

VIETNAMESE WEDDING.

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The daughter of the Vietnamese Minister to London --- a lady whose name is translated "Miss Precious Jade" --- was the bride at the first wedding ceremony of its kind to be celebrated in Britain. With the bridegroom, she ~~prostrated~~ ^{bowed} herself before the ancestral temple in her parents' home. A similar ceremony will take place later, in the home of the bridegroom's parents in Indo-China. Her gown is worn only at her wedding --- and when she dies.

HAT FASHIONS.

This is a story of romance and fashion as seen through the sophisticated eyes of the western world. She has a new hat --- a hat that, in the current phrase, "does something for her". What does it do? It gets her engaged... and this is the hat she chooses for the wedding. But --- as is the way of some women --- after she's got her man she lets herself go. She lets herself go with the kind of ~~mad~~ mad hats that make a husband mad. So there's a divorce. But in the end you'll see that she finds romance once more and marries again; she marries the same man. But he --- peer fellow --- didn't ~~realise~~ realise it was a new hat ^A - but the same old girl.

NEW LIFEBOAT.

In the harbour at Hamburg, the German organisation for saving shipwrecked mariners gave a demonstration of a new type of lifeboat. It's a large one that carries on board a smaller one that can be launched as they go along. Whether it's a practical proposition or not remains to be seen; but at the demonstration all went smoothly.

LINER OF THE FUTURE.

At a time when many of the world's once-busy flying boats are wrapped in meditation like an Egyptian mummy --- a young German has invented what he hopes will be the liner of the future. A ship that will sail the ^{surface of the} Atlantic at a hundred miles an hour. You can almost hear the stewards ~~at~~ calling out at dinner: "Put on your lifebelts! We're going to serve the soup."