rest of his days, retires from business and rents a little house in some obscure residential district, perhaps for something like \$10 a year. But in lieu of its street number which is 38, Berkeley Square, he calls it "The Cedars." And the better to live up to it he adopts an hyphen himself and henceforth is known to the world as J. Scott-Williams. It would be passed over as a characteristic but harmless bit of British snobbery but for the fact that with pretty nearly everybody else doing the same thing it gives postmen endless trouble to discover addresses when delivering letters. On that account the postal authorities are now kicking about it and agitating for the passage of some ordinance that will put a stop to the practice, or relieve them of the responsibility of delivering letters where addresses are thus disguised. This course has already been adopted in some of the Birmingham districts. The first lord of the treasury has for years been content to have for his address "No. 10, Downing street," and Lord Rosebery is modest enough to square but the humble imitators of the great seek the fashion in such matters elsewhere. LADY MARY.

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