

## THRESHING RETURNS FROM WESTERN CANADA.

They Reveal Larger Averages of Wheat and Oats Than Anticipated.

The returns from the grain fields of Western Canada as revealed by the work of the threshers, show much larger yields than were expected as the crop was ripening. It is a little early yet to give an estimate of the crop as a whole, but individual yields selected from various points throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta show that the farmers there as a rule have had reason to be thankful over the results. Excellent yields are reported from many portions of Manitoba and a large district of Saskatchewan has turned out well, while the central portion of Alberta is splendid. There will be shown at the land exposition at St. Louis a sample of the Marquis wheat—a new variety and one that appears to be well adapted to the soil and climate of Western Canada—that yielded 55 bushels to the acre. The exhibit and statement will be supported by affidavits from the growers. This wheat weighs well, and being a hard variety will find a ready market at the highest prices obtainable for a first-class article. It is interesting to point out that a field of one hundred acres of this wheat would give its producers 5,500 bushels. Sold at 35 cents a bushel would give him \$1,925 an acre. Counting all the cost of interest on land at \$20 an acre, getting the land ready for crop, seed sowing, harvesting and marketing, the entire cost of production would not exceed \$5 an acre, leaving the handsome net profit of \$17 an acre. Is there any crop that would yield a better return than this, with the same labor and initial expense? Cotton fields will not do it, apple orchards with their great expense of cultivation and the risk to run from the various enemies of the fruit cannot begin to do it. While what is considered an exceptional case just now is presented, there is no doubt that this man's experience may be duplicated by others who care to follow his example. It has been said the growing of this wheat is best in its infancy, and wheat growing is still largely confined to older settlers who do not yield as abundantly. Even with these we have records before us of farmers who have grown 40 bushels to the acre, others 35, some 30, and others again 25 bushels. Taking even 20 bushels, and some farmers report that amount, it is found that the return from such a yield would be \$17 an acre. This wheat will cost to get to market, including all expenses, about \$5 an acre, and the farmer will still have a net profit of about \$12 an acre. Certainly the grainness of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are progressing, settlement is increasing and there is a general contentment all over the country. The social conditions are splendid, the climate is excellent, and there is every condition to make the settler satisfied. At the farming congress, held at Spokane in October, when shown by the Alberta Government, that the silver cup, awarded by the Governor of the State, it completely outclassed all other specimens on exhibition, and it was but an ordinary selection, hundreds of fields in Alberta and Saskatchewan being able to duplicate it. There are still available thousands of homesteads, as well as large areas of first-class land—that is being offered for sale at low prices. The agent of the Canadian Government from whom the above facts have been learned expects that the rush to Canada will next year largely exceed the numbers who have gone this year.

## Fluffy Neck Pieces



**N**ext to beautiful hats, most women delight in rich furs, graceful scarves, bordered with down, and ostrich boas for the neck. And close to these prime favorites, the satin or velvet scarf, lined and finished with tasseled ends, has captivated the fancy of the feminine world. Good furs are an excellent investment, for fur-bearing animals appear not to keep pace with the increasing demand for their skins. A steady advance in price from season to season indicates that furs are growing beyond the reach of many people. They are so beautiful and durable, in addition to being comfortable, that she who possesses any should care for them jealously. They will do service for many a year and need not be often renewed, since the styles in which valuable skins are

made up do not vary rapidly and radically. Like a diamond in an old-style setting, fashion does not influence value to any great extent. Long straight neck pieces or scarves are always in style, and the beautiful rug and large pillow muffs have a distinction that may defy the vagaries of the fickle goddess of Fashion. Wide soft scarfs of crepe de chine, or other silk, or of satin, bordered with fur or feathers, are likewise always fashionable with us, and every season ostrich borders appear in novelties for the neck. The initial expense of good furs is a considerable amount, but, in the long run, a good fur garment is about the least expensive of all our apparel.

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## PRETTY COAT OF VELVETEEN



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## Auto Bonnet for Baby.

An automobile bonnet for a baby is a novelty. The head-gear is sugar-loaf in shape and is fashioned from blue silk in a mass of shirring, finished with a band of pale blue marabou. An inch-wide elastic is passed under the youngster's chin and in this way the hat is held close to the head. The rubber is concealed in the casing of pale blue silk shirring.

## The Bathroom Rug.

Some sort of pretty rug is necessary to put beside the bath tub to step out upon, and it is essential that it should be of some material in which the colors are well set. There are on sale cork mats and others which resemble turkish toweling, except they are of heavy weight, but the rug to be made at home is frequently in demand. One is made of coarse basket canvas, with a plushlike center, the embroidery being worked with thick ingrain or colored cotton, and each stitch crossing over one thread of the material. The pattern may be worked all over or merely as a border with a plain center, but when covered all over the mat will not be so likely to show discolorations of water.

Old lengths of brussels carpet may be turned to good account for mats, with a finish on the ends of worsted fringe or a binding of heavy upholstery braid.

## Barbaric Dress of Today.

Perhaps the barbaric splendor with which we dress today asserts itself

## HAT FACING IS DIFFICULT

Few Words on Subject That Causes Amateur Milliner Much Anxiety.

Nothing is more difficult to the amateur milliner than the facing of a hat—and nowadays every hat is faced, usually with silk or satin. A few words on the subject will not, therefore, come amiss. Cut from tissue paper a pattern that is rather larger than your required size, and fold and crease it until it exactly fits the hat brim. Then cut out your velvet or satin form and baste in place. Always plenty of basting—remember that. Then turn in the outer edge, baste it down and blind stitch it. Use tiny stitches and leave absolutely no caps. The silk facing may be plaited into shape, instead, and fastened down by a cord or braid or a velvet binding. The lace facings should be shirred around the crown, very full, to allow for the difference of circumference with the outer edge.

Even hat facings are veiled nowadays—tulle and chiffon over silk are frequently seen. Use extreme care, however, and even this delicate work will go off well.

## Hemstitching.

Hemstitching, pretty as it is, is tiresome work when done by hand. It may, however, be accomplished on the machine by using the following directions:

Draw all the threads first, and baste the hems, the edge coming through the center of the drawn threads. Loosen the tension of the machine and stitch the hem on the very edge. Remove the basting threads, hold the material in both hands and draw the body of the garment away from the hem. This hemstitching has exactly the appearance of handwork.

## Chenille Scarfs.

New scarfs that should make their wearers indifferent to any degree of cold less severe than that of the Arctic are of chenille. They come in navy blue, old blue, amethyst and other fashionable shades, have chenille fringes and are further adorned with Persian borders. They sell at from \$14.75 to \$19.50.

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## TWO OF A KIND.



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This year's census of the Russian empire adds another five millions to the population as enumerated in 1908. The czar's subjects now number 160,000,000 and increase every year by 2,500,000 despite wars, epidemics and internal disturbances. As there is no lack of cultivated soil in Russia there seems no reason why this big annual increase should not continue.

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