# PROGRESS, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1900

# ESPEAKING the best graces of the elements tomorrow St. John will undoubtedly be ablaze with everything that is new and springlike in the way of clothing. The unseasonable snowstorms of the early

boot and is having a big run at the best

dealers. The usual tan, chocolate and

It is hardly worth while to talk about

millinery, although it is perhaps the most

absorbing phase of the Easter dress ques-

tion, but everybody by this time is surely

in possession of enough information on this

subject to convey a concise idea as to what

in this line will grace the "church parade"

tomorrow, the usual weather clause men-

tally inserted of course. Toques and turbans

"off the face," heavy laces ; tucked, shirred

and puckered chiffons, old rose, pastel

shades, lots of wings, few ribbons, nice or-

naments - and there you are. You've al-

ready got your hat with some of these on,

or I'm much mistaken

black colors are on top again.

week gradually lowered the hopes of those intent on appearing a la mode on Sunday and with the dressmakers, milliners, tailors gent's furnishers and othersthe mental tension was quite above the average. The sunshine and bicycles of a fortnight ago gave the impression that Eastertide would be nothing short of a genuine foretaste of summer, but then we were not including capricious April in our calculations. But in spite of the tardy snows and slushy streets so conspicuous only a few days ago by their "out of placeness," the town will not deviate from its past record tomorrow provided of course the weather is suitable, and instead of a procession of heavyclothed and befurred churchgoers, a long line of brightly-clad and happy young men and women, children and their parents, will blithely wend their way to worship.

PROGRESS is now going to wax prophetic. The dresses, millinery, shoes, and brothers, jackets, ties, hats and men's suits going to but a leading be worn are going to be foretold right here gents furnishing and now, and if tomorrow the forecast firm member herein given does not materialize PROGRESS says their stock will go out of the second sight business this year of colars and neckties forthwith.

will be sold; al-What the Women Will Wear. Stand observingly at the head of King most as largely street near the fountain tomorrow morning to the less hardy about 10.45 and here is what you will see : sex as to their

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heavier welts. Thick clumping soles will type both pieces being of fine white silk perhaps moderate that fetching elastic step, so characteristic of the gentler ones when in rich colorings. Lace appears in quite a gaily decked. And the ladies will wear number of the new things, and applique effects also receive prominence. Not only patent leathers this year, and lots of them too. A patented kid boot is superior for is there a prefusion of fringes in the new wear and durability to the ordinary patent

long scarts but many of the bow effects are made with fringed ends. The latest addition to the fringe family is a narrow satin tie with fringed ends-black, white, black with white fringe, white with black fringe and pink, blue and cardinal with fringe to match.

O, yes, before finishing my "prophecy" regarding women's attire for tomorrow I must not forget gloves. Beside the usual shades and styles the slate colored hand covering in dressed and undressed kid will be worn with suits of widely different shades and makes.

What The Men Will Wear.

Attired in suits patterned in checks large and small, stripes varying in width and cut after the reefer, sack coat and single-breasted square cut styles, the man-Not only in the line of boots and shoes | ly quota will step boldly forth tomorrow.

also her mother, will be wearing more | the extreme novelties of the season, a | row as they have been, their vests gener-"mannish" shapes. Lace boots are to be combination standing collar and made tie ally double breasted and high up to the more worn than ever with broader toes and of the Rumchunda Handkerchief square throat, many of them collarless. The tendency in shoes is to the broad, crooked with border of hemstitched Persian designs | last, with buttons on the patent leathers. Tan shoes will be laced, but when summer comes again low shoes will have almost full sway.

> Overcoats will be worn in knee and hip lengths and of various shades, much greater in variety than for years. Even shades of green will be found popular. And in hats the low hard felt in browns, fawn and black will be found on the head of the correctly dressed, while in soft felts, or Fedoras, the distinguishing feature is the lowness of crown, giving a broad effect. Tan and grey gloves.

Of course nobody has ever challenged the statement that in the line of neckties and collar linen, also shirts, men are critics and tomorrow the following ideas will be seen among them. The high turned down collar in various styles, the plain band collar, close fitting and ranging in height from two to three inches. Around these, flowing-end ties in royal blue, purple white and navy, and patriotic colors will circle, but the more sedate will fall back are the women copying after their husbands | Their pants will not be so extremely nar- | on white, white and black, grey and gar-

net. Patterns run to stripes, espe-

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found so few.

cially the up and down stripe and

even small madeup bows will be thus figured. A brand new made the case of the women. up bow and one

more are men, half of whom are supposed

worn in St. John's Easter parade may be estimated at perhaps \$50,000. Of this amount more than \$30,000 is spent by the women. About two thousand more or less fashionable people will be in the procession before the day is over.

With the exodus from the many churches the throng gathers at all points but chiefly on Charlotte street.

Two thirds of the paraders are women. Of these it may be safely assumed that one half appear in new apparel-hats, gowns, veils, shoes and gloves.

The largest bill is for gowns, and their ccessories.

Easter hats make the next largest mount-almost thousands of these creations, at an average price of \$5.

Then comes hundred of dollars for their ladyships' new shoes-many hundreds of pairs, costing an average of \$3 each, allow ing \$2.50 for the cheapest and \$5 for the best.

Next, hundreds of pairs of gloves, the cost being estimated at from \$1 to \$2, or an average of \$1.50.

Easter veils may be bought for fifty cents or less and up to \$1.50.

To these items of raiment add'the cost of adornment in the way of flowers-from ten cents for a single flower to 50c. for a corsage bouquet, or a total expenditure of several hundred of dollars, and the grand total spent by the ladies amounts to the size of a good fat bank account.

The men in the line spend several thousands for new coats, trousers, hats, shoes, ties, gloves, canes and flowers, the cost being estimated most conservatively, as in

Of the paraders about a third or perhaps sure to be proper is the "Batwing." It is tied to appear in new Easter outfits. Fixing the price of the ready made oversmall and in a coat at \$15, and of the made to order hard knot in the suit at \$20 the average price for the overmiddle with flow. costs gets up to a high figure, the men's ing square ends. biggest Easter bill. Colored shirts





The ladies' will be wearing suits of regular customers. Bows, plain browns, greys and blues, and not a few plain blacks with white trimmings. The colors in strings unusually large number of black suits to be and flowing ends worn is attributed to English fashion inparticularly blue fluences, the nation being wrapped in and purple, will mourning brought about by the cruel war. be leaders. Band Heavy laces will adorn many of these suits stand-up collars and dresses, also taffeta silks. and the "up and A big King street house has sent a repeat order down" kind, or for light grey suiting material, which shows correctly known that in "prophesying" grey suits in abund as the turned ance PROGRESS has good grounds for so down s tanding doing. In dresses as before stated, lace collar, will be will be an all important trimming, heavy fashionable from tomorrow until guipure, etc.

And in jackets. What is known as the Christmas. Then "Nobby" will predominate. It is only entering the twenty inches in length and made up in all realm of the femqualities of goods, in colors of fawn, nines pure and navies and blacks. The Eton jacket is single, the neckwear to be seen still a favourite, but will only be worn in during the comthe suit.

Encroaching upon man's domain in ing season will the line of footwear the fair Easter Miss, include one of

## Easter Sex Holidays.

of revellers. Easter Monday by long prescription is the men's holiday, and Easter Tuesday the is told of Charles women's. The sexes have a right to play V., who while tricks on each other interchangeably. riding through a

Thus in some parts of England men village in his "bind" the women on Easter Monday, and Spanish kingwomen the men on Tuesday. Binding condom, was met by sists in stretching a rope across the highways and catching in the toils wayfarers of the appointed sex, who were not released until they had given some small sum to be laid out in revelry or in pious uses.

"Lifting." however, is more common than binding. In imitation of the sun, supposed to rise on Easter Monday in three leaps, the men "lift" the women on Easter Monday, and the women return the compliment on Easter Tuesday, the victim being litted three times, and then either kiss ed, or let off for a consideration. The lifting is sometimes done by means of a chair, sometimes by the lifters joining their hands at the wrist, so as to improvise a seat, upon which the person to be lifted is placed, and at other times less decorously by the litters taking hold of the victim's arms and legs. In ancient times husbands had a right to beat their wives on Monday, and the latter retaliated on Tuesday.

That all these practices had their root in some common custom in the remote past is evident from the fact that similar rites are found today in Germany. Thus in many villiages the boys go about flogging the girls on Easter Monday, in return for which the boys must give them fish and potatoes on Easter Tuesday and provide the music for a general dance.

in the fantastic robes ot 'the head, spit for a truncheon. Not knowing

head of the crews

An old story

peasant attired

who the rider was, the peasant commanded to doff his hat. 'My good friend,' responded the Emperor, as he complied with the request, 'I wish you joy in your new office. You will find it a troublesome one, I assure you.

His Paschal Majesty survives only in Lostwithiel, in Cornwall. Here on Easter Sunday the municipal authorities ride to church under the leadership of one of their number, who is crowned, sceptred and gayly accoutred.

### Caught at Last.

The mystery of Mooselockmaguntic's big salmon has at last been solved. So often to try their skill against him. They never failed to locate the salmon, but they never succeeded in landing him. It was estimated that hundreds of dollars worth of tackle, time and bait were wasted last summer in Bugle Cove.

It is low water now in Mosselookmaguntic Lake, and the water, although low, is remarkably clear, Recently the landlady of one of the hotels in the region, with her son, ran their boat on to an unmarked stump in Bugle Cove, directly beneath an overhanging bireh. And from that stump they plucked thirty-seven spoon-hooks, spinners and artifical flies.

## A Queer Nest.

The next largest expense is for trousers, have come to at \$5 a pair, the prices computed from \$5 stay all right, to \$7. and the stripes

Shoes and hats cost the men a big total of all sizes of this and hundreds for head gear. The amount season are none spent individually for each of these items too conspicuous is from \$3.50 to \$5 or an average expendieven the ture of \$3. down'

Men's gloves cost about \$1.50 a pair. buyer. Blue is Add some hundred dollars for boutonthe most popular nieres, at 10c. each and the men spend for color, with pink their Easter clothing and accessories more called for enough to buy a bicycle almost. than for several

The \$50,000 thus spent would pay the salaries of the pastors, of at least What All This wenty pastors in this city for one year. Finery Costs. Vain, frivolous St. John !

The cost of the Hurrah for the sunshine that dances apace! Hurrah for the day and its infinite grace! Hurrah for the matron! Hurrah for the maid! new raimen which will be The lily and ro e of the Easter parade.

too, and I Easter Passion Plays. am afraid this was The Oberammergau Passion Play, which the reason that

will be performed again this year, as it the children had has been performed in the Passion week of such a long hunt of every decade since the first representafor them, and tion in 1640, is the most celebrated but not the only survival from the "mysteries" At last the of the Middle Ages. The early church climbed up the looked upon these dramatizations of Our long ladder into Lord's capture and crucifixion as a decorthe mow. The ous and seemly spectacle. And so it was, in the early days when performed in a devout spirit before a believing audience. But as soon as greed influenced the actors and scepticism invaded the audience, the church put a stop to the performances. Now they only linger in remote and simple places like Oberammergau.

> In almost every village in the Roman Campagna a curious sort of Passion Play is annually performed during Holy Week. The whole population takes part. The signal is given on Palm Sunday by the appearance of a woman wandering agonized about the streets wailing 'My Son ! My Son !' and covering her face with her blue mantle. The cry goes round, 'The Madonna has lost her Son !' Crowds follow in her footsteps. Windows are thrown up in every house. Questions and answers are rapidly exchanged between the insiders and outsiders. Mothers beseech the Madonna to pause in her search and bless their child-

Easter monarch, and a tin crown upon his | from the other lakes came down early and

pins! It was the Saturday before Easter, and says the Lewiston Journal. For several the children all ran out to the barn to hunt seasons anglers who have wet their lines in little 'hidy-hole,' where the sly little rogue Bugle Cove have come back to camp with eggs, with Egypt, the tame crow, hopping after them. Nanny was sure there must be tackle decidedly out of kilter, and with blood stirring tales of the monster salmon several dozen eggs in the hen-house, Billy thought the hay mow was the best place to that "rose" beneath a certain overhanging find them, and Kitty said she had seen old birch. The salmon took the hook and gave the | Topknot flying out from Dobbin's manger. Egypt said nothing, but I rather think he anglers the battle of their lives-always knew as much about the nest as they did. breaking loose at the finish, however, taking with him everything not tied in the Egypt was a sly old fellow. He liked boat. It was always at the same birch buttons and pennies, but he had the greatwhere the fish rose, and the tactics he emest fancy for pins. He would pull them out | he caused the villain to measure his length ployed of sulking with a bulldog tenacity, of every pincushion in the house when he refusing to be drawn to the surface, were could get a chance, so you might search

hay was piled almost tothe roof and covered the windows. It was so dark that Nanny and Kitty were a little bit afraid, but Billy went first, floun dering along in the hay, just as you wade through a snow drift.

'Guess there are nests on this beam, said Billy, 'but it's so dark I can't see. I'll feel.

In went Billy's hand, and out it came in second, with a loud 'Ow !'

'It's hornets or yellow jackets or some thing !' he screamed. 'Fetch the barn lantern, Kit, and I'll knock 'em out !'

Kitty brought the lantern, and then ran to the other side of the barn, for fear of the yellow-jackets. Billy held the lantern over his head and peeped in.

What did he see? Not hornets, but He had run his hand into Egypt's own

## The Easter King.

As Santa Claus, or Kris Kringle, is associated with Christmas, as King Carnival is the personification of the season of merriment which precedes the Lenten feast, so the paschal period after Lent had at one time a symbolical Easter King who made his appearance in European villages at the

always the same. through room after room, and not come The tame of this remarkable fish spread throughout the lake region, and anglers | did with them all. He was fond of eggs,

ad laid away a whole pile of his favorite treasures. No wonder they pricked like hornets. But what the queer old bird was saving them for, I never knew.

#### Measured.

'How long, oh, how long ?' moaned the unhappy Isabel.

Guy, generous, chivalrous Guy heard her and springing forward, with a single blow, upon the sward.

'Oh, thank you !' cried Isabel and smiled up at him in grateful acknowledgment of to him, until the final summons comes. across a single pin. Nobody knew what he | this apt and timely answer to her question The death and burial of the Madonna close Detroit Journal. the seven days' festival.

ren. Soon a boy runs up. He wears a long white robe. Papers wings are fastened to his shoulders. He is an angel come to tell the Madonna that he knows where the lost one may be found. "There he is," he adds suddenly, as a long haired and bearded youth, clad in a red tunic, his head girt with a crown of gilt paper, makes his appearance. There is a rapturous meeting. Every day during Holy Week Christ is tormented and persecuted, but he teaches, comforts and advises all who will listen

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