Doctor Norris of Goldfield, Nev., called his eight-year-old son into the library after breakfast the other morning, and regarded him with a sad

"Harry," he said, "why are to go often late at school?" "I'm never late, father," Harry re-

sponded promptly. "Careful, son," said the doctor. "Try to remember. Haven't you been late at school in the last few days?"

"No, sir." "Then why has your teacher written me this letter, saying you were late three times last week?"

"Oh, I'll tell you, father," said Harry, reassuringly. "I don't know what kind | it?"-Harper's Weekly.

WITH MOTHER A CLOSE SECOND.



"Hi, you, Willie! Wat's de matter?" "Nuthin'. I'm trainin' for a Mara-

Fate of the Dutchman.

Patrick arrived home much the trust." worse for wear. One eye was closed. | Carefully adjusting his ear-muffs his nose was broken and his face and turning up the collar of his great looked as though it had been stung by coat, Mr. Addison Spriggs proceeded

"Glory be!" exclaimed his wife. 'twas him," explained Patrick.

the loikes of you to get bate up by a little omadhoun of a Dootchman the size of him! Why-"

"Whist, Nora," said Patrick, "don't spake disrespectfully of the dead!"

The Modern Serenader.

old squire as he rushed through the dison Spriggs were demanded. cold hallways in his pajamas "What is that noise down below-tog horn?" "Oh, pa, pa!" gasped his pretty daughter. "That is only Mr. Screecher cultivating his voice."

The old squire rushed for a sprink-

that, pa?" "Why-er-I'm going to irrigate his of his paper as Mrs. Jinx, with eyes

That will aid in the cultiva- sparkling and cheeks rosy from her down to cases; I am near starved!" voice.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of from their resting place and seating them for four years in that little cottheir attractiveness to the way they herself there in their stead, "have you tage and she never did call. are laundered, this being done in a no kiss for me, and nothing to say?" manner to enhance their textile beauly satisfactory if proper attention was stride, then paused with his nose with then she ended it by saying, 'Why, immense! Kiss me quick! Oh, now I being good Ztarch, which has sufficient in a voice shaking with emotion: strength to stiffen, without thickening "Though I might something say to you the counter and I had picked it up in hysterical. What was in your purse?" the goods. Try Defiance Starch and Of slight respect for husband dear, mistake for my own! Oh, I apologized you will be pleasantly surprised at the I will not say it, Eyes o'-Blue, improved appearance of your work.

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The Alternative.

"If the window had been eight feet from the ground," pouted 'he young wife "instead of eight stories. I'd have thrown myself out when you quarreled withme. Then you'd have had to be sweet to me when you picked me up. A lot of wives attempt suicide, they say, just to be petted when they come to." "Yes," said he, "but sometimes they

don't come to, remember."

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The Idealist.

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## Addison Spriggs, Ventilator

of a clock they have at our school, Spriggs put down his magazine. He surveyed the scene. Sitting as near but I'm always on time. Of course, had just finished reading a famous to a cold-looking little stove as they pose of showing you the error of your they start school sometimes before I expert's article on the deadly dangers could were four shivering children. ways. Do you realize madame, that get there, but that isn't my fault—is of improper and inadequate ventila- There was a miserable bed in a small you are stunting the growth and imwas formed a splendid resolution.

ance of an important duty. I shall go lipped, sad-eyed creature who had eviling them of the chance to become useforth at once to teach the poor and the ignorant the importance of keeping their doors and windows open. By persuading those who sit in darkness to let in fresh air I may save the lives of the young and the innocent, and he that saves life is greater than the chairman of a board of directors. If I had not been chosen for this great mission I should not have found that magazine in the car on my way to town this morning. It was clearly providential. I shall not be recreant to my

toward the slums, keeping a sharp lookout for unventilated houses and "Thot Dutchman Schwartzheimer- ever and on turning his back to the blast, so that his nose might not "Shame on ye!" exploded his wife | ue frozen. At last he paused before a without sympathy. "A big shpalpeen "ickety cottage. He noticed that the door was closed as tightly as possible. There were no open windows, and where a pane had been broken out the benighted occupants had endeav- dently been patching a pair of trous-

brisk walk entered the room.

I'll keep my face shut now you're

"Oh, you dear old thing," replied

Have planned a swift conjugal spat-- I felt small!"

But I have sat here long! And long

I ask: Where is my supper at?"

"Woman, I Say You Did Me Wrong!"

you think I would look well in?"

Scrappy Scotchman.

me for?"

time, and merely glanced over the top beg pahdon!

Her Purse

With a heartfelt sigh Addison | held the door open behind him and aside and closing the door. tion. In the mind of Mr. Spriggs there alcove at one side and the sounds periling the lives of these innocent "Providence," he said to himself, contained an unhappy infant. The that which is most necessary to their



"What Do You Want?"

ored to deprive themselves of ventila- ers when Mr. Spriggs arrived upon closed as tightly as possible, Mr. tion by stuffing into the aperture a his errand of mercy. Snow was siftragged pillow. It was clearly a place ing through a crack near the place "Dash my guns!" roared the gouty where the enlightened services of Ad- where the woman had sat while at they need more ventilation somebody work and there were several other else can do the ventilatin'. Having been admitted he carefully openings in the walls where one might (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

have looked through to the outside. "What do you want?" asked the depressed mistress of the castle after she had succeeded in pushing Mr. Spriggs

"I am here," he replied, "for the puremanating therefrom indicated that it children? You are robbing them of has singled me out for the perform- mother of the little ones was a blue proper development. You are deprivful men and women. You are committing a crime against nature. Wait. I do not accuse you of doing this wilfully or deliberately. You are unfortunately one of the unenlightened many who have not learned the value of ventilation. Do you keep your windows open at night? No. I can read the answer in the wan faces of your children. I find you here with your house tightly closed, breathing air that has become poisoned and making therapeutics necessary where you might well get along without a single therapute. For the sake of your little ones and in the service of humanity I shall open this window, and I hope-'

> Then a large, coarse man who wore heavy shoes and was devoid of trousers emerged from behind a door and kicked Addison Spriggs into the street where he succeeded after a time in crawling out of a bank of snow which had broken his fall but had not improved his temper.

> Gazing back at the cottage and noticing that the door and windows were Spriggs sadly said:

"Darn the poor and ignorant. If

#### "Wait till I show you a sample of silk I bought. It's only one twentyfive a yard and the clerk says it makes By Judd Mortimer Lewis. up just lovely-' Mr. Jinx sat with his feet on the arm and a haughty voice said in my

W-what are you going to do with center table, one hour past supper ear, 'I beg pahdon,' just like that, 'I to nothing, her eyes stuck out, her mouth dropped open and she stood "Well cut out the comedy and get holding her purse at arm's length with both hands. "Well, it was that Mrs. Gelt; you re-

"What is it, dear?" exclaimed Jinx. "Well," said she pushing his feet member we lived across the way from springing to catch her.

"Oh, By! Oh, look at this! and this! and these! Oh, these are her cards! "Well, she told me that I had her and this is her purse! and I did have Jinx swiftly rose, paced three times purse, and I denied it, and she inmy own purse all the time! Oh, lumty. Home laundering would be equal- across the room and back with tragic sisted, and I continued to deny, and tiddy-dee-diddy-I-diddy-I, oh, isn't that seems that she had laid it down on "Hush, dear, hush! You are getting

> "My diamond ring, and-What do and apologized forwards and back- you think you are, a rooster! What are ward and cross-ways, and even started you crowing about? Where are you to sing it, but she turned with a sniff | going?"

> and left me. Perhaps you don't think "Going to town-lum-tiddy-um-to "Oh, well, it's all over now, dear. If for grand larceny-lum-tiddy-um-tiddyswear out a warrant for her arrest um! "But that isn't all, dear. I turned

"Oh, you darling! Hush! some one is at the door!-Why, Mrs. Gelt-Oh. yes, I am so sorry it occurred, you must have felt so embarrassed! Oh. I beg of you not to mention it-it could have happened to any one-No, we cannot possibly go for an auto ride this evening!-Oh, By! She's gone! Wasn't that scrumptious! (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

### Love's Young Dream

By Thomas L. Masson.

be deadly in its effect.

my business continues to grow."

to have done such a thing!' and the

clerk looked at me suspiciously and

replied, 'I don't suppose the people

thought you really intended to steal

it!' By, I just grabbed my own purse

"Oh, well let's have supper and for-

off the counter and ran!"

The idea was this: To keep her but I was shopping and I just couldn't I was very necessary to her.

get away from those lovely bargains! I would suddenly be called away to vests for less than that, and fluffy grow restless, and begin to toy with ruffles so cheap that you would think her food and get pale, without knowthey must have been storen. And ing what was the matter. After I had been gone long enough, I would suddealy present myself in front of her. She would give the usual glad cry and "The kitchen. What did you blow awaken to the sudden realization that "I was at the white goods coun- I was the cause. ter in Dingbustit's looking at some

"You are a ripping golf player," I things and thinking of nothing said on the first day. I let her beat | break I had made. in particular, except supper and you, me on purpose, but not so badly as to and how I wished we were rich, and make her feel that I was quite bewhat I'd do with the money if I had neath her.

it, 'The baby should have a new toy each day, and all that sort of stuff Spencer or Schopenhauer, but I enough to support me." you know, when I felt a touch on my should be glad to discuss the Ameri (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

How They Train in England

It is in England where stables of night we were rubbed down again.

professional runners are kept as if We were worked like race horses.

know how to get a sprinter in shape, and plenty of it-this little hotel was

ell-room of a small hotel in Sheffield. tick off to sleep like so many clocks,

She thought me a harmless person. I can Winston Churchill or Harold Mc-I knew her to be a dangerous one. Grath," I said on the second day. We That was the difference between us. really got into a great discussion Now I had a scheme to make her which ended with her saying that it a brass bed. fail in love with me. It was simple in was all very interesting and she hoped operation, and I hoped that it would the opportunity would present itself, etc., etc.

And then the end came-swiftly, mind off from love long enough to without warning. It seemed to me that have her get thoroughly well acquaint- the psychological moment had come. ed with me, when, lo, presto! she It was late in the evening. The moon kiss. "I know you are just famished, would wake up some day to and that was out. I stood on the front steps and started to say good-by.

"I am going to Chicago to-morrow." Shirtwaists for half price, and silk Africa, or Chicago. Then she would I said, "or Africa; I can't tell which." "I am so sorry." Then she looked at me strangely. "You are the only man," she said,

who hasn't made love to me at the end of two days, and I was in hopes that you would stay right along." "Don't you want me to make love

to you?" I asked. That was the only And she smiled back.

"Oh, no, indeed! Any man in these days who has time to spend four days "I can't follow you into Herbert with any girl never could make money

#### Lawsuit Over Fleabite.

The legal adage de minimis non curat lex was apparently reversed in A Stable of Sprinters in Charge of a afternoon we did our fast work. After the Glamorgan county court, held at each practice we were given a good Cardiff, Wales, recently, when a workrub-down, and before turning in at man seriously sued his employers for is made of cotton and inclosed in the They are narrow, trim, short and compensation for injuries sustained while putting in a shop front, the in the skirt will look neat. It is about soil in a day's wearing. they were stables of horses, that they fed like horses, with the best of food juries being the result of a flea bite. The claimant's solicitor asked for an James B. Connolly says in Scribner's. famous for its good beef and chops adjournment, as he said his client was During my eight weeks' preparation I and vegetables-and at night we slept ill. The judge granted the adjourn slept with four others in a large back like horses. The five of us, we would ment, but was informed immediately that the claimant had been seen in Every night at 10 we were locked in as Angus used to say. But with all the neighborhood of the court. There it is they cannot keep the center front wash. that room by a little old, scrappy that never a touch of drudgery. It upon the judge called the case again of the skirt hanging in a perfectly Scotchman, who kept the keys in his was the work we were best fitted for, and gave judgment for the defendants pocket and slept on the other side of the work that of all else on earth we on the ground that the man might the door. Every morning at 6:30 we would rather do. Out of sheer love of have been carrying the flea for half were called for a stroll, to take the the game we would rather have gone an hour before he went to work.

Radium in the Ocean.

kinks out of legs and back and arms through it for nothing; would have and to put the fresh air into our lungs. paid for the chance, some of us, if not Returning from that we were toweled allowed to do it otherwise. And I may Discussing the subject of radium and ightly, then allowed to sit down to say I never knew a world beater in the internal heat of the earth, Prof. breakfast. At 10 or 10:30 we dropped athletics who did not go at his work Joly of the University of Dublin says down to the grounds for practice. No with that same feeling. If it were not that there are 20,000 tons of radium hard working-just a fooling around so he would never have become a dissolved in the waters of the seas and and a few starts, but finishing up with champion. And I imagine that it is "more than 1,000,000 tons of radium deposited overr the floor of the ocean."

# Lingerie Gowns



THE majority of American women, excluding the very rich, will not adopt the long trailing skirt for their lingerie gowns. The simple skirt in clearing length is as necessary now as it has been in seasons back. For the lingerie frock, too, the trailing skirt is not practical, for the bottom of the skirt is sure to become soiled after one wearing, and this, of

course, makes the laundry enormous during the summer season. Nothing is more attractive in warm weather than a simple lingerie frock of muslin, made round length with self-toned hat, parasol and shoes. The clinging princess skirt, defining somewhat the curves of the figure from the bust line down, yet loosely fitting, with no suggestion of tightness at any point, will be the standard style on which most of the frocks will be built this coming season. It is this feature which renders a badly-made gown

impossible or, at least, very unbecoming. Given perfect cut and supple fabric, there is no occasion for tightness in such a gown. The bungler attempts to achieve, through drawing the material very tightly over the figure, what she cannot obtain through cut, and so she fails in models of this class.

The three dresses shown on this page are simple lingerie gowns-one of muslin and two of plain white linen. They may be easily copied and made up

IDEAS FOR ROOM FURNISHINGS.

Some Suggestions That May Be of Proper Way of Drying and Cleaning Help to Young Housekeepers.

The white muslin curtains, long | There is never the slightest doubt you may call it, while lace for dining removed. However great may be the down, the colored madras curtains for radiator or before a register, it must with shams to match, also dresser for a brush straightens too much scarfs of same moterial are pretty for No application is better for lustera young girl's room. A room fixed up less hair than salt, with yellow and white, with a brass | Rub well into the roots of the hair bed, is pretty for a guest chamber. A at night, then tie up in a large handwhite lace spread, lined with yellow kerchief or wear a nightcap. china silk, is pretty for a covering for

#### SEASON'S NECKWEAR



and lace; one having buckles of col- worn with satin skirts and gowns and ored crystals.

With the skirts that have a center straight from a line three or four foolish not to avail themselves of the is a pad attachment just in front. It excellent for the working hours. lining material, so that the inside of have no undue trimming to rumple and four inches long and two inches wide and runs down the center seam direct- ly down the left side from the shoully over the waist line. It keeps the der with pearl buttons. skirt from sinking in, which is always inartistic. Amateurs do not always out clamps so that they may be reknow this trick, and they wonder why moved when the frock goes to the straight line.

A Paris Idea.

Three-quarter-inch white cotton fringe, with loops instead of cut ends, is used on several new Paris gowns, This will be accomplished by running the amateur dressmaker.

It may be sewed to the edge of wide toire period. tucks on a linen scrim gown, and is a quite perfect deceration for the white ond empire. But everybody is pre-French crepe which is so popular. A pared for anything jus now a long, easy swinging quarter in 55 or pretty much that way in any other contained in the sediments which are sleeve is a pleasing substitute for the

KEEPING THE HAIR RIGHT.

Woman's "Crown of Glory."

ones or sash, are prettier for bed- as to when the hair is clean, for when rooms, and ecru lace are pretty for rubbed between forefinger and thumb living room, sitting room or parlor, as it squeaks a little if all dust has been room and hall windows, upstairs and temptation to dry the tresses over a a den or library. If in your living be resisted, and dried by rubbing with room you should have a window seat towels, letting the mass hang loose you can get three-quarters' length cur- at times while resting the arms. The tains, so as not to cut them off, a most attention must be given the white iron bed and white chiffoniere, scalp, for the lower will dry itself. If white chair, etc., and a bedspread there is the slightest disposition to made of white dotted muslin lined waviness, when dry, only a comb with white or some delicate color, should be used in removing the snarls,

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Dainty Cases and Sacks.

For the dressiest of town costumes are new card cases covered first with white satin, then with old venise lace. Others are covered with lace net, embroidered, and inset with tiny lace motifs. Little sacks for the fan or opera glasses are made to match-such a pretty fancy; and one easy of achieve ment with the new fad for hand needlework. The covers for sacks and portecartes are removable and so easily

Embroidered Net Tunics. Tunics of embroidered net or chif-Neckwear of the season is of mull fon with a skeleton waist are being are coming into great vogue.

One-Piece House Frocks. Women who have to superinteted or seam in front and that are cut to hang do much of their housework will be inches above the top of the waist there fashion for one-piece frocks. They are

They fastetn down the front, usual-

One can get these buttons with pat-

Longer Shoulder Seams.

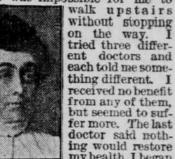
It is said by those who know that bodices are to be cut more squarely across the shoulders, and therefore the sleeves will be set lower on the arms. and is an entirely possible trimming to the shoulder seams much longer than we have had them during the direc-

This smacks something of the Sec-

Suits are sill seen with big buttons,

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