## MR. PICKET'S HATS.



T might have remained there long time, Picket's new hat, if Mrs. Picket did not repeat every time her eyes fell upon it:

"What in the world possessed you to buy another new hat, when you

leave it there for weeks without your opening the box it came in?" "But," said Picket, "I have not worn

It because you keep telling me that my old one looks all right."

"Yes, and you already have twentyseven hats that you have quit wearing, and you leave them in the closet covered with dust. What in the world do you keep them for? Why don't you throw them away?"

"Throw them away! And yet you know very well that you never throw anything away. You would not throw away a match that had been already lighted. You're so fond of saying, 'It might come in handy.""

"Well," said Mrs. Picket, "It is true that I never throw away things that might come in handy, but how can old hats ever come in handy? What sense is there in piling up old hats which are of no use to anyone, when there are so many poor creatures who walk the streets barefooted ?"

"But," said Picket, "I have not worn my hats on their bare feet."

"I don't see anything funny in that," said Mrs. Picket, Icily. "You know what I mean. You needn't pretend that you don't understand me. Why don't you send for an old clothes man, and sell him your old hats?"

"L never think of it."

"I'd like to know what you do think of. I don't think you think at all. But do as you please. Buy new hats, wear them, don't wear them. It's your own affair." Mrs. Picket concluded by saying, "You make me tired," and she retired from the room, slamming the door with a violence which made the chandelier rattle.

"Such is married life," said the stupefied Picket gazing after his wife. "Whether I do a thing or don't do it, I am certain not to please my wife. Take that new hat for example. 'What did you buy it for,' said she, 'when you never wear it?' and the first day that I put it on to go out, she will be sure to say: 'What are you wearing your new hat for when the other one is all right?"

. . . . Some days afterward Picket said to his wife, "I am going out."

"Indeed!" said Mrs. Picket. "Where are you going ?"

"I am going to see poor Marley, who Is IIL"

"And do you put on your new hat to see poor Marley?"

"Just what I expected you to say," replied Picket. "Yes, that is what I am going to do. I am going to wear my hat. See?"

"Well, why don't you throw your old onemin the closet with the others?" With rising rage Picket took up his

two waiters came up to him, and IN WOMAN'S CORNER, teen will fill the place of the silken grabbed him by the collar.

"Now we've got him," said one. "Yes," said the other, "we have got him now. This is the man who bas

been stealing hats." Picket, paralyzed with astonishment, protested. "What! I steal hats!" he said. "What do you mean?"

"You will have an opportunity to explain this at the police station," was the reply, and the proprietor, who had whistled for a policeman at the door, turned him over to the hands of a blue-coated guardian of the peace. The unfortunate Picket was yanked along the street, followed by a crowd of passers-by, who applauded his arrest, and a number of street boys, who signified their disapproval more forcibly by hurling mud at him. When the party reached the police station the proprietor of the restaurant made his complaint to the sergeant there.

"That's the man," said he. "For the last two weeks some scoundrel has been coming to my restaurant, and whenever he goes out somebody misses a hat. Now we've got him. There he is. This is the thief. We caught him in the very act."

"But I was simply mistaken in the hat," cried Picket. "If I were stealing a hat, I would have two here, but I haven't. This is not mine, but you will find mine hanging on the hook." "Yes," said the restaurant man, "I Ordinarily you were in the know. habit of carrying a gripsack, in which you put the other hat. This time you came without it."

"But I am an honest man," persisted the unfortunate Picket. "I am well known. Let the officer go to my house, and he will see." He gave his name and address, and the sergeant, wavering in the face of his protestations, sent an officer to accompany him to the address given. In about half an hour the officer returned, bearing an enormous pile of hats.

"Here, sergeant," said the latter, 'see what I found in the fellow's house. His wife had gone out, and it was the servant who let me in."

"Well," said the sergeant, severely, still deny that you are a hat thief?" gazing at the gigantic pile of hats.

"I deny it. I deny it in toto," said the unfortunate Picket. I bought those hats. I don't wear them, but I bought them."

"You don't wear them? What in the world can you do with twenty-eight hats?"

"Well, you see, my wife has always told me to sell them to an old clothes man. I never think of it; I am so forgetful. Why, today, I even forgot my umbrella. I never had any head."

"You have no head? What do you want with twenty-eight hats then?"

But at this moment a weeping woman entered the police station. It was Mrs. Picket. She had heard from the servant of the plight in which her luckless husband was placed and came and told the police sergeant who he was, and that the hats were really his. But was Picket grateful to her? Hardly. He wished a thousand times that she had not heard about his misadventure, and that he had succeeded in going through all the pains and horrors of a police court rather than she should find him there with the twenty-eight hats-twenty-eight mute witnesses of her superior judgment staring him in the face. He said to himself, mentally: "Never shall I hear the last of those twenty-eight hats." He never did. In fact, he got it morning, noon and night. He had it with his breakfast, lunch and dinner. He had it with his soup. He had it with his nightcap. He had it with his morning slippers. And whenever the rain began falling, and poor Picket would incautiously say: "What dreadful weather!" "Yes," Mrs. Picket would reply, "exactly the same kind of a day as when you got rid of your twenty-eight hats."

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Current Notes of the Modes-For a Clever Woman-Similarity in the Properties of New Dress Material-For vers for the jacket, while the pleasing Young Girls.

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mire. She realizes by this very acquirement that she becomes an object of ridicule among her feminine friends, yet there are women of sufficiently strong mind to do it. They will eschew all elaborate toilets and confine themselves to dainty, simple things in which they appear years icle. younger than they really are. It is always a girl's ambition to reach an age where she may wear all the finery restricted to the matron, but there comes a time when such gownlag grows irksome and she has the common sense to see that utter simplicity in dress is what she needs to make her seem young again. By this is not meant a childish mode, but simply-made garments that tend to bring out her good points. Too long a skirt adds years to one's appearance, just as an ill-fitting or unbecoming waist. There are so many lovely materials in the market this season that it would seem an easy matter to secure just what one wishes.

An effective model is shown made up in plaited or ruffled gauze or chiffon. in shiny black alpaca. The skirt is The collars of capes match them in excut en Paquin, quite wide and sharply travagance. The larger number of

THE SOCIETY BUD TAKES HER MORNING DIP.

one up cheap.

T takes a clever tume. A green hat, with yellow jon-

the simplicity in laid, flanked each side by a rever of the

under each ear.

same material being used to form re-

green taffeta bodice worn with the cos-

Another costume is of biscuit-colored

canvas, lined with rose taffeta. The

bodice is tight-fitting in the back and

opens in front to reveal a vest of gold-

thread embroidery. Above this vest a

yoke of biscult-colored chiffon is softly

embroidery. The collar, of deep, but-

ter-colored lace, has a fan adornment

In the sleeve is shown the mousquc-

tairre model, which is slowly but surely

undermining the hig sleeve. It is made

of chiffon matching the box-plaited

uche which finishes the bodice at the

bottom .- The latest in Chicago Chron-

Variety in Shoulder Coverings.

satin is the legitimate sort of fancy this

season. It is of a brevity that allows

the slenderness of the waist to be visi-

ble and it widens the shoulders in spite

of drooping sleeves. When it is made

in black it glitters with jet and is

adorned with black gauze plaitings or

ruffles and knots of satin or ribbon.

When the domain of color is entered

there is no limit to the elaboration.

There are openwork arrangements over

bright slik linings, applications of lace,

beads and embroidery and innumerable

constructions more or less complicated,

The short cape of silk, taffeta or

quils, adds the finishing touch.



Improved Elastic Stocking. lining. One may as well not attempt The ordinary elastic stocking which to wear a modish gown as to try to get is used as a preventive in the frequent A gown made by a certain wellknown dressmaker of New York is of

green canvas. The skirt and jacket are work, lattice-like arrangement is follined throughout with pongee, the lowed with the best possible results, not only where the immediate comfort is concerned, but in the subsequent aceffect is heightened by the changeable tion upon the vein. At the same time all the necessary protection and sup-port is given, and it may also be men-how it is found, where it is milled, how it is treated, how it is paid for; all port is given, and it may also be mentioned that the red rubber used is a about mines, titles, camping in the special preparation which has been mountains and Cripple Park's wonderproved to be the softest and most comfortable obtainable.

#### Trans-Mississippi Inventors.

Amongst the Trans-Mississippi inventors who received patents during past week were Joseph J. Burke, Wil-bur, Nebraska, lawn-mower knifesharpener; Emil R. Draver, Alliance, Nebraska, sifting apparatus; Richard Evans, Mitchell, South Dakota, cutter bar for harvesting machinery; James D. Wiltfong, Glenwood, Iowa, bedstead brace and mattress support; Frederick G. Weeks, Lyons, Iowa, railway time and station indicator; William H. Scott, What Cheer, Iowa, pick; and Joseph A. Rekenthaler, Cushing, Iowa, shield for corn cultivators.

Amongst the noticeable inventions are found a combination fuse block and lightning arrester; a perpetual calender for watches; a safety pin; a beefsteak tenderer; a toy balloon; a gear combi- Results prove Hood's Sarsaparilla the best to produce moon effects upon stages; a

walking toy; a pueumatic cushion for crutches; a racing sulky; a tack hammer provided with a magazine feeding the tacks to the hammer head; a simple milk can cleaner; a tool for packing piston rods; a sounding post for musical instruments; and a campaign handkerchief.

Inventors desiring free information relative to patents can obtain the same in addressing Sues & Co., United States Patent Solicitors, Bee Building, Omaha, Nebraska

#### How to Keep Ples.

When pies are to be kept over until the second day after baking, it is a wise plan to brush the under crust with a beaten egg, then to put the tin or dish on the ice for half an hour. After that put in the filling of the pie and bake quickly. This will keep the crust from getting soaked.

#### Travel With a Friend

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nat, opened the closet door, and hurled the venerable hat with much violence into the closet



"NOW WE'VE GOT HIM." "There," said he, "I hope you will give me a rest on this hat business."

"That makes the twenty-eighth," replied Mrs. Picket, with a burst of sardonic laughter.

Picket went out. He started toward Marley's house, but he had scarcely gone more than a couple of blocks when it began to rain.

"just my luck! Beginning to rain. Got a new hat on and no umbrella."

way to wait until the shower should cease, and as he did so, a man carrying | pot tolerate a new dealer, who might a long plank on his shoulder turned. and swept the unfortunate Picket's hat market. When they were called on as from his head into the gutter.

Cursing like a pirate, the luckless Picket pursued his new hat, and res- signee of the snakes and monkeys cued it from the gutter, much damaged, and covered with mud. A passing good Samaritan stopped and said to him:

"There's a hatter a couple of doors up the street there; he'll brush it off. and touch it up with the iron, and it will be all right."

"Thank you," said Picket, and he repaired to the hatter's. When he had his hat polished he stood upon the doorstep for a moment, and not wishing again to expose his hat to the fury of the elements, he determined to step into a friendly restaurant next door, where he would wait until the storm was over. He went in, seated himself

at a table, hung up his hat on one of the hooks over his head, ordered a sandwich, and began to look over the paper. But he could not take his live worms and insects in a bottle parmind away from the satirical welcome tially filled with water and cork it which he knew his wife would ex- securely. The bottle is dropped into tend to him when he returned with the the water, the fisherman sinking his damaged hat. However, the Rubicon lines alongside. It appears that the had to be crossed. The rain had sight of the wriggling contents of the ceased. He rose, and still reflecting on bottle so excites the appetities of the his wife's reception, took a hat from finny tribes that they fall easy victims the hook, and was about to go, when to the balted hooks.

#### UNCLE SAM'S MENAGERIE.

#### How the Government Secured a Lot of Snakes and Monkeys.

From the Buffalo Express; The sovereign power of the government has won a victory in a legal controversy which is officially labeled "the United States vs. seventeen boxes of snakes and twenty-three monkeys."

It was a peculiar case, and appears to "There,"said the unfortunate Picket, have been the outcome of the jealousy of a clique of importers of snakes and monkeys in New York toward a He started in to a neighboring door- rival. The members of the clique made up their minds that they would become a formidable competitor in the experts to fix valuations they named their estimates so high that the concould not afford to pay the duty assessed. Government officials did not know how to take care of the goods. Snakes should have a bath every day, and these did not get the proper treatment. The monkeys, too, were not well cared for. The result is that about all the reptiles are now dead, and the decision of the court is that the government need not make good the large loss of the consignee. This may be good law, but wherein the justice of it consists it is impossible to 800.

#### How They Fish in Holland.

Dutch fishermen make astonishing catches by means of the following very simple plan: They put a number of



lined throughout with rustling white application of white guipure. taffeta, finished at the foot by a row of narrow frills. The round bodice is 'n blouse effect, with a snugly fitted back and entirely covered with odd scrolls of white huniton lace, surrounded by tiny jet beads. There is a belt and fastened at the back with jet ornaments. The bouffant sleeves droop to the cloow and have a loosely wrinkled this year's fine dimity costumes prove lower arm, spreading over the hand in a deep point .- Chicago Chronicle,

#### New Dress Materials.

"My dress will be lined with green taffeta," or "with pink silk" or "with white." It doesn't matter what feminine gathering you attend; you are al-



ways sure to hear some girl telling of her dress lining.

The fact of the matter is, to be thoroughly up to date this year of our Lord one must have a silken lining to the gown. And to make the silken lining effective it must be placed behind some material sheer enough to let the glint of the sliken sheen creep through the weave of the dress material.

Canvas, either wool or silk; etamine, gauze and net are the newest materials for afternoon gowns. As a rule colors are selected, leaving to the lining the task of supplying that brilliancy of color so essential to an 1896 gown.

Unfortunately for the lean of purse, these gowns are expensive. The materials cost heavily and no cheap sa-

gored to give the desired whirl. It is these on fine capes are lined with an

Lace is greatly favored at present White, ecru and yellow varieties are all employed and, black valenciennes is a new and highly desirable development for summer gowns of nainsook and muslin. If the goods themselves can broad stock of crushed black taffets be dyed a fast black there is no reason why so valuable a wash lace should not be treated in the same way, and that it has been done satisfactorily. This fact receives additional importance from the other fact that black and white continues to be very fashionable this summer and it is by no means confined to half-mourning wardrobes. A sketch is given of a costume of black satin adorned with spangled motifs in steel blue. The godet skirt is plain, save for the spangled adornment. The blouse bodice is gathered at the yoke and belt. The yoke itself droops over the shoulders and is trimmed with spangles and outlined with spangled galloon. Epaulets of galloon terminate in pampilles of jet. The crenelated collar is of, white satin, The balloon sleeves, extending only to

#### Keeping Flowers Fresh.

The process of crystallizing flowers is simple and can be satisfactorily accomplished by anyone who has artistic skill. Arrange some basket forms of any desired pattern wih pliable copper wire and wrap them with gauze. Into the bottom of these tie violets, ferns, geranium leaves-in fact, any flowers except full-blown roses-and sink them | in a solution of alum of one pound to a gallon of water. Wait until the solution has cooled, as the colors will then be preserved in their original beauty, and the crystallized alum will hold them faster than when formed in a hot solution. When you have a light covering of crystals that completely envelop the articles, remove and allow to drip for twelve hours. These baskets make a unique ornament and long preserve their freshness.

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#### It Moves Them On-

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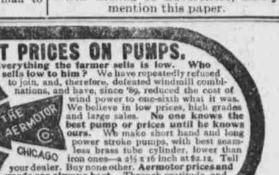
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