in the Drawing Room.

HISKERS VERSUS CAPS DISCUSSED

be Woman with Imaginary Itls, the Truth About Pasatons, and Other Notes of Interest to the Fair Sex.

"I heard a discussion between two men nd three women in a drawing room the ther afternoon which amused me, rites "Deb" for the Brooklyn Chronle. "The subject was women's dress, nd the gist of it was the old, old arguient, why such constant changes were ecessary to the well dressed woman. me of the men was reasonable-or we hought him so-and attributed the coninued changes to the machinations of he trader, who would find but a comaratively poor sale for his goods were resses cut on one pattern and made of

ust a few materials. "But the other declared with much chemence that the whole reason was oman's own changeableness, her objecon to wear the same garment more than certain number of times, and so on and o on. And so we wrangled on, the vomen having the best of it in vehemnce and volubility, though I fear their bgic was a trifle shaky. As to the ceauty of women's dress, we were told by one of our male critics that between the fourteenth century and last year there had been no single period when women's costumes were really graceful;

women's costumes were really graceful, 1892 was, however, this authority declared, a remarkable exception.

"Dresses were really admirable, and he was only surprised that, having by some wonderful piece of good luck arrived at so desirable an epoch in the history of costume, we could not be content to remain there, but must rush off at a tangent into the hideous and ungainly ashions of the '30's. In this direction I found myself warmly supporting the speaker, for I have inveighed over and over again against the powers that had determined to again introduce the garb worn by our grandmothers in their youthful days.

"Whether there really have been no

beautiful and artistic dresses between the fourteenth and the latter part of the nineteenth centuries I really have not sufficient knowledge of the subject to cay, but it seems to me a somewhat Weeping assertion."

The question of whiskers or no whiskers which is just now agitating the minds of the striking waiters finds a parallel in the all-important topic of caps for the waitress and upper house-maids in a private family. It is really surprising the number of

girls who cannot be coaxed into wearing a cap. They regard it as a badge of servitude and no matter how becoming the said bit of muslin may be they see no beauty in it and will leave a good situation if the wearing of it is compulsory.

How many of us can tell of those long tramps from one intelligence office to another or the mornings spent at home

in interviewing those who came in answer to our advertisement. In fancy we rehearse the round of questions, and when we think everything quite settled up would come the question of "caps," and our treasure would assume a haughty demeanor and refuse to enter upon the duties awaiting her.
The writer remembers distinctly one so-called French maid who did not demur

at the time, but when she was at last discharged got even with her former mistress by telling her new employer that the reason Mrs. E- made her wear cap was because she did not wish Charlie to see her lovely hair. It is needless to explain that Charlie was Mrs. E-'s husband, and in this way the artful servant revenged herself for the indignity that had been placed upon her. In the positions that they occupy it

cems to us that the lack of whiskers and the addition of caps are really toilet necessaries to waiter and waitress rather than to be considered the badges of their servitude. In both instances the effect is cleanly and neat, but it is the old story over again-what we are comnanded to do we at once feel an obstinate desire to refuse to perform. and until all the obstinacy in human rature is eradicated there will be strikes out even less important matters than whiskers and caps.

Of course, you know at least one of her kind. We refer to the woman of nany ills, either imaginary or otherrise, that she insists upon recounting every person who unfortunately mes within ear-rhot. She is the beble creature who one day has heart isease, the next is seized with inflamnatory rheumatism and on the third is niet certain that she is suffering from ome incurable malady that is sapping ec life away.
With a ghoulish glee she dwells on

her various symptoms and the rapid progress toward the grave that she is fourly making. She lingers over all he harrowing details, and is very much out out if you do not appear to enjoy he tenor of her conversation.

She dotes on medical works and reads with avidity of every known ailment that has ever visited the frame of poor rumanity. If a new disease is mentioned n the papers before twenty hours have passed over her head she imagines her-self the victim of the latest malady and is quite hurt if any one else of her ac-quaintances should dare to be more seri-ously ill than herself.

Notwithstanding the fact that she is tottering on the brink of the grave she s able to cat her three meals a day with istonishing relish, and if there is any thing on hand of especial interest she forgets for the time being what an invalid she is and appears to enjoy the a nusements of the healthy with as much zest as do those mortals who cannot confess to an ache or pain. In fact, she is an all-around humbug, who bores every one but the doctors and the chemists, and for them she is a never ending source of profit, though at times shourst be a bit wearisome even to them.

The resident population of Chicago will shortly be augmented by the arrival of Miss Sophic Christensen, a singularly sensible, self-reliant young Danish woman, who ought to get on in the world. Her father was a captain in the Danish army, who had to live on his meager pay so that his girls had no hope of a dower. Sophic resolved to be independent and at the age of 20 she apprenticed herself, not without difficulty, owing to male prejudice, to a carpenter and joiner. She soon displayed great aptitude for the work, and, having just completed her apprenticeship, has been admitted as a full member of the Joiners Guild at Copenhagen by unanimous vote. In accordance with the sensible custom which prevails in Denmark Miss Christensen had to submit a specimen of her own unaided work before being admitted to the complete honors of the guild. She made an artistic, self-closing book pase, the beauty and finish of which ex-

EMININE FADS AND FANCIES torted the admiration of every member of the guild. The young woman, who is now 26 years old, thinks Chicago will oman's Forever Changing Dress Discussed be the best place for her to make a living in and thither she will start in the

> Have you ever heard of a friendship bookcase? One recently seen had pure white enamel shelves. They were fitted into a corner of the owner's pet room. From the top shelf hung a pale blue silk curtain, which was shirred on to a brass rod. Across the curtain embroidered in gilt thread was the quota-

They are companions dear;
Sterling in worth, in friendship most sincere.
The shelves contained only books given to the owner by her friends. There was a little book called "Daily Strength," bound in white and gold. "Dreamlife" a little book called "Daily Strength," bound in white and gold, "Dreamlife" and "Reveries of a Bachelor," dressed in white with heartease sprayed on their covers, stood side by side. A volume of Bret Harte's stories was in close association with a book by Mark Twain. Longfeilow's "Evangeline" and Whittier's "Snow Bound" wore twin attire. Each book had its marked passages and doubtless each one had its tender memories.

Some of the oldest needlework extant was found in Egyptian and Egypto-Roman tombs—a rough sort of flaxen cloth, like the bath toweling of our own day; it has loops of wool, worked with some kind of needle, raised on one side of the stuff only, and a kind of tapestry partly woven and partly outlined in needlework. The mummies, which an insatiable modern curiosity have disturbed, are wrapped in linen, as less liable than woolen cloth to the ravages of moth, and the art of weaving the flax that grew on the banks of the Nile was probably learned by the Israelites during their sciourn in Egypt. Ezekiel speaks of "line linen with broidered work from Egypt." Linen seems the natural ground and foundation of all embroidery: it often lasts longer than the work itself; can be cleaned and will not fray or wear out as do more costly silks and satins.

How many mothers, we wonder, realize what an amount of pleasure and health a child can derive from a wee patch of ground that is all its own in which to plant a few seeds and carry on the gardening until some old-fashioned flowers bloom forth as the result of their childish labor? The brown earth becomes a source of never-ending delight to them. The first green points are watched for with feverish impatience and in the digging, watering and waiting they learn patience and endurance, besides gaining much from healthy con-tact with the soil. Remember this, now that the spring time is at hand, present the little folks with a garden, help them in the selection of the seeds and see if there was ever anything that produced greater results from so small an

It is now American babies who are commending themselves to foreign eyes. An Englishwoman visiting this country writes home for publication: "You could not imagine anything more quain-tly delightful than American small children and babies. They, up to 4, wear the dearest little close caps of all colors, but generally white—the queer-est, prettiest clothes—all just touching the ground. It is easy to see where Kate Greenaway got her models for her quaint pictures. They are exactly here. Then the baby carriages—nothing ap-Then the baby carriages—nothing approaching our clumsy perambulators. They are all of either bent wood or good wickerwork, yellowish white, like bamboo, and open work all around, on perfect springs, and most of them rock up and down when not being wheeled, and have fixed. large parasols overhead in all colors and pretty devices. Half lying under this bright shade is a round-faced, pale, very pretty, piquant baby with unusually dark eyes, with an expression in them as if there was nothing they didn't know; a tiny white silk cap on its tiny head; rings secured to its wrists by a ribbon on its fat fingers; the caintiest white pillows, white fancy covcushions and coziness about it. Such is the American baby."

Fashion Notes.

English walking-gloves to wear with spring and early summer promenade costumes are produced in all the cloth shades for matching the toilet.

Rival factions in Paris are contending for the supremacy of flowers or ribbons as millinery trimming, with odds for the flowers

Gold sequins are used in evening dress trimming as fringes or spangels.

Bands of narrow velvet, with rosette bows, trim the skirts of semi-dress and evening costumes. The newest skirts, made with three

bias ungathered flounces, lapping one above the other, are far more fashionable than they are pretty.

Butterfly bows made of finely plaited

ribbon are shown on hats, and are from five to nine inches across. Jasper ginghams are cool looking and

pretty. They are in mixed grays or cold blues, often lined with white. Very useful to take the place of wash

dresses for the summer are those of tus-sore, these being excellent for wear in every sense—cool, not easily soiled and most enduring. The new silk canvas is one of the most beautiful materials. It is quite simple,

but rich at the same time. It can be had without figures.

Dressing the hair high always makes a woman look older, but lowering it to the back of the head brings her five or ten years, according to different authorities, nearer to girlhood. Various fancy names for fabrics prevail

the veneticine ondine, duchesse fan-tissee, velour Indian pique, damas glace, crystalline travers and chintz china being among the spring nomenclature.

In making the new dress skirts tailors and dressmakers appear to perform a bit of magic, for while fitting the hips without gore or plait they suddenly ex-pand and flare outward at the feet, where they measure many yards in circumference

Black kid gloves have buttons and stitching of purple, and the newest are in purple kid, stitched with white or Black suede is fashionable with white stitching, and all light tans and grays have black

Flowers which have no counterparts in nature are seen among new artificial blossoms, and conspicuously noticeable are roses which present the many novel tones of redish purple observable in the cinnaria species.

The new hop sacking is admirably adapted for summer wear, as it is loosely woven and cool. The woolens of the season are light and at the same time durable, many of them being almost as cool as the summer silks.

Pale gray table linen is now used for swell luncheons. This is rendered charming when pink floral decorations are employed, and an added touch of beauty may be given by the introduction of pink china.

There are two occasions in a girl's life when white is the most appropriate thing she can wear. There are many times when it is the most becoming thing for her, but nearly every girl who has even the tiniest shade of sentiment in

her disposition wants to wear white when

when she marries. The latest thing in mutton-leg sleeve is larger, wider and fuller than it has been. It is not only plaited at the arm size but also at the elbow, on the outside and inside of the arm, to give it the desired draped effects.

Red denim, which verges on a rich shade of 'old rose,' is the latest for sofa, couch, pillows and drapery. A divan fitted up in this goods, with the pillows embroidered in white, presents a pecu-liarly pretty effect.

In millinery, black hats for the moment dominate the mode. Some attractive black hats are trimmed with a fine imitation of old point lace variously arranged on brim and crown. Yellow flowers, also petunia-color blooms, are effective additions to such

The prettiest blouses now shown at the importing houses are those made of the new tinted silks woven in puffs, with insertions of dainty striped satin. They are finished with great spreading wing-like revers or bretelles of lace or chiffon, and they cost as much as an entire cos-

tume of summer silk. In making up skirts of all sorts, except those of rigid materials, it must not be forgotten that only a bias stay fabric should be used. It is out of the question to keep a skirt in perfect shape if the seams are staid with tapes. In spite of all care they will sag on either side of the tape, thus making the skirt into a series of scallops. If worn on a damp day the tape shrinks and increases this annoyance. Some of the most expensive skirts have been entirely remodeled after one or two wearings by following out the mistaken and foolish notion of rigid tape-

Feminine Notes.

The grand vizier of Turkey, Djevad Pasha, who has only one wife, is the

most envied man in the empire. When putting away saucepans, pots and boilers do not put the lids on closely or they will retain the heavy odor of

Miss Alice Corbin, daughter of Austin Corbin, is a stylish girl, but not a brilliant beauty. A bright red is a favorite color of hers.

Mrs. Langtry and the duchess of Mont-rose have joined John Strange Winter's No Crinoline league. The league now numbers over 11,000 members. The new duchess of Sutherland, one of

the youngest women to wear the ducal coronet, is a member of the Writers club and a contributor to literature. A Seneca, Kan., woman refused to register upon the plea that if her hus-band hadn't enough sense to do the vot-

ing for the family she doesn't want to live with him. Among the incidents attending the session of the Wyoming legislature was the defeat of a republican named Bartlett for the clerkship of the house by

Mrs. Bartlett, his wife. Miss Nellie Peffer, daughter of United States Senator Peffer of Kansas, has been appointed secretary of her father's committee, formed to investigate certain branches of the civil service.

"Good morning, gentle gossip," used to be the greeting in the days of the divine William. But in those days gossip had a different significance. It meant "God-sib," or "God's neighbor." Maud Banks, the daughter of General

N. P. Banks, is not only a conscientious and painstaking actress, but she is like-wise one of the most widely educated and best read young women of the day. A curious caprice is that of a woman who has made a collection of penny toys, and has secured over 600 trophies. As the penny toys are certainly not made to

use, it is possible they are made to be collected. The chief amusement of Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, reminds one of the nursery rhyme of "The King of Hearts"-counting out her

money. She spends hours sitting in the vault which holds her securities. The idea of wearing a waistband so as to promote warmth in the stomach is an old southern idea, sworn by and proved to be good by thousands of people. ing the digestive organs at a uniformly warm temperature makes digestion easy and provides against half the ills of

humanity. Miss Frances E. Willard is in a state of health which occasions anxiety to her friends. Her physician says she must have absolute rest for six months; that, if she appears on any public platform before October, the consequences may be serious. All Miss Willard's engagements, therefore, are of necessity can-

When you see a woman going along the street with her chin well up and her gaze above that of her fellow mortals don't think she is haughty or exclusive. She is merely practicing the proper walking pose, which directs that the chin must be "raised above a horizontal line, as if looking at the top of a car-

riage. A great amount of ornamentation spoils the effect of the prettiest of chil-dren's frocks, and great care should be taken in this respect. The wearers themselves are much annoyed by the too much befrilled frock, as they feel a constant dread of catching on hooks and nails, always to be found where little

ones are playing. It is a science in itself to pack the waists of a frock, particularly when they are adorned as now, with bristling bretelles and immense sleeves lined with crinoline. If nicety is more of an object than room in the trunk it is well to take tissue paper, crumbling it around these troublesome trimmings, which it

will greatly serve to protect. A Nice Flavoring-It is known that mixing the extracts of lemon and vanilla makes the nicest of flavoring. To a teaspoonful of the former add a few drops or one-third as much of the latter. The next whipped cream cake you make try it. If you did not know you would call it a new flavoring you had not tasted, much superior to either alone

"Take a supply of American rubbers for European use," is the advice of a woman who has suffered through not following it. The goleshes of England are unwearable for feet accustomed to the featherweights of New York shops, and the German thick boots are equally objectionable. Your German friends will exclaim with horror because you wear rubbers, warning you that a list of dreadful diseases will result, but don't e frightened; the list has not resulted, though rubbers are much worn, and the the tangible result of well-protected and neatly clad feet on stormy days is more

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"That woman," said another as the person to whom she referred passed out of hearing, "is the victim of careless ad-miration. Some one told her years ago that she had fine teeth, and since then she has cultivated a smile which shall keep them well in evidence. I some-times wonder if it is not my part as a friend to tell her how wholly the effect of her good teeth is lost in the set grin into which her smile has degenerated to

A young woman suffering from acute inflammation of the eyes complains that visiting friends, through the mistaken notion of sowing contentment by comparison, keep her mentally on the rack with cases of ocular troubles worse than her own. As her excited imagination promptly fits each to her own case, she has become affrighted at the thought of a visitor and exclaims every time the door bell rings: "What new eye horror is in store for me?"

Some people are well known as "pleas ant visitors, agreeable to have in the house." They seem to know instinctively just where lies the line which divides a graceful "making one's self at home" from unwarrantable familiarity and freedom in the house of another. Everybody unfortunately does not possess the quick intuition that brings about this happy state of affairs, but any thoughtful person will avoid many social stumbling blocks when once they have been brought plainly to view.

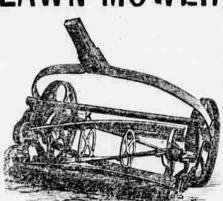
Speaking of stationery reminds one that from Berlin came the command that a new fashion in visiting cards be adopted. When "my lady" now calls at the home of a friend who happens to be absent from her home, she leaves a card of iron, which is now considered more elegant and more chic than the usual ones. This metalic card is of a dead black, on which the name is written in silver, and are so thin that they can be packed into the card case in double the numbers of ordinary cards.

The aroma of the strawberry is largely lost in cooking, and it should be used fresh wherever it is possible to do so. In preserving it is essential to success to can the fruit when luscious and fresh from the bed and to use a variety of berry that is of rich flavor- The Wiesbaden preservers, who are more successful with strawberries than any one else, do not allow their berries to cook more than a moment. They fill the cans with fresh fruit and set them in a large kettle containing water just hot enough to bear the hand. There should be a wooden rack in the bottom of the boiler and cloth should be packed around the jars to prevent their touching each other. When they begin to boil the German preservers watch them and as soon as the berries rise to the mouth of the jar they take them out and cover them with a rich, cold sirup. By this means the plump appearance of the berry as well as its flavor is preserved.

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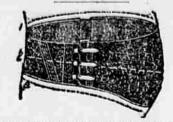
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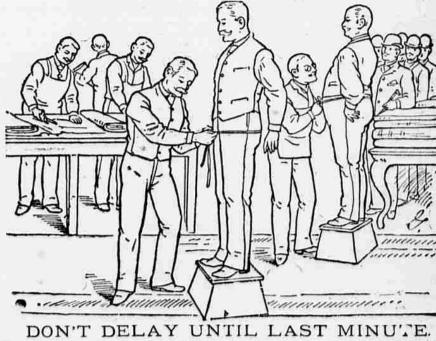
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