

**A Countess Dies From Eating Fungus.**  
From London Daily News.  
The Countess Riccardi died on Sunday, having "fallen in a rigor" on partaking of fungus, and never showing the slightest sign of consciousness during the forty-eight hours that she continued to breathe, although her teeth were broken to feed her, and great force was otherwise applied to open her locked jaws. No quiver of an eyelid gave proof of the sensation. The children of the family were pronounced out of danger on Sunday. The fungus cooked by mistake for mushrooms was of the most deadly sort that grows.

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One of the serials which St. Nicholas will publish during the coming year has an unusually unique plot. It is a tale of three Union soldiers, members of a signal corps, who got news that the entire Union army has surrendered, whereupon they decide to hold out to the end. They cut a bridge across a gorge and become soldier-Crusoes, exiled from civilization, and for many months they believe themselves to be the only loyal Union soldiers who have not been obliged to surrender. The author, William H. Sheldon, is a soldier and artist as well as a writer.

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Mr. Duncan Rose, the son of a Confederate officer, will contribute a brief paper to the November Century on "Why the Confederacy Failed." He believes that the failure was due to three things: the excessive issue of paper money; the policy of dispersion, the frontiers of the Confederacy being extended for many thousands of miles; and the neglect of the cavalry.

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"Not the bicycle, itself," answered the living skeleton, "but some of those bloomer girls is puttin' up exhibitions that has led the public to get the idea that I ain't so much of a freak as they used to think."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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McClure's Magazine for November will contain the first installment of a five or six part story by Rudyard Kipling. It is Kipling's first long story of American life, being a tale of stirring adventure among the Gloucester fishermen on the Grand Banks. It will be illustrated with drawings from life by I. W. Taber.

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**INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.**

Some Current Notes of the Modes—Gowns for Ball-Room Wear—Dressing the Little Girls—Worst of the Debutantes—About Headwear.

**T**HE illustration shows one of the new long redingotes. It is of iron gray cloth and is tight-fitting, closing in the middle of the front. The top of the side seams at the back is closed by two short stitched straps of cloth held by buttons, and two similar straps are placed at the waist in front. The cape is cut in sections, each breadth being outlined by a steel cord. The ornamentation consists of short straps, like those on the body of the garment, the straps being edged with cord and fastened with steel buttons.

**Where Vases Are to Be Bought.**  
Many offenses against beauty and art have been perpetrated in recent years under the plea of decorating the home. Shun the big, shining gilt vases, usually in the shape of pitchers, which are always sold in pairs and which are generally found incumbering the mantels of the newly rich. Oftentimes these brass or gilded cast iron ornaments represent enough money to have pur-

small velvet cuffs and large draped woolen puffs.

**Left His Gem Behind.**

It is not long since that a stately and graceful girl entered a street car on one of the principal thoroughfares on the west side. It was at an hour when the cars are but scantily patronized, and the only other occupants of the car were two ladies and a man. She was faultlessly attired, and the women who sat opposite her eyed her tailor-made costume admiringly—perhaps a little enviously. She paid her fare, exhibiting as she did so a pretty little purse exceedingly well filled. This fat purse she returned to her pocket, and half turned as she sat down to look out of the window. The other women, after carefully examining every detail of her charming blue costume from throat to hem and appraising its cost to the remotest fraction of a dollar, turned and looked out of their own windows. Nobody noticed the man, who was well dressed, but otherwise insignificant in guise, save for a magnificent diamond on his finger.

But the man, who sat not far away from the stately girl, was not so absorbed in the passing show of the sidewalk. Slowly he edged nearer to the flowing blue skirt with the line of the pocket just revealed by the white tip of a handkerchief. The girl's mind had wandered from the sidewalk and was lost in plans of her own, but she was not too dreamy to be conscious of a hand gently groping in her pocket. Nerved by indignation, she turned and grasped through the cloth the hand of the well-dressed man which was taking the purse out of her pocket, and even as she did so he released his hold of

her friends, and gave a personal invitation to her wedding.

**For Ball-Room Wear.**

The sweetest flower silks that fairly send out fragrance from the buds are sold this year for ball gowns. The silk is a taffeta, and the roses stand out in satin. Old-fashioned, you say, but pretty, you are bound to declare. One of these dresses depends entirely upon lace and pink taffeta ribbon for its sleeves. The ribbon winds in and out of the lace irregularly and is brought at intervals. The color of the ribbon sets off the lace admirably. The



groundwork of the dress is cream with lady slipper pink roses. The belt is a crush of velvet of a peculiar crimson known as crimson lake and the ribbons repeat this color. As this dress is for a very ceremon-



SOCIETY'S DARLINGS DRESSED IN THEIR NEW FALL COSTUMES.

chased real treasures in way of cloisonne, Doulltan, Benares, Whitefriars crystal or Sevres.  
The woman who wants vases, but who has not the vase fund of the mikado, will do well to line her purse with a few dollars and visit a first-class Japanese art store, not the sort, however, where all the Japanese goods are of American manufacture. If the art emporium is visited, let her ask to see some banko ware, commonly a grayish pottery with flights of storks, sprays of chrysanthemums or a maple leaf decoration, and an additional charm—the numerous imprints of the potter's thumb. Vases of this ware are to be found in all sizes and shapes and at all prices, many of those costing but a few cents being veritable works of art. Vases of the Tokonabe ware, with the scaly sun snake and fierce war dragon winding about them, are to be had in all sizes and forms. A large and handsome specimen of this ware can be had for \$3. For the hearth or for corners on the floor where a mass of bloom is desired, and where a non-upsettable vase is required, these are admirable.

**Little Girl's Gown.**  
An illustration is given of a girl's frock of suede wool goods having a



printed design in two shades of brown. The skirt is plain. The bodice has a plastron of white embroidered silk opening in a square over a vest of blue velvet. A berth of white lace outlines the plastron, which is closed under bows of blue velvet held by a buckle. The tight woolen sleeves have

the purse, wrenched the hand from her grasp and fled from the car, leaving three astonished women to stare and exclaim.

So far this is not a remarkable or unusual story, but one can't say the same of its conclusion. The stately girl went home and to her dressing-room to prepare for dinner. As she pulled from her pocket the purse and handkerchief something fell out of the folds of the latter and tinkled on the floor. It was the would-be thief's diamond ring—a very beautiful one, which the girl afterward had reset and occasionally wears for a whim's sake. The ring was too loose for its owner, and as he wrenched his hand from the girl's hold it had slipped off. Naturally he failed to claim it—and for that matter it had probably cost him nothing save the exercise of a little ingenuity.—Chicago Chronicle.

**Bridesmaids and Their Duties.**

In olden days the bridesmaids were supposed to look after the bride's pecuniary interest. Thus, at the church porch, when the bridegroom produced the ring and other articles relating to his marriage, the chief bridesmaid took charge of the "dow purse," which was publicly given to the bride as an installment of her pin money. Horace Walpole, writing to Miss Berry, in the year 1791, speaks of the dow purse as a thing of the past, and writes as follows:

"Our wedding is over very properly, though with little ceremony, and nothing of ancient fashion, but two bridesmaids. The ending purse, I believe, has been left off since the broad pieces were called in and melted down."

It has been pointed out, however, that a survival of this usage is revived in Cumberland. The bridegroom provides himself with gold and crown pieces, and when the service reaches the point, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," he takes the money, hands the clergyman his fee, and pours the rest into a handkerchief which the bridesmaid holds for the bride. In Scotland the bridesmaid is popularly known as the "best maid," and one of her principal duties was to convey the bride's presents on the wedding to the future home. The first article generally taken into the house was a vessel of salt, a portion of which was sprinkled over the floor, as a protection against the "evil eye." She also attended the bride when she called on

ious occasion it has a long train, but for the receptions of the winter and for ball gowns trains will be shorter. This dress is suitable for a court function and is elegantly lined throughout with pale pink taffeta. A touch of green to give it tone is found in the tiny vine panel which is of delicate touches of green and pink. Emeralds are the jewels worn. And this combination of pink and green is the prettiest seen in years upon evening gowns. The popular pink and blue fades beside it.

**Fancies in Headgear.**

Among the newest imported models one's admiration is immediately commanded by the beautiful Marie Louise bonnet.

Lace, jewels, velvet roses and tulle are seen on dress toques, and it is said that piece velvets and moires will be in vogue before the winter sets in.

A variety of French felt hats, having a double brim, is being made ready for the openings. The under brim, generally of a contrasting color, is sometimes bound to the upper at the edges or is left free, the separate edges producing a very pleasing effect.

This season's millinery ribbons are decidedly narrower than those of last year, and a great number of novel designs is promised. One of the handsomest patterns has a center in solid moire, with half-inch edges in chine figured effect. Satin and taffeta are popular in plain, plaid and figured designs, and at least six rosettes are used on larger shapes.

The very latest boudoir arrangement consists of a long wire, which may be fitted in a second to any hand mirror, thereby lengthening the handle by eighteen inches and permitting it to be attached to the back of my lady's toilet table chair. Properly seated, she may then view her back hair without calling the assistance of an awkward husband or an ignorant maid.

**Not a Rescuer.**

The beautiful young woman was floundering about in six inches of water. "Save me!" she cried. "Alas! I cannot," shouted back the handsome young man on the shore. "I am already married." Shuddering, he averted his face that he might not see her as she crawled out of the water and looked around for another victim.

**Raising Fall Strawberries.**  
James Allen of Covington a member of the board of trustees of the institute for the blind, called on Governor Matthews the other morning and gave him a box of strawberries. He said that George W. Merriman, a tenant on his place, is raising hundreds of gallons of fine berries and finds a ready sale for them in the Chicago market at \$1 a gallon net. The patch covers six or seven acres. When asked how such berries can be raised for fall market, he said: "After the first crop is picked the ground is covered with straw and then set on fire. The vines are all fertilizing the ground and irrigating it the vines come quickly and bear, not so much fruit as before, but just as fine in quality and saleable at a much higher price. There are several farmers in northern Indiana who are pursuing this mode of berry raising for the late market. We have been having berries for three weeks at my house."—Indianapolis News.

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