











RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

Lo! Saul goes forth in lettered zeal And sacred badge of power, Intend the Bride of Christ's small feet How bitter was her dowry...

International Sunday-School Lessons.

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STARTING RIGHT.

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LATE FASHIONS.

Some of the Fabrics Which Are Fashionable at This Season.

Some of the spring tailor costumes worn are marvels of fit and dainty adorning. Many are made in severe simplicity, but the smartest show a great deal of handsome braidwork upon the broad panels, waistcoat, and sleeves...

This is the deceitful, demi-season of the year—transition time—when more sudden colds are taken which prove serious than at any other season. Ladies, especially, in haste to make a change of their heavy winter wrappings, and tempted by the momentarily bright look of things outside, set out for a morning's shopping tour only to reach home later on thoroughly chilled by the sudden uprising of cold, penetrating winds...

As summer advances it is certain jet will be worn to a most burdensome extent. Many of the handsomest outer articles of apparel, from bonnets to boots, show the way fashion is tending. The weight of some of the fashionable mourning must be tiresome; but black fabrics and jet trimmings are fashion's livery, and no trimmer's peculiar insignia of sorrow...

Beautiful "church" costumes are shown, made of satin surah, figured with fine small flowers over grounds of pale golden brown, nana gray, olive, fawn beige, cygne, swan—a sort of sage gray—and a lovely deep but distinct shade of blue. These elegant fabrics are made up very plainly, with three full breadths in the back, and round waist, with folds of plain goods laid over the front of the corsage. The deep blue ground is brocaded with tiny golden buds...

In light wolen goods, as this season introduced many very beautiful low-priced fabrics which, in a great measure, will take the place of the muslins, cambrics and lawns, which depend upon their irreproachable freshness for success, as nothing short of immaculate purity and an uncrumpled condition justify the wearing of the cotton gown; and alas! after a little wear such prestige is lost. If one is to be at home during the summer, the trouble may be ended; but when the dainty dresses are handed over to the maids of the summer-resort households, the gowns and the weekly bills for their renovation soon become "food for reflection" of a most serious nature. Moreover, in our uncertain climate it is a recognized fact that woolen in the material gar excellence. A great reduction is made in the price of double-width veerings, albatross goods, challies, grenadines, both plain and figured; and added to this lengthy list of well-known light-wool fabrics are novelties in the popular canvas effects, whose success for summer wear is already assured. Among these are the goods known as Etamine, with a mesh-like finishing or seam, but docted, stamped and decorated in many ways; biases beige, a textile as sheer and delicate as veiling, and other fancy wolen goods, striped, dotted, and in basket or canvas effects, in light, neutral and black colors, which will make most becoming, beautiful and inexpensive toilets for summer wear for both matron and maid.

IRON PYRITES.

Some Interesting Facts About the Constitution and Use of Fool's Gold.

Pyrite, or iron pyrites, is one of the commonest of minerals, occurring in rocks of all geological ages from the oldest granites to the newest slates. It generally occurs in small cubic crystals scattered irregularly through the rocks, but is not uncommon in masses and beds of considerable size. Among the large number of mineral specimens which come to the office of this paper, with the inquiry if they do not contain gold, copper, or some other valuable substance, pyrites comprises the greatest number. "Silica," in the Journal of Commerce (Boston), gives some interesting facts about pyrites, which is likely to interest considerable of a number of our readers. Pyrites, or sulphide of iron, is composed of about fifty-three parts sulphur to forty-seven iron. It is a pale, sometimes bright, yellow mineral, nearly as hard as quartz and about twice as heavy as quartz or granite. It can be but slightly scratched by the knife, is always opaque, somewhat brittle, and strikes fire readily with steel. The latter circumstance gave rise to its name, which is derived from a Greek word for fire.

Pyrites very commonly occurs in quartz veins with various metallic ores, and is almost invariably found in gold-bearing quartz intermingled with the precious metal. Gold, not uncommonly occurs disseminated through the pyrite, which is then called auriferous or gold-bearing pyrite. A considerable proportion of the yield of gold is obtained from this variety.

Pyrite is one of the most changeable of minerals, and when exposed to the action of the weather for a length of time, as at the outcrop of a vein, it decomposes, loses its yellow color, and becomes of a rusty iron hue, changing into iron oxide. The rusty honeycombed appearance of much gold-bearing quartz is due to the composition of the pyrite. This liability to decomposition renders all rocks containing much of this mineral unfit for building purposes, where beauty and durability are desired. The yellow color of pyrite has often led people to mistake it for gold, and a great deal of money has at one time and another been wasted in mining fool's gold, as it is often called, in the belief that it was the precious metal. Gold is very easily distinguished from pyrite, the only



