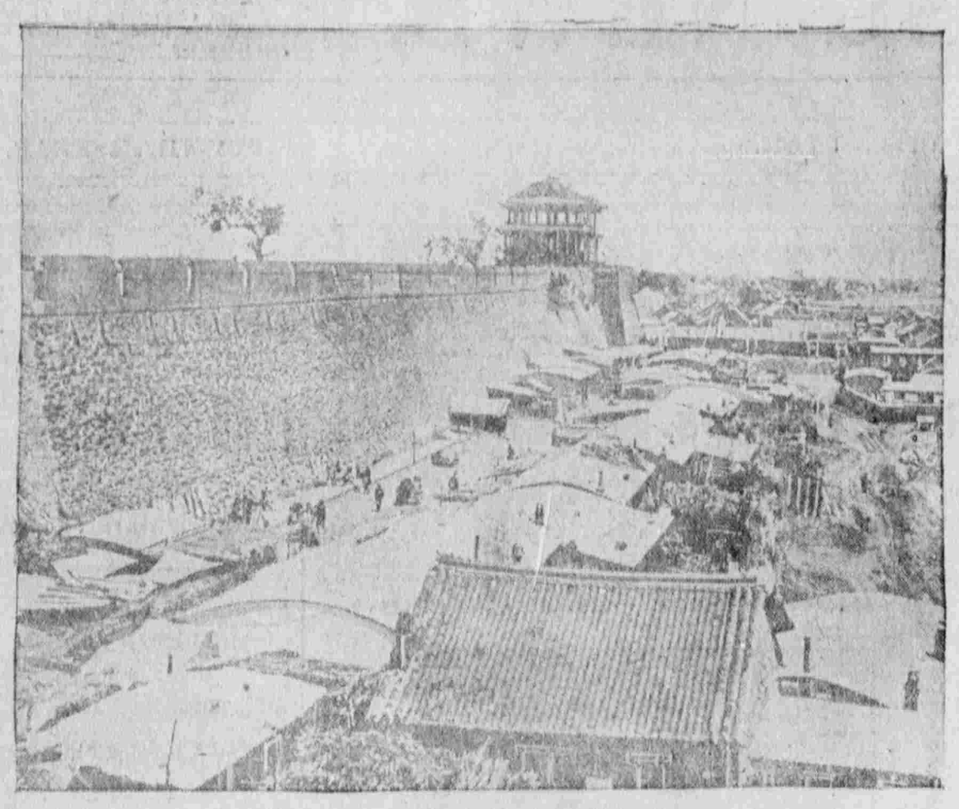
SOME CITY OF MUKDEN FORTIFICATIONS.



at Dublin Castle the duchess wrote to a leading firm of house agents having offices in Dublin and Belfast, asking for particulars of any eligible mansions that were to let in any part of Ireland, but in the wild picturesque west for preference. It appears that the duchess had read much in America of the scenic beauty of Connemara in which Kylemore Castle is situated and she mentioned it particularly as one of the districts where she would like to reside for at least a portion of the year. There are many fine mansions in the neighborhood, but it is feared that none of them would come up to the requirements of a great ducal residence without extensive alterations. The Duchess of Manchester together with Lord Ardilaun and his brother Lord Iveagh, have so popularized this particular district that excessive rents are demanded for houses that admit of living in anything like style. There is a magnificent residence close to "Boss" Crocker's place in the county of Dublin and within easy reach of the city that will be offered to her grace the duchess, but whether it will suit her is not known before she has an opportunity of going over the place which she proposes to do during her visit to Dublin. Proximity to the ex-Tammany chief would hardly count as an attraction in her estimation.

MAY WED AN AMERICAN GIRL.

It would surprise no one in society if Viscount Malden, the son and heir of the Earl of Essex by his first marriage, should wed an American girl. His stepmother is naturally very partial to her fellow countrywomen and entertained several of them at the earl's family seat in Hertfordshire last summer. It is whispered that the young nobleman became decidedly "spoony" with one of them—a pretty debutante now somewhere on the continent—and it rests with her to decide whether she shall some day become the future Countess of Essex.

The viscount, who has just come of age, was only nine years old when Lord Essex installed his American bride at Cassiobury. Under her careful training he has developed into quite a model young man with aspirations to make something of himself that will count for quite as much as the title he will some day inherit. He is a more frequent visitor to the library of the British museum than to the West End music halls and saloons where youthful aristocrats are wont to take their fling. He is devoted to his clever step-mother, and his father, having profited greatly by her salutary influence, which has induced him to go in seriously for a political career, has been more than willing to surrender his son's guidance entirely to her hands.

THE "CORRECT THING."

Except that it is considered eminently the "correct thing," nobody has ever given a good reason why bridesmaids should always be dressed alike. Departure from an established custom which has nothing more than this to recommend it is always something to rejoice over. I was glad, therefore, to note that Lady Ethel Keith-Falconer has had the courage to set traditions at defiance. The dresses worn by the eight bridesmaids at her wedding the other day will set an entirely new fashion, and in future we may expect to see as many colors as graced Joseph's coat when a bridal procession goes up the aisle. The thing may have been done before, but never at a wedding of sufficient importance to figure among the chronicles of society. And certainly it has never been done so artistically and successfully. It would be difficult to improve on the beauty and picturesqueness of the picture presented—the graceful and self-possessed bride in her gown of white satin trimmed with Brussels lace that had draped the wedding dress of her paternal grandmother, the two pretty pages in cavalier suits of white satin and silver, and the eight bridesmaids, two in pink, two in white, two in pale blue, and two in pale green. If only there had been red-coated guardsmen to line the aisle the pageant would have been perfect. But the bridegroom, John Baird, has never been in any service more ornamental than diplomatic. He is the eldest son of Sir Alexander Baird of Urie, and some day will inherit a lot of money and a fine country house. Lady Ethel is the daughter of Lord Kintore, who was at one time governor of South Australia, and as a sportsman ranks as one of the best shots in Scotland.

A RACE WITH DEATH.

The newspaper heading, "A Race with Death," usually precedes a description of how some enormously wealthy man or woman hired a special train to reach the bedside of some dearly loved one whose life was fast ebbing away. It was the same familiar headline that caught my eye the other morning, but the story beneath it seemed far more pathetic than any I have ever read of a millionaire's costly and luxurious journey to outstrip the grim visitor. In a wretched tenement room of one of the most squalid slums of Canning Town, London, Mrs. Tranter lay watching by the bedside of her dying husband—a victim of starvation. In the same room were four famished children. Poor folk of this sort cannot run up gas bills. They pay for it as it is consumed by dropping a penny (two cents) in the slot of a gas meter specially devised to protect the companies against loss. While she watched the light dwindled lower and lower, flickered and then went out, leaving her in darkness, for there was no fire in the room, that being a luxury beyond her means. She had only two half-pennies in the world, and the gas meter would not respond to half-pennies. But if she could find somebody who would give her a penny in exchange for her two half-pennies she might obtain the light that would enable her to gaze upon her husband's face once more before he died.

Without waiting to don hat or boots she rushed into the street in the hope that she might encounter some one who would change the coins for her. It was past midnight, and the street was deserted. For a quarter of a mile the distracted woman ran before she met a man. "For the love of God," she cried, "give me a penny for these two halfpence. I must see my husband again before he dies; I must have a light."

With a penny clutched in her numb fingers she raced back to her wretched room, set the meter working again and struck a light.

"Fred," she said to her husband, "I have come back to you. Is there anything I can do?"

The only response was a faint quivering of the eyelids and a feeble movement of the head. In another moment he was dead.

He had been out of work for six months. The coroner's jury found that death was due to pneumonia, accelerated by lack of nourishment. He was buried in a pauper's grave, and the workhouse—that last dreaded refuge of the poor—swallowed up his family.

CRITICISM.

"Aren't you going to see that performance?"

"No," answered Mr. Cumrox.

"But it is said to be very artistic."

"That's why I'm not going. When people say a thing is 'highly' artistic they are so often trying to apologize for its being unpleasant."

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Special Silk Sale.

For Monday Morning Only From 8 a. m. to 1 o'clock.

50c SATIN FOULARDS PER YARD. 31c

Handsome polka dot and broken dot designs in the new colors, navy, green, brown, tan, cadet, royal, etc., all 50c grades.

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Special Dress Goods Sale.

For Monday Afternoon Only. From 1 to 6 p. m.

75c ALL WOOL PANAMAS 49c

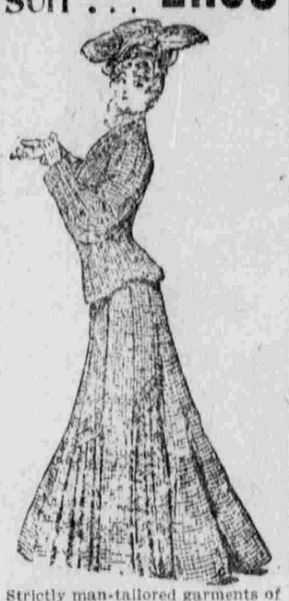
No need to dwell on the popularity and extreme style of this high grade all wool suiting. It comes 42 inches wide, in black, cream, brown, navy, green, red, gray, copper, etc., nothing handsomer for full dresses and seperate skirts, regular 75c grade.

New Surplice SILK SUIT 21.00

This is an entirely new surplice model, as illustration shows, made of best quality chiffon taffeta, blouse finished on front and back with side pleats trimmed with silk braid, newest shaped sleeves, skirt in the cluster fan kilted style, a beautiful garment, ... $21.00

Sale on 2nd floor.

THIS HANDSOMELY TAILORED SUIT ... 21.50



Strictly man-tailored garments of best grade imported check suiting, fly front coat with fitted back, 24 inches long, front and back tailored with self straps, black silk braid loops and covered buttons, novely stitched red vest, trimmed with metal buttons. Jacket lined with taffeta, sleeves pleated with novelty red cloth cuffs, skirt in the new cluster kilt $21.50

Sale on 2nd floor.

THIS SICILIAN BLOUSE SUIT ... 22.00

Extremely fashionable garment of high grade fancy check and figured Sicilian, new pleated blouse effect front and back, entire suit daintily piped with striped silk to match, collarless yoke of stitched taffeta, newest tucked sleeves, coat lined with taffeta silk, skirt in entirely new kilted style $22.00

Sale on 2nd floor.

This Nobby Silk Waist Suit Shirt .. 17.95

Fine chiffon taffeta, cluster tucked waist, fancy stitching and trimmed with French knots, new kilted skirt, tucked leg-o'mutton sleeves, very dressy and serviceable $17.95

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THIS SILK Redingote Suit $39.50

These suits are quite the rage this season, garment illushtrated is made of heavy quality silk, new Paquin tucked blouse front and back; stitched taffeta girdle, finished around waist line with tucks, collarless, trimmed down front with fancy figured braid, novelty tucked sleeves.

Sale on 2nd floor $39.50

SALE ON WHITE LAWN WAISTS, $1.25

MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT. $1.25 ABOUT 25 NEW STYLES.

We have so many styles of waists at this price that it is simply impossible to describe them in the limited space of this advertisement. There are about 25 styles in the assortment, in which lace and embroidery are used singly and combined in almost every way imaginable. All of them extra good values, about a third to a half of the lot are waists that are worth $1.75 to $2.00. Sale on 2nd floor.

THIS Covert Suit $24.50

The illustration depicts the style, but does not show the good workmanship; materials all wool covert, pretty shade of tan, 24 inch coat, shield front and back, trimmed with silk cord and buttons, shaped collar that fits well around the neck, tailored sleeves, lined with good quality of satin; skirt in 11 gore flare style with kilted bottom, special this week, sale on 2nd floor.. $24.50

THIS VOILE SUIT..... 47.00

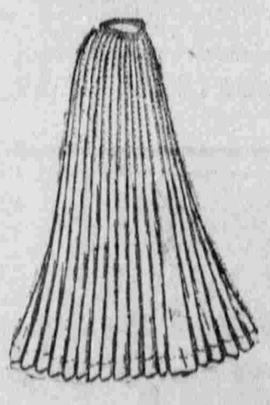
Suits of the best quality imported voile, a very popular model with fluffy blouse front and back, vest effect of handsome embroidered white chiffon over taffeta, waist finished with graduated box pleats; very novel trimmed and shirred sleeve, skirt finished all around with cluster side pleats, entire suit made over chiffon taffeta.

This cut does not begin to display the fine features of this beautiful garment. Sale on 2nd floor..... 47.00

This Covert Jacket $13.95

single or double breasted style, fancy tailor stitched and inlaid velvet collar, lined throughout with best quality taffeta, very nobby jacket at special price, for Sale on 2nd floor..... 13.95

This Handsome Skirt $6.50



Fine Sicilian cloth, black, blue and brown, 35 gore side, kilted flare, the popular skirt this season. Sale on Second floor .. $6.50

THIS RAIN COAT $8.95

Good quality cravenette, Oxford, grey, and castor; collarless trimmed with stitched straps, newest sleeve, two box pleats in back with belt effect, and extraordinary value, Sale on 2nd floor $8.95