

A COLUMN FOR THE LADIES. SAD SUICIDE IN THE CITY.

TITLES FOR WOMEN.

Why are titles generally only given to men and not to women? asks *Truth*. Lady Burdett-Coutts was created a baroness in recognition of her services to the community, but there are women who have done great work in other directions—why have none of them been enabled to describe themselves as "Lady"? This is merely a survival of the mediæval treatment of women.

A GLOVE HANDKERCHIEF.

The fashionable handkerchief of to-day must be as small as possible, and the newest thing is a tiny handkerchief to be carried in the glove. It is a piece of the finest muslin a few inches square, trimmed with lace, and small enough and soft enough to be kept in the glove. On it the name or monogram is embroidered in the smallest letters, and the whole thing is so useless that the owner only just escapes being without a handkerchief at all.

SUMMER FOOTGEAR.

White canvas shoes, strapped with white buckskin, are quite the smartest and most comfortable summer shoes that have ever come in, says a fashion writer. The buckskin strappings, as will be readily understood, serve to keep the canvas shapely, and a white shoe, once it spreads, is a disfigurement past describing. For motoring, yachting, tennis, and seaside wear this canvas shoe has a sure success. Or there is another entirely of buckskin, that is equally accounted of excellent virtues.

A LADY MARINER.

Miss Jane Morgan, a young society lady of Philadelphia, has just secured a certificate of master mariner, and, in fulfilment of a long-cherished ambition, has sailed thence to Norway in full charge of her father's yacht *Waturas*. She undertakes the duties of navigation and seamanship in every detail, and said before starting that she rather hoped to encounter a gale in crossing the Atlantic, to give her a chance of proving her ability as a sailor. From Norway the *Waturas* proceeds to the Isle of Wight.

A CHARITY BAZAAR SENSATION.

At a loss for a means of amusement, the Roman society leaders recently hit upon the plan of exhibiting themselves in the most fantastic costumes imaginable before the gaze of the common crowd. Under the guise of a charity bazaar Countess Telfener, who is an American by birth and a sister of Mrs. Mackay, opened her magnificent *salons* in the Palazzo Gabrielli to a whole tribe of women savages. The Duchess of Terra-Nova was arrayed as a Scudanesè negress, and Princess Ruspoli was clad as an Indian with feathered ornaments. All the leaders of Roman society were present, and those who gauge a woman's beauty by the originality of her dress were considerably puzzled in expressing an opinion as to who was the prize beauty of the show.

A DRESS PROBLEM.

The mere man is at present agitated over a dress problem, in which, however, his womankind can take something more than a passive interest. The Earl of Essex has begun the controversy by suggesting that it should no longer be imperative upon those in the stand at a sports meeting to wear the silk hat and frock coat of the West End. The Earl relates a story of how he and the Earl of Warwick a few years ago were about to attend a cycling gathering, and Lord Essex came down in what he thought would be the correct rig for a hot day—flannels and a straw hat. Lord Warwick

A melancholy case of suicide occurred in the city on Thursday evening. About 6 o'clock a man named Michael Phayer, Newgate Lane, was found suspended by a cord from a rafter at the back of his house, by a member of his family. When cut down life was extinct. No motive is assigned for the rash act which has created much regret in the district, where the unfortunate man lived. Deceased, who was packer by calling, had not been at work for some days past. He was a married man with a family.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held last evening at the City Courthouse by Mr. Coroner De Coursey, and a jury, of which Mr. J. Ormston was foreman.

Head Constable Walshe conducted the inquiry. Sergeant Beatty deposed to being informed of the occurrence at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening. When he arrived at the house he found the deceased lying dead on the kitchen floor. There were discoloration marks on the neck, evidently caused by a red cord (produced). He was informed that the deceased had suspended himself by same from a rafter in the bedroom.

Christopher Phayer, 10 years, son of deceased, deposed to finding the body of his father hanging from the rafter by means of a cord on the same evening at about 6 o'clock. There was no one in the room at the time but a three year old child.

Mary Flanagan, who was apprised of the occurrence by the last witness, stated the deceased was hanging by means of a window cord from a collar beam in the bedroom. There were three coils of the cord around the neck. With the aid of a man she had him cut down promptly, and laid on the floor. When taken down he was alive, as he opened his eyes once while on the floor.

Margaret Crump stated she was speaking to deceased at 3 o'clock on the day in question, when, in a rambling conversation, he told her that he was going down to give himself up to Sergeant Beatty.

Sergeant Beatty, in reply to Head Constable Walshe, said the police had no charge against the man.

Head Constable Walshe—That shows that his mind must have been unhinged.

Sergeant Beatty said the unfortunate thing about the occurrence was that people in the locality were aware of his threatening to take his life, but never told the police about it.

Margaret Kilbridge, who lives next door, stated she saw the deceased a little prior to six o'clock go out in the yard and take a cord off a nail. She knew that deceased and his wife had a row the day previous, and that he used to take drink.

Sergeant Beatty said from inquiries he made he found that deceased had been drinking for some time, and had not been at work two days this week. He was employed in the capacity of packer at Messrs. Goodwin's, and the sergeant was aware that his wife had made serious complaints against him during the past three months. In fact, the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector had to be brought to the house. Up to three months ago he was an industrious, hardworking man.

Dr. O'Donnell, Barrington's Hospital, who saw the deceased an hour after being cut down, stated he was then dead. Death was due to suffocation caused by strangulation.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned, with the addition that deceased was temporarily insane when he took his own life.

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