Things That Glow and Gild the Horizon of Woman's World.

SOCIAL SUPREMACY IN WASHINGTON

Blatrimonial Freaks and Fonereal Tints-Life Insurance for Women-The First Lady of France Latest Fashions and Feminine Personalities.

Within a month changes much like the game of stagecoach will have taken place in Washington. The desirable furnished houses that have always had official tenants will have changed occupants all around, and an entirely new set of faces will be seen at the White house and the departments. Different names will be uppermost in conversation. and different people feel how, pleasant it is to live for one s country in high places. Seclety's carriages will stand beother doorways, and other ules will hold whirling vestibules will hold whirling snow storms of the tissue paper flakes dropped from the countless visiting cards. The appointment of Judge Gresham as secretary of state, says Harper's Bazar, does not promise particularly gay winters to the diplomatic corps and their immediate set thereby. While a member of President Arthur's cabinet the Gresham family cared little for the pleasures and treadmill of society. Mrs. Gresham's delicate health was a bar to her undertaking anything beyond the necessary routine of afternoons at home and the young people of the family were by no means dazzled with Washington's gayeties. As the cabinet circle is expected to be led by and take its tone from the family of the secretary of state, there is as much surmise as to the social leadership in the immediate administration circle, the successor of Mrs. Whitney, as if the occupant of that first office had not been named. The wisest forecasters believe that the scepter of social power during the next four years will be wielded by Mrs. Brice. During this winter their house has been the first establishment socially among those of their political falth. Their hospitality has not by any means been so crude as to be limited to those of the same political creed, and their series of dinners has gathered all that was best and most eminent in the broad social life of the capital. Unless the new cabinet contains some social light and genius heretofore unmentioned, the family of the Ohio sen-ator will plainly lead. Their ambition to do so is evident, and their campaigns of these two seasons show social genius of the first order, and methods that can-not fail to secure their end. Mrs. Brice is already here and has her home established. The new cabinet families can do nothing before next winter, and time only strengthens a good leader's hold.

The maidens of Vienna have started a spinster club, with the object, as they avow, of bringing about the speedy and happy marriage of its members. Bach-elors of guaranteed respectability desir-ous of wedded bliss are to be registered, introduced to available parties, and a record will be kept of the various ex-cellent qualifications of mutual mem-bers of both sexes. All of which about as utopian and practical as an association of spin-sters would arrange it. In the first place, says the New York Sun, only the And after they have organized what are they going to do about it? How will the blind lead the blind? How is one spinster to tell another how to bring Barkis to the proper state of willingness? A 16-year-old girl in her bridal veil, with the bright new ring under her wedding glove, knows more about the philosophy of getting a husband than the whole body politic of worthy and intellectual spinsterhood. Another point: Who ever new a man to want what he could have is well as not? It is ever the bud on the opmost limb, not the flower on the lower meh, that the man risks his life for. If Helen of Troy and Cleopatra of Egypt had united with any syndicate of maidens forlorn avowing their willingness to enter the marriage state, the Hiad would never have been written, Mark Antony might have posed as a model of marital fidelity. The only hope for the Vienna sisterhood is that they will cure the services of some attractive widow in second mourning, some beautiful and stately wife unappreciated by the members do not disband the society promptly, they will oblige each of its members to swear a deep and deadly oath secret oath; it will be inscribed on the badges of the club, and large fines will be imposed if the badge is not worn constantly. If some unwary man does not rise at this fly, the Viennese maidens might as well seek the consolations of religion, knowing that because of their worth and excellence they are set apart for something more noble than the mar-riage state. The average husband couldn't appreciate them.

There ought to be a law passed to prevent women from trying to make armchairs out of old barrels, foot stools from starch boxes and bookcases out of shoe boxes and packing cases. It is really a terrible habit to form, according to Jenness Miller. The furniture is never satisfactory or strong. The materials used in covering are entirely inadequate or fully as expensive as if proper articles had been bought in the beginning, and there is a home-made, makeshift air about it that is always horrible. I have felt like tearing my hair many a time on entering a friend's room and seeing her dressing table set off in the remains of a last summer's frock,

Reams of paper have been covered with directions how to make, for instance, a dressing table out of a box to economize space. Did you ever see one finished that did not take up lots more room than a real one. In the name of common sense, when you can buy a nice little straight chair for 80 cents and a rocker for \$1.25, what is the use of breaking one's finger nails and spoiling the temper in worrying over old boxes. There are so many bits of home carpentry that are pretty and effectual that it ems a pity not to go in for them and

let the mistaken alone. If you want a book-shelf, get little iron brackets from the hardware man or make wooden ones at home. Nail firmiy to the wall and lay on your shelves. don't see why people should want to hide their books, but if you have a curtain let it run on a little rod or a cord, so that all parts of the shelves can be reached easily. Don't, as you love your books, box-plait the curtains and secure them with brass-headed tacks. That makes it so hard to get at the volumes that you will soon leave them alone.

Twenty years ago Miss Emily Page von Schonberg of Philadelphia was re-puted the handsomest young lady in Americs, and she was also exceedingly | ally dulcet, since he even declares that

ADS AND FANCIES FEMININE rich. When she married Colonel Hughes-Hallett, a handsome English officer of the highest social standing. society was in raptures over the affair, as it was set down as a genuine love match, with no fortune-hunting motive behind it. But, as a final test of her love, the gallant and proud spirited Briton stipulated in an ante-nuptial agreement that if she should ever leave him "without reasonable cause" a certain portion of her fortune should be given to him. He was to be subsisted by her during their married life, and in case he made that life unbearable to her she was to supply him with a life-long com-petence before she could be free. The fortune-hunting Englishman, it is alfortune-hunting Englishman, it is alloged, began very soon to make it impossible for his relf-respecting wife to live with him. They separated three years ago, the wife leaving her husband after an ugly scandal. Then Hughes-Hallett pursued his wife with his prenuptial contract, claiming that her denumber of the pliability of baby sinews, but no one who has listened to the cries of a little girl undergoing the torturing process will ever believe that the pain nuptial contract, claiming that her departure from his house was "without reasonable cause." He brought suit in Philadelphia for the share of the estate which he claimed under the contract, but the supreme court has are lossened in the shocking succession Schonberg, is added to the long list of victims of European fortune-hunters. She might have chosen a husband from

> The time has been until very recently that risks on the lives of women were never taken by certain companies dealing in life insurance. And those that did take such risks made the rates nearly double those which were charged to men, as they argued that women were not as long-lived as men and therefore not nearly as desirable subjects. This notion, which for so long hindered clear-sighted women who were anxious to provide for the future welfare of their loved ones in this manner, has now been done away with, says the Philadelphia Times, and we know of one large corporation that has taken the lead in this line and is most anxious to secure just such sort of life insurance and at the same rates as those that apply to men.
> This is only as it should be, for women

the very first ranks of sterling American manhood, and been one of the proudest and happiest wives of her native coun-

are just as desirous of making some provision for their loved ones in case of their demise as the keenest business man that ever existed. Many a widow left with helpless little ones has been haunted by the thought of their future, even though she were able to cope with their present wants. Many a woman on whom depends an invalid brother or sister would feel much happier if she knew that she could by life insurance secure those helpless ones from the bitterness of poverty which her death would plunge them into if such a precaution had not

been taken. It is a step in the right direction and should have been taken long ago, for women have been proven to be as longlived as men, and the company that takes risks on their lives is doing something not one bit more hazardous then when they so gladly rush in and insure the lives of as many men as they can get.

Madame Carnot, the first lady of France, is a brunette, with dark blue eyes, a pale complexion, delicately molded features,, and hair as black and glossy as black satin, writes Lucy Hamilton Hooper in a delightful sketch, with portrait, of the home life and personality of the wife of the president of the French republic in the March Ladies' Home Journal. Her expression is at most utterly abject of maids unwed, as forlorn as a rubber shoe run down at the heel, as devoid of hope and promise as a republican postmaster, would ever consent to be enrolled among the members of this society with the laudable aim.

Home Journal. Her expression is at once intellectual and charming. Outside her official duties, which are many. Madame Carnot leads a very quiet and domestic life. She rises at 8 o'clock, and her first breakfast, consisting of a cup of coffee and a roll, is served to her in her dressing room. Until 10 o'clock she occupies herself with her private correspondence, which always includes a letter to one or the other of her children, only her youngest son, Francois, who is at school in Paris, being at home. At 10 o'clock she joins the president in his library, and aids him in examining the voluminous mass of letters which arrive daily at the Elysee. Her thorough knowledge of modern languages, and her intelligence and unfailing good sense make of her a

valuable assistant. The second breakor lunch, is served at clock in the breakfastast, o'eloek room of the palace and is usually a very simple repast. Guests are seldom invited to luncheon at the Elysee, as both the president and his wife prefer entertaining their friends at dinner. Lunch once concluded, Madame Carnot, on the days of state dinner parties or balls, gives audience to her chief cook. Then she drives out either to accompany her husband to the opening of her husband, to teach them the mys-teries of the art of snaring hearts. If tion of some charitable instituor to some other official tion. function. The ordering and superintending of her toiletts absorbs a good deal of her time, and is really one of her officials duties the dress of the wife of the ruler of the state exercising a widespread influence over the commercial interests of France. Then she is interested in a number of charities, and drops in from time to time to see how her pro teges are progressing

Concerning crinoline the following extract from the Dundee, Scotland, Advertiser, January 5, 1809, has been uncarthed: Mr. Isaac Bickerstaffe, censor of Great Britain, sitting in the court of judicature, had erinoline brought in and hoisted by a pulley to the roof of the hall, where it formed a very splendid and ample canopy over our heads, and covered the whole court of judicature with a kind of silken rotunda in its form not unlike the cupola of Saint Paul's. On inquiring for the person belonging to the petticoat, Mr. Bickerstaffe, to his great surprise, was directed to a very pretty young damsel. "My pretty maid," he "do you own yourself to have been the inhabitant of the garment before us?" The young lady who wore this hoop confessed that she did not like it, and that she kept out of it as long as she could and till she began to appear little in the eyes of all her acquaintances, and said she would be very glad to see an example made of it. History does not go on to relate in what manner the hoop was censured, but the young lady, for her modesty and amiability, and in somewhat for her good looks, only received great praise.

Our British brother really begins to find us out, says Harper's Bazar. In an article on the American child, which one of him who has been here contributes to the London Queen, he says of the American mother: "She is, if possible, too unselfish, and the consequence is that the child is apt to become exacting. But it is precisely this peculiar trait that runs through all American scolety it is characteristic of men no less than of women. Husbands slave for their wives, even in the most heated days of summer, while their wives in their turn lavish all their thought and care upon the little ones." We Americans have known these many years that If we had a fault it was that we were too unselfish, but we never expected our transatlantic contemporaries to impute it to us. But this brother is exception-

our children "are, as a rule, good, sensible, companionable little creatures, and the reports so often circulated as to their disagreeable forwardness are positively

Just now, when a movement is being made to try and crush the mania for tight lacing, one cannot help thinking, says Jenness Miller, of the more exaggerated form of cruelty which the Chinese practice—viz., the compressing of the feet of female children of the better classes. Unlike tight lacing, which is, alas! on the increase, the fashion of strapping up the feet in China is decidedly lessening, though so slowly that one can-not help hoping that some one will try if law cannot be brought to the assistance dismissed the case, and he must pay the costs. Mrs. Hughes-Hallett, nee von Schonberg, is added to the long list of victims of European fortune-hunters. ones thus for a mere freak of fashion, and if they do not realize their own cruelty it is high time that the strong arm of the law made them do so.

The table should be a cabinet council board, as well as a place to eat. Here the father and mother meet with all the family, as they seldom meet at any other time. With most it is their only time for sitting down together. Why should not the head of the family at this time consider family matters and dis-cuss affairs of common interest? Is there any reason why he should hold to himself all the business affairs that all are equally dependent upon and interested in, and she, the mother, take no council or get none, concerning domestic affairs? I would advocate a formal counsel once a day, when each one shall ask advice of the other, and each child, an orderly way, shall state his troubles and his problems. In such a way our families may cultivate unity of feeling and co-operation.

One of the Easter brides is already planning her wedding and the gifts she will give her bridesmalds. The wedding is to be a mignonette affair, and the maids will all wear green gowns, with low necks and short sleeves, and carry huge bouquets of mignonette and roses. Their hats will be of pink straw, trimmed with mignonette. The bride will have a sprig or two of mignonette in her bridal bouquet. The maid of honor will wear pink, trimmed with mignonette, and wear a wreath of the dainty little flowers on her brown curls. Her bouquet will be entirely in mignonette. The gifts for the bridesmaids are to be emerald hearts, surrounded with diamonds. The bridesmaids will be ten in number and the wedding, of course, will be a very

Shirt waists and blouses promise to be even more popular than ever during the coming season. The principal change in them for the new season is the use of a full frill, wide around the shoulders and graduated in width to the waist. This gives the effect of bretelles. Heavy cotton cheviots and linens will be more used for these shirts than lighter The silk shirt walsts seem to retain their place. The French contu-rieres have adopted the shirt waist idea in many of their rich costumes of wool with silk or velvet. Blouses of plaid or rainbow velvet continue to be shown with many French costumes where the skirt and remainder of the dress are of shaggy wool or camel's hair.

Man sneers at woman for following the fashion, and then goes and finds fault with his tailor for not putting buttons on the coat tails of his latest suit. Belts and girdles are so popular that

even ladies tailors make use of them to finish round waists, and to cross vests. or waistcoats, as they more frequently call them.

The skirt portions of all the new spring jackets are much widened at the back, and slightly on the sides, to admit of their falling easily over the enlarged dress skirts.

So long as the dear girls can point to the fact that corsets have been found upon the waists of Egyptian mummies it is of little use to talk to them about the evils of tight lacing. Some of the new gloves show glaring

transgressions of conventional ideas and illustrate the disregard which fashion has for anything which savors of the old-time virtue of economy. Russian whip cords, vigogue, tweed,

serge, camel's hair, silk and wool bengalines, tricots, the so-called Scotch plaids. and, above all, goods in corded and changeable effects will be fashionable for street wear. Do you know the value of sunshine?

Then let it into your houses. What's that about fading the carpets and furni-ture? Well, let them fade! You can replace them, but you cannot replace your faded health.

The shoulder-seam having been so much lengthened, it follows that sloping shoulders will once again assert their claims to recognition, for the Second Empire bodice is hardly compatible with the square-shouldered ideal.

The new dress skirts measure from four to six yards in width around the bottom and the woman who decides upon the skirt with the latter measurement must also consent to wear its inevitable accompaniment-the odious hoop-skirt.

Seventy-one New Orleans women have bound themselves in the sum of \$2 each not to wear the hoopskirt, the money in case of forfeit to go to a benevolent Three months hence the society will have an addition of \$142 to its treas-

The ulster of other days has multiplied its simple effects and adornings and now it appears with a series of shoulder capes, trimmed on their edges, a jaunty collar, fancy sleeves and silver enamel buttons in place of the plain bone or bronze ones. Very pretty surahs, bengalines and

merveilleux satins, dotted with silk of a contrasting color, are made up into dressy toilets that have a rather full medium-length skirt and low-cut corselet, with gimpe and balloon sleeves of plain silk the color of the dot. Round waists appear upon nearly

every other model sent from Paris. These are either belted in closely or they curve with the taper of the waists to a sharp point. The fronts open on a plastron or vest with extravagantly wide velvet revers beyond, some of which seem to spread into folds and lose themselves in the elaborate puffings on the sleeves.

Oriental red is the name given to a new street shade of that color which anpears in cloth vigogue bourette wools and silk and wool mixtures. It is a handsome dye between that of a deep crimson rose and a rich dahlia color. It is remarkably becoming to both fair and dark women, and one of the best shades that the neutral-toned type could possibly select. The color is so subdued that it is not at all conspicuous.



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The popularity of capes, single, double and triple, will increase rather than di-It is likely that they will continue in favor for a long time, or as long at least as the immense voluminous shoulder trimmings remain in vogue, as the cape form is much more accommodating to these than any coat or jacket, whose smaller, heavier sleeves invariaoly crush the more elaborate ones of the

The fancy for buttons with odd devices revived for handsome gowns, especially those with Directoire coats and waistcoats. These vary from patterns of cut metal, matching gold, silver and copper bronze passementeries, to styles as costly as real gems. Some are exceedingly elegant and artistic in sets both large and small, made of gold, silver and other genuine metals, and tinted in rich colorings of vines in relief or set with bits of glittering half precious

Dress designers are making strong attempts to bring the Empire styles of dress into still more general vogue dur-ing this and the summer season. The new models which they have sent forth are certainly very attractive, and as during the autumn and winter they found a certain following, so also will they in the months to come; but they will never prove generally popular. The Empire gown is for the few, and not for the majority.

The moment for nourishing the bud that is to bloom into the Easter bonnet is now at hand. The Easter bonnet is merely a figure of speech for the flowers of millinery that bloom in the spring, and for which Lent is a period of incuba tion. The only thing that can be surely predicted is that it is to be a rainbowhued season. Iridescent effects in spangles, in many hued beads, in gold and silver gauze, in gleaming beetles, in metallic blue and green wings are ac cumulating with a significance that leaves no doubt. There is an epidemic of beads imitating pearls embroidering straws and laces, and twisted into al sorts of bands and fascinating garni-

Feminine Personalities. Mrs. De Witt Talmage makes her husband's pastoral and social engage-ments and has charge of his interests in his lecturing business.

Katherine E. Conwayof the Boston Pilot is now one of the police commissioners of Massachusetts and has great influence with her colleagues. Miss M. A. Moody of Boston will in

March complete fifty-one years of service

as a teacher. She intends to resign at the expiration of the present term. Miss Susan B. Anthony recently cele-brated her 73d birthday and felt spry enough to talk any horrid anti-woman's rights man into humiliated silence.

Queen Victoria has immense wine cellars in her various palaces. Her old port, sherry, East India, Madeira and Cabinet Rhine are said to be the finest in England. Mrs. Bellamy Storer of Cincinnati, the owner of the Rookwood potteries, re-ceived 100 awards at the Paris exposi-

tion. She will have a beautiful exhibit Mrs. Delight S. Boudinot, whose death is announced in Troy, N. Y., had been in charge of the day home for children of that city for thirty-six years, was many years ago a missionary among the Cherokees, and while among them married Elias C. Boulinot, who subsequently

died at the hands of an assassin. Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson is a portly, gray haired woman, who was a grandmother-and looked it-when she married this second husband. Her son

Lloyd, who collaborated with Stevenson in the ghastly tales. "The Wrong Box" and "The Wrecker," was a middle-aged man before he began to write.

Christine Nilsson attended a recent entertainment in Paris and Lucy Hooper writes that she "was lovely to behold in a toilet of dark grounded brocade figured with small colored flowers and made sleeves are made with full drooping with small colored flowers and made puffs of the velvet, with the lower arm with a deep pointed cape in antique point lace meeting the very full sleeves in brocade. Her bonnet was in point lace and gold passementerie. Mrs. Annie Moores of Mount Pleasant,

Tex., enjoys the unique distinction of being the only feminine president of a national bank in the United States. The lady had for a good while been president of the same bank when it was operated as a private concern and had made a model official, so that after the change the vote to keep her in command was unanimous.

The euphoniously named Hen Theater club is the largest thing in New York society. To Mrs. William Pollock is due the credit of its origination. All the members are matrons, and they have caused quite a stir on entering their boxes at the theaters. There is a delightful little dinner without men before the play at the house of one or other of the members, and all are handsomely attired when they attend a per-

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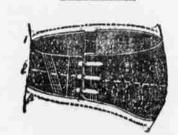
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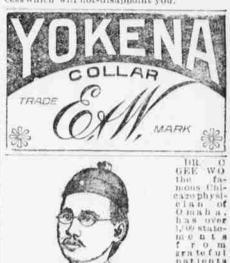
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