WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

Spheres of Activity.

holds a license which certifies that "Madge

While William Houston, a young farmer, was walking along the street at St. Joseph,

Mo., he met a number of fashionably dressed young ladies. One of them turned suddenly,

young lady was Miss Eva Dunbar, daughter

of wealthy parents and well known in so

ciety. 'I never saw the young man before,' she said, 'and I knew he was a stranger

Miss Frances Lane is cauring consternation

in the hearts of the members of the Alameda

smicking. Miss Lane expects to be black-

self over the matter.

shook hands with him and kissed him.

rine license.

Maine boasts of a woman who is an en-

### WOMAN'S DOMAIN.

THE CORRECT CORSET.

Fastidious Women Have All Their Stays Made to Order. NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- The latest corsets and corset bodies of every description, though leaning toward useful lines, are all so daintily white and coquetishly trimmed

such a hardened creature after all. At one of New York's best known makers Tecently were learned some of the latest secrets of cornets.

that it looks as if the new woman is not

Few women who dress well now buy their stays ready made but have them fashioned to order according to exactions of individual figures.

For less expensive tastes, for corsets made to order are naturally dearer than others, there are ready made ones of course, but even those are tried as carefully to the figure the same number, perhaps, one only will be | est shapes cost \$20. declared a fit.

FOR FAT AND THIN WOMEN. Again for athletic women who do not care to have the body too warm there is a novel thing in stays. This is a ventilative affair made of linen braid or narrow sating ribbon crossed in Squares and liberally bound at the up and down strips.

Corseis for fat women are enormously long, but the newest ones are very lowest the state of the strip o

at the bust, which does away with that ugly crowding up of the flesh so long seen. The bottom fits on the hips like a cap in most a straight line and is finished with a ride clastic band that stretches or rolls up lightly in sitting.

This makes it possible for such stays to be worn without great discomfort, and it is claimed even that the size of the hips may be reduced through their constant wearing. They are only to be found at the as a boot to the foot, and out of twenty of facturing places, however, and in their cheap-

A STORM SUIT. Then there seems to be corsets for every Apropos of fat ladies and all these who occasion under the sun, for cycling, golf and wish to do away with superfluous under-



READY FOR STORMY WEATHER.

so perfectly are they all made that there is no effect of slovenliness, so that if blessed with any sort of a figure, the same girl may wear all kinds and still seem the trim girdled being man loves to know her.

TO GIVE AN ELEGANT OUTLINE. A corset for a figure that needs to be held in a little, and yet leave the blessed right to breathe, is a short one of unlined coutille, hand made, and with the seams of the front running toward the steels in a

This gives an easy roundness to the waist and a swell to the bust, which, however, is held in snugly by a frill of lace, run with narrow ribbon at the corset top. At the bot-tom this model is only slightly pointed, and it is longer in proportion from the waist line down than from the waist line up, and at the sides there are elastic gussets that allow perfect movement to the hips while holding them down nicely.

This shape measures in its longest point eleven and one-half inches. In a good quality of coutille, and with a Cluny or Valenciennes lace frill at the top it can be had ready made

FOR TEA JACKETS AND GOWNS. A dainty lounging corset, shown in the il-



HAIR CLOTH PETTICOAT. lustration, has shoulder straps and is hardly

more than a bust supporter. This is especially suited to slight figures and can be worn by these for all occasions.
With easy morning gowns, however, mati-

nees or any freek on the Empire order in which the waist line is hidden, stouter women may also wear them to advantage, as in these cases they confine the figure suffi-ciently. These corsets are also made in white coutille, with lace and ribbon trim-mings or else a soft puff of muslin at the bust. Only at the front and side seams are they boned, and the look of a body is given them by a pointed piece at the back and at either side of the front, to which a short etticoat may be buttoned. This model can

An elastic corset for cycling, golf and other athletic pleasures is ideally suited to these

riding, for high dress and for lounging. And garments, many stylish women are now wearing flannel bloomers or knickers instead of pettlecats for walking. A skirt is worn over them, bien sure, for we have not yet reached the point of drop-

1 4 A.

ping our maiden needs entirely. But for the rest, if this feminine mantle were suddenly blown aside the wearer would stand revealed a perfect boy in the get-up of new tall hat and α vast cloak with many stand revealed a perfect boy in the get-up of her extremities, down even to stout calfskin boots and strict golf stockings.



FOR THE WOMAN WHO RIDES

The cut given shows a fair feminine in the

process of such an under-toilet, and which First, next the body from neck to ankles are worn combinations of silk or wool. Over these goes the corset, and if the chemise is sufficiently thin to permit the skirt being crowded into the bloomers it may be added. Generally, however, the chemise is left off on these be-trousered occasions, and the corset covered instead with a perforated chamois vest that would defy the coldest

blast that ever blew. The tall boots are in this instance of dull dongola kid that needs to be rubbed off with oil instead of blacking.

This oiling, it is claimed, makes the leather waterproof, but it also gives a delightful softness that is a wonderful incentive to long and healthful walks. The clumsy feet of the gol are cut off and the tops used as leggings

ever thinner ones. POPULAR PETTICOATS For giving a proper stand off look to the



but it is shaped into the figure with gussets, outside skirt, a haircle h petticoat is now Arctic circle, only ninety miles from Fort corset-fashion, at the bust and hips. Like the only thing in favor. All the stiff inter-Yukon. But it is not likely even then that girdle, too, it has only one opening, which linings and wire braids once used to hold she will have many women callers of hir own

corset-fashion, at the bust and hips. Like a girdle, too, it has only one opening, which is in front, and that closes with hooks over which the lacing loops.

A pulling in or letting out of the string teams to be the only secret for the fitting of many of these clastic corsets.

For riding there is a corset with the lower portion very short and ending in a wide of nest haircloth, leting made of nest haircloth, leting made of nest haircloth, leting made of nest haircloth, leting in favor. All the stiff inter-Yukoh. But it is not likely even then that yukoh. But it is not likely even then that she will have many women callers of hir own race.

With sunshine or with sande.

So Whittier speaks while the 'Autocrat of the she will have many women callers of hir own race.

The brief summer time there is a great to hair dozen the brief summer time there is a great to hair dozen to heavy, and the fact that one petitionat to he the only secret for the fitting of the string to some plants. In the light days of the winters there is most excellent hunting. Moose and deer minated and printed, with illustrations from

elastic band that runs from a spoon busk; and from the knee up in front on thin cotover the hips to the back.

These are declared to be most comfortable and the only proper port for the gaddle.

FOR FAT AND THIN WOMEN.

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These are declared to be most comfortable to not silk. The back is entirely of the baircloth, in three or more organ pleats, and a look of elegance is sometimes made by covering the whole thing with taffeta silk. with a fril at the bottom, pattiesat fashion,

This does away with the wearing of another petileout, otherwise necessary. And if the frill is corded or tucked a halrskirt so covered will have NINA FITCH.

## THEIR ODD WEDDINGS.

How Marriages Are Conducted in

Russia and Denmark.

E. Trueworthy has been duly examined by childis in Russia marriages are brought about by the inspectors of steamboats for the state verse. means of a woman mediator, known as the of Maine as to her qualifications as an en-"Svakha," says Florence Wilson in Dodey's gineer of steam vessels and found to be a Magazine. As soon as a choice is made the 'Svakha," clothed in her best, goes to the house of the girl, and entering with as much dignity as possible salutes the ikons and ence to the prospective marriage. She says, for instance;
"A white dove has escaped today from the

house. Is it possible that it has fled to you?" Upon the answer received to this question depends whether she continues or not. If a favorable one is given she speaks directly to the point and goes home, and the suitor then, taking courage, visits the girl himself. The money and objects of various kinds which the groom intends to present to the parents of the bride form the subject of long discussions between the parents and the groom. A few days before the wedding the bride is taken to bathe by her friends and com-panions. The soap used at the time is a present from the bridegroom. The bathing sponge, through which ribbons are passed, is carried on a long pole in from of the bride, the young women singing as the procession advances. The platform of the bathing house is sprinkled with beer, and it depends upon the odor from the beer whether the groom is to be a henpecked husband or not.

As soon as the bridal procession enters

the church on the day of the wedding the bride and groom start down the aisle on a mad race. There is a tradition that whichever places the foot first on the cloth in front the altar is to be master of the house. At the wedding dinner, when the tea is passed around, each guest tasting it declares that it is bitter, and this is a signal for the newely-wedded couple to embrace sach other. In some parts of Russia the young wife is obliged to pull off her husband's boots in the precence of the guests as proof that he is master. A whip purposely placed there falls from the boot, and the husband strikes the wife with it three times. After this greeting he kisses her.

Danish weddings vary according to the means of the bride's parents. A few days before the wedding the gifts are sent, not to the bride, but to her parents, consisting generally of contributions to the feast. Some lamb, joints of beef, and in fact anything estable. For months before the bride and her mother and sisters have been hard at work at the loom, spinning and weaving all the linens for the person as well as for the house, which store, together with a couple of young horses, a couple of cows, and a pair of sheep, invariably form a part of her marriage portion. At 11 o'clock in the morning of the wedding all the guests meet at the house of the bride, driving up in carts, and when ready the long procession starts for the church, headed by two outriders, who are the best men. Next follows a cart containing a band of three or four brass instruments and the village fiddler. A cart fol-lows containing the bride sliting alone, and behind her comes the bridegroom, also alone driven by a karle. He sits in the middle of capes, worn even in summer time. Near th church children strew flowers. Returning from the church the bride and groom sit together, the band preceding. The parents remain at home during the ceremony.

## SEASONABLE BOWS.

The Marlborough, Old Maid and Garden Varieties Popular.

Bows are blossoming vigorously, this season over gowns hats, wraps, in fact every article pertaining to feminine wear and use The novelty of the present winter is called the Marlborough, named, of course, after the English duke who captured one of our American beauties. This charming scheme simply a revival of the old-fashioned bow favored by our grandmothers long years ago It has numerous and ample loops, the rib ben, of superfine quality, is crisply tied with several short straight ends. There is another choice bow generously

used in trimming frocks. It consists of five loops—all crushed together and turned the same way. This original departure peeps out from the inside of the sleeve and rests on the boson, and to make it more of a coquettish novelty it only appears on one side of the body, and that is the left. Merely a smart bit of dress furnishing, but yet an exceedingly pretty idea.

There is still another aspirant in dress decoration for the worker's campaign. That is the prim bow. It is very stiff, consisting of two loops, one runs up, the other down and a band across which furnishes the mid-dle. These dignified loops are set in the ex-treme end of short basques in front, and give to these abbreviated bodies a very smart

They consist of a series of little fly-away-knots caught together and sewed near the walst line to give a fuller effect to very

Butterfly rosettes are eminently modish

For new embroideries the bow showing wreaths of blossoms with their fruits, is quite a new departure. To give a novel va ri ty the bows with these schemes are of some complimentary color, which adds greatly to the general effect.

Bouquets still retain bows as their special property. Long streamers with loops

are also in vogue, and in some instances there is a small bow of narrow ribbons which is placed at the extreme end of the bouquet, making a graceful finish. A WOMAN VERY FAR NORTH.

Arctic Circle in Ainska. The first white woman who ever crossed the sometimes for weeks with no other white person near, arrived in San Francisco a week or so ago. She is Mrs. T. N. Beau-mont, the wife of the post trader at Fort Yuken. She is a young woman, a native Belgium, and though she has spent the greater part of her life in Europe and in the big cities of this country, she is quite in love with her life among the Indians up on the edge of the Arctic circle

When Mrs. Beaumont crossed the Chilkat Pass she had to wear men's clothes and native men's clothes at that. She had to walk, and had to help to drag the sledges loaded with freight, too. The snow was notably deep, even for that region, and crossing the pass was, and is, considered a hazardous undertaking for a man. She and her husband were the only white people in the region, and the nearest white woman at any time was several bundred mil's away. Sometimes Mrs. Beaumont was left alone for weeks at' a time while her husband went down the river to procure supplies, and at such times she did all the trading with the Indians coming to the post with furs. After a while there was a haby to help her through the lonely hours and later another came.

The far northern part of Alaska is meens a snowy waste, or at all a forbidding region, Mrs. Beaumont told an interviewer from the San Francisco Examiner, although it is of course somewhat dreary during the long winter. Fort Yukon is away north of the Forty-Mile creek gold fields, but next year she will have comparatively near neigh in the new camp called Circle City, near

Yukon river.

Four or five families of Indians live near Fort Yukon, and at regular intervals several secret of Indians come in from huming trips and camp about the fort wall, trading. They bring in Iynx, otter, beaver and mink skins and trade them for supplies of all sorts. The lightest trouble, even when Mrs. B aumont was alone for weeks at a time, Mrs. Beaumont expects to remain in Collifornia during the winter and to return to Fort Yukon next summer.

Ide ba, the mindow casement over the bluckess lady of Shalott in gown of goldsn tissus, weaving her magic web.
Flower faces present a bright greeting for each month, the blue-eyed baby peeps out from a lify cup for January, the new born year, the fullness of womanhood filling the poppy flush of August, the grandmother's smile in the heart of December, set amid clustering holly berries. Still another shows a quaint device, a group of four paper dolls arrayed in Jaunty Watteau costumes, ararrayed in Jaunty Watteau costumes, arranged upon cardboard in the cross-hand figure of the minuet, holding garlands of

flowers between them and keeping time and step in pretty dance, with the new year, Achieving Distinction in Various Nursery calendars are full of fun for the Circles of dogs, pigs and birds revolve upon a pivot at the center, all endeared to gineer-a steamboat engineer at that-and childish hearts by expression and a bit of

competent and reliable person to be intrusted with the powers and duties of engineer of a steam vessel, and she is therefore. membering that for all the year around it will confront us each day in its

an engineer and the wife of another. The M. E. Gove is an excursion steamer on Lake Mattawaumkeg, in Maine. Her husband is once more enjoying an ephemeral popularity. the chief engineer of the boat. She stands the "off" watch with him. She expects in Cloth skating costumes braided, hussar fashion, are not new, but are highly fashtime to secure a regular United States ma-

Yokes of green paillettes are among the mported novelties. The effect is most brilliant at night. Wine glasses in the form of tulips are considered desirable for the dinner tables of the modern epicures.

New gowns from Paris have noticeably small sleeves of the old-time coat cut, and they are wofully suggestive of the unbecom-ing, uncomfortable skin-tight abominations of a half dozen years ago.

before I kissed him; but I couldn't help it. When I turned around my eyes met his, and he looked so good, so noble and so true that Embroidered kid and thin leather bands, vests, collars and trimmings of various kinds are very much in vogue this winter. I wanted to kiss him. I didn't think; there wasn't time to think. I only knew that I The artistic liberty velvets are much used

and bright scarlet satin makes a typical as well as a becoming frock for holiday dances. had met a real man, and I wasn't sure that I would ever see another one." Dainty aprons of brocade, Dresden, or china silks, edged with real lace and scented with sachet powder, are a revival of these Law association. Miss Lane is a lawyer and she has applied for admission to the organirifles among smart women. Bright Dresden ribbons make dainty addi-

zation, which is at present composed of young lawyers and students of the mascutions to dark house dresses, being utilized for stock collar, waist trimming, belt and line gender. They are naturally overcome with fear at the thought of having among them one whose presence would be a rebows, with loops and ends falling at the left side of the waist. Short full shoulder capes of mink, otter or straint upon freedom of speech and of action chinchilla are stylishly worn over three-quarter capes of gray or grown velvet or They think she might interfere with their

loth lined with satin brocade and fitted very balled and does not particularly concern herclosely on the shoulders. Jewelled trimming form a conspicuous For a long time the West Guthrie, Okl., part of many of the new evening gowns. Congrigational church has been in need of Pearls embroidered on white slik gauze make repairs, and despairing of the men attend- an exquisite trimming for a mousseline de

FLOWER FACES. ing to the matter a score of women finally sole gown. Delicately tinted spangles are appeared with hammers, hatchets, saws, also combined with pearls in forming one of planes and nails and repaired the walks, the new trimmings. The spangles simulate waist line to give a fuller effect to very slender figures.

Ribbon roses blossom lavishly everywhere and the woman makes no mistake who commartens up a dull tollet by a little use of Marlborough, old maid and flower garden founce that they will improve the street in nounce that they will improve the street in nounce that they will improve the street in nounce that they will improve the street in somely varied by deep rich shades in plum, between the street in somely varied by deep rich shades in plum, and parts violet. front of the church and put up hitching dahlia and Parma violet.

> Sea Cliff, L. I., who distinguished herself by building a door which hangs straight, has done some more work. This time she has constructed a railing on the porch of a hotel. The job is done in a next and workmanlike manner and firmly establishes Miss Crandall's right to the title of mechanic. The woman has done a number of little tobs short. dall's right to the title of mechanic. The woman has done a number of little jobs about as much as possible the design shown on the

Effie Hall, stenographer for a Kansas City firm, has announced her intention of riding around the world on a bike in twelve months, provided she is given \$5,000. She believes fancy styles of velvet, she can make the trip in twelve months, and of the present vogues. perilous Chilkat Pass in Alaska, and for three years has lived far north of the most made by Annie Londonderry, the English rider. Miss Hall is 18 years old.

> A unique publication has recently made its appearance, called the American Jewess which is conducted and owned by Mrs. Ross Sonnenschein, a Vienna woman. zine is exclusively devoted to the interests of Jewish women and is intended to stimulate their ambition in the various fields of enterprise.

CALENDALS FOR '96.

Some Original and Artistic Designs Turned Out.

The new calendars for 1996 bear a sentiment for the holiday time, as well as a greating for the new year. This season the variety is infinite and each one a handsome specimen of fine art.

Religious calendars-the "Lord's Prayer, the "Christian Graces," the "Year of Sunshine," show texts of courage, consolation and trust, for every month upon oblong panels of cardboard daintily decorated with fresh flower clusters, and border of silver or gold. The twelve panels are held together and sus-

pended by intertwined ribbons.

Among the poets' calendars it is difficult to make a choice. There are the noble thoughts of Whittier, quaint humor and philosophy of Holmes, the pathos of Longfellow, and the romance of Tennyson. The twelve leaves are enclosed and preserved between pretty covers,

held together by a tiny chain. We shape ourselves, the joy or fear Of which the coming life is made-And fill the future's atmosphere With sunshine or with shade.

The rage for lace in woman's finery extends nowadays literally from head to foot

brocade. Combining delicate-hued plaited silk gauze

with heavy silks, such as swiveled satins, velours, Pekins, the latter in rich pompadour effects, damasse and any one fancy styles of velvet, is one of the graces The square decellete bodice so very popu lar just now is susceptible of tasty adorn ment, either surrounding it with a volant of

either plaited or embroidered gauze, guipure, or else the contours may be enhanced with embroidery or strings of beads. The corded silks with satin lustre, the rich pompadour satins, and the fancy silks em-bossed or brightened with stripes of satin,

are used for the moderately flaring skirts, undraped and unadorned, that special favor for elegant wear this winter. The most recent development of the fur boa is a sort of a Siamese twin. It fastens under the chin with two heads. From these heads fall a succession of twelve tails arranged in three rows of four fluffy tails each, reaching to a little below the waist

The newest brocades show a design of long-stemmed clusters of flowers starting from the hem and reaching to the knee, the stems tied with a careless bow knot of ribbon. A creamy satin ground with American Beauty roses is one of the most effective patterns.

Where a bed is obliged to face a window, as is sometimes necessary, a decoration and a relief in one is secured by a valance above instead of below the footboard. Two small brass uprights are fastened in it, with a rod adjoining them, on which is hung a curtain of some light silk or stuffs in harmony with the general tone of the room. One of the wonderful Parisian models millinery resembles a combination helme and cornet of some mythological deity It abounds in wings, which run to blues and greens, skillfully harmonized. The wings appear to spread out from a nest of hum-

ming birds, but they are merely epingles lace and bits of velvet arranged a la Fran

ming birds,

catse. Finger rings of Marquise shape, while re taining a certain vogue, have given way to the hoop ring. The stones used vary with personal tastes, but the combination of emeralds and diamonds is first favorite. I Slender hoops for the little finger, three in

abound about Fort Yukon, as do ducks, geese, some of the author's best known poems, for number, one of diamonds and widgeon, grouse and other fowl, while there is also a great variety of food fish in the cample Enoch Arden and Annie sitting by one of emeralds, are among the season's fads the man the miller's daughter, fresh and in jewelry.

Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Davis of Washingon, D. C., has finally completed her calcula tions of sphemeris or almanae of the sun.

Mrs. B. Lindssy of New York City is the
best woman trap shooter in this country. having made that recreation a specialty for

Another American girl who has married an English author is Miss Amy Vantine of New York, who recently became the wife of Gil-

One of the best paid governesses in Europe s the young English woman who has charge the little king of Spain. She receives \$4,500 a year.

Montana is justly proud of Mrs. Ella Knowles Haskell, the assistant attorney general of the state, who received \$19,000 not long ago for one fee.

A Kanzas district has a written contract with a teacher to teach the school, chop the wood, make the fire, sweep and find the matches, for \$35 a month. The teacher is a woman. It is said that Margaret Mather will re-

ceive \$100,000 for consenting to be divorced from Brewer Pabst. Margaret's matrimonial transactions have fairly eclassed her operations as a theatrical star.

An advocate of woman's rights in New Jersey is contesting the right-of-way of a railroad across her farm by planting herself in front of the locomotives. This is not a case of overriden woman, for the engineers Fraulein Marie Schwartz has been appointed

director of a girls' public school in Vienna in the fact of a protest from all the male teachers in that city. She is the first woman wha has ever held such an appointment in Vienna. At the close of the entertainment given by the queen regent of Spain, during which Sarah Bernhardt enacted some of her most famous

scines, the latter receive a beautiful Renais sance casket containing a superb jewel set with rubies. Clara Barton announces that the American National Red Cross society has already un-dertaken to distribute relief to the 590,000 destitute Armenians in Asia Minor, and that

nillions of dollars will be required to relieve Mary French Field, eldert daughter of the late Eugene Field, is preparing herealf to read in public the poems of her illustrious father. She is a handsome young woman of noble presence and will make a striking

ppearance on the platform.

Mile. Beglarion is a young Armenian princees who took high medical honors at Berne and is now creating quite a furor in Vienna because she improves every oppor-tunity to oppose Prof. Albrecht and his theories regarding weman doctors. Mrs. T. N. Beaumont has arrived in New

York City, after a four years' sojourn in the vicinity of Fort Yukon, Alaska. She enjoyed her perilous tramp in man's clothing through Chilkat Pass, being the first white woman who ever crossed that dangerous, mowy pass. Miss Margaret Kirkwood of Boston is a fine shot. Although she has only been prac

ticing one year, she now enters competitions with men, and has just carried off several prizes. Miss Kirkwood is a member of the Boston Gun club and an honorary member of the Dedham Sportsman's club. Mrs. Sidney Lanier is described as the ideal of an old-time southern gentlewoman. She werrs her silver-threaded mass of beautiful dark hair brushed back from the forehead, and dresses in loose, black gowns, with lace at the throat. She reads her late husband's poems with the soft, musical accent of well-

In Iowa Misa Minnie Parnitzke has attracted public attention by her exceedingly independent and fin-de-siecle attitude toward her father. Objecting to his methods of cor-rection and to his public censure of her, she has brought a suit against him for damages and for household services rendered since she became of age.

bred southerners.

The empress of Austria intends giving up much of the violent exercise which she has persisted in for so many years. Her majesty at one time boasted of a waist of only twenty inches in circumference-the smallest in Eu--and claimed that it was not the of a corest, but of swinging by her hands from a trapeze bar.

Miss Charlotte Smith of Boston has caused New York to plume itself a little on its good ness. Miss Smith is one of the reformers hess. Miss Smith is one of the reformers who are acquainted with the slume of great cities. Miss Smith is of Boston, and after a cate with the manufacturers as to cities. Miss Smith is of Boston, and after a tour of investigation in the lower parts of New York she says that Boston—the intellectual Boston-is incomparably worse than

Mrs. C. L. Proctor, a special student at the State university at Berkeley, Cal., has created a furore in the town by donning a bloomer costume for daily use. Her suit consists of dark blue serge bloomers, cut very narrow at the knees. A belt of leather holds them to a loose-fitting waist of the same ma-terial. Leggings hide from view all but the tops of the lady's black silk hose. A heavy pair of thick-soled shoes clothe her feet Mrs. Proctor's bloomers have raised a terrible otion, but, so far, she has been per mitted to wear them.

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