IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

SCHOOLGIRL FASHIONS.

Simplicity and Smartness in Many Charming Costumes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 .- The young girl of fourteen or thereabouts seems to enjoy as wide a choice in fabrics and models for her winter wardrobe as any of her elders of the well dressed sisterhood. At the furrier's the misses' coats and muffs and collars are as thoughtfully planned as for the most fashionable debutantes, and the one and only strictly juvenile mode that is borrowed from no maturer original is the wide felt or velvet hat.

School girls cling with commendable tenacity to sheltering wide brims and simple crown garnitures and a broad red, sap phire blue, or golden brown velvet chapeau decked with a crown band and big bow of Persian-figured panne or warm-tinted Ori ental satin, is the wisest possible crown for bright young hair.

For every day service an ankle-long skirt of tweed or serge, a prettlly figured flannel shirtwaist and a smart coat of material that happily contrasts in weave and color with the skirt seems to be the outfit preferred. The skirts are plain enough even when a bit of braiding or a kilted effect is introduced, and they are all short enough to fully display the cloth-topped shoes or the gaiters that the smart damsels affect, To the fancy of the 14-year-old miss there is a delightful povelty about the buttoned shoes with their round toes, extension soles and black or tan cloth tops. The patronage of these shoes by these very young ladies is a proof that early in life the American girl knows what she wants to wear and wears her choice with delightful independ-

In all about a dezen pretty and original cuts of coats are worn by the juvenile half of well-dressed humanity, and some of the girls have even found the empire long coat to be a good thing. In the group of three girls given this week a very nice blue braided melton long coat is shown. To break any long dreary lines the maker of this type of wrap wisely added a bolero effect in front, turning back the revers and collar with facings of very dark mink and the muff used with this is of the same rich brown fur.

In the second and larger group is a conspicuously attractive and modish calling, church or holiday toilet for a miss of fifteen. Cornflower blue corduroy is the material and with gray lamb it is trimmed. Here we have a dress distinctly rich in its appearance, durable, too, and not costly for parents of moderate means. Stitched bands of cornflower-blue silk and small silver buttons add greatly and inexpensively to the decoration of coat and skirt. Under the coat is worn a shirtwaist of French gray taffets set off with narrow bands of Persian em-

broidery. The next neighbor to this corduroy costume is an ideal gown for a girl just stepping into womanhood. Soft gray camel's hair, trimmed with baby lamb and fcliage green panne picked out in black dots is the well thought out combination



AN OVERSKIRT EFFECT FOR AN AWK-WARD GIRL.

of fabrics and colors. There is a certain and girlish, though wholly different in charm from the captivating and youthful shepherds plaid in the next group. Utility of Plaids.

After all why are not the shepherd's plaids used oftener for young people, now especially when they are dyed not alone in small black and white checks, but in softer black and gray, in gray and brown, gray and green, and gray and blue? Next spring undoubtedly these soft-toned and smallfigured goods will receive just appreciation at the hands of the purchasing mothers and selecting daughters, but at the moment we see only a few of them realized in house and school costumes. For an overgrown girl, whose physical latitude refuses to keep pace with her physical longitude. this particular design in dress building is ardently recommended.

The double skirt with bordering and front band of stitched solid gray broadcloth, and the gracious little waist, with its shoulder widening collar of gray silk and ecru lace, are all ably considered schemes for making art conceal some of the freaks of nature. Then, too, for a spare, flat-chested girl the slightly pouched front opening with three straps on a cream flannel shirt and dull green silk necktie are sufficient with their suave lines and easy fullness to persuade an observer that the wearer is as prettily developed and rounded as a girl need be. With such gowns as have been described white gloves are the adopted hand coverings, when a formal appearance is made

broadly in black down the back of the hand cleaned before, but we are not quite sure is the way the momentary preference turns it represented the best expenditure of enjust as every miss has made it in her set ergy on the part of the women, who, no huge strawberry. The husk is made of the fashion to wear a silver muff chain doubt, 'couldn't stand it another minute,' green ribbon. Little cases made with comwith bright colored beads strung on at in- To do their work for them is not, perhaps,

each of which may be bought for a few cents, make a useful and decorative hair receiver. Another decorative article to hang on the side of the mirror is a big crimson pin cushion made in the shape of a partments and labeled with the days of the



WITH BABY LAMB AND DEC-ORATED WITH GREEN PANNE.

GRAY CAMEL'S HAIR, OUTLINED

MARY DEAN. AN IMPERIAL TOQUE.

A White Tulle Confection for After-

The tulle hat has a stouter constitution white tulls toque that holds an imperial to neglect. They will find the men explace in feminine affections, and though tremely accommodating in this matter. some of them look a great deal like coronets wrought of well-whipped whites of

The white tulle toque is par excellence the hat for grand afternoon teas and luxuand the general preference seems evenly divided between the tulle crown with a gilt crowns of tulle, about which go a scarf of the finest Russian sable or royal ermine, and the scarf fastens in front with a grinning animal's head shining with diamond

A tulle toque, therefore, which in itself is as fragile as a dried dandelion head and which could be blown about like milk-weed silk, commands one's respectful attention by costing sometimes as much as \$200. The tulls is nothing for they sell these toques at the department stores all made and waiting only for a band and ornament, at the lowest figure. One of the most chic and novel ways of decking a toque is to wind round its crown a wonderous ostrich feather. Because of the late unpleasantness in South Africa ostrich plumes are way up, and a truly fine feather, that will wind completely around a toque, easily

commands \$25. However, there are other ways of trimming the ublquitous white toque, and that degree of maturity in the design of this it with silk tulle flowers that look like spun gown that makes it none the less graceful glass, and that shine with diamond powder which is blown on them when the stiffening dressing is yet damp on the web. With frost, and snow, and dew and the spider's own loom, nature never produced any more exquisitely fragile creations than these last; but, beware how you carelessly wear such a head piece, for there is a tale going around of a woman, who set just such a hat on her ambrosial curls, and on the misty, moisty evening of a thraw drove to the theater. She put down one window of her carriage, and when she got to the theater everybody smiled broadly and some cruel spirit asked where did she get her hat The fog that came rolling in the carriage window had eaten it up, "all en-tirely," as the Irish woman said, and only the naked wire frame was left of the melan-

WOMEN AS REFORMERS.

Remarks on a Recent Exhibition at Reading, Pa. Certain public-spirited women of Reading. complaints not bringing about the reform desired, sixty of them turned out with brooms, fire shovels, mops and other doend to end, washed the crossings and telephoned the city engineer to send carts to remove the piles of dirt they had collected. "This was extremely enterprising," comat church or matinee or at the foot ball ments the New York Times, "and no doubt

water allowance is carried in a gray suede | negligent public officials. It is exactly | have any engagements to keep track of. purse with the owner's initials thereon in what they would like to have done in every A Japanese or Indian grass basket, rigged case. To see sixty women of local social with cottons of various numbers, scissors prominence, with tucked-up skirts, sun and a thimble, can easily be converted into bonnets and kitchen aprous, sweeping street | a useful Christmas gift. mud into equidistant cones is not an edifying spectacle, and those it was intended to impress are likely to be more amused than than we thought for. Last winter it instructed by it. There are other ways firm silk lined with elder down, with little reigned supreme as the full-dress headgear, in which the influence of women can be pads for pins and pockets for other articles, but one winter of popularity by no means profitably exerted than in doing gratuitously make a compact and very handy way of exhausted its charm. This season it is the the work which men are paid by the city keeping trinkets.

A CORNELOWER BLUE CORDU-

ROY, TRIMMED WITH GRAY

"Our public-spirited matrons would do well to take a lesson in the management quite a little ground in the role of Santa egg, there are others of distinguished of public affairs from the way in which Claus. She is making lamp shades, waste English women carry a point. They paper baskets and picture frames out of simply wear out the home secretary, or other public functionary having jurisdiction she makes the frames in pasteboard and rious luncheons and afternoon weddings, in the case. He cannot escape them; his covers them with the paper. In many courteous evasions are useless; it profits him cases she has gone to the people to whom nothing to lose his temper. He has the lace border and the gilt lace crown with a choice between doing what the women want tulle border, which last looks very like a or being talked to death, and he usually snow wreath tied about a golden spider surrenders unconditionally as soon as he sees she has covered the shapes with burlaps web. Some wonderful fabrications have that the women are in earnest. Had the



A BLUE BRAIDED MELTON LONG COAT.

Pa., living on one of the principal residence sixty Reading women who cleaned Jefferstreets of that borough, have for some time son street entered into a solemn league and been dissatisfied with the manner in which coverant to make life a burden, in season it is cleaned by the city authorities. Their and out of season, to the mayor, aldermen, commissioners and district attorney, they would not only have had their street cleaned, but it would be kept clean. mestic implements, swept the street from might have taken longer, but it would have accomplished more. . The potentialities of sixty determined women with a specific object in view are beyond computation. They could change the policy of the federal administration if they set about it.'

HOLIDAY SOUVENIRS

Some Inexpensive Trifles that Are Welcome Christmas Gifts. There are a thousand and one trifles that an be made at small expense for Christmas gifts. Deft fingers and a few clever ideas are the principal requirements. In these days of machine-made trinkets, so many of which are so worthless, a hand-

made gift is always acceptable. The endless little trifles for a bedroom laundry bags, shoe bags, bureau covers, toilet sets, little bags for smail pieces of soiled linen, such as handkerchiefs and collars, that are always getting lost with the larger pieces. All kinds of duster bags and work bags. They all help to keep a room tidy and will surely be appreciated by any one who does not happen to possess them. These can be made of any kind of the latest failed by the latest with little motifs of face like the trimming on the costume.

Cloth with a knit finish is very much used in the neutral colors for street gowns. cilet sets, little bags for small pieces of

SHEPHERD'S PLAID COSTUME.

There are endless little contrivances for keeping bits of jewelry in, all of which are better than a jewel case. Long strips of One clever woman has a very good idea

for Christmas gifts this year. She has not much money to spend and has to cover large decorative wall paper designs. First she intends the gifts and begged a few yards of their wall paper, in order to have the gift match the room. In some cases and then cut out the wall paper and appiled the design. These are very pretty and can be made by any one. They have the effect of water color paintings.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS FOR HEIRESSES Miss Helen Gould's Idea of the Uses

of Wealth. Helen Gould, daughter of the great financier, Jay Gould, and the wealthiest young woman in the United States, received recently a letter from the editor of the Christian Herald asking her to write her views on "How to Make the Most of Wealth." Heretofore Miss Gould has politely declined to write for the newspaper or magazine press on matters pertaining to money or the obligations its possession entails. To this latest request, however, Miss Gould replied:

"It is a topic on which I am not well qualified to speak, and I would suggest that you make this same inquiry of some of our leading clergymen, whose views on the subject would be a great inspiration to us all. "The Christian idea that wealth is a stewardship, or trust, and not to be used for one's personal pleasure alone, but for the welfare of others, certainly seems the noblest, and those who have more money or broader culture owe a debt to those who have had fewer opportunities. And there are so many ways one can help.

"Children, the sick and the aged especially have claims on our attention, and the forms of work for them are numerous-from kindergartens, day nurseries and industrial schools to 'homes' and hospitals. Our institutions for higher education require gifts in order to do their best work, for the tuition fees do not cover the expense of the advantages offered, and certainly such socleties as those in our churches and the Young Women's Christian association and the Young Men's Christian association deserve our hearty co-operation.

"The earnest workers who so nobly and lovingly give their lives to promote the welfare of others give far more than though they had simply made gifts of money, so those who cannot afford to give largely need not feel discouraged on that account. After all, sympathy and good will may be a greater force than wealth, and we can all extend to others a kindly feeling and courteous consideration that will make life

sweeter and better. "Sometimes it seems to me we do not sufficiently realize the good that is done by money that is used in the different industries in giving employment to great numbers of people under the direction of clever men and women, and surely it takes more ability, perseverance and time to successfully manage such an enterprise than to merely make gifts.

"You will, I am sure," says Miss Gould in conclusion, "be sorry you have made the inquiry of me, since I have given you so little information, but I think you can easily obtain opinions that will probably be far more helpful than mine."

Frills of Fashion.

Special favor is shown to black in gowns, costumes, cloth and velvet wrans, gloves and simple elegant millinery for the winter.

ilinen or silk, but the linen always seems so much more satisfactory, as they can be washed and kept fresh, while the silk are apt to soil more readily and are not so easy to clean.

The Mikado baskets and a Japanese doll,

The woman who has cameo and various other old-time brooches in her possession is in luck this season, for they are in great demand for the centers of black bows on fur and lace collarettes, and the cameo brooches make very pretty belt buckles set in silver or gold.

The gorgeous array of boas and fancy neckwear is beyond all precedent this season, varying in every sort of manner which is possible to chiffon, chenille, lace and fur. The one point in their make-up which seems to be imperative is that they must be very large and full, with rather long ends. Gold and silver cords and very narrow flat gimps are insured fashionable favor for the winter. The new trimmings of this description are wholly unlike the garish devices formerly so popular among prevailing millinery styles, many of the new designs being cleverly intermixed with bits of color.

Stylish young women are again wearing with their shirtwaists of soft blue, slik, satin or cloth in cream-white, c.d rose, various shades of red and other fashionable colors, the folded stock of our Revolutionary ancestors seen in miniatures and larger portraits. The style is repeated not quite literally but effectively in black satin or velvet to wear with every sort of waist.

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Jet and go'd passementeries and appliques in designs both simple and extremely ormate are used with very artistic effect on a number of evening gowns and wraps. Black chantully or Flanders lace dresses made up over golden yellow satin or moire are trimmed in a lavish manner with delicate arabesque devices, girdles, lacket-pieces and flaring Queen Bess collars, formed of jet and gold beadwork.

Everything in jewelry, except bracelets and earrings, seems to be the fashion, and long gold chains set with jewels are very much worn. Small bits of enamelied gold set in at intervals the entire length form one variety, which is set forth as new; but jewels are more attractive, and it is not necessary that they should be all of one kind in one chain. Young giris delight in a chain which is hung with small charms given to them from time to time by their friends.

Out in New Mexico a woman is a train-master on the Southern Pacific. The wife of Li Hung Chang is something of a business woman and herself keeps detailed accounts of the expenditures of her vast household.

Mark Twain's daughter has become, in a limited degree, a professional singer. Her name is Miss Clara Chemens. She has studied in London and Berlin and her mezzo-soprano is said to be rich and strik-

Miss Anne Curtis Boutelle, who christ-ened the new United States monitor No. 8 at Bath the other day, is herself something of a sailor and one of the best yachts-women in New England. Her father, the congressman, is also fond of the sea. In spite of Miss Helen Gould's circular sent out to discourage undeserving appeals for charity she continues to dispense aid to a constantly growing number of persons, and during the last few months has given to individuals alone considerably over \$3,000. and during the last few months has given to individuals alone considerably over \$3,000. The old lady who recently died and left President Loubet of France a legacy of \$1,000,000 gave away great sums in charity during her life. On one occasion a man to whom she had given a large sim for charity said to M. Loubet: "In very deed she carries her heart in her hand." The president's ready reply was: "Impossible, my friend—her heart is too large for that, and her hand is too small."

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard Ronalds, the American lady to whom Sir Arthur Suilivan has bequeathed a legacy of \$250,000, has been a resident of London for thirty years and was one of the great composer's dearest friends. It was Mrs. Ronalds who brought about a reconciliation between Sir Arthur and his collaborator. W. S. Gilbert. The two geniuses had quarreled and the whole world was in grief. Mrs. Ronalds soundly lectured both men separately and then brought them together at her dinner table. Miss Caroline King, the talented daughter of General Charles King, the noveliat,



THREE-QUARTER COAT, TRIMMED WITH STITCHED BANDS.

has lately had a great honor bestowed upon her. Miss King finished her course at the Sorbonne, the Paris university, last June, and later entered for competition in the Alliance Francaise, which meets every summer and confers diplomas on those foreigners who are capable of passing their difficult examinations, After attending lectures and sending in essays on standard authors and dramatists, Mollere, Racine, Cornelle, La Rochefoucauld and Rousseau were assigned Miss King, and her essay on Cornelle was given the first place by the judges, who complimented her accent and the elegance of the French, as well as her thorough knowledge of the tongue. The class joined by Miss King was composed of teachers, professors, etc., and numbered forty-five persons. Miss King is said to be a highly accomplished young woman.



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WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES.

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It is a fact that beneath every backache there lurks the gravest possibilities. Years of effort on the part of professional men, and column after colimu of newspaper space in every journal in the country have failed to impress on women that their backache is merely a sign, that real trouble exists

Many women even now today, with all the light that has been thrown on the subject, endure backache right along day after day and call it rheumatism. They actually treat it with surface applications of liniment, and go through the daily misery hoping that a change in the weather will relieve them.

The ignorance concerning backache is not confined to women themselves, but to their doctor as well, for, singular as it may seem, many practicing physicians fall to diagnose backache as a symptom only. They do not recognize the kidney or bladder trouble, the womb or ovarian troubles that may be, and one of which surely is making the backache, as a signal to hunt for somthing that is going wrong.

Of course there comes a time when the cloven foot of backache shows itself and the struggle then is for life or death. This is no exaggeration. It is going on all around us, daily, hourly. Women are ill with such a complication of derangements that one who understands wonders how they stand on their feet. They keep going, attending to their duties until the day comes when surrender must be made to the real trouble.

Profound ignorance causes this neglect. What woman would knowingly let herself drift into the grip of kidney complaint or uterine disorder? As a matter of fact, there should be a text written on the mind of every woman in this country: "If your back aches write to Mrs. Pinkham." You can get more direct and valuable advice out of one letter which will come promptly in reply to yours than you can in years of trial and consultation with physicians, Mrs. Pinkham is authority on backache and her medicine is its conqueror. She knows what backache is. Her files are filled with letters from women she has cured of it.

In curing their backache she has really cured them of the troubles that produced the backache. These troubles are strictly within the field of work occupied so successfully and so long by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This is a medicine which will not cure all the ills that flesh is heir to, but for the troubles originating in the feminine generative system it has no equal in the world, and the willing testimony of thousands of women will and does support this statement.

Mrs. Pinkham gives an earnest invitation to women to write to her at Lynn, Mass., for advice about their health. This is surely the easiest way to be helped and put on the right track, for no person is so well qualified to give advice to women who are ailing.

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