

regular bathing of the body is an excellent preventive.

S. M.—Destitute aged persons of either sex, regardless of nationality or religious belief, are accepted without admission fee into the homes conducted by the Catholic order of the Little Sisters of the Poor. These homes are intended only for the destitute aged, and none who are able to pay an admission fee elsewhere are admitted. The inmates are drawn principally from the lower walks of life. Every large city has one or more homes, and these institutions are supported in part by the entrance fee paid by the applicants and by contributions from organizations and private gifts. If you will send stamped, addressed envelope, I will enclose the addresses desired.

E. L.—Velvet waists may be soaked overnight in gasoline, rubbed and squeezed through the hands, rinsed in clean gasoline and hung in the air to dry. Gasoline must be

used out of doors, away from all danger of fire. Some prefer hot gasoline. To heat, set a tub out in the yard, and pour in boiling water; in this hot water set the vessel containing the gasoline, until warm enough. Squeeze and rub as usual. To raise the pile on the velvet after washing, see that the garment is entirely free from the gasoline, then warm a flat-iron moderately hot, cover with a wet towel, pass the velvet slowly over it, right side up. Have another person brush the velvet against the pile as it is passing through the steaming process.

For the Laundry

Every woman should have an ironing board, with supports of its own which fold under compactly when not in use, but which serve as a table that can be at any desired height when not in use. These can be had at the house-furnishing department of

Paris Fashions for Readers of The Commoner



No. 2083—Ladies' Jumper Waist, with a Separate Guimpe, having Three-quarter Length Sleeves. This modish little jumper is both pretty and smart, and is made up in dark red crepe de Chine, and worn over a guimpe of surah silk. Seven sizes—32 to 44 inches, bust measure.



No. 2060—Girls' Low-Necked Dress, with Yoke, Three-quarter Length Sleeves and with or without Fancy Collar. The deep collar which hides the yoke of this dressy little frock is distinctively original in outline, and the frock may be made in almost any material. Four sizes—6 to 12 years.



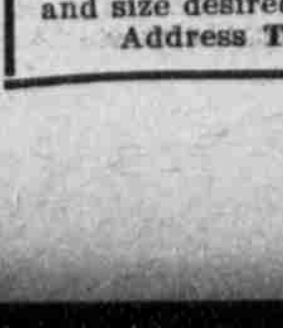
No. 2064—Misses' Box Coat. Tan covert cloth, invisible plaid material, or tailor suiting in any color makes a useful and suitable separate coat for this season of the year. Three sizes—13 to 17 years.



No. 2063—Ladies' Bretelle Jumper. The jumper seems to have taken on a new base of life, and this model in coral pink messaline is very unique and will be much worn. The three broad tucks at each side of the front give breadth to the shoulders. Three sizes—small, medium and large.



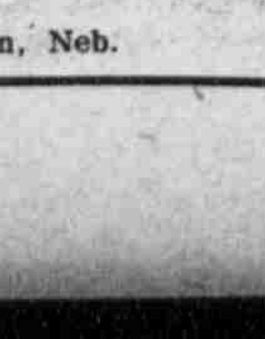
No. 2081—Ladies' Skirt, with Five Gored Upper Part and Straight Flounce Lower Part. For afternoon, evening or house wear this model will be found extremely satisfactory. In shadow silk, voile or taffetas it would hang in graceful folds, and should be trimmed with lace, or Persian embroidery. Seven sizes—22 to 34 inches, waist measure.



No. 2050—Girls' Dress with Plaited Skirt and a Removable Shield. This costume made of plaid, cut on the bias would be extremely stylish. The shield should be of cloth in a solid color, matching the most prominent color in the plaid. Four sizes—6 to 12 years.



No. 2080—Misses' Blouse Waist, Slipped over the Head, with a Removable Chemisette and Long or Elbow Sleeves. Developed in polka-dotted challis, with the removable shield and the turn back cuffs of the short sleeves of the same material this will prove a charming model for the young girl. Three sizes—13 to 17 years.



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any large store for 75 cents to \$1, according to quality of workmanship. A board alone, to be supported at each end by the table or chairs can be had for less; but a good ironing board, with table, is worth many times the mere board, in convenience. Any one who can handle a saw and plane can make the board. Its length should be five and one-half feet, in order that long garments may be ironed without moving the length, but a shorter one may do. The broad end should be fifteen to eighteen inches wide, and should be graded down to about nine inches wide at the small end, then the board should be made smooth on both sides, and all roughness sand-papered away. If the board is of a wood that will warp under the influence of heat and steam, it should have a piece of wood let in on the under side to serve as a brace. This would require some skill, but the cleat can be nailed or screwed on the bottom side of the board. When finished, cover one side with a double fold of old blanket, or thick cloth having no seam or patch on it, tack the edges to the underside of the board, and cover this with the unworn sides of old sheets, two or three of them, stretching every piece tightly, leaving no wrinkles, and securing the edges underneath with tacks. Over this draw a strip of muslin, either new or worn, and pin tightly over the whole board. This last covering is to be removed and laundered and put away out of the dust after every ironing day. It must be always kept clean. The board may be supported on the table and a chair, or in any convenient way. It can be slipped inside a dress, skirt, shirt, or other double garment, and the garment will be ironed without "mussing." When not in use, it should be slipped into a bag, made of any old or new material, in order to keep it clean and fresh from dust and stain.

For the Home Seamstress

When sewing on heavy linen, the thread often breaks, and this may be avoided by rubbing the back of the cloth with white soap.

When fabrics fray easily at the seams, the best method for fixing them is to pink them with a pinking iron, or clip into small notches with a pair of sharp scissors. The bottom of shirtwaists lies much flatter about the bottom if it is prepared in the same manner, thus avoiding the

hem, which is noticeable under a tight-fitting skirt.

For the little fellow who kicks off the bed clothes at night, make feet to the night drawers. A light-weight cotton flannel is excellent for this purpose. As this goods shrink, make the garments quite large.

Finish the cotton house dress with an imitation bolero made with a narrow ruffle outlined with white cotton braid. Strap the loose fronts at the waist line, and have a fitted back. Ruffle the lower portion of the garment with a narrow foot ruffle, and instead of a waistband at the wrist, make the end of the sleeve slightly close and ruffle to match the rest of the dress.

To clean the soiled garments to be made over for the little folks, get ten cents worth of soap bark and pour boiling water over it; a quart of water will be enough for the quantity. Sponge the goods with this.

Bed socks may be made as attractive as one wishes, according to time and skill in doing them, with the use of fancy stitches, needles and hook; but if only service is wanted, they may be cut from any thick material, shaping like the foot of a stocking, only larger, cutting the material double and sewing together in one seam from instep to heel, around lengthwise of the foot. Made of any thick cloth, they can be finished very neatly with fancy stitching in colors around the top and along the seam. Or they may be knit just as you would shape the foot of a sock, only reaching above the instep. These for "night prowlers."

"Doing the Hair"

If the hair is very dry, it may be dressed with a preparation of vaseline cut with alcohol. The druggist will know the right proportions. This should be rubbed into the scalp rather than on the hair, and will not only give a gloss to the hair, but will tone up the scalp. A great deal of "padding" with light rolls of hair or jute is "the fashion," but if care is taken to braid the hair at night, keeping it perfectly clean, the hair will be fluffy and work up well without any additions. Hold the hair in place with many hairpins, using the small, invisible ones, if the hair is thin. After putting the pin in place, bend one end back, and the pin will not fall out. The pin is easily straightened on taking the hair down.