IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

FASHIONS IN DRAPERIES.

Sweeping Chiffon Siceves, Shoulder Jewels and Other Novelties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- New Year resolutions in fashions pure and simple have evi- to the opera showing its revers of richly dently taken the form of vows of originality purple velvet violets and its pocket flaps prehend the modus operand. In hair dressing and head decoration. The of the same flowers. All the fur hats, and their numbers are daily increasing, are These classes in journal the savage mode would be filled with envious admiration could they but see some of the chic coiffures our smartest American women have adopted for the completion of their evening tollets. As is usual, the tall, dark of her high collar. women secure the very best results with

their ornaments. Miss Virginia Fair has rather adopted as her specialty an arrangement of her blue- ornamentation in stitchings and colors. The black hair with gold spangled norse wings.

Dicks of glace kids have silken arrows on the left side, from crown to brow, a shooting up and down from a bar across the narrow white part shows, and then, looped center, and brown or green gloves sitrched low across her forehead, the smooth tresses with gold or scarlet rather conspicuously are drawn. All the bulk of her hair is are seen on hands that rule in Clothesland. brushed and twisted up to a lofty loop at As has been told before, all afternoon and the very spex of the head and fastened to in any wise ceremonious gowns are noted this are four narrow black tulle wings. Two for the exceeding length, width and elaboraof these are at least six or eight inches tion of their cuffs, but for morning frocks, long, the other two are somewhat shorter, and particularly with finnel shirtwaists, a and all of them are so powdered with tidy custom of other days is in force, and spangles and so artfully adjusted to the the women wear crisp white linen culfs. hair by wires that they wave and glitter at For use with flannel waists, that have rather every slightest motion of the wearer's head, | broad cuffs, linen cuffbands are wisely

broad scarlet roses.

trimmed with flowers set on in flat wreaths or big mat-like dabs, and to freshen up a well-worn Persian lamb cape a woman will put a necklace of dark red roses at the root

* A.3 Smart Gloves. After a season of great simplicity in gloves a distinct tendency is shown toward Mrs. Astor is another notable who has promoted. They are strips of linen about an

subterfuge is now a mode, and the most copy it is wisest to offer to the different as-costly of the new long-haired wraps have sociate ditors of a newspaper and how it is their high collars edged or necklaced with usual to approach these busy personages; also how they conduct their work, in case A beautiful ermine coat was worn recently any of the girls should be offered a position as a department editor and needed to com-

For Different Publications.

These classes in journalism at Mount Holyoke are electives for juniors and seniors who have already passed through universal as Christmas gifts. the preliminaries in English. They are first put at writing reports for the papers. For ated, such as the question there of license or no license, or some of the college affairs, and to write just as if they had been asked to contribute such matter to the local paper. Then each member of one class was given the topic "The Opening of College" and instructed to prepare her article for some special publication, such as the New York Sun, the New York Journal, the Independent, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Mc-Clure's Magazine, Life and half a dozen

others varying in character and kind. After drilling in the daily newspaper they advance to the weekly journal and magazine, the different publications being classified into groups and studied to find out their characteristics, also the style and method of the contributors, which the girls imitate for practice. Students select different types -Prot. John Fiske and Richard Harding Davis, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster and Mrs. Ruth McEnery, as one class is studying the structure of fiction.

The girls are also taught proof reading and correcting, so that when they arrive at the stage of having their own manuscript proofs to look over they can correct them professionally. They can also be prepared in this way to become professional proof-

At Smith's and the Co-Eds.

At Smith college the practical courses are progressive and effective in developing the news instinct and journalistic turn of mind of the bevy of fair collegians, who are striving to qualify themselves to enter the field of journalism. That the process is a successful one the numerous recent Smith graduates already working for a number of prominent daily and other publications are a convincing testimony. Among these are Miss Anna Hemstead Branch, who took the Century prize for the best poem; Miss Alice Katharine Fallows, who has made a reputation for herself as a paragraph writer and whose article in Scribner's Magazine on her alma mater brought her into immediate prominence; Miss Olive Dunbar, Miss Bertha Lee Bennett, Miss Ellen B. Sherman and a host of

The girls at Smith also are correspondents for daily papers, usually receiving the regular rates of payment.

At the co-educational colleges good preparation along journalistic lines is offered the enterprising "co-eds," and a proof that it is a wise and popular educational innovation is that the girls take to it as a duck does to water and are deeply interested in all its ramifications, believing more public events.

THE FIRST FOOTER.

Significance of the First Visitor on New Year's Morning.

many quaint English customs.

this custom, a man is preferred as a first- hung on and screamed until a policeman footer, and a woman is to be avoided. The

one who enters should bear a piece of coal, | sire not to have the affair made public she a piece of iron and a bottle of wine. To each man of the household he gives a glass, and to each woman a kiss.

did not appear against the footpad, who only got ninety days in consequence, but such an escapade as that was bound to

Sweetened ale or egg-flip is the prescribed | come out and now all the town is talking beverage for the drinking of healths on New about it. Year's. In Scotland the housewife takes care, before retiring the last night of the year, to spread the ashes smoothly on the hearth. If, in the morning, the print of a Love of Outdoor Life Leads to New foot can be detected, with the toe pointing toward the door, it is thought to foretell a death in the family during the year; but if the toe points in an opposite direction there will be a marriage soon,

A bowl of spiced ale, in which were roasted apples, toast and sugar, was carried round from house to house New Year's eve by the village maidens, who sang songs and wished | Florida women are going in for fruit culture every one "A Happy New Year." The loving cup of present times is a relic of this cess. A number of girls are studying ancient and still observed English cus-

The Puritans objected to New Year's gifts as a heathenish custom, but it was quite as horticultural as a profession for women. Carrying branches of evergreens hung

with apples, oranges, and gayly colored ribinstance, they were told last year to write bons, the children still parade the streets up things of interest to the small town of of some old English towns, "agganowing," South Hadley, in which the college is situ- as it is called, from the words of the ditty they sing:

We're come to give you warning it's New Year's Day a-morning, With a hey and a how, And an aggan agganow.

BRAVE PHILADELPHIA BELLE.

Season's Debutante Who Can Fight as Well as Dance. Miss Minnie Fell is one of the most exclusive debutantes of the austerely exclusive set of prim Philadelphia this season. She is a cousin of the Drexel brothers and connected by family ties with almost every one of note in the metropolis of Pennsylvania.

WOMEN AS HORTICULTURISTS.

Occupations. Women are getting to enjoy outdoor life, outdoor exercise and outdoor pleasure so much that they are also devoting themselves and their time to profitable outdoor occupations. The number of women ranch owners who manage their ranches is increasing and in California, Arizona and with great enthusiasm and very fair sucforestry and horticultural colleges for women are springing up like mushrooms. Germany in particular is enthusiastic over Schools have been founded at Charlottenburg, Frideau, Constance and Baden and last year Baroness von Barth-Harmsting opened a horticultural school for

women at Plauen and guarantees her pupils

after two years' training, a profitable place.

She says that she has more applications for

women gardeners than she will be able to

A great number of American women of good social position cultivate flowers and fruit for the market. Violet culture, especially, seems to appeal to women, and some of the most successful violet farms in the country are manged by women whose names are in society's blue books.

Women are taking up general agriculture as well as flower and fruit culture. A fine course in agriculture has recently been opened to women in Minneapolis, but Russia has a long lead in the matter of agriculture But Miss Fell is not only a society girl, for women. Twelve years ago a Russian



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Looking Orderly. Winter is a difficult season of the year for the careful woman who is particularly neat interested by all its ramincations, believing that even if they do not adopt a literary career the training is a most useful one, that well come into practice in every-day will come into practice in every-day seemed last week in the athletic world come into practice in every-day emade last week in the athletic world she made last week in the athletic world government service. She found the land in bad condition and set to work studying the keep them in orderly niceness. When you sleeves have a small slashed Florentine puff, remove your heavy street boots don't toss draped at the top with lace held by a tiny them away in the closet all rumpled. Take them away in the closet all rumpled. Take droops a slender spray of orange blossoms. cided that the Russian peasant women ought time to stretch the uppers a trifle to straighten out the lacing wrinkles. Do the this winter consists of a quaint and beautisame with the tongue. Brush off the dust and if they are damp put them where a current of air can thoroughly dry them. Banana skins make an excellent dressing and keep the leather soft. They are essuccess. Last year the Russian government current of air can thoroughly dry them. specially nice for cleaning enameled or patent leather. If your feet perspire freely use a good antiseptic powder freely dusted in the shoes; it will rest the feet and save the stocking. The grime and dust in the shoetrings are very hard on the hands, as the dirt is ground into the flesh where the strings are drawn up tightly. Don't be stingy with shoestrings. Your dealer will flat band which joints the full crown. Long, furnish them free of charge, so change them rather broad strings of hemmed chiffon or often. Besides being clean they add greatly mousseline de sole are added, and these are often. Besides being clean they add greatly to the appearance of the shoe. Watch your

heels and have them renaired at the first indication of wearing off at one side. Nothing so disfigures your gait or looks more untidy than run-down heels, besides the shoe soon loses its shape where the heel turns and will break where the unwonted strain is occasioned by the twisted shoe.

Tulle and mousseline de soie rosettes are the prettiest trimming imaginable for a velvet toque, as they give the desired contrast in light effect which a velvet hat needs. The beautiful Jacque rose shade of red is much used in heavy lustrous satin this winter, for lining coats and short shoulder capes of dark mink, seal, or other fur. A very handsome case is made of tiny beads of some delicate shade, say light green, with a flower design wrought in a contrasting color. The work is done by

Frills of Fashion.

contrasting color. The work is done by hand entirely and the cases are leather The long face barbs which have been stored away in the treasure box for years may be brought out once more and used for a necktie. They are long enough to tie in the fashionable manner and it hardly matters what kind of lace they are, since everything in the way of lace is worn.

A little close-tied bow of mirror velvet, with flaring ends, is one of the pretty touches on the new gowns. It is fastened with a jeweled buckle on the lower edge of the collar band, directly in front, without any regard to the material which the band is made, and is always in some contrasting color.

Yellow in its deeper tones continues to be a favorite color among elegant evening tollets. Many satin duchess and satin matelasse gowns made really for the New Year festivities are of these glowing shades, and lace of the richest description, jewel-stud-ded nets, also narrow fur in many instances, form the garnitures.

Gloves to match the gown say pale blue with a pale blue dress, are entirely out of vogue. If one can afford slippers and stockings to match the gown in point of color, it is always well to wear them, but not necessary. Handsome black slippers and stockings are always in good form, and at the moment a severe black slipper of soft kid, set off by a single very handsome plain gold or jeweled buckle, is considered quite smart with light gowns.

A gay French costume of geranium-rec cloth is made with a short, close-fitting coat basque, opening on a middy vest of black Persian lamb, which fastens at the back. Revers of the cloth are braided in black soutache and edged with the fur. The skirt is lined with black moire, trimmed with braid and fur and is in full circular shape at the back with three-piece front

shape at the back with three-piece front and sides.

The fact that so many women now remove their hats or bonnets while at the opera or theater is very largely the reason for paying so much attention to the tasteful arrangement of the coffure. The high Pompadour style continues to lead, but there is a pleasing variety noticeable at all fashionable evening entertainments. fashionable evening entertainments, and as a rule the face and features, height and breadth of each individual have been taken into consideration in "doing up" the hair.

Fashionable dress fabrics are varied indeed this season, but it is the soft clinging textures that have first place. A new cloth called drap de chine, soft faced cloths and drap dress all worn and all silks must

drap d'ete are all worn, and all silks must be soft and pliable, or they have no style. Flour de velours make beautiful gowns, and

are coming into favor again. The prettiest of all the fabrics for a dressy gown is the

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TREATMENT FOR THE SHOES.

new creps de chine, as glossy as satin. To be sure it costs \$3, \$4 or \$5 a yard, but then this is an extravagant age. The new Louis XVI wedding gown is in trained princess style, the back of the skirt falling in classic lines produced by the fashionable underfolded arrangement of the

cap consists of a very full-gathered crown, shaped to stand moderately high at the top in front, affording sufficient room for the towering pompadour, Josephine, or other fashionable style of coiffure. The front of the cap is broad and short—a mere wide band, laid flat over the hair above the fore-head, and reaching only from ear to ear. This has a rever of plain silk or satin, which turns back from the face, almost covering the carried round the neck to the back; then brought forward and knotted loosely

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst has purchased Prosper d'Epinay's marble bust of Jeanne d'Arc, and

will present it to the Washington museum. It is pronounced a very fine piece of work. An insurance company of Warsaw, Russian Poland, has discharged all the male agents and solicitors, appointing women in their stead, since it appeared that women make much better agents than men. Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, editor of St.

Nicholas, who has just recovered from a severe illness, sailed for Europe recently by advice of her physician. Mrs. Dodge intends to spend the winter in Egypt and

Mrs. Ada L. Hanford, daughter of District Judge Hanford of Seattle, has been placed at the head of the movement among citizens of the state of Washington to purchase a suitable testimonial for the battleship Miss Florence Caldwell a daughter of

United States Judge Caldwell of Cleveland, was graduated as a civil engineer last June from the Colorado State School of Mines at Golden, and now she is about to marry another civil engineer whom she met in

Miss Marguerite de Cassini, the beautiful grandniece and adopted daughter of Count de Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, though barely 17 years old, is

one of the most interesting personages at the capital. Her parents died when she was 4 years old, and she has since been her graunduncie's petted darling. To youth, beauty and great wealth, she adds natural talent of a high order and a most levelle disposition. ovable disposition. The widow of President Barrios of Guatemala will make her home in New York. She has saved a fortune estimated at \$500,-000 out of her husband's estate, a fortune

which he amassed in the four years of his presidency. She is an American woman, born in New Orleans, and Barrios met sud married her in New York. Mme. Barrios has all her valuable diamonds tied up in the custom house and ungallant Ungle Sam insists on a heavy duty on them because they were bought abroad. The jewels are valued at \$100,000, on which the duty will be \$60,000. Charles Dudley Warner has written a long Charles Dudley Warner has written a long letter to the directors of the Hartford hospital approving a pian to creet a building to cost \$35,000 for the special use of trained nurses, of whom forty-five are on duty with that institution. Mr. Warner says scientific nursing is attracting some of the best women of the country, but he adds that, in the ac-commodations provided at the hospitals, "they have been called upon to endure un-necessary privations in entering upon the moble profession." He believes the citizens of Hartford will furnish the funds for the

desired building.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, as wife of the governor, will preside over the executive mausion at Albany for the next two years. She was born Miss Carow. She was an intimate friend of Mr. Roosevelt's first wife. She is in her thirties. She is of medium height, with fair complexion, dark eyes and the state of the st height, with fair complexion, dark eyes and hair and possesses a remarkable charm of manner. The governor-prospective has no more fervent champion than his accomplished wife, who is a firm believer in her husband's talents and unlimited ability. Mrs. Roosevelt is unquestionably the greatest spur to her husband in his public career and is perhaps more ambitious for him than he is for himself.



women, it is noticeable, permits even a sug- that hold the ends of the flannel cuff togestion of a curl on her forehead, and youth- gether. wire have quite the appearance of an airy delicacy plucked in a fairy wool and

sprinkled with dewdrops. In charming contrast to these novelties Mrs. McKay Twombley, with her almost invariably white satin gowns, places in her beautifully groomed dark hair, at one side, a perfect white pigeon wing, mounted on a clasp and pin of fine diamonds. The arrangement is such that the wing seems to rest against the head, fluttering with every motion, instead of showing any stiff, firm attachment to the high colffure. To differentiate from these lofty effects Mrs. Starr-Miller has chosen as her own the Victorian fashlon of sweeping her hair back over her ears and fastening to one side a large rosette of full-bloom ripely red

All these variations go to prove a great independence in headgear, and a dozen totally contrasting schemes of combing and ornamenting could be cited. But whatever else is evident, curls are temporarily at least in coventry, while a great show of originality is made conspicuous in sleeves. Lovely evening decorations with high throated gowns consist of white chiffon angel draperies falling to the floor, expos-

ing the arm, quite bare save at the shoulder, where a criss-cross of fringing jet chains meet. Decollete evening gowns bave as a rule double straps of pearls, jet ribbon, or roses. One passes over the top of the shoulder, and the other is strapped across the arm

A Clever Subterfuge. A shrewd woman, whose wardrobe allowance is very small and whose busy brain evolves many wise schemes, has from a makeshift given the wealthy women a fashion. Her sabie cape was sadly out of repair, and even when winked at seemed hardly fit for use at night, so she escaped from a dilemma by trimming up the bar places with velvet roses set on flat. Her

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ful Mrs. Astor, like Miss Fair, puts up her | For close-wristed, dark walking and house locks as clean as the comb will do it from gowns, cuffs are made that slip inside the neck and forehead, and pins a stately coll a sleeve and fasten, with the handsome little in front of the crown point. To this cabochon stud button. Usually that edge of coil is then fastened an eight-inch tall bow the cuff that shows about the wrist is made of black wire, lightly wound with prettily embroidered in a delicate white black tulle, on which diamond spangles are vine, or a couple of ridges run on the outer fastened. These many loops of tulle-covered surface of the linen. Quite as pretty are the cuffs that turn an eighth of an inch over the edge of the dress sleeve, and more novel still are cuffs that are meant to be worn wholly on the outside. They are broad or narrow, very plain or richly embroidered linen bands that clasp over the woolen sleeve by one, two or even three studs, and add thereby a great freshness to a sober gown and set off a pretty hand to the ut-

most advantage. COLLEGE JOURNALISM.

Girl Students Trained for Practical

Newspaper Work.
Practical journalism is one of the latest elective courses in English at the women's colleges. At Vassar this department has recently raised its standards and made rapid advances under Prof. Laura J. Wylle, a Vassar graduate, nad one of the first Teminine doctors of philosophy to receive

the degree at Yale. The freshman begins by having typical pleces of description read to her. She notes and criticises the distinctive methods and noticeable points of the author and is then asked to write on similar subjects until she has mastered typical methods of description

and logical order in composition. She is not given dry topics, but is told to choose something of familiar interest in her daily life, for instance a painting in the art gallery, the lake in the sunshine, the glen in a snow flurry, the girls dancing in the "gym," all every-day scenes. All these are critically noted by the student with a view to writing her strongest impression, and to carry the scene most graphically in black and white to some one else who has no

witnessed it. Details of the Training.

Paragraph writing is also made a strong point: how to construct paragraphs dealing with all manner of subjects and for all varieties of publications, as paragraphs have become the necessity of the present epoch of hurried living and hurried reading. Much emphasis is laid upon simplicity. onciseness and correctness and exercises are given the student to induce her to express her impressions by a single word or

By continuing in this practical schooling through the different prescribed and election courses the Vassar girl who makes up for mind to a journalistic career after gradustion takes hold easily of the many knotty, problems that confront the young novice in letters and finds her pathway immensely moothed down for her. This is demonstrated in the excellent work already being done along journalistic lines by such Vassar graduates as Margaret Sherwood and Nancy V. McClelland, who have been sayed the ex-

At Mount Holyoke. Classes in journalism at this college are excellent examples of professional and upto-date training for newspaper and magazine writers. Aspirants to journalistic fame begin at the very beginning, as though they were poor unfortunates suddenly thrown upon their own resources and were trying to earn bread and butter by becoming eporters or contributing to magazines.

girls, attended by their professor, will visit the offices and composition rooms of a neighboring newspaper, to be shown through the various departments where the writing, editing and printing of a paper are in progress. They will be allowed to ask all the questions they can think of and gather practical points as to what sort of

career the training is a most useful one, that good a run for the honors of belledom as husband's estates while he was absent on Lenten bells ring.

All her friends around town are congratulating her on her courage and presence of mind when she recently captured a burglar in broad daylight on Broad street, and Miss Pauline Biddle had just left the On New Year's day it is essential for good box office of a theater, where they had been fortune that the "first-footer," or the first purchasing tickets, when a burly negro stranger to enter your door and wish you grabbed Miss Fell's pocketbook and was off "Happy New Year," should be fair-haired with a rush. But Miss Fell was a and blue-eyed. "rusher," too. She pursued him down First-footing is one of the oldest of the Broad street to Samson and around the corners, until at Twelfth and Walnut she over-Among other superstitions connected with hauled him, and, grabbing his coattails,

possibilities of the soil. When, after several years of hard application, she had solved the problems that confronted her, she deto learn what she had learned. She opened a practical school of agriculture and horticulture for women in 1889 and made it a came to her aid and gave the institution money enough to establish it upon a broad

and liberal scale. Courses in theoretical agriculture, drainage, gradening and forestry are offered, and there are practical classes in all kinds of farm work. Several of the women graduates have been intrusted came to her assistance. Owing to her de- | with the management of large estates and

THE VERY LATEST FASHIONS IN EVENING COIFFEURS.

STREET COSTUME-Plaid skirt, velvet jacket trimmed with braid, buttons and fur, and high fur collar. ARGE VISITING HAT-Velvet brim, the front crystallized with jet and velvet skeleton bow held by showy steel ornament, the crown dressed with black plumes,

