him a flat silver case no bigger than a

penknife and containing a clever little

device for opening eigar boxes at one end

HER LITTLE PARLOR TRICK.

What Happened When One Woman

Went to Call on Another.

A woman the other afternoon went to

call upon another woman who may be al-

dear, I'm delighted to see you," cried the

ing to the woodbox by the hearth, she

drew forth a fat black book. Opening

it till its back cracked the hostess thrust

the book under the blazing log with a

melodramatic gesture: "That's how I

treat the Social Register!" she cried. "Dear

me!" observed the visitor, letting out the

first thing that entered her astonished

head; "do you do that to every caller?"

The hostess didn't answer. As the call

progressed the vistor fell to wondering

whether it wasn't just a gas log and

whether the whole thing wasn't just a

neat little parlor trick performed for the

benefit of each caller, the book pulled care-

from it at the end of one visit that it

might serve again at the next. But no, the

log was the real thing, as a turn of the

head proved, for there lay the book blazing

away merrily beneath. By the time the

woman rose to go the book was in ashes.

In the open air, free from the spell of the

dim lights and the faint fragrance of in-

cense, the woman got to thinking. "I

don't believe it was the Social Register

at all," said the woman to herself; "it

was some old patent office report that

looked like it and that she probably has

stacks of and is taking this characteristic

that she should think it worth while to im-

press me, but I refuse to believe that she

Frills of Fashion.

has Social Registers to burn."

ly out from the log and the asher

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

MILLINERY ROSE BUSHES.

and the Bachelor Button Bud Leads NEW YORK, March 15.—The milliners' hops are a blaze of glorious floral color-

ng and the women hang about the flower-

but to properly set off its rare charm it buckles and bows, the costume is consid must be skilfully constructed with broad ered complete and formal enough for all flounces, edged with bouillonnes of black but the most ceremonious occasions. net, double puff under sleeves and a ribbon girdle that will do it justice.

So very beautiful are some of these mus-



at the rim of a honey pot. There is not | use of the several thousand bridesmaids much that is strikingly new to be sure in that will be on duty during Easter week smoking and beverage making contrivances mony, relates the New York Sun, the caller the shape of the hats, whether they are and thereafter, and one April bride is hav- are displayed. It does not take long to was ushered into the drawing room, with imported or of home manufacture, but the ing her own gown made of white muslin persuade her that the cigar-loving object its dim lights, its faint fragrance of incolors of the straws and the silk and cotton striped in cream white satin lines and en- of her generosity would highly prize a cense, its blazing fire upon the hearth nosegays that adorn them are bewitching. crusted in cream lace. It is true that there is a cunning little toque named after the youthful royal bride silk madras there is quite another tale to tray all in one; or, if her purse and fancy grasped the visitor by both hands. "My of Holland, not to mention the pliable flat tell. It not only washes with all the good demanded something more costly and ornate Zanzibar straws, white as a camellia petal; humor of a cup towel, but it actually grows she can easily be tempted to purchase a hostess; then, dropping the hands and turnshepherdess shapes that become any woman more beautiful for its aquatic experiences. smoker's traveling case. It is a polished, under the sun; tulle turbans as plentiful as the leaves in Vallambrosa and smart little stitched steeple crowned "knockabouts." made of any goods you may desire

from panne velvet to a striped linen that looks like cup toweling. It is on the flowers, however, that the women expend their enthusiasm and their pin money, and the understanding among the modistes seems to be that the greater the number of blossoms used on a single straw or wire frame the smarter is the effect achieved. Literally tons of roses will be put into service before Easter week, and the Picayune and Bachelor Buttons lead all the rest. Roses must cover the crown, border, the brim and lie against the hair. It is not strange any longer to see a flat hat with its wide brim solidly bedded in violets and then a row of big. full blown, pink Malmaison roses set deep in the violet mat. On the underside of the brim a tuft of Malmaisons will be massed against the velvet head band. Bunches of exquisite eglantine and garlands of tlny white hedge roses are sold for the adornment of the turquoise blue straws and tulle toques; and when a pin or buckle is needed it is an ornament of enameled

flowers or a paste button. A Battle of Flowers.

Though roses by divine right of beauty, and on the strength of tradition, lead everywhere, there is, among the lesser blossoms, a drawn battle for some sort of supremacy. Even petunias, and begonias, and cosmos, have got into line with the carnations and nasturtiums, and peonies and pelargoniums that are making bids for popularity. This battle of the flowers has almost done for the chances of the ostrich feathers, though now and then an excessively smart feathered chapeau is seen. An admirable plumed toque is given in the group sketched to accompany this text. It is more of a turban than a toque, and is built of cream straw lace interwoven with narrow blue panne ribbon. Directly in front a knot of cream colored lace is made fast by a long paste buckle that also anchors two splendid pale blue feathers. The companion hat to this is a black chentile, dotted satin straw, smothered with white silk muslin and turned up ribbon and a handful of brilliantly varie-

Milliners who have the latest word from Paris are making up their floral toques of sible etons, or mess jackets that are very spring blossoms on backgrounds of autumn leaves, and it is sad but true that the taffeta hat is now only to memory dear. Such service, in wind and weather, as the taffeta hat gave no straws can hope to equal, and what seems as explicable as the ing suits. It would be impossible to make disappearance of the taffeta toque is the two drives and then remain a tidy figure

Lace-Encrusted Muslins. Wash silk madras and lace encrusted muslins are leaving the women no peace and no pin money. Numbers of good wives and daughters, who turn their eyes discreetly from the temptations of the foulard counter, spend just as much per yard at the alliance. wash goods display, where the sight of a lovely new lacey lawn turns the closefisted woman into an arrant spendthrift. Time to Buy Odds and Ends of Costly
If anybody wants to know what a lace-en-If anybody wants to know what a lace-encrusted muslin is like they need only glance at the sketch of the girl in the tete-a-tete hant counter, in the true spirit of a conchair. She is wearing a forget-me-not blue structive artist, is heedfully and thriftily muslin, striped in black and diversified by purchasing cheap and charming odds and patterns of black lace. Of course the ex- ends with a view to creating fronts for cuse a woman offers her conscience when wear with her cloth, taffeta and linen she buys a gown like this is that 'tis noth- coats. The tidy and serviceable skirt and ing but a wash dress after all and does not jacket suit will be this spring as fre-meed a silk foundation, but woe betide the quently exploited as in all the seasons trusting soul who attempts to wash one of past, and, if the pretty Eton or mess coat these charming fabrics. She need, it is fronts flare open, to display a smart vest true, have it only on white book muslin, of lace, embroidered silk, bright buttons,

nant counters are being enriched by really unbelieveable bargains; half and threeblied showcases very much as bees cluster | lins that they are being bought up for the | quarters yard lengths of embroidered silk, that sells in the long piece at \$5 a yard scraps of lace, that fetch \$7 a yard in the lace department, are going for only \$1 to the lucky passerby, and odd buttons and buckles of paste, enamel, etc., are sacriffeed for 25 cents apiece. Not one of these snips and scraps has the possibilities of a fancy waist in it, unless artfully allied with other scraps, but when the combination is worked out, as the sketches show an effect of great richness and brilliance

is easily arrived at.

Just as these lines go to print the rem

The alliance of four remnants and couple of handsome buttons, the last of a card set, is shown in the group of five suggestions. This is a front of ceil blue silk muslin, crossed and collared by bits of Irish point, that match, but which were cut in brief lengths, finished at the base by a girdle made of a fourth of a yard of expensive black satin lumineux, strapped with six ends of black liberty ribbon rolls and brightened with two rhinestone and turquoise buttons. The whole is mounted on a yard and a half length of white taffeta, and, worn with the owner's tidy little ready-made black cloth skirt and Eton, it proved brilliant and effective. Following the lead of the costly and beautiful theater waists many women who regard remnants as valuable gleanings eagerly seek out long buckles with which to gather across the bust the fullness of the vest's front. When a buckle cannot be had a big bow of lace encrusted ribbon secures much the same effect, or a very slender woman will achieve the same in a frame beneath the table's top hangs bouffante result with bits of elaboratelytucked taffeta or silk muslin.

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The man with a birthday about to fall due need no longer groan in spirit at the thought of the ill considered neckties, the and a blade for slicing off cigar tips at superfluous silver match safes, or the another. sawdust cigars that his devoted wife or sister were wont to bestow upon him. The silversmiths have lately bethought themselves of the needs of the man with small vices and, when helpless womankind goes secretly shopping for her husband. sweetheart or brother she is led to the ways relied upon to act up to certain wellcounter where all the wonderful new recognized idiosyncrasies. With great ceresilver or Kalsersen combination of cigar Hardly had the butler announced her name Concerning the tubbing possibilities of lighter, clipper, box opener, rest and ash when the hostess rushed forward and



FLOWERS AND FEATHERS

is suggested in the sketch of a French cigarettes, matches for use in wind and model. This sweet little frock, in a clear weather; an alcohol lamp, ash trays, cigar shade of what is called pottery yellow, is clippers, box openers, etc., and when the made up with bands of Persian cotton em- box is not used by a traveler it serves as broidery and the waist buttons in the back, an ornamental smoking cabinet. as many wash waists do this season.

parent wool gowns for this springtime are being cut on the most exaggerated princess pattern; that is to say the skirt is not finished off at the waistline with a belt, but extends up like a close-fitted girdle, even to the bust, and hooks invisibly in the rear. For a woman whose figure would put a Greek amphora to the blush this is not a wholly reckless tampering with lines, on the side with loops of black velvet but with the figure of the ordinary woman it simply plays havoc. However these girdled princesse robes have come to stay and with them are worn the shortest posbrief as to tail, though they assume to be copies of the coat the modern warrior wears to his meals.

It is deplorable to see that this old new type of skirt is being advocated for golfway the black hats languished in dust and in such a skirt, but with the undersleeves and feather boas we now see on the links it requires no vast amount of experience

to foretell the decay of golf as a popular feminine sport. High beels and trains did for tennis eight years ago and the revival of croquet shows how hopeless it is for fashion and true sport ever to form an MARY DEAN.

WRINKLES FOR REMNANTS.

The woman who approaches the rem-

Flounces of chiffon on other skirts are trimmed almost solidly with rows of baby ribbon. A really pretty design for a wash madras brass-bound box that holds pipes, cigars, All indications point to a still greater All indications point to a still greater vogue this summer for dainty cotton materials of every tint and weave.

Casual hints and glimpses of the spring millinery seem to reveal the fact that in general hats are still to be low and broad. Beside the ingenious contrivances for the

Princesse Skirts.

Beside the ingenious contrivances for the general hats are still to be low and broad. A notable feature of the season's modes that numbers of the very light and transfor the man who likes to brew his own forms and effects, and made of greatly

cold or hot drinks. Patent silver lime and trained fabrics, and with both simple and lemon squeezers, with spoon and saw claborate decorations, according to the particular uses for which it is designed. knife attachments, are comforts in any household, but for the bachelor man especially, complete tables are designed.

A pretty skirt which has a flounce of heavy net has a pinked ruching of slik at the head and clusters of pinked ruffles run-ning around the flounce, the space between the clusters filled in with rows of baby The top of one of there holds all the various shapes of spoons, saw-bladed knives, glasses and silver cups; slong with a lemon squeezer, silver egg beater, spirit kettle for heating water and silver siphon bottle.

A pretty blue silk blouse is trimmed with stitched bands of white cloth and gold buttons. The sleeves, open the entire length on top, are strapped across with the cloth bands ending in a point at either side with a flat button and the undersleeves and vest of lace are also strapped with cloth. a silver-bound ice bucket. When a bachefor's sideboard or a silver and oak mounted The heavy net finishes the lower edge of lemon squeezer is beyond the means of our gift giver, she still has it in her power to

make a smoker happy by bestowing on



HEADGEAR FOR THE NEWEST BATH ING SUIT.

this finish is of a soft white material, and the net is of cream. It is not put on as a flounce, but simply forms the lower edge of the skirt, being narrower in front than in the back and outlined with a heavy cream lace top and bottom.

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Something very elegant in the way of a nightgown is made of finest lawn with a bolero bodice of medium heavy lace. The body of the gown fulls into this holero by means of fine tucks set in about three linches deep all around. The bolero varies in shape, but in one style it reaches to the walst and is run through on the lower cdge with ribbon which forms a belt and ties in front with a bow and long ends.

Many of the boleros on costumes and tollets for Easter wear are more like fanciful trimmed yokes than jackets. In many cases they are cut down low on the shoulders, with single or double revers encircling the top of the low-cut lacket. There are odd and extremely pretty jacket effects on new gowns made with corselettopped princesse skirts, the jacket finished with tiny gold buttons and lacings of slik cord or narrow velvet ribbon.

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A group of lovely bridesmaids, at a recent out-of-town wedding, wore tollers of pale mauve chiffon over amethyst satin, with bolero jackets of Venise lace, elbow sleeves of the chiffon and satin, with frills of the lace as a finish. The bloase vests were of tucked cream lisse crossed with bands of sliver embroidery. The large leghorn hats were draped on the inside of the brim with cream lisse, and trimmed with Venise lace, folds and choux of the lisse and two purple and mauve orchids.

Talk About Women. Mrs. Margaret Deland, the novelist, has begun a series of flower sales at her Bos-ton home for the benefit of the poor of that

Hetty Green was in Boston the other day and was invited to visit a theater in the evening. The richest woman in America declined, saying she did not have "any clothes good enough." Baltimore has a woman's literary club, whose president is Mrs. John C. Wrenshall. It has undertaken to make a complete collection of the works of Maryland authors, from colonial times down.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the traveler, explorer and writer, has gone to Morocco for two months of needed rest. Her next expedition is to be through a little known and dangerous portion of Africa.

Mrs. Stafford of Martha's Vineyard is a daughter-in-law of Lieutenant Stafford, commander of the famous Bon Homme Richard. She owns the flag which floated from the masthead of that ship during the engagement with the Serapis. Florence Carlyle, a grandulece of Thomas Carlyle, is exhibiting paintings from her own brush in Fhiladelphia. She is a pupil of Juliana, it is stated, and is at present living in Woodstock, Canada. Her work is, on the whole, considered creditable.

Mrs. A. W. May, who died the other day in Dallas, Tex., was, previous to her marriage, Terese Velasquez, countess of Leon. She was born in Santiago de Cuba, of which province her father was a Spanish governor. The latter was shot by Carlists in the last Carlist uprising.

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At the June commencement Miss Ruth W. Mason, eidest daughter of Senator W. E. Mason of Illinois, will receive the degree of LL. B. from the National University Law college of Washington. It is Miss Mason's intention to enter into a partnership with her father, who is practicing law in Chicago. Miss Mason is a musician as well as a law student. She is an accomplished performer on the violin and devotes much time to that instrument. Miss Ethel Mason is a pianist and plays her sister's accompaniments.

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By JOAN L. BRIGGS.

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There's nothing unusual in the case of the young woman who, the other day, tried to take her own life because she was discharged. She had done her best, but was ill and couldn't work. She was told to go. The superintendent didn't believe her. He had become hardened by his years of authority, and he couldn't be imposed upon by any girl who gave "sickness" so often for excuse. He had overlooked the offense several times because the girl was a good worker in the factory, and he needed hands, but he couldn't let it go on, especially when he didn't half believe her, on account of the effect upon others.

Of course the girl looked sick, but so did a good many others, and it didn't after all make much difference whether she was sick or not. If she couldn't work or wouldn't work she wouldn't do for the job, and he'd give somebody else her place. Had she any place to go when she was discharged? Would she die of hunger? Would the people she supported die of hunger also? If these things occurred to him, he put them aside, for he really couldn't enter into them that far. He had a duty toward the house which employed him, and he was going to perform that duty, in fact, he must perform it or lose his own place.

This is the way of the world, and it's a pretty hard way for working women who are sick with some female ill. If they go to a doctor they have to pay money for advice, which they cannot afford, and not one time in forty do they get real help. The fact of the matter is, the doctor doesn't understand the young woman's case. He tries to do the right thing, but the girl gets no better. If she goes to a free dispensory after consulting a hospital doctor she feels pauperized, and the result is substantially the same

What, then, shall the young girl or the older woman do who must have her strength for her work and who is suffering from some feminine disorder? It is really singular that there should be a woman anywhere between the two oceans who does not know that she can get free advice about her health from Mrs. Pinkham at no cost whatever. Of course there are great numbers of women writing all the time to Mrs. Pinkham and getting advice and help from her, but there are a great many others who need safe and sympathetic advice, and to such these words are directed.

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