Discussion of Both Sides of the Domestic Service Question.

HOUSEKEEPING THE BEST JOB IN OMAHA

What Special Colors Indicate-An Old Bach elor's Opinion-Boware of Fads-Fashion, Fancy and Fine Arts for the Ladies.

The never ending, always irritating, seemingly unsolvable question of how to obtain and retain a good servant is one in which all women are interested, all women who keep house at least. It is such a nuisance that it has come to be a matter of debate with many ladies if it is not better to quit trying to have a home and fall back on the boarding house hades.

In the interesting and instructive sta-tistics presented by Helen Campbell in her notable articles on "Women Wage Earners," now being published in one of our leading magazines, it is shown by replies of girls from nearly every state in the union that it is not because of the social ostracism or anything of the sort that girls prefer to work harder for less pay in any other kind of employment than housework, but because of the longer hours and lessened liberty of do-mestic service. After all this is America. The hours are in most cases about fourteen and the liberties non est. Of pourse if people keep late hours the servant must also be on hand to the end of the late hours to attend to the duties which must be done and which only she can do. This is to some extent unavoidable and is all right if a contract is made to that effect when the servant is employed. The trouble is women seem to think that if they succeed in getting an extra hour's work out of a servant they are just so much ahead. There is a constant strife between mistress and maid and the mistress forgets her position oftener than the servant. For instance, a woman will engage another to come one day in the week to wash. Perhaps the woman is a strong German and in the summer time especially she prefers to get at her work early in the morning, about 5 o'clock, thus putting in about half a day before the regular legal day begins. Does the woman who hires her remem-ber this in the evening? Not she. It is easy to find cleaning and scrubbing enough to keep her busy until 5 o'clock, and if not she can get in a little ironing to get in a full day. Or if the lady of the house does consider the washerwoman's day's work done when the washing is on the line and the cleaning of floors finished she expects the woman to consider it a great favor and she poses as a saint in human form if it is not quite b o'clock. It is just such gross injustices as these which are at the bottom of all the trouble in the employment of servants and have made it practically impossible for a woman to obtain efficient help and has made American housekeep-

Ing the worst kind of slavery.
It you are a working woman and employed by a man, how does he treat you? If he wants any extra work done he asks it as a favor, in most instances expecting, of course, to pay extra for it. And then when your work is done his claim on you is at an end. A woman, on the contrary, thinks she has a mortgage on the body and soul of every servant connected with her establishment. Now, it is really no one's business what a girl does when her work is done and a full day has been put in, even if she goes to any extreme of evil, so long as she keeps in bounds of the law. At the same time any thinking woman will look after a girl who is less intelligent- and has had less experience than herself, and will always advise her for good, and it would no doubt be her duty to discharge her if the girl refused to heed. But it all depends on the spirit in which it is done.

It seems to the writer as if the cant and slush of treating a servant as an equal and all that is merest rot. What the girl wants and should have is recognition as a good servant, if she is one, and an appreciation of her efforts as such. The sorvant girl has her own friends and associates and it is to them she looks for pleasure and happiness in In fact it would bore her tremendously to be obliged to undergo one-half of the conventionalities and restraints to which her mistress is constantly subjected. She does not understand them and don't want anything of the kind in hers, in which she shows herself to be the more sensible of the

If all women everywhere were to establish a certain number of hours as a day and have it understood when the contract was made just how many hours each day the girl was to work and what work she must do, and then keep the contract, in the spirit and the letter herself, the girl would gladly keep it on her Insist on first-class work and the servant will be first-class, especially if she receives first-class pay. A few years ago any girl who could write a little shorthand and hammer a typewriter could get a job, even if she had to wrestle hard with words of one syllable when it came to spelling. Men would not put up with anything but good work, and now any girl who ap-plies for a position of this kind must be thoroughly equipped or she knows she cannot hold the job, for there are plenty who are competent who will gladly take her place. What have women done under the same circumstances? They have wept and wailed and told their husbands or their neighbors what hard times they had with the last new servant, gave her a good recommendation, discharged her and hired another just

If housekeepers would all insist on having only the best, and pay for it, the servant question will solve itself in time, and a short time, too. It is money working people want and if they can get it by giving poor service they will get it by giving poor service they will not trouble themselves to make the serv-ice better. If they cannot obtain em-ployment unless they give good service they will do that. All servants' wages should be paid on the ratio of the quality of the work done in their parstations. Let an incompetent impudent servant understand plainly that you will employ her if you can do no better, but that you will only pay her one-half as much as you would if she would attend to her work and do her full duty in all respects. Then you do yours. Housework and especially cook-ing is the best job in Omaha today and competent woman can obtain a position in five minutes at her own price. In what other line of business is this true? What is to prevent housekeepers and servants, mistresses and maids from forming some sort of a league for mutual benefit and improvement in which the rights of both shall be considered?

"I saw something in the paper the other day about the different kinds of women who wore different colors," said the Vassar girl, over the dinner table, according to Jane Shore's reports in the columns of the New York Recorder, and I thought it just about as misleading as it is to judge men by their neck-

"But ean't you tell something about men by their neckties?" asked the woman in pink crepon. "I think a man who will wear a bright

MAID OR MISTRESS TO BLAME? red necktic will write his name on the Washington monument or even carve it on Grant's tomb if he can get a chance," said the lieutenant.

'Oh, he wouldn't stop at a little thing like that. He'd murder his grandmother on small provocation," added the real estate man. "No: I don't think you've made a careful study of him. He's not bloodthirsty. He's only weak-minded and vain."

T've seen men who were neither weak-minded nor murderous wear red neckties at the seashore and on yachting excursions and they looked just stunding!" put in the Vassar girl.
"Oh, well, all sorts of pranks are ex-

cused in the summer man just as they are in the summer girl. I've seen those men wear orange colored blazers, too. But I wasn't referring to that butterfly existence. I meant men about town and at their work," said the lieutenant.

'I always think a man has a certain inborn love of daintiness and cleanliness who wears in summer those pretty light cotton ties with little sprigs and bars. I believe he has considerable self-respect, too," said the woman in pink

"And I can't help thinking the man who always wears black four-in-hands is either very stingy or very self-deny-

ing."
"Don't you know they are very become who ing to some men, especially those who are fair and florid? The knowing men, like the knowing women, wear what they look best in," observed the religious editor.
"Well, I never supposed men studied

their points that way," said the woman in white, with an innocent stare.

"They do, though, every time," answered the editor, with convincing emphasis.

"A man who wears a bright blue tie—that light, brilliant blue, you know—always seems to me to have something feminine in his nature.' "A sort of Miss Nancy."
"He's more likely to have just come up from Podunk or Havseedville, and to

be viewing the elephant. He's a shining mark for the bunco man every time," put in the real estate dealer. "And perhaps his 'girl' likes that color and went with him when he bought the tie. You can't judge a man by his

"He comes from the rural districts." "Never," added the lawyer; "the airy fancies, erratic notions, and go-as-youplease styles which prevail in rustic so ciety as to neckties are never reliable

data from which to generalize." "I think there's something in the colors a woman wears; I really do," mused the lady in green surah, "Now, mused the lady in green surah. "Now, I never can have any confidence in a

voman who is devoted to mauve. "Miss Mary Le Vere, the actress, was telling me the other day, she had had a similar experience. Every woman I ever knew who was addicted to mauve, she said, 'was a waman not to be trusted. and she went on telling me ever so many

instances." "I am very fond of the color," said the

aunt from Philadelphia.

Horrors! Her gown was mauve. No one had noticed it before.

"Oh, but you know elderly ladies always wear that color—I—I didn't mean them," stammered the woman in green. "I didn't suppose that age was menioned, or was one of the necessary qualifications," retorted the aunt, in an iced vinegar tone that made everybody shiver except the Vassar girl, who smiled expansively behind her napkin to the real estate man, and seemed to be the only one who thoroughly enjoyed ber salad.

If you have a taste for emulating the rainbow in gorgeousness, so far as may be, the glovers have done all in their power this season to aid you. Gloves of every shade of green, from sea foam to apple, dangle before your eyes. Gloves of pink and gloves of purple lie in their cases, wooing the lover of color to buy Gloves of lemon color and gloves of orange are not lacking.

There are gloves as thick with em-broidery as the old-fashioned christening robe used to be. There are gloves that glitter with steel and gloves that gleam with bronze. There are gloves with silk of divers hues worked up the back. And these are all gloves that the self-respecting woman will avoid.

It is almost unnecessary to remark that they are yulgar. Sometimes with a gown of green or heliotrope it is permissible to wear gloves of exactly the same shade, although even then quite as good an effect could have been gained by carefully choosing a shade of gray or mode or tan that harmonized with the gown. Anything that makes the hand even though it be a beautiful one-

remarkable, is to be shunned. Put into your glove box some black suede gloves, which have a happy faculty of being appropriate with almost any costume. Put in some soft gray gloves and some modes color ones. Add pair of heavily stitched reddish-brown glace kid to wear with your severely made dark walking suit, a couple of pairs of white washable kid ones for wear with your gingham dresses and a pair of driving gauntlets, and you will always be well and correctly gloved.

A sweet-faced maiden, who still has hopes, sat beside a bright little fellow in an elevated car the other afternoon making friendly overtures to his pleased parents by complimenting the boy on his accomplishments. She had asked him a good many questions about everything she could think of as they speeded to-ward Harlem. To these the little chap had replied with frank seriousness peculiar to children.

"So you are going to the park this af ternoon? Do you love the park?" "Oh, yes," he replied; then added after pause, "but papa don't like it."
"No? And why don't he like it?"

"I-I-papa says it bores him, and he don't like it People in the vicinity smiled at the father's expense, and the maiden lady appeared to be greatly amused. The child saw this and followed it up:

"Papa didn't want to come, but mammi What mamma said was cut short by a vigorous shake from that individual who had all along regarded the strange lady with disapproval and now frowned. The passengers looked disappointed. The maiden lady looked a trifle malicious.

"How old are you?" she finally in quired with her sweetest smile? "I'm 5---how old are you?"
Mamma smiled this time and the gentlemen opposite elevated their news-papers to conceal their agitation. The maiden lady gazed out of the window thoughtfully. Maybe she was trying to figure it up, but she didn't answer the child's question.

Beware of fads. They are always dangerous, but they are worse, like all diseases, in summer. Listen to the story of Anna's disappointed hopes, as revealed by one of Anna's friends over a social glass of pineapple soda. She—the friend—was a very much tanned young person, and she had announced gayly that she was in town for a day only. Her companion was released only. Her companion was pale and was evidently in town for the season, but they both found Anna's fate amusing.

"You see," said the tanned girl,
"Anna took up with modeling. She made little plaster or putty or some kind of statues of the cats, and the cats weren't able to express their resent, ment, so she persisted. She did her

mother, and you know mothers never mind, though I should think Mrs. Brown would have objected to being made one broad, benevolent smile, when she's really pretty and slender. Well, then Anna thought she would try Mr. Martial. Everything had progressed beautifully between them until then. But when he saw himself with a cast in his eye, an awfully booked nose and a his eye, an awfully hooked nose and a sort of Mephistophelean leer, he was a little startled. He asked her in pained tones if he really looked like that, and Anna had got so puffed up by that time that she told him stiffly that she had reproduced his face as it seemed to her. So he went away with his \$3,000,000, and now Anna is modeling the consumptive clergyman who's there for his health."

So far this summer the New York girl has faithfully followed the fashions of her brother. She wears the vest and four-in-hand with easy grace, and it should be recorded to her everlasting credit that she is learning to tie the latter with some skill.

Her brother has evened matters by wearing her broad-brimmed sailor hat and by appearing in the most brilliantly

The gentlemanly girl will be glad to know that the craze for masculine at-tire will continue into the fall. The young lady in the ulster is not yet a reality, but the garment has been made and a certain New York girl is considering it. It is a copy of one worn by her English cousin. There is no apparent difference between it and the one which every man owns, it has a constant of the constant of if he can afford it. The hat is supposed to be a fashionable walking hat, but you couldn't tell it from a man's derby if you tried. Shooting jackets and capes have also made their appearance. Fashion alone knows why. They are strictly masculine, even to their innumerable pockets.

If a thing is good, say se! Whether it be an entertainment, a glass of soda, a newly-made gown or a book. If you like it give praise where it can be heard—or heard of—by the person or persons who are responsible

Of course there are persons who can't digest praise. It makes them conceited, and at times verbearing, but they are of the emptyheaded minority, who ought not to be

considered. I went into a little country shop not ong since on a very warm day, lured by the sign, "Ice Cream."
I didn't expect much.

Something moist and cold would have satisfied me. A thin, worn, haggard-looking woman.

carrying a young baby, came for my There was no choice. It was strawberry or nothing.

She brought me the cream with one

hand and clutched the child with the The cream was surprisingly good—home-made, with the real strawberries thickly strewn through it.

When I paid her I said: "That's the best ice cream I've eaten this summer, and I'm from New York,

You ought to have seen her face light up. She absolutely looked ten years

younger.
There was a little quaver in her voice as she replied:

"I'm glad you like it. I used to make good ice cream when I was a girl, but I don't get much time now." And she sang to the baby as I left the shop.

Mr. ____, a newly made millionaire, has distinct social aspirations, and does not particularly care to own up to what he thinks is his somewhat plebeian line-Notwithstanding this little weak ness, however, he was ever an. affectionate and dutiful son to the plain old farmer and his wife, who toiled and mailed to give him his first start in the world. One of his inheritances, when they died, was a pair of portraits. done by a rural painter-two pictures with no merit whatever from an artistic standpoint, but startlingly like as such daubs often are, with the homely Sunday clothes of the wearers realistically represented. Mr. —, meanwhile, had become quite celebrated for his art collection, and his first impulse on receiv ing these staring and unmistakably bourgeois portraits was to relegate them to the garret. Filial affection, however, pleaded for the familiar old figures, and in the midst of his perplexity a brilliant idea struck him. sent for Mr. A., a famous artist, and induced him to dress up his old parents in the most aristocratic garments of their day, leaving the dear old faces intact, but even going to the length of arrang-ing the old lady's hair so that when the picture was hung in his magnificent hall duchess, so regal were her attire and surroundings; while the old gentleman, fondling the head of the setter between his knees, looked like "a real old En-glish gentleman all of the olden time."

"If I must become a martyr to midsummer days I want to suffer like a

lady."
The speaker rocked back and forth in one corner of her town piazza, looking in a trim little toilet as if she had discovered the secret.

"Am not a bit warmer," she continued. 'not a bit, dressed up in a decent fitting pair of corsets and a regulation gown than I would be if I were trailing about in a sloppy wrapper minus corsets. I always have on hand an interesting piece of work, and when this becomes a trifle wearisome a good book, so that the warmest days of the season hold but lit-tle terror for me. I don't incline to iced drinks, fans and the like. I believe that this kind of pampering is all nonsense. Have you ever thought how much the mind has to do with your comfort and

discomfort, especially during the warmest days of the year?

I know any number of women who actually send their pulses up to fever heat by simply talking over the warm weather situation. The very best rule to follow is to ignore the question. If asked if you are warm, do a little fibbing on your own account and see how the thermometer will fall. I have actually become an object of envy to the summer grumblers by merely carrying this rule nto practice whenever given an oppor-

Concerning that much-talked-of enterprise of the fair, the Woman's Dormi ory, of which much was hoped by women of slender purses, one who has person ally experienced its advantages and dis-

ivantages speaks as follows:
"The building itself was exactly what was promised, rough, plain, but excel-lently planned and with irreproschable sanitary arrangements. There all praise ends. The management is in a state of chaos, and as there seems to be a complete lack of system, you may imagine the discomfort and inconvenience that we and many others experienced. The matron who assigns the rooms appears to hold no communication whatever with the secretary, who communicates with

"Persons like ourselves, who had en-gaged rooms months ahead, could find no possible accommodations of any sort. remonstrance at the office was met with a most unnecessary discourtesy,

which was made the more conspicuous because it was the only incivility that we encountered willie in Chicago. Altogether, the domittory is a most dismal and exasperating failure, and especially so when one realizes the possibilities of the plan had it been carried out by practical reliable restains? tical, reliable persons."

softly lined with silk.

and freshness.

brellas.

women.

red ribbon.

charming.

heavy cotton goods.

Frilled curtains, a frilled spread and a round bolster finished with big resettes converts the plainest bed into a

delightful object, and, when added to

one of the popular white and gold sort,

means a very dream of girllike beauty

A collarette that is coming forward in

cotton gowns and will be repeated in wool later on, is a three-quarter circle, shaped to fit smoothly around the shoulders and folded to points in front. It is effective in the stiff linen and in heavy action and

Besides the linen ducks, piques and similar fashionable materials, the many

sheer wool fabrics used for tailor

costumes are uncommonly elegant in tone and texture this season, and if

artistically cut, which is essential, they

The parasol which is best suited to

manner that is very becoming to some

A costume that did not present a 'spread-eagle" air in spite of its colors

was a gingham, with stripes an eighth

of an inch wide in red, pale blue and

white. The skirt was made in three wide flounces, each edged with a narrow

band of red ribbon. The bodice was

made in surplice style with a bertha of

the goods, also trimmed with a band of

At a recent wedding the somewhat unusual array of nine ushers and nine

oridesmaids assisted. Five of the brides-

maids wore pale green and the four others a delicate shade of pink. All had short veils matching the hue of their

gowns. They came down the aisle from

the chancel to meet the bride, walking

first two, then one alone, repeating the

vine effects in green, scattered yellow

ruffled skirt, a surplice waist edged with

narrow lace, full sleeves and a wide

crushed belt of white silk, and are

The newest bonnets are new in a sense

gimps and crowns to match. These bon-

nets represent foreign "dress" styles.

the delicate rush bonnets and lace braids

being relegated to a secondary though still very fashionable place.

In a summer cottage recently seen quite the effective feature of every bed-

room was the washstand splasher. A

imparted an airy effect that added much

silks for autumn appear a large variety of stripes of corded silk and velvet on

very handsome arrangements of color,

the silk being, in most cases, of the

lighter hue. Among the harmonies and

contrasts are those of moss green velvet

on silver blue, reseda on lilac and amber,

a rich Venetian brown velvet stripe al

ternating with a silk one in rose pink

shading to silver; another of dark pe-

tunia with a sheeny stripe of almond

crowns, edgings, galloons, ornaments,

etc.—arises from the marked partiality of the duchess of York for it. A lovely

bonnet of cream white tulle, with a Per-

sian pearl-dotted crown of gold and pale

green passementerie, has an aigrette of golden thistles and daisies with velvety

brown hearts set into a plaiting of airy

lace, that gives the finishing touch to

one of the prettiest bonnets for a rosy blonde that ever left the hands of a Par-

woman who sticks to one or two becom-

come identified with each other, and one

gets a distinct idea of a girl in one's

mind. But if she is one day in blue, and

another in yellow, and the next in red, the individuality of the wearer is

quite subservient to that of the gown,

and it is just like looking at so many

Feminine Notes.

Mrs. James Brown Potter will sail for

Calcutta this month for a six months

Two girls recently walked from Mus-

kegon, Mich., to Chicago. Another woman is walking from Dallas, Tex. to

There seems to be no lack of openings

for female medical practitioners in this

country, for the Indian bureau announces

An advanced school girl in Morrison, Itl., was asked: "What are the carniv-erous animals of the torrid zone?" She

replied: "The equator, cow, horse, wolf

The "Henry Bergh Circle" of King's

Daughters, composed of eight members, reports that last year it chloroformed 4.089 cats, 71 dogs, 6 wounded sparrows,

An economy of waste is to throw the

fashion plates or a kaleidoscope.

theatrical engagement in India.

seventeen vacancies for women.

rabbit and I 'possum.

ing dresses. She and her dress then be-

isian milliner.

Chicago.

changing to sea green.

The predilection for gold millinery-

Among the importers' samples of new

to the prettiness of the rooms.

They are made with a simple

cowslips and "everything that

are the perfection of summer wear.

The causes of "conjugal infelicity are like the stars in number, but seldom have they been so curious in character as those enumerated by a witness in a

Witness considers he was the injured

party, as the petitioner was continually objecting to the shape of his feet. (Laughter.) He further said that when he had his

hair cut it was never done to please the petitioner. (Laughter.) She also used to say his upper lip did not suit her. She was continually blaming him for

leaving out his h's in speaking.

He was not so well up in theological abjects as his wife. And there was sometimes a divergence of opinion when they were talking about the sermon they had heard.

One is not surprised after this to hear that one of the allegations against the respondent is that he had struck the petitioner with the Methodist Magazine.-Westminster Gazette.

Dignity of demeanor marks the lady everywhere and though a very witty speech may have to be strangled at its birth it is better to do so than to indulge in a style of conversation that hurts those who are made the subject of it and also offends those who may not be personally interested in it.

After a while the flippant young person will be avoided by those who know the quality of what she calls her wit and the friendship of those worth cultivating will be given to the girl who in every way show a deference to those older than herself and who in her communication with those of her own age does not try to be funny at the expense of others. Life is too short to stand any such nonsense, and though she may think berself something above the average in mentality the great majority of people will dub her flippant and imper-tinent and have no wish to continue her

A traveler newly returned met in the oddest way an old woman on the windswept moor of Caithness, who, though not one of the 600, was the heroine of Balaklava. Her name is Elizabeth Coull. She is the wife of John Coull, a sergeant of the Ninety-third Highland ers. Kinglake tells her story in his history of the Crimean war. The Ninety-third, that "thin red line," was drawn up to repel an attack of Russian cavalry. It was supported by a regi-ment of Turkish artillery, which, as they saw the Russians approaching, became panic stricten and fled. As they ran between the Highlanders and their camp, says Kinglake, they met a new and terrible foe. A woman came out of one of the Scottish tents armed with a stick, and with pitiless invective beat every Turk within reach. The Highlanders were drawn up to receive the charge, but, although staring death in the face, they were so amused they burst into laughter. The Turks, confronted by this new foe, raffied. The Russians were repulsed. The Highlanders cov-ered themselves, with glory and Mrs. Coull was known, far and wide as the woman who thrashod an army.

Fashion Notes. Date eating is the latest fruit craze. Among the new felt hats are sailors of broad brim and low grown.

Derby gloves of chamois have the biggest of red buttons and are bound in red. Some of the most effective cotton gowns owe much to the use of white Violet and orris make the best com-

bination for bureau and chiffonier sachets. Paris is advocating flesh-colored suede

gloves for evening wear in place of the pure white so long worn. A correspondent writing from Paris is enthusiastic over a young girl's bed draped with white lace over rose-colored

The raw silk couch covers now offered very cheap in the shops make gay and useful portiores, and wear extremely well. A sleeve which is stamped with the

approval of Felix is made of frills of three-inch lace from the shoulder to the waist. It is a tenet of the dressing of a Paris

ian woman to wear, first of all, a becoming gown, and, second, to make that a It is now quite the fashion to make up the pretty semi-disphanous muslins and

French lawns over light foundations of batiste or sateen. A new lamp shade, presumably intended for a bride, is of white silk, garlanded with orange blossoms arranged

in prodigal profusion Pretty clusters of horsechestnut blossoms appear upon ecru colored round hats of "nutmeg" braid, trimmed with

russet brown velvet ribbon. A pretty necklace for a young girl consists of daisies, the petals in silver, the hearts in gold, forming a flexible circle to fasten about the throat.

Worth, it is said, abhors tailor made gowns, calling them "stable clothes," and turning his artistic eye in another

direction when they are in view. Hammock chairs have long filled an eknowledged summer want, but in their newest shape, with movable canopy attached, they are more desirable than

This season has brought a large importation of Japanese and Chinese cot-ton and jute rugs, and they can now be bought at at least one-third below their value.

Spanish yellow volvet ribbon is a fashionable trimming for cream tinted nuns' veilings, crepons, clairettes and similar sheer wool fabrics for young ladies' wear.

A lovely summer ribbon is of waved gauze, in cream tint, plain and half illumined by electric blue, nile green and purplish pink satin stripes. It is eight inches wide outl

White duck hammook pillows embroidered in some sketchy athletic design, as tenns racquets, golf clubs crossed, or a hunting cap and whip, in colored flax are much in vogue. salt water left in the ice cream freezer over the weeds on the garden paths and the suds from the washtub around the roots of the young trees. Mrs. Jerusha Lusk, a Connecticut charcoal burner, lives in a sod hut, but

'What are we here for?" For the crin-

The dress parasons of the season are like small tents, and although in most cases made of tulle; lace or net, their large size and ugly mandles suggest the utilities rather than, the ornaments of dress that doesn't kill the home decorative in-stinct. So she has hung up things and is as cosy as you please, with a bookcase Mrs. Eva Wilder McGtasson, whose Mrs. Arthur Stannard (John Strange writings are as delicate and artistic as Winter) has founded an anti-crinotine league counting 11,000 members. And the frostwork one finds on the winter window pane, confesses to her impossinow the question before the league is: bility to produce more than six short

stories in a years' time. oline has never come. The prettiest waists now made by the Mrs. Albert Barker, an English eloentionist, is said to know as many pieces as there are days in the year. She imimodistes, and turned out of such factories as keep up with the changing styles, have long shoulder seams and sleeves that fall away from the shoulder tates many voices of nature, from the thrill of the canary to "the awe-inspir-

line of the armholes.

Pink, yellow and pale blue India muslins, with tiny flowers scattered over ing howl of the hurricane." Cigarette smoking by three lady visitors in full evening dress was one of their surfaces, are made up over founda-tions of silk-looking batistes of plain pink, blue or yellow and black velvet ribbon bows, and quantities of ecru the attractions on the terrace of the House of Commons recently, while the Russian government has just issued a decree making it compulsory on Russian

railway companies to provide smoking carriages for ladies. guipure lace are the most popular dec-

Dressy bodices for day wear have cross seams low on the hips or around the waist line, attaching a circular or coat shaped piece curved to fit very snugly, this about six inches deep and This paragraph appeared in an English parish magazine: "The mothers last meeting of the season will be celebrated by a tea, to take place on Mon-day, May 15. Tea and shrimps. N. B.— Mothers bring their own shrimps."

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, who organized the first kindergarten in San Francisco in 1880, has received more than \$300,000 to enable her to carry on the work. There are now sixty-five kindergartens in the city, and more than 10,000 children have been trained in them. It is an undoubted fact that absinthe

is becoming a very favorite tipple among smart women in England. It is sup-posed to improve the complexion and give vivacity to the conversation, but American women, fortunately, require no stimulant to make them vivacious. Jane Hading, the French actress is said to be more beautiful off the stage than on. She almost always wears black on the street, being probably quite well aware that it sets off her wonderful red

gold hair, langaishing eyes, and pale, mobile face advantageously. Mrs. H. H. A. Beach of Boston, who gingham and white outing suits is of Indian pongee in the original cream color. The handles are of carved burnt composed a jubilate for the Columbian celebration, is authority for the statement that between the years 1615 and 1885 women composed 153 musical works, including fifty-five serious operas, six cantatas and fifty-three comic operas. ivory. The rains may descend and the floods come, but they are as little affected by them as are cotton um-

An effort was recently made to secure With the new basket-plaited Eulalia the admission of women to membership in the Laryngological association in England. Although the attempt was un-successful the women regard it as an evicoiffure a high Spanish comb is made use of instead of one or two long jewelled hair pins. The top of the comb is set with Irish brilliants and the comb is dence of advance that the question often set in sideways in the coquettish should have been debated in the society A suggestion to campers or other folk

who are really roughing it is how to se-cure cool butter without ice. Fill a box with sand to within an inch or two of the top. Sink the butter jars in the sand; then thoroughly wet the sand with cold water. Cover the box as nearly air tight as possible. The English girl seems to be busy ac

quiring knowledge. Miss Mary O'Brien, for instance, has received a scientific research scholarship, worth about \$750 a year, for two years. She has decided to devote herself for that period to the study of the nitrogen supply of leguminous and other plants.

Miss Minnie Rush, a 21-year-old young woman of Lakeville, Ind., is the agent of the Vandalia railroad at that place. The receipts of her office are about \$10,000 a month. Last fall she surprised the rail-road officials by organizing excursions and sending out several hundred people order until ushers and maids were all in Sprigged lawns make the daintiest at a profit to the company. possible morning dress. They come in white with tiny pink rosebuds, little clusters of blue forget-me-nots, slender Every year, on the 17th of June, Miss

Alice Longfellow provides a special car and invites a party of working girls in Boston to spend the afternoon at the old Longfellow mansion in Cambridge. Different girls are invited each season and all the art treasures in the place are thrown open to the visitors.

Miss Dudley, an English bicyclist, holds the record for long distance riding by women. She made the distance of 100 miles, between Hitchin and Linof freshness, but not as marked novelcoln, in a little more than seven hours, ties. They still appear in princesse, caor at an average speed of nearly fourpote, fish wife poke and toque shapes, and are made of tulle, crepe lisse, or exquisitely wrought Indian tissues with teen miles an hour. This, too, in regulation petticoats, not the new style of lace garnitures and iridescent bead trousers. Miss Lillian Bell, the Chicago girl

who wrote "The Love Affairs of an Old Maid," is a member of Chicago's 400 and is by no means an old maid herself, al though she has been announced as 60 years of age. Miss Bell is young enough to laugh to scorn, for many years vet, the "all-over cloth shoe" which she designates as the beginning of old maiddom. A French authority on cooking gives

wide piece of cottage drapery, shirred on a slender gilt rod and suspended by white ribbon bands, formed the back-ground of the toilet stand, falling to the floor and coming well out on both sides. The protection of the delicate wallpaper these rules for testing the heat of an oven: Try it with a piece of white paper. If too hot the paper will blacken or blaze up; if it becomes a lighter brown, it is fit for pastcy; if it turns dark ellow, it is fit for bread and the heavier kinds of cake; if light vellow, the oven i ready for sponge cake and the lighter kinds of desserts.

It is so rarely that a woman, however musical, composes a good song, that the success in that direction of Miss Mary Knight Wood is the more significant. Her best known work was inspired by Mr. Richard Watson Gilder's exquisite verses, "Thou," which she has set in the most moving of melodies. The composition is so arranged that there is oppor-tunity for the 'cello, as well as for planoforte and voice.

The first stained glass window ever designed by a woman is in Grace church It is well worth a visit from stranger or resident, not only for this fact, but as well for its wonderful beauty of design and color. Its subject is "Jacob's Dream," and its author is the Miss Tillinghast whose attractive studio in Washington square, whose \$30,000 tapestries for Mr. Vanderbilt and whose other equally remunerative and artistic achievements A nice young bachelor confided the following comments to his neighbor at dinner the other evening: "I do like a have won her deserved honor both in this country and abroad.

"The handwriting of Ruth McEnery Stuart," said a young woman who has made a particular and practical study of graphology, "has the strongest tendency to the artistic of any that I ever saw. Such beautiful, unexpected curves and graceful lines! There isn't a single charactoristic of her charming literary work that her chirography doesn't betray." It may be added that all her storie books even, are written upon ordinary letter paper. She opens the sheet and writes across it horizontally, using the two middle pages as one.

A physician advises: "Learn how to rest. Don't wait to make a separate business of it; let it become part of the daily routine of occupation. begin relief, however slight, at the first moment its need is indicated. Stop work at your desk; lean back and close the eyes; relax the frame so far as possible for fifteen minutes: lie down, if convenient, for the same length of time; in any way relieve the tension, however briefly, but promptly, and the result will be a large ratio of gain in endurance."

A romantic story of constancy in adverse circumstances comes from Virginia. A pretty girl was beloved by a youth, whose sudden loss of fortune caused her parents to forbid the match. The young people resolved to elope. The lover arrived at the appointed hour under the lady's window. Unluckily, she had been locked in her room, but, Unluckily. rather than give up the plan, she leaped fifteen feet to the ground, dislocating her ankle severely. The young man carried her to a churchyard hard by, called up a surgeon, who set the ankle carried his fair one to a vehicle, which took them to the house of a magistrate, who duly tied the nuptial knot.

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