

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.

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

For every day service an ankle-long skirt of tweed or serge, a prettily 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 kitten effect is introduced, and they are all short enough to fully display the cloth-topped shoes or the gaiters that the smart damels affect.

In all about a dozen 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.

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.

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 feline green panne picked out in black dots is the well thought out combination

broadly in black down the back of the hand is the way the momentary preference turns just as every miss has made it in her set the fashion to wear a silver muff chain with bright colored beads strung on at intervals and the chocolate cream and soda

cleaned before, but we are not quite sure it represented the best expenditure of energy on the part of the women, who, no doubt, couldn't stand it another minute. To do the work for them is not, perhaps, the best way in which to rebuke or punish

It has a soft velvety surface and all the clinging qualities which fashion requires. A novel bolero is made of mink, with collar and revers of old lace. It is short enough to show a wide draped belt of black lace and white chiffon fastened with long scarf ends of blue and plaid or chiffon fringed with fur tails.

The woman who has come and various other old-time brooches in her possession is in luck this season, for they are in great demand for their make-up which seems to be imperative is that they must be very large and full, with rather long ends.

Stylish young women are again wearing their shirtwaists of soft blue silk, blue or white, or cream-white, old rose, various shades of red and other fashionable colors, the folded stock of our Revolution.

Let and gold passementeries and appliques in the trimmings of black bows on a number of evening gowns and wraps. Black chintilly or crepe, girdles, jacket pieces and flaring Queen Hess collars, trimmed with gold and silver, are also worn.

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

Miss Anne Curtis Boutelle, who christened the new United States monitor No. 8 at Bath the other day, is herself something of a sailor in the best of yachts.

The old lady who recently died and left President Loubet of France a legacy of \$100,000 gave away great sums in charity during her life.

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Miss Helen Gould's idea of the Uses of Wealth. Helen Gould, daughter of the great financier, Jay Gould, is the wealthiest young woman in the United States.

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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 fortunate who are capable of passing their difficult examinations.

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A CORNFLOWER BLUE CORDUROY, TRIMMED WITH GRAY LAMB.

SHEPHERD'S PLAID COSTUME.

A White Tulle Confection for Afternoon Tea. The tulle hat has a stouter constitution than we thought for. Last winter it reigned supreme as the full-dress headgear, but one winter of popularity by no means exhausted its charm.

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.

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neglect public officials. It is exactly what they would like to have done in every case. To see sixty women of local social prominence, with tucked-up skirts, sun bonnets and kitchen aprons, sweeping street mud into equidistant cones is not an edifying spectacle, and those it was intended to impress are likely to be more amused than instructed by it.

There are other ways in which the influence of women can be profitably exerted than in doing gratuitously the work which men are paid by the city to neglect. They will find the men extremely accommodating in this matter.

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have any engagements to keep track of. A Japanese or Indian grass basket, rigged with cottons of various numbers, seizers and thimbles, can easily be converted into a useful Christmas gift.

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WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES.

By JOAN L. BRIGGS. (ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.)

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 column 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 somewhere.

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 fail 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 something 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 who have cured 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 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.

When you write to Mrs. Pinkham you do so in perfect confidence, for all the correspondence is carried on by women, and by women only. Tell Mrs. Pinkham the story of your backache and all the other peculiarities which make you feel puzzled about yourself. You will understand after following her advice the gratefulness of the women who write of their cure—you will be one of the grateful ones yourself.

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