IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

STYLES FOR AUTUMN.

Tailor-Made Dresses, Haughty Hats and Fashionable Novelties. NEW YORK, Sept. 8 .- It was only reafall season would bring us many novelties adopt It. in the cut and trimming of our gowns, but there is nothing very new, under this Separe very active and look very wise, but

Just suit yourself as to color is the fax One particularly taking pattern is a black stone balls, and the strip of velvet that law provalling with regard to these stuff silk mustin, that in the folds gives off high follows the seam of the sleeve is caught dresses, though if it's blue you want, royal white lights, as satin does. All over this at the wrist in a buckle of the same bright blue is somewhat more to the forefront than falls a shower of burningly searlet poppy Its fellow colors: a peculiarity soft and be- petals. The petals, of course, are, by some coming tone called peacock green is bound to enjoy a long season of activity, and a curious cedar brown, appropriately named autumn foliage, makes up in truly admira-

To go yet more deeply into this question of color we must talk a while of some of the midseason stuff suits. These the tailors are making up in handsomely checked half weight serges and strapping and barring them with narrow folds of plain goods, held down at the point of every small strap with a button. A brown cloth covered over with quarter inch wide stripes of green, crossing each other at right angles, thus leaving equares two to three inches broad, will be checked inside these squares in a peculiar tone of rusty red. The brown, green and red so commingled creates a display of color that equals the Scotch plaid, of which this material is a direct off-shoot.

This style of goods is much the mode for perfectly simple autumn walking skirts, and with such a checkerboard petticoat a smart little coat, of solid brown or green cloth, is adopted; its revers faced with checked silk and a checked silk skirt front peeping out between the lappels.

Braiding as an ornamentation for cloth suits was never in more vigorous use than at present. There are pretty shot green and brown and blue and yellow wool braids. flat satin-faced braids, silk and mohair braids, black wool and linen braids and braids that are as rough as the surface of Brussels carpet and as smooth as peau de sole. In place of braid proper, as we know it, cords of various sizes are largely applied, in floriated patterns, to smooth cloth surfaces, and most especially on princess dreases is the decoration by braiding re About the hips it is massed to run down the front with a tablier effect, spread artistic device, dyed in the muslin, though upon pointed vests and covers, with a fine scroll work, nearly the entire sleeve. Most interesting, in the new styles of braid on their surfaces, and some beauties show weaves, is that which, woven either wide or narrow, possesses a surface so rough that | the fall of the goods. it looks at a little distance, like some strange sort of fur. Another exceedingly modish make is called hussar braid.

Renovating Last Year's Clothes.

But because of all these slight deviations from the styles of last year, let no woman there will be any great opportunities to economize on the fall sewing. year's skirt, for example, can't pass muster here, and now that the Spanish flounce effect has given place to the Princess and Louis XV, forms, and small as the ornament in their make up. It used to



CLOTH AND CHECKED VELVET TOILET.

be a pet plan with women to wear out their old black skirts with bright theater waists, but now the authorities say that such a scheme is very demode unless the skirt is a black and white striped silk, a skirt of black lace, or a watered silk in sleeves of last winter, to be replaced by transparent ones, that are tucked close and fine, either up and down or round and round the arm. Very soon also the necks of all the gowns will be ruthlessly torn out to make place for the new buttoned collars and the high, straight satin neck stalls, about which a little lace scarf winds and knots in front.

As to the evening dresses, renovation cannot cure their hopeless malady of un- wool. New golf stockings are made of fashionableness. What the winter of 1897 camel's hair yarn, showing in sharp consaw fit to countenance and applaud is an trast the three highest tones of green, red necked bodices are cut cut altogether is flaunted before us in black shot with differently, and the skirt that takes your scarlet. There is a new way of marking eye when it enters the ball room displays stockings in lines and a very bewildering an adjustment of lace and jeweled trimdeveloped milkmaid's pannier.

Early Millinery Developments.

upon the first flock of hats in the market. becomingly shading eyes and brow, the sweet shepherdess back and the soft fall of accept the new order of things of all the wide brims, turning up straight from the face, slit down the middle and fastened by a big glittering brooch. From either side these haughty crest wings flare out, and the back of the hat is very insignificant is the thing, and the only comfort to be women enjoy faultless extremities, the plain found in this revolution is the fact that dark hose are at a discount momentarily.

! black and white is the smartest combination ! for these dazzling, deceiving foot masques the head can show.

Another approved and excessively trying arrangement in hat colors for the autumn is dove gray and turquoise blue. Only the sonable to expect that the opening of the very brave or very fair can venture to

Gaslight Tollets.

A word just here as to the pretty gauzy tember sun at least. True it is, the tailors goods that the dry goods dealers are just about spreading on their counters. They call them robes for dancing and dinners, and what is it all about? When you come to in- they are levely, beyond the reach of admir-For instance, a great deal of velvet is go- two pieces, a shaped-out seamless piece for ing to adorn the handsomest suits, exceed- the skirt, and a smaller breadth for the ingly fanciful braiding will distinguish oth- waist. Their weaves first demand attention, ers, tucks after running in horizontal lines for they are woven to be as opalescent as a have fallen into the perpendicular, and drop of rain through which the sun is shin- shaped waist or sapphire blue velvet, edged so many tailor-made princess gowns will ing, or they are watered like moire, or open of mesh as a basket



BRAIDED PRINCESS GOWN.

just as many of the gauzes have their

decorations brought out in a velvet relief

satin stripes, fine as a hair, woven athwart

Downger Gowns. Quite regal are the fashion properties now on exhibition for the downgers. Their robes of state are to be satin this winter, chiefly black satin, but gloriously emlay the flattering unction to her soul that a student of the mode can put out her attend service, brought out this adaptation hand unerringly on a novelty, but this arlewels to the very greatest advantage. It so simply told, pales into insignificance formed, and September 8 fixed as the date be sure, thousands of "little women" felt a costs enough per yard to set the purses before the kaleidoscopic action of the kin- of the first meeting. autumn hats are, they require great of the economical to shutting like misers' dergarten, where the small boy is not hurt | Seven or more women may form a circle implied in the appellation, but they did not brilliancy of velvet, feathers and jeweled money traos, and only the woman who is a matron should attempt to wear it. As was mentioned above, it demands jewels and gray hair to set it off properly, and younger women can only steal bits of it for vestlets. collars, etc., on their fine gowns.

Another acquisition by the married women is the right to conceal the rayages of time by wearing their dog collar necklaces about a throat band of velvet, that has high extension pieces running in points out under the chin and ears and high at the back. At some of the lewelers in New York they show these collars of velvet and satin studded with gems, or of an evening you can see a pretty woman, turned of 45, wearing a bit of precious old white lace drawn rather close about her neck and caught with a fine jewel under one car. Hotel Waists.

Every day shows growth in the fanciful waist that is called a theater or hotel walst. Nowadays so many women live in hotels during the winter or go frequently to the excellent hotel restaurants with their husbands that without a rather complete set of fancy waists the wardrobe is sadly lacking. Last winter very much tucked silk and satin shirt waists appeared freely at all these semi-functions, but they have been swept out of existence and greater formality and elaboration is sancioned. A few very pretty waists are made flat about the neck, but the majority rise sternly tight and close at the throat, though elbow sleeves are considered in extremely fine taste. Most attractive specimens are made wholly of white or black lace, and sometimes the seams down the shoulders and outside of the sleeves are outlined in small bright imitation stones. Lace waists, and those of chiffon and

plain silk, boast invariably pretty bow knots of velvet or of lace, with centers of jewels, fastened at some conspicuous point on the bust or shoulder. Such bow knots as these are sold, among the smart odds and ends of dress, in all the shops, and are made up in a variety of colors and ma-terials. They are meant for pinning on dove grey. Out of the evening bodices must wherever on skirt, waist, or hair a touch of color is needed. Velvet ones are twisted to resemble the sword knots solliers used to wear, while others look like wedding favors, or are simply bows and falling ends of lace, clasped by a jewel. With many women such bows take the place most acceptably of jewels and aid greatly in helping a much worn gown to escape the charge

of dufiness or monotony. Pretty autumn hosiery is startlingly brilliant, whether the material is silk liste or abomination in our own eyes now, for low and brown, and the fine liste, for daily use effect is given by a sober dark blue silk ming about the hips that is almost a fully hose having a dozen or more thread-like lines of yellow turning around the leg like the twist of a corkscrew. She who has a Now we are called to render judgment | thick ankle and a thin calf will take kindly to the blue and black stockings, striped They are wonders to the eye, long soothed finely in white, the pin line convergby the gracious slope of wide straw eves so ing from the length of leg very close together at the ankle. By this the eye is maneuver deceived. plumes. It will take some time for us to and great comfort given the wearer. By yet another device rows of white dots begin, the size of a quarter of a dollar, up near the linee, growing to the dimensions of a pin's head at the ankle. On experiment it has been found that a large foot and a thick ankle lose, to the most critical gaze, oneindeed. According to the milliners the rear half their clumsiness when swathed in a of your chapeau does not count. The facade figured stocking, and as but a minority of

carry the trade before them. Illustrations of Fashions

From three points of view the theater or

hotel waist can be studied this week, for the sketch gives a group of the most advanced of the new styles in composing these dmirable little bodies. Though so showy, they are simple enough, for one is made of accordion-pleased chiffon with a sultana jacket, of thick gray Russian lace, drawn over it. By a series of bright scarlet satin hows the jacket is fastened at the side. quire the details alone prove of interest. ing adjectives. Also, they come in just | Of chiffon the high collar is made and tied in the rear in a bow so large and airy that

it forms a sort of delicate background for the face. A fellow illustration shows turquoise chiffon, over which fits an oddlywith an applique of deep creum lace. A velvet collar button to one side with Rhine-

Two species of figured stlk are employed in the third and last bodice. The vest is really rose-colered satin, with a white lace pattern laid on below the yoke of rucked chiffon, and on the sleeves of satin, similar lace treatment is shown. The real body of the walst is of green taffeta, figured in rows of rosebuds, with ruches of lace outlining the edges of the vest.

For morning wear and shopping in royal blue face cloth the first of the set of tailor suits is made up. Black leather cloth, as the tailors call it, in broad and narrow bands, appears on the skirt and coat All the parrow bands are fastened down by polished silver buttons and the top of the coat opens over a collar and vest of the thick, felt-like goods. What a true new princess gown, when it is braided, ought to look like, is shown by the second costume in Russia leather red Venetian cloth. The braiding is done in black and the two diamond shaped openings on the bust display an under vest of embroidered white liberty satin. Attention is called to the braided sleeves and the high braided collar, than which there is nothing newer.

A tailor dress that is good enough to wear anywhere is the subject of the third sketch. This is the finest green French melton made up with checked brown and green velvet and ornaments of steel. Rucked velvet edges the skirt and runs up the hip, and where the skirt flares open at the side is seen a panel of velvet in green and brown. A green felt hat, showing a huge brown bird on the brim, its body pierced by a steel arrow, completes the smart toilet. MARY DEAN.

SERMON-HOUR KINDERGARTENS.

A Fenture of Sunday Morning Service in New England.

Through the Connecticut valley, especially in the larger towns, a custom of sermon-hour kindergartens is being established, which proves a delight to pastors, mothers, children, and church-goers in born of a church-going ancestry, is responsible for this new feature in home misof the kindergarten from theory to prac-

by trying to "sit still," or the little girl by sending to the founder and director of baby told she "must not talk out loud, or the Progressive Women of America a writ-

whisper.' life has the bables' play hour become that | designated by numbers, from one upward, before singing the hymn preceding the ser- according to priority of their formationmon, the pastor invariably announces: "All | the circle adopts a constitution and by-laws invited to adjourn to the Sunday school a president, vice president, secretary and rooms, where Mrs. Smith and Miss Annie treasurer. dergarten.

and her assistant take up the collection of these wee bits of the kingdom of heaven, ance and mutual helpfulness." with an occasional mother perhaps leading a shy newcomer who has not the courage year, outlines and announces the topics for of his convictions. And the baby Christians the consideration of the circles, and each flock down the aisles like so many happy circle is expected to prepare and forward t little butterflies, en route for a garden of the director through its secretary a brief roses. They trudge along past the deacons statement of the conclusions arrived at by with a pleased grin, or sometimes a giggle the majority on the topic assigned by of anticipated delight. And even the fondest the director. Once a month each circle is parent gives over her prim little heart's expected to write a friendly letter to a delight or chubby, restless baby boy with a least one other circle, and in this way keep sigh of content and with a mind now free in touch with the organization throughout to take in the words of comfort or advice, the country. Occasionally a door opens somewhere and "Precious jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own," floats to the listeners of the sermon like a veritable angel chorus, or during the benediction the merry chatter of the little ones is wafted from the vestry. As for the children the sermon time has passed too quickly. Beside the singing of infant class songs, there have been song game-games with a subtle religious lesson in the words or action.

One of the prettiest little adaptations of the regular kindergarten is the song game of the chickadees. The children form s circle with joined hands. Mrs. Smith tells Baby North he can be papa-bird. He takes his place in the center of the ring, and in turn chooses his little mate. Together they choose alternately seven or more of the little folk to make their nest. These seven join hands, making a smaller circle within the first and large one, which is kept intact by dint of much stretching of the little arms, which the babies take to most kindly. When the nest is complete, the choosing continues until a flock of, say five, birdlings is gathered. Then Miss Brown plays softly the simple little melody, and the children sing verse after verse in high glee, while the chickadees cuddle in their nest. The song words, which the little ones soon memorize tell of the goodness and love of our heavenly Father, who cares for even the smallest bird. At certain verses the papa bird flies out to find food for his small family, and by and by, when the chickadee babies are grown, the mamma bird takes them out to try their wings. Whenever the birds leave the nest they hop about lightly, waving their arms wing fashion. Meanwhile the outer circle, which forms the limit of the world to the chickadees, has not been kept quiet but has marched round slowly, to the piano accompaniment, sometimes in the original position facing the nest, or prison style, with hands on the shoulders of the baby in front.

And with a variety of the kindergarten games in Sunday dress the little ones are made busy and happy during the sermon land.

NEW CLUB FOR WOMEN. Started and What Plans to Do.

The Progressive Women of America is the name of a new club and the founder is Mrs. Effic W. Merriman of Minneapolis. more practical, lines than anything yet attempted in women's clubs.

general. Whether the New England mother, extend over a continent and to embrace all strung girls of exceptional endowments classes of people. Growth is always more But others who showed a lively liking for rapid where many minds come in contact, playing with their brothers, and following sionary work, or whether the discussion at and the founder believes that the Progressome pastors' convention of the pros and sive Women of America will have greater tree tops or row boats, bore perennially the bossed in white velvet. It is very rarely cons of urging mothers with children to power and more interest than a local club. tomboy stigma. There was never a girl of To be progressive we must hold communi- the old unacknowledged regiment of the adation with many people of many ideas, is rangement of black and white is something tice, no one seems to know. Whoever is re- the principal plank in the club's platform. given up one of the joys wherefore she one does not see every other day. It is sponsible the blessing is widespread. The Although its first birthday was but a few made battle against the conservatism of her almost imperial in effect and shows off most entertaining children's sermon, never weeks ago, six circles have already been time for sake of being rid of that title. To

HOTEL WAISTS.

ten request for a charter of membership. Indeed so recognized a feature of church On being assigned a number-circles are children in the audience are most cordially in harmony with the original one and elect-

Brown will conduct the sermon-hour kin- | The object of the club is "the discussion of the topics of the day, and questions of With the singing of the hymn, Mrs. Smith interest to women; and the bringing of its members into communication for acquaint-

Mrs. Merriman, as the director for the first

An important feature of the Progressiv Women of America, and indeed one of its principal reasons for being, is that club life may be brought to the woman who is so



MRS. EFFIE W. MERRIMAN.

ample-as to be deprived of all advantages clubs or other social organizations. For her benefit special provision is made for resident membership.

Mrs. Merriman has written several booksnone, however, is the story with a pur-In the preface to one of her stories-'A Queer Dilemma"-she says: "You are not asked to believe a word of the book but the author hopes that, as she had lots of fun writing it, a lot of people may have as much fun reading it."

PASSING OF THE TOMBOY.

Girls Healthier and Rappier Because of Outdoor Life.

Tomboy has become an antiquarian word. Women who were little girls twenty years ago, says Harper's Bazar, know how potent of reproach it used to be when it was still in vogue in the homes of the

"If you are not a woman when you are 15 you never will be," many mothers said in varying language, to their daughters who were more eager for romping than for making tatting or engaging their hearts in crochet. The descriptions of the rearing of Harriet Hosmer in an active outdoor girlhood were looked upon with some compla This club is organized on different, perhaps cency, mingled with curiosity, because she had a talent for marble and chisel, and because her health was not robust, and open-It is not a local affair, but is intended to air exercise was known to be good for highthem and other girls' brothers afield or into vance guard of athleticism who deep inward protest against the ignoming

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ers at their parlors one trial bottle of their Complexion Tonic absolutely free; and in order that those who cannot call or who live away from New York may be benefited, they will send one bottle to any address, all charges prepaid, on the receipt of 25 cents (stamps or silver) to cover cost of packing and delivering. The price of this wonderful tonic is \$1.00 per bottle, and this liberal offer should be embraced by all. The Misses Bell have just published

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THE MISSES B L'., 78 Fifth Ave., New York City.

know how to say that they were only following the need of nature—girl nature as woman to make her club the all vell as boy nature-in fluding out person- element in her life is wrong. But r, ally the pleasures of galloping on bareback well-directed means toward her o horses or diving into woodland "swimmin" opment, her own exhibaration, to holes" or resting over a game of "mum- paniouship of the sexes and not the biety peg," when some boy's jack knife separation, the woman's club is c twirled from eager fingers to make those able.' soft, delightful, unforgetiable thuds of success into the good green ground.

The young girls of today have the freedom of their muscles unquestioned, and enter by right into an inheritance of bicyenter by right into an inheritance of bicy-cles and golf clubs, beats and bathing suits, saddles that are not side saddles, red or cardinal. basket balls and base balls, too, that their | Overskirts and drancries are become

The spirit of the time is embodied in the adopted for evening wear before winter girl who is to be the woman ruling the sets in. lesting of man in the first quarter of the | The most fashionable patriotic breast pin coming century. She will step over its threshold into her kingdom with the surefooted grace gained in climbing mountain heights. She will accept its possibilities and responsibilities with less strenuous ness than nineteenth century women have always shown, because action is her birthright, not her conviction, and health is to

her a necessity like a religion. The passing of the tomboy is complete. The girl of today at her American best is a hearty, healthy, happy, graceful child. She is not expected to be a young woman, although she is trained toward the serenities of that gracious estate. She is a part of the onward-moving life of her times, as she seems to be a part of her wheel when flying along city avenues or through woodland roads. She cannot remember when she learned to ride, her babyhood's velocipede having superseded the baby jumper wherein her elder sister was wont to go through violent infantile exertions without arriving anywhere.

The progress of the modern young girlon-wheels has nothing self-conscious in it. She moves joyously, gracefully, fair to see along the pathway "blazed" for her through the jungles of conservatism by the ploneer tomboy of the past. There were always tomboys in all generations, except that which is now femininely rising. They were not confined to the time when a girl who rode a sixty-pound tricycle to a college door was sure to be asked if she considered her mode of locomotion ladylike.

Once in a while you may meet women o 0 or 70 or 90, gracious and silver-haired, young-hearted and with a lively interest in the thoughts and pursuits of all girl kind. who will tell you in sweet voices that they were called "great tomboys" when they were called "great tomboys" when they were little girls. And if they recount to you their maddest, merriest pranks, their wildest and most daring adventures, you black, will be highly favored for fall and will find that these were commonplace beside their granddaughter's thirty-mile bicycle ride of yesterday, cup-winning yacht race of the day before, far heralded golf championship of last week or this morning's swim of a mile seaward out toward

door life means vigor, grace and buoyancy. It is a fine thing to watch a girl athlete. She is bewitching.

USEFULNESS OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Conditions Under Which They Are

Entitled to Commendation.
"That many of the women's clubs in America are doing valuable work in many firections admits of no doubt," writes Edward Bok in the September Ladies' Home Journal. "And so long as a woman's club keeps within its sphere-that of the social, mental and educational improvement of the sex and the children-and does not extend and take up political questions and go into a maelstrom of purely municipal matters, the conduct of which is not given women to rightly understand and in which they can do no good, but, on the contrary, effect much harm, it serves a purpose high and mighty. There is no question at all of the benefit which a woman derives from getting out of the atmosphere of the routine of domestic machinery, once a week or once a fortnight, according as she is able to spare the necessary time, and coming into the different surroundings of a number of other women at the meeting of a sensible and well conducted literary, social or educational club. Women's clubs like the clubs for men, are useful institutions so long as they are considered as a means toward an end, and that end be social or mental improvement. But when they are taken in the light of an end in themselves, then they become as

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pilo are for sale by all druggists.

Friits of Fashion. Among the now fashionable gun met elties is a combination purse and

elder sisters acquired by a sort of slow en-croachment of the Zeitgelst.



FOR EARLY AUTUMN.

consists of an American flag with an eagle perched on the staff. The bird is covered with brilliants and has emerald eyes.

winter tailor costumes. Salambo is the new shade of raspberry red, much like eld rose tints, that combines handsomely with Russian green, certain shades of blue, and also with the gray and

beige dyes. A new design for a watch strongly appeals Spain.

It must be owned, too, that the girl of the period far surpasses her predecessor in strength and staying power. All this out-

A novel finger ring is made to send forth a spray of scent whenever the wearer pleases, or, to speak more accurately, when she is wise enough to keep the receptacle she is wise enough to keep the receptacle well filled. Other rings are set with a tipy

The most fashionable handkerchiefs of the moment are bordered with narrow colored Valenciennes lace. They may be fashionable, but the woman of really refined taste avoids everything but pure white in her linen from her handkerchief to her night-

Chains of all sorts and sizes are the order

of the ay. The more small jingling ornaments that can be crowded on the lorgacte ch. in the more fashionable it becomes. Paris sends us a brand new chain, showing a sort or Greeian border formed in steel and black enamel united. The whole thing is fully belf an inch in width. Regarding the matter of assisting, gratis, the street-cleaning departments of our cities, it rests entirely with the women leaders who contral, in a degree at least, the fashions in this free country of ours, whether we shall again choose this most

disgusting style of cut-of-door attire. It is true that to be exactly in the latest Parisian style there must be street skirts longer than have been worn.
Some of the handsome weaves in light-

