#### IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

"JERRY" RUSK'S DAUGHTER.

She's Trensurer, Director and Moving too fast.

Spirit in a Telephone Pinnt. The telephone service throughout the town of Asheville, N. C., is excellent-and thereby hangs a tale. The treasurer, the resident director, the owner of the controlling interest and the moving spirit of the Independent Telephone company, which was established here last spring, are all one and the same person, Mrs. Charity Rusk Craig, the daughter of the late ex-secretary of agriculture

"Jerry" Rusk. Mrs. Craig went to Asheville about three years ago with her husband, who was in ill health. Mr. Craig died after they had been



Long Wrap of Sable Faced with Purple Velvet. Velvet bow at Throat on Which is Appliqued White Lace of a Heavy Kind. A Velvet Piece Fits Like a Vest Inside and Hooks Together.

living here a couple of years, and shortly afterward Mrs. Craig returned to her home in Wisconsin. Soon after her return friends who were interested in an independent telephone company consulted her in regard to the practicability of establishing a plant there, Her residence in Asheville had given her so clear an insight into the possibilities for the success of the project that she not only urged the establishment of the plant, but bought the controlling interest in the stock company that was formed.

Then she changed her plans and came back Asheville so that she could direct the affairs of the company. Up to that time she had had no practical experience in telephone affairs. She has had to acquire the necesrary knowledge, and it has been gained according to the Freebelian principle of "learning through doing." She spends a part of every day at the office, keeps the books. pays the bills and signs all checks and reccipts. Her practical knowledge has been gained partly through visits to plants in other sections of the country and partly through the close attention she has given to the development, step by step, of the Asheville plant. It is hardly necessary to add that all of it has been accomplished without rubbing off a bit of bloom of a very

charming personality. The construction of the Asheville plant was begun just one year ago, and in last March the lines were put into active use. About 650 'phones are operated by the company in or near Asheville. Ten thousand calls were registered at the exchange one morning last week.

There is no longer the slightest doubt about the success of the undertaking and neither is there any doubt, judging from Mrs. Craig's experiences, that a woman can manage such a concern as well as a man if she makes up her mind to do it. Mrs Craig attributes the apathy of the rival telephone companies during the early stages of the construction of the plant to the fact that they knew there was a young woman in it, and believed for that reason it wouldn't amount to much. But they were mistaken in their estimate of the woman. "There's no reason why a woman shouldn't succeed in a venture of this sort," Mrs. Craig said, "if she is only willing to hazard something; but the trouble is that most women are too timid to run any risks."

#### READING ALOUD.

One of the Lost Arts Which Might Be Renewed with Profit.

Reading aloud to the children and in the family circle-how fast it is becoming one of the lost arts. What multitudes of children of former days, says the Hartford Courant, were entertained and instructed by this practice, and how few there are who are so entertained and instructed newadays. Children now, after being taught to read, join that great army which takes in the printed word, swiftly and silently. Most parents, doubtless, are too busy to spare time to educate their sons and daughters by reading to them, and as the children grow older they find their hours too crowded to devote any of them simply to listening. "What is the use?" they would say, if asked. "Tastes man or woman. But art may and does step a sensutional trip together, the story of over my own. We reached the train just differ, and we can read what we want in a in to aid nature in regulating details, just which is now made public by the San Fran- before it pulled out of the depot. fraction of the time that would be consumed if we had to sit still and hear it."

This is all true enough, but is there not something lest in having the custom of reading aloud lapse entirely? As a sign of the times, the change is another proof of the rush and hurry of life, and, in the famfly, it is more or less to be considered an evidence of the tendency to "independence" on the part of the younger members. Common interest in a good book, read aloud by father or mother, is a factor in the home that is important enough to have some attention paid to it. The opposite of "skimming a book, it develops certain mental faculties that it is well to have developed, and as an exercise for the reader it has distinct advantage. Books so read are remembered and their influence on character far exceeds that of many a volume whose pages are turned in a desperate effort to reach the



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the habits of reading too much and reading a greater expenditure of time and patience in advance.

at Coffeyville, Kan., she accepted P. J. Moore up the practice of families, where the conditions favor it, as an experiment. The winter the toilet of a single rare specimen of the evenings are long, and as one looks back chrysanthemum. One would hardly believe on them he can find at least a few hours that it, but here is the process of dressing a tieth Kansas and was about to come to San ment, to be sure, but it is an enjoyment.

RICHES FOR A WORKING GIRL.

Mining Claim. Miss Abble Eastman of Phoenix, Ariz., fought with genuine American pluck against etraltened circumstances, but she is now financially independent. Miss Eastman is only 28 years old. She has always worked for a living. But nature has given her much energy and a strong will and when three years ago her uncle left her five copper claims in Arizona, not far from Phoenix, she

visited her claims to learn the value of her inheritance. She consulted a lawyer. "He told me," said she, "that the claims looked promising, but that in order to hold them a certain sum of money would be required every month. Then I considered where that money was to come from, as I had none of my own. So, after failing to find any other solution, I resolved to get employment in a hotel. When I told the lawyer what I intended doing, and how I meant to set aside every cent that could be spared from my wages, in order to develop the claims, he said he admired my determination, but wondered whether I hould stick to it. But it has finally come ut all right, and I guess now I shall be able o live without working so hard."

After the conference with her lawyer Miss Eastman lost no time in getting a position and spent her savings to hold her claims. The money came a little at a time, but the work progressed slowly.

Miss Eastman has a pleasant face, dark hotels at which she was employed was the Hotel Green, Pasadena, Cal., and this summer at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs. The guests never suspected that the girl working at the hotel had a fortune

in sight. Just before the sale of her claim for \$45. 000, when more correspondence than usual was necessary, it leaked out at Glenwood Springs that Miss Eastman was soon to come into considerable money. Simultaneously, it is said, a suitor appeared, but the shrewd business women knew a thing or two. The enterprising young man got no encourage-

Finally the deal was closed, and with large



the young woman's head turned. But they making the toilet of the flowers, but he were badly mistaken. Her dresses were execedingly modest.

SILVER FOX BOA.

her way to Phoenix, where the rest of her perfection, even in flowers, which seem to copper claims are located. Those of which us to be the most spontaneously beautiful she has not yet disposed are four in number. | of anything in creation. It would seem Her plans for the winter are not yet announced, except on one point-she will not have to work as she did last winter.

#### COMBING CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Frowsy Heads of Famous Show Flowers Carefully Dressed. Of course you are going to the chrysanthemum show and will enjoy looking at the gorgeous colors and perfect forms of the magnificent blossoms. But they didn't grow after her fester parents, will wed P. J that way. The perfect flower has not yet Moore, private in the Twentieth Kansas regibeen developed, any more than the perfect ment. Miss De Lande and her betrothed had as it does with the human being. The chrys. cisco Chronicle.

than has gone toward the dressing of a great

in dishabille, will show that there is a hole regiment in disguise. Passes are not granted at the center of the blossom and that the to women on military trains. boy who has "forgotten" to comb his hair. in time. Her hair was shingled and when

After graduating at a high school in Kan- Into another boat,

horror, and she found it.

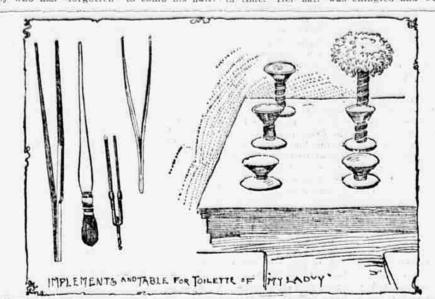
sas, Sadie, who was an orphan, was sont by "I was in jail at Honolulu nearly a whole her foster parents to an academy in St. day, but the sheriff was kind and took me Louis. Rules were strict at the academy to his own home. she did not like to be so checked and curbed and resolved that to free herself she mained there.

to do as she pleased. Miss De Lande decided plast. Reading aloud is a salutary check on | had their toilets made with more care and at | not to ruch into wedlock, but to try a trip to me at Honolulu."

During a vacation spent with her cousins

Moore had already enlisted in the Twencould have been devoted to reading, or to single flower, and imagine the care, patience Francisco with his regiment. It was agreed listening. Reading about is a quiet enjoy- and gentleness of touch required. One look that Sadie should go with him. A soldier's at an ordinary chrysanthemum, or a fine one finnece, she thought, might travel with the

Dropped a Job in a Hotel to Sell a petals straggie in all directions, up and Sadle made herself a uniform and eat up down, right and left. It looks like a lazy nights with her needle that it might be done



in it. The stem passes through this hole but her sex was kept a secret. the others to close over that part. He is as "P. J." careful to remove any worms or defective, Miss De Lande is now in San Francisco not take so long, this is all done rapidly, but induce me to leave it. I have an appointbut with "My Lady," who is too aristocratic the Tartar comes in." to have her temper so tried for three long | In personal appearance Sadie is rather hours, this part of the work is done while pleasing. She is tall and has a girlish face, she drinks refreshing moisture in the vase. Her speech is that of an educated woman. that the contour of the blossom will be and ambitions," she said last night, "and I either a perfect circle or a star of many advise no girl to imitate my exploits. Not stay in place it is pulled out by a gentle tion, there is the intense humiliation of disrs, of which there are covery to deter one. All the reman

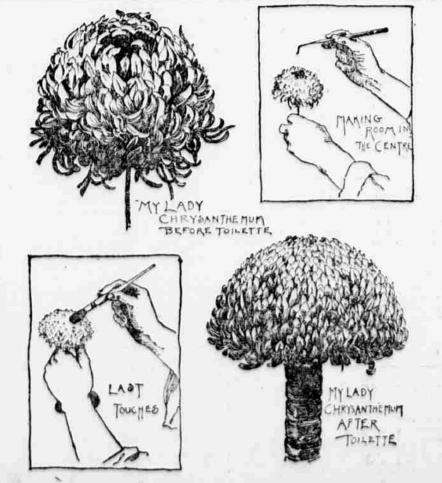
the center and several others for the combcameishair brush, with which he gently pair of my uncle's shoes and put them on smoothes out every wrinkle that is detected by his practiced eye. Then, and not till then, is "My lady" ready for the admiring throng at the exhibition. This art of flower-perfecting was first introduced by the English florists in their attempts to outdo one another by showing the most perfect blossoms, but it has spread to America and the continent, and is practiced by all those seeking prizes at the chrysanthemum shows. The process varies slightly, being somewhat more difficult when the flowers are to be exhibited on the stalk, in pots, but the hand of the artistic florist has been at work, no matter how natural the flowers appear to the uni-

nitiated. It is said that from three to four years of practice are necessary before a man can be called an expert at the task of then commands a high salary, and is conecdingly modest.

sidered at the head of his profession, as
Miss Eastman was in Denver recently on he esteems it. Art has to assist nature to that feminine patience and skillfulness of touch cught to adapt women especially for this work, but strange to say no woman has yet undertaken it, or is known to have

> KANSAS GIRL IN THE TWENTIETH. Trials and Triumphs in Following Her Soldier Lover.

Sadie De Lande, who is called also White



would take a husband.

The flower hatrdresser has his combs and she put on the uniform she was of a sol-

brushes, but the combs are pincers of various dierly height and figure. In that garb and sizes and the brushes of the softest camel's secure from discovery she traveled to San Francisco.

Suppose that the florist has succeeded in | At Camp Merritt she devoted herself to a yes and prepossessing manners. Among the growing some fine specimens of that huge study of the military life. Discipline was variety, "My Lady," some blossoms of which rather lax in the regiment in those days, have measured fourteen inches in diameter. she says, and she was able to fall into line He cuts the blossom with a long stem, so and drill with the company without much that he can handle it well. Then he places | danger of detection. She declares that she it in a high glass vase, with a broad base, took readily to the work and was one of the but over the top of the vase is what looks most graceful soldlers in the awkward squad, like the socket of a candlestick with a hole | Once she fainted during a prolonged drill,

and down into the vase until the lower | When the regiment went aboard the trans petals of the blossom rest on the zine sup-port, but not too firmly. Before putting the Two days out from port, however, the flower into the vase to keep it from wilting sanded secret came out. She was discovunder the long operation he has performed ered, court-martialed and put ashore at the roughest part of the work. This consists | Honolulu. There she passed a year very in pulling out with the pincers enough petals | pleasantly, although far from her soldier around the center of the blossom to permit betrothed, whom she speaks of familiarly

discolored petals and then he begins the She came hither on the Mariposa last week, "combing process," the most tedious part of "I was delighted with Honolulu," she said, all. With the less rare varieties, which do "and there was only one reason which could gently, while the stem is held in the hand, ment to marry 'P. J.' in this city as soon as

One by one each petal is put in place so "My experience has changed my opinions rays. If any petal prove too obdurate to to count seasickness and the fear of detec-

several sizes on hand, one for the work at left my head. But I had a remarkable time, "Before I boarded the train in Kansas ing process of finer or coarser varieties. 'P. J.' called at the house to see if I had When every petal has been put into place lost my courage and resolution. He found the work would appear to be over, but this me all equipped. I had on my feet a pair artist is most fastidious, nothing but per- of French-heeled boots. He told me the fection satisfies him, and he takes up a feminine shoes would betray me. I took a



COMBINATION OF TWO KINDS OF FUR.

"At Camp Merritt one or two of the boys anthemums that are so much admired have | Sadie De Lande desired an adventure were let into the secret and they shielded me. When we were on the Indiana at the dock I got a great fright. Word came that there was to be a check roll call. In the exeltement, however, I managed to stow my-self away and thus eluded the officers.

"Discovery came all of a sudden. Colonel Funsion, in person, with a guard of four men, came down upon me on the second day and carried me away in ignominious arrest. As I was marched up the hurricane deck, two guards ahead and two behind, you should have seen the officers' wives stare at me. That was an ordeal." "But did you not think of the impropriety

Mios De Lande was confused a moment,

and then exclaimed: 'Never, until a minister's wife insulted mc. I was walting in the captain's state-room while he went among the women to orrow some clothes suited to my sex. The chaplain's wife sent a message, which was delivered in my hearing, that she was not going to furnish a wardrobe for female stowaways-that she had been called to a higher mission. The captain's wife, having no higher mission, had a charitable heart and fitted me out.

"I was kept solitary and under guard until we reached Honolulu. The day before we anchored in that port I was taken before a court-martial. Colonel Funston, Major Metcalf, Captain Christy and 'P. J.' were pres ent, besides Major Whitman, who conducted the examination. He asked who cut my hair, who gave me the uniform, where I got the shoes and other importment quos-tions. I declined to tell anything and was

which would make Mrs. Grandy choke with began to cry. Captain Evans, out of pity, took me ashore alone and put the Kanakaa "I was in fail at Honotoin nearly a whole

and the vivacious and unconventional Sadie was kept in a straight-jacket of discipline. I was watched, but the caution was unneces-She did not like to be so checked and curbed sary, for I would never have gone on that

Then she bethought that marriage was reported to have its obligations, and that a wife, as well as a man, had not due license to Mrs. Podmore's children. With them I remained until I sailed a few weeks. "Instead of returning at once to the them I remained until I sailed a few weeks ago on the Mariposa. They were very kine

> "And now?" "I have purchased a trousseau with the 'P. J.' Will you come to the wedding?"

> > Frills of Fashion.

Creps scarfs for neckwear are increasing in beauty and in softness of coloring. They are pretty and becoming. White velvet, as well as soft white breitschwanz will be used for the crowns of fur-trimmed toques and turbans for the winter.

The closely-fitted French jackets of Dewey blue broadcloth, trimmed in military style, are very handsome in color and smart and graceful in appearance.

Financel wasts with colored figures are pretty, with ties of the flannel to match the figure. A red waist, for instance, has a green polka dot and a green tie of the same shade. shade.

The most beautiful ribbons are those that are embroidered. The butterfly is to be found here, as everywhere, and is beautiful, whether it appears in brilliant colors or in dull tones on a dull ribbon.

Pretty variations of the Russian and Eton jackets appear on new French costumes of cloth, or cloth and velvet in combination, for late autumn and early winter wear. Short, pretty and convenient neck furs are merely broad bands of fur fastened with clusters of short tails at the front and with a migh ruff of some rich shade of velvet often of a brilliant hue at the back. The most stylish white silk blouses are made perfectly plain, of corded silk, the cords at regular intervals, or in clusters of three running Bayadere fashion around the body and sleeves.

hody and sieeves.

Alaska sable, which is but another name for black marten, or in reality skunk fur, will be very largely patronized this winter. This fur, it is emphatically asserted, is absolutely deoderized and will be used to trim gowns and wraps, both light and dark in color.

The long-waved astrakhan fur called caracal rivals the more closely-moired Persian lambskin as a stylish black decoration.



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There is a new gray fur as soft as chin-chilla, yet more slivery and of their fleece. It looks remarkably well on a long direc-tore redingote of marine or sliver-blue

Talk About Women. Mrs. Le Breton, Mrs. Langtry's mother wes in Jersey and is still one of the best poking women in the island in spite of her idvanced age. One of the most prominent lawyers of Oklahoma City is Laura Lykins, a half-lood Shawnee woman, who was graduated from the legal department of the Carlisle indian school in 1898.

The degree of doctor of philosophy honoris causa has been conferred on Mrs. Agnes Smith Lewis of Cambridge, England, by Halle university. Mrs. Lewis discovered the Syriac gospels on Mount Sinai and edited them.

edited them.

Mrs. Susan Eleanor Andrews of Nevada City, Nev, 's said to be a great-grandchild of Robert Burns. She claims to be the daughter of Elizabeth Burns, who was the child of Robert, one of the sons of the poet. The manufacturers of millinery fixings seem to think that so long as they manufacture a bird from the feathers of a domestic fowl, who dies that others may live, they may turn them out of any size—the bigger the better. Some of them seem on the new hats are actually bigger than crows and they class themselves on sight as burden.

burden.

Miss L. Perine, the present owner of the house in Ripon, Wis, in which it is claimed the name "republican" was first used as applied to the present party by a small company assembled there, has offered to sell it to the Wisconsin State Historical society but the society is without sufficient funds to accept the profer. The building was originally a school house and was altered into a dwelling house and at one time was owned by ex-Governor Peck.

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