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THE COST OF  
WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

The ruling of a New Jersey judge, to the effect that \$43.00 will provide an adequate outfit of clothes for a woman, has created a chorus of dissent among organs of feminine opinion. Many women, including some of very moderate means, would say the figure should be multiplied by two or three.

While men's clothing has not largely increased in price for the past 10 years, most women would say that their outfit are costing a good deal more than they did then.

Perhaps the reason for this change might thus be epitomized: Men demand merely scientific accuracy in the providing of their clothes. Women seek a combination of scientific accuracy and attractive individuality, and to get it they have to pay a price.

It is not enough that their togs shall pass muster in a crowd without attracting special attention, which is all that men ask.

In addition to this winsome individuality, women's dresses are now made so close fitting, that just the same scientific accuracy is required as when men's stereotyped clothes are fitted. This makes the problem doubly complex, and calls for two very different kinds of ability. The dressmaker who can fit clothes can't always make them interesting. The dressmaker who can make them interesting, can't always fit them.

Men's clothes drift into large establishments, where the work of production according to nearly cast iron styles is standardized. Conditions of production being very regular, uniform and orderly, the work can be done at a maximum of cost.

Women on the other hand will pay a high premium to the dressmaker who can both fit them and make an individually attractive dress. A host of women go into the business with a few individual customers to whom their ideals appeal. Production in these little shops cannot be carried on as economically as in the larger establishments that make men's clothes.

Women will pay a high price for their garments, until the time comes when they are willing to take clothes that are run through the machine mould like men's.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

A trip on the ocean, on the lakes or on the river in a power boat with a congenial crowd and with a safe and sound captain and efficient engineer or something anyone can enjoy. It matters not whether it is in the spring when winter is lingering in her lap, or in summer when the fragrance of nature is casting its perfume on the breeze, or in Autumn when the trees and shrubbery are giving the best of their dying traits to prepare us for sessions have been swept away by the

what is to follow, or in icy winter when old Boreas is at his best and gives us such as he hath—which is a plenty—or was yesterday. A party of old gentlemen met the old war horse of rough weather—Captain Sunny Simmons—at the King street wharf yesterday and as he was in his usual pleasant mood suggested a trip for an hour or so.

We started on the journey, all prepared for fun, with no particular place to call destination. The captain, after leaving the wharf, noticed a fierce cloud arousing in the west, but being game, said he was ready to face the music. On account of heavy rain we were compelled to seek the ship yard for shelter. But later, we started for the Dyke—the summer home of good fellows. We stopped at the Rambler's Club and saw in preparation for dinner—which by the way is in charge of the king of chefs—"Billy" Roberts—the nicest chicken you ever saw, and he can cook chicken. We took the lunch and went as far as Captain Arthur King's summer home, where we were royally entertained. The heavy wind having interfered with the tide we thought we would leave early and we started. But low and behold we got in "smelling" distance of that Rambler chicken and we cold either go nor come. After an hour or two in "peril" some of the members of the club came out in small boats and conducted us ashore. The seriousness of the trip was lessened by the music furnished by Mr. Charles Miller and Captain Simmons and son. But notwithstanding our dilemma we were almost in touch of the BUOY

Faithful little sentinel at thy post  
Where oft danger lurketh round the  
rocky coast,

Heeding not the storm-winds with  
their icy breath

Hurrying the mariner oftentimes to his  
death.

Faithful little sentinel on the azure  
deep

Where the summer winds play, and  
the wavelets leap,

Thou art saying ever danger lurketh  
near

'Neath the gentle billows shoals and  
rocks appear.

Oft beneath the surface of the sea of  
life,

As we're hurrying onward, hopeful  
mid the strife,

Sands and shoals lie hidden where we  
deem them not

Change and disappointment falling to  
our lot.

Let us seek a pilot as we onward glide,  
Who will lead us safely o'er life's ebb-  
ing tide

To an endless rest beyond death's  
rapid river

Where life's storms and calms come  
no more forever.

After a bountiful supper given us  
in the Rambler's Club we thanked heaven that there was such a thing as an electric train and we took it, having the ship to do its best against the storm.

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United States and Prophecy.

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Man, according to the clergyman, is saying, "Let's have the Word of God," and he is looking about in every direction for the "true spiritual foods," believing that his Creator has spread the table with the bountiful things he needs for the complete fulfillment of his spiritual life.

A number of Alexandrians were among Pastor Russell's hearers.

MANY ARE  
SUFFERING FROM FLOODS.

This time last year the mercury in the thermometer in Alexandria was ten degrees below zero. In places in the vicinity of this city it was still lower, it being eighteen degrees at the Potomac Railroad yards. So far nothing savoring of a blizzard has struck this section this winter.

Dispatches from points in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee tell of serious conditions resulting from the prevailing floods in the Ohio and Cumberland rivers. In some places it has been necessary to maroon people on islands after all their worldly posse

high waters. Thousands are homeless and are sheltering from the elements in public buildings. The sudden drop in the temperature has brought untold suffering and distress.

IN MEMORIAM.  
(Communicated.)

At a meeting of the Board of Lady Managers of the Alexandria Hospital January 9th, 1912, the following preamble and resolution adopted:

Since our last meeting one of the members of board Miss Alice Colquhoun has been removed by death. In 1891 she was elected a manager from Christ Church and in 1893 elected our secretary. She resigned this position in 1911 owing to ill-health, but retained her office as manager and advisor until her death, December 30, 1912. Though no longer the acting secretary of the Board she never lost her interest in the Hospital and always kept herself informed as to its condition and work.

It is next to impossible to do justice to the beautiful character of Miss Colquhoun or to express the irreparable loss to the Hospital, to the church, to the poor and to the community generally by her death. Her life was unsurpassed, her faith was supreme, and her charity boundless.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That in her death the Board has lost a faithful and devoted worker, and they wish to record their appreciation of Miss Colquhoun's long and valued service in behalf of the hospital which owes much of its earlier prosperity and usefulness to her wisdom, and efficiency. May the Master whom she loved and served speak to her His blessed words.

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved: That we herewith tender our warmest sympathy to her relatives and friends.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be published in the daily papers and that they be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

(Southern Churchman please copy.)

Stockholder's Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Brothers Brick Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 South Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 12 o'clock M.

WILLIAM D. WEST Secy.

Mrs. A. R. Taber, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach, for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

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Who will lead us safely o'er life's ebb-  
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