

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

SPRING CHIFFONS.

The Gingham are All Plaid-Cotton Grenadine Among the New Fabrics. NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—"The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year."

chiffon. Nothing could be done simpler and more elaborate; the full moulin bodies striped with black furings and the white swiss sash edged with them.

as soon, also, as double revers found favor and adoption the tailor instituted the double skirt, that promises to exercise great influence on the spring tweeds, etc.

EXTRA-VAGANT FASHION.

Complicity in behalf of the economical woman who cannot afford to enrich the ragman every ten weeks or so, when the fashions take a lurch this way or that, legislation should step in to establish some one pattern or weave of black silk as the fashion.

Little modes of the moment deserving of notice are the sensible cloth skirting suits, trimmed with the coarse unbleached beaver, reaching to the ankles and then slit up about four inches from the hem on either side.

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They are to take the place, so hat trimmers say, of the jeweled buckles and rosettes and buttons and things that have been used as ornaments. Most of these charming novelties are enameled, and yet are flexible, and are made in various colors.

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A SMART SPRING COSTUME.



SHIRRED SKIRTS.

It was a slip of the pen, when skirts and skirt decorations were under discussion, not to have emphasized the fact that to shirr will soon be the order of the hour.

Look at the gown in the large picture this week and see the double shirring that falls over the shoulder. This gown is green, of French-faced cloth, and its sole trimming consists of black silk braid and a little plain satin cloth, with a jabot of lace in front.

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weight of cloth and yet sufficiently wide at the bottom to allow of a very long stride. Another sensible novelty is the bicycle muff, for women there are who must ride if only the snow is off the roads or streets.

To protect their hands double hand muffs are made, one half of fur to protect each set of fingers and yet permit the hand to grasp the bars and ring the bell.

Another tiny, but none the less important, oddity is the small, close-plaited cut appearing on the back of the hand, and often, in place of the lower half of the sleeve its arm openings, but with a double row of tiny buttons running nearly up to the elbow on the upper side of the wrist, then attaching to the band's back, nearly to the knuckles, is a fan of plaited satin.

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A VISITING TOILET.

One of the best amusements in graphology says that he falls most often in discerning the talent for music, and that when criticized for this omission, he is in the habit of replying, "I believe I said witchcraft was prominent; that governs all."

SOCIETY'S FUN PROVIDER.

A New York Woman at Work in a New Field of Labor. In a pretty studio at No. 114 West Thirty-fourth street, New York, where a delightful feminine atmosphere prevails, a young woman has started out to conquer the world in a wholly new field of labor.

This is Miss Edith Pond, who has established an entertainment bureau to supply artists to society for functions and club receptions, and she has done so very successfully. Miss Pond is the daughter of Major J. B. Pond, and has, therefore, the advantage of heredity to aid in her invasion of man's domain.

"But it is not really man's domain," said the little woman herself to a New York World reporter, opening her eyes to a round of wonderment "in my belief a woman is rather better equipped. For example, she can get at a man more readily than another man. He will rarely refuse to see her, and then, of course, he cannot refuse to talk to her and"—with an expressive gesture—"the thing is practically done."

"How did I get the idea?" asked Miss Pond. "Why, I have been brought up in that sort of environment, you know. And I've made a few dollars for myself and have done some platform work here and abroad. I think I must have had a business head, or I could not do this."

"Oh, yes, I have won my spurs"—and she laughed again—"I have served my apprenticeship as Major Pond's advance agent. She was absolutely unimpaired by the ludicrous lack of fitness in the title. The vision of the big bluff major with this diminutive of an 'advance agent' was too much for gravity."

"I have gone from Maine to California and know every camp in the country," she concluded with a flourish.

"It is my ambition to raise the standard of these semi-private performances. I shall transact all my business personally," said Miss Pond, "and I mean to make men's clubs my specialty. What shall I offer them? Well, not readers. Men don't like that sort of thing. They like to smoke, perhaps, and not to be made to think. I shall give them dancers and singers."

Asked if this meant high kickers, she explained: "Yes, high kicking and black face—if they want it, and some women are clever in that line now."

"She demands something better, in my view, and the vaudeville program will not be suited here. The day of sensational stuff is passing, I believe, and good, honest talent will mean to make a name for themselves."

Reasonable Suggestions for the Thrifty Home Dressmaker. It has become a possibility for a woman almost wholly lacking in skill with her needle, but endowed with taste and discretion, to make her own gowns at little inconspicuous expense to herself. This small-sized miracle she can accomplish merely by shopping correctly, for the shops know how to take care of their own, to help their patrons over tight places and reduce the science of dressmaking to child's play.

natured babbling; if the writing slants downwards toward the right we shake our heads and think a melancholy disposition. A certain way of crossing the d, the dot, the shortness, while an upswirl flourish denotes imagination.

Graphology cannot be used as a means of fortune telling, but in the majority of cases it is a good guide to knowing the temperament of the writer.

Not long ago a young hostess made use of this aid to amuse the guests at a luncheon she was giving. The answers to her invitations she sent to an expert in the art of graphology, and laid his delineation of each character by the side of the guest's plate. They were artistically arranged in the form of menus. When the last course was on the table they were read in turn and the result was no end of fun and merriment.

This would hardly be possible at a formal luncheon, where all are putting forth their best traits in their best clothes; for sometimes rather disagreeable characteristics are bluntly commented upon. At the above-mentioned function it did not matter, as the women were in their gowns, and when one of the number unostentatiously read out "excessively selfish," there was a shout of laughter, and she was reminded of how she used to eat up the greater part of the chocolate cake in school days.

Provided with her boned and fitted lining she can at the same counter buy, already shaped to exactly fit her throat, a stiffened collar, of any height preferred, trimly faced with silk and ready to be whipped right into the neck of the waist. In this department also she will find an assortment of lilya basque belts, made up with hooks and eyes, to buy according to her own measure, and tack in her gown. She is even saved that tiresome duty of sewing in a long row of hooks and eyes by buying a strip of stout linen, to stretch by machine into the front of her basque. Into this strip are fastened the hooks and eyes, just as they are already inserted in castings for skirt backs. Skirt pockets, neat and strong, are offered for sale, and where hooks and eyes are not preferable for a basque it is easy to pay your money and take in exchange a half yard or less of beautifully worked button holes, to stretch on whenever they are wanted.

Now, not only are the basque linings made, but it is possible to buy a skirt lining, too, or a trimly built sham skirt, with dust ruff set on, hircloth facing in, pockets in place and elastic ready. Dotted lines at the top



DISSECTING HANDWRITINGS.

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The artist's temperament and literary tastes are readily seen. Ardor, vehemence, pertinacity, the talents, candor and recklessness, all write themselves out faintly, in fact, the carlines virtues and faults often display themselves in the handwriting when we, alas, imagine that we have schooled them to keep in the background.

After looking into the matter a little to note how differently we glance at the writings of our friends than formerly. On reading a note that has the a's and o's left open at the top we smile and say a good

show where darts can be taken to make the skirt fit cymbody's hips, and of point d'esprit, libertally, chiffon and infinite varieties of net there are overtraded prepared with an ever gathering thread at the top for drawing the gather into place before putting on the band.

At the trimming counter a woman has offered her already prepared garnishment of every kind to suit any dress. She can purchase just a pair of cream satin cuffs, edged with fur, and a collar to suit, or an entire satin basque front tucked, inserted, ribbed and belaced, or any color of texture of furling she wants, even to rows of big silk roses, attached on a band, ready to baute into neck and arms. More than this, she can get chiffon already spangled to exactly form a pouched front for her dinner dress, and if she wants them there are for sale the loveliest wrinkled sleeves of tulle and chiffon, to tuck into the armholes of her dancing dress. Sleeves for fat and thin women, for those with short and those with long arms, and up on the floor where smart accessories of the toilet are found, she may buy a train to suit her taste. A long or short, simple or elegant one to hang from the waist, or shoulder, round or square, wateau or not, and in consequence of these trifles, light as air, the average woman is well dressed these days at one-half the expense and trouble her pretty toilet used to cost in the days when shopkeepers did not know the art of play-acting godmother to their femine customers.

Feminine Personalities. Miss Kate Rosford of Devon, Ia., has just been appointed to the bar of the supreme court of South Dakota.

Miss Abigail Hill Laughlin has won the debaters' prize of Cornell University, Miss Curtis is a resident of Portland, Me., a graduate of Wellesley and is now a law student at Cornell.

Mrs. Longstreet, the young wife of General Longstreet, is considering the proposition made her by a publisher that she write a book. "He mentioned no particular subject," she said, "but leave the choice entirely to me."

Adelle Frances Gillette, whose application for admission to the bar of Worcester county, Massachusetts, has created such a sensation in that state, is determined to persevere in her fight, and feels certain of success.

Her royal highness, Princess Nellie Bonsettlemeyer, eldest daughter of King George of the Gambia, a powerful ruler on the west coast of Africa, is a pupil at the Colored Normal School of Baltimore. She is 15, and very black.

Mrs. Pearl Craigie, known to the world of letters as John Oliver Hobbes, is a Bostonian by birth, but is living now in Lancaster Gate, a fashionable quarter of London, and is surrounded by her books and absorbed by her work.

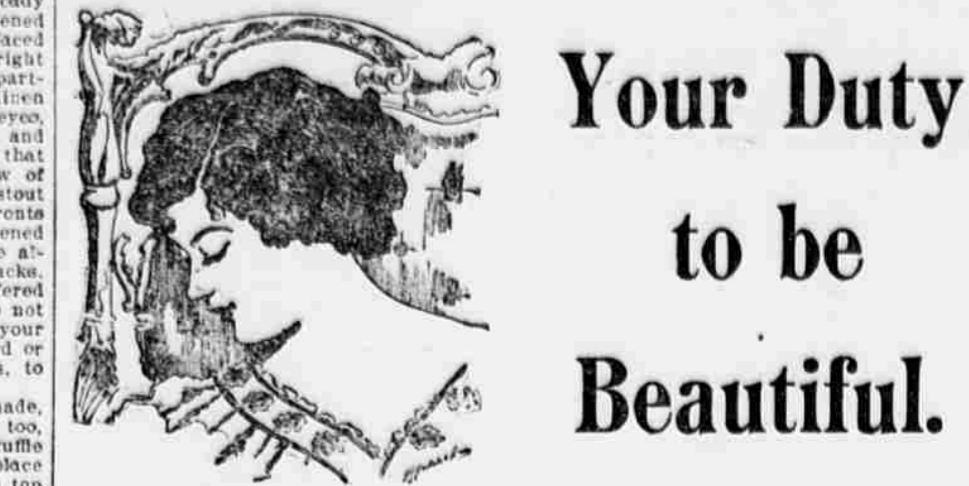
Mrs. Hannah H. Cameron, the widow of a cotton agent of Seneca, Cal., will be one of the most conspicuous pioneers at the coming jubilee celebration in that state. Mrs. Cameron was one of the first to salute the flag as it was unfurled over Sutter's fort.

Mrs. Mabel Brerly of Matamoros, Pa., and Sbrayley, is the leader in a new class of motor cars for women. She has just been appointed a substitute "motorman" on the cars of a Middleton (N. Y.) trolley company. We may now expect to hear of her as a powerful ruler on the west coast of Africa.

Mrs. MacMahon, the wife of the marshal and president of that name, declined to accept a state pension when offered to her. She is, however, well provided for, and during the winter is to be found in her mansion, situated in the Rue de Bellechasse, but during the summer months she retires to her chateau in the Loiret. The royal cotillions in which she moves are of a very select and exclusive nature.

A woman writer of marked ability in the person of Miss Thilo Orr-Hays of Pittsburg, is to become a resident of Philadelphia.

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Miss Hays was for several years connected in a like capacity with the Allegheny City Electric firm of Boggs & Bull, where her work was of such a superior character as to attract the attention of Joseph Home & Co. of Pittsburg, with the result that she entered their employ.



Notes of the Fashions. Sleeves to ball dresses and other evening toilets are suspected rather than seen. White suede gloves are the thing for afternoon and evening wear, and white suede slippers are worn for dancing.

Winter's Winds—on face and hands produces the same results as an axe on the bark of a tree. Ciculus is your bark. Unprotected, it is worse than the proverbial bite. And as it would be uncomfortable to guard face and hands by a substantial enclosure—

Something new in lace is a "wired-ground" Valenciennes for trimming underwear and warranted to wear out the nainsook it decorates. Plush is making a vigorous bid for favor again, and used in combination with Venetian point lace, embroidered with gold and silver thread, it makes a very rich dress trimming.

Rose and Cucumber Jelly—This is better than a sheltering fence. It's thickest part is on the sunny side, sooths the chapped skin, removes wrinkles, soothes blackheads, is not sticky. More, it fights the wind and cold of winter. It is the best for the face, keeps the skin soft and supple, and keeps the skin from cracking.

The newest things among the novelties are gun-metal beading, very much used on fine hair-mourning dresses, and gunmetal buckles for hats and throat latches, and in dress decoration gun-metal belts.

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The latest thing in hats is a toque of white broadtail trimmed with white feathers. The long, broad effect in arranging the trimming on all hats is the novelty in midwinter millinery. High one-sided decorations are out of date.

For sale by Boston Store Drug Dept. OMAHA.

The promises of May are already being made, and tender hearts who will not have the plumes or bolles of dead songsters in their hats can this spring trim the hats with lovely bird feathers, that cost no lives and are fair to look upon.

Antique satin, purple de soie, and satin duchesse are favorite silks of the moment. Besides these there are the corded and

A FULL DRESS VELVET FROCK.



NEW BODEE & CO. COLLAR.

twisted silks in Oriental patterns, which are used for waists. Roman striped tulle make pretty petticoats. The thing to do now is to wear the hat every day. Even the coming fashions of winter wear, which heretofore have been confined almost entirely to soft shades, are getting quite gay. The newest are made of fine white or delicate coloring silk and are embellished with perpendicular lace stripes. Between the stripes are garlands of finely embroidered silk flowers in contrasting colors.

Among the coming fashions, just whispered about as yet, are the following: Short bustles, long skirt bustles, paniers, high heels, small, very close-fitting sleeves, dress of even the axing skirt, a frill or puff at the top, and short, bushy curls dangling at the back of the head. The passing of the awful "picture hat" of the winter is also announced.

The woman who bends her fate because she cannot have a stunning fur neck scarf, stole or collarette, isn't so badly off as she thinks. For everything she loses she gains something else, and in this case it is a strong throat. Women who bundle themselves in furs are apt to contract a hacking throat cough, which is generally more annoying to other people than it is to the subject, and they also suffer from sore throat. The woman who doesn't so much as wear a chiffon bow about her neck lacerates her throat and renders it less sensitive to sudden changes in the weather. If one wants a neck scarf for beauty and not for warmth, nothing prettier can be found than the French rose scarf, so much worn in Paris. They are just beginning to come to this country and are exceedingly becoming.