A ROYAL TROUSSEAU.

DAINTY GIFTS PREPARED FOR THE PRINCESS ALIX.

[Boston Herald.]

The items for the royal trousseaux are always of general interest, and those of the Princess Alix are [illegible] the less so, on account of the sad circumstances that surround this marriage. Even American women will be interested to know about them. There are many pairs of very fine silken stockings in pale pink, pale blue, a silvery tone of gray and most delicate French gray and green, to wear with evening dresses. These are all embroidered in fine little [illegible] sprays, with pale [illegible] in silk, each [illegible] contrasting in hue or admirably harmonizing with the stockings themselves. For ordinary wear there are [illegible] numbers of black spun silk, fine and durable, and having a very pretty light open-work design up the center of the foot. Many are of fine silk, [illegible] with [illegible] afternoon dresses, and they are embroidered in a small Paisley design, and some in wild-flower sprays, called respectively "[illegible]" and "Dolly Varden," and are likely to be popular this season. It is nice to reflect that these are of English make, and that the embroidery has been wrought by the nimble fingers of Nottingham working-girls. There are some pairs in a dainty [illegible] lines of bright color crossing a black ground, such as red and black lines on black and pale blue and yellow lines on a similar [illegible] background. Many pairs in silver gray have lines and [illegible] through them of pale gray, looking by contrast almost white. Others are black, embroidered in [illegible] color, such as [illegible] and [illegible], all designed to match dresses with which they will eventually be worn.

Of all, the very prettiest are of black silk, the feet in stripes of exquisitely fine real black lace-work, with narrow stripes of the silk between, and the lace delicately caught up over the silk with the effect of a fine embroidery. In the same style are some having the lace work less fine, and yet [illegible] cobweb-like in texture, with a slightly raised silk embroidery, over where the lace work unites with the [illegible]. The Royal Stuart tartan [illegible] figures among the trousseau stockings, for the queen gives to all members of her family on their marriage at least one dress in velvet of this design. There are also [illegible] in open work black and white stockings in a woven tiny meshed stripe called Grecian, though made in Nottingham, that are very fascinating. Each pair has the cipher "A," surmounted by a princess' crown, embroidered in red, as marking. There is also a quantity of Nottingham silk and woolen underwear of a light, warm, durable and exquisitely soft kind, marked again with the princess' cipher and crown.

It is interesting to know that the princess has many gloves in glace kid, with plain stitching matching the kid, and that her favorite colors are yellows, grays and tans. For indoor wear are a goodly selection of "perfect" fitting suede gloves, in lovely light shades, prettily and aptly called champagne shades, as well as many white, gray, fawn and tan colorings. There are some pairs of English buckskin gloves made in England, and beautifully soft, pliable and durable, as well as some of antelope skin, which are specially suitable for riding and driving. Then there are gloves of English make from Russia leather, the skins having been prepared in the Crimea. Veils are also included in this order, Mr. Lee having been fortunate enough long ago to succeed in shaping and making veils to fit the hats and bonnets worn by the princesses of Hesse-Darmstadt, and having registered his idea. These are in black, white and gray, and have the mesh very finely woven and the spots very small, sometimes in groups and sometimes single. A new veil made in Nottingham, is also included, and looks like point d'Alencon bordering and sprigs, applied on a fine Brussels net ground, in an ivory white coloring, very becoming to the complexion. The prettiest items are little dainty twilled silk morning jackets, having finely tucked Vandyke collars, trimmed with lace, and some having pointed sailor collars with lace insertion. These are in very pale colors. Some silk and satin blouses are also very charming, trimmed in various but always pretty ways with velvet or lace. One, having black Spanish lace over the yoke and as the sleeves to the elbow, was particularly good style, as was a tea gown in twilled silk, with [illegible] and [illegible] of ecru lace. The colors are chiefly those which the princess likes best—delicate soft pinks and grays.

POTATOES HIS WEAPONS.

HOW A KENTUCKY DOMINIE BROUGHT THE CODE INTO RIDICULE.

[From the Lexington (Ky.) Transcript.]

One way of combating an evil practice is to make it ridiculous. It was by this means that dueling was stopped in a certain district in Kentucky some 60 years ago. At that time a traveling preacher named Bowman, a strong muscular man, was conducting a series of [illegible] there [illegible]. At one of them a well-known desperate character created a disturbance, and being publicly rebuked by Bowman, sent him a challenge to fight.

The preacher's first thought was [illegible]. Then he followed that dueling was [illegible] the [illegible], and he decided to accept the challenge.

As the challenged party Bowman had the choice of weapons. He [illegible] a half bushel of [illegible] and [illegible] that his opponent must [illegible] paces [illegible] one potato at a time should be [illegible] from the measure.

The desperado was [illegible], but Bowman insisted upon his right as the challenged party, and threatened to denounce the fellow as a coward if he made further objections, forcing to way out of the scrape, the desperado at last consented.

The combat took place on the outskirts of the town, and almost everybody in the place turned out to see the fun. The second arranged the two men in position, up the side of each being a half-bushel measure filled with good sized potatoes.

Bowman threw the first one. It struck the desperado in a tender spot and [illegible]. A shout of laughter went up from the crowd, which fairly [illegible] the desperado, and his [illegible] few were [illegible]. Bowman watched his chance, and every time one of his potatoes [illegible] the desperado [illegible] [illegible] as a [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] way [illegible] [illegible], while the [illegible] was [illegible]. The [illegible] was put in this way five times, then the [illegible] public [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] "Enough."

The spectators went wild with delight, but Mr. Bowman [illegible] very calm. The desperado was taken to his own [illegible], and [illegible] for days the [illegible] a week. And when he appeared again he was greeted with so many jeers that he was almost a [illegible]. That was the end of dueling in the [illegible].

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