

IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

MID-LENT FASHIONS.

The Lace Blouse, the Box and the Supremacy of White.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—In all the bright lexicon of Lenten fashions there is nothing newer than the lace blouse threaded with black baby velvet ribbon.

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SOMETHING NEW IN RINGS.

Black Pearl Settings for Widows, Perfumed Bands for Debutantes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Mourning rings have found their way into fashion again, but only the widows so far have taken to wearing them of somber hue and elegant workmanship.

Widows' rings are just coming into use in America, and while some of them are made in France, a goodly number of uniquely beautiful ones have been turned out by our own goldsmiths.

FANCY LACE ON LACE TRIMMED WAISTS FOR WEAR WITH LIGHT COLORED SKIRTS.

stands near the piano, where the work basket is on a convenient table (no one ever saw a work basket in a parlor); where there are plants, a writing desk; where the sun pours in as much as it may.

I borrowed the money and gave it to her and she left." "Didn't even bid you good-bye," suggested the reporter.

"Oh, yes," he replied: "as she left she turned to me and said: 'You're a regular frost. My first husband gave me \$50 when I left him and you are much richer than he.'"

ONLY ONE WEEK OF BLISS.

Chicago Bride Wears of Life on an Indiana Farm.

Rev. W. H. Whittig is a preacher of the Society of Friends who lives on a farm near Washington, Ind. Up to a short time ago he was in the enjoyment of single blessedness, relates the Chicago Chronicle, but he was not satisfied.

All the mourning rings are large and heavy and are worn above the gold wedding band, though some highly sensitive women have followed the fashion of having their wedding rings enameled in dead black and the date of their wedding.

The minister continued the correspondence and after a few weeks she consented to marriage, provided he came to Chicago after her. He came, and those by would come as soon as he could, refresh his home for her reception, and new carpets, new chairs, new curtains, with bric-a-brac, pictures and whatever else the old minister could think of that might contribute to her comfort were secured.

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IS THE PARLOR DOOMED?

The Venerable Best Room Becoming a Back Number.

"And is it true? Is the parlor doomed? Must it give way to the living room? That apartment cannot make good the loss of the other. Who does not remember," says the Springfield Republican, "the darkened rooms of the old-fashioned parlor, which was seen at its best in the middle-aged town, village and country? Shut up the week through, sometimes nearly the year through, with blinds closed tight and lace curtains tied primly back; with its hair-cloth-seated chairs set in a line against the wall; a 'rock' ready to roll in one corner, and a what-not in the other, ornamented with rice baskets, dried Samuels, and family daguerotypes and photographs; a center-table set exactly in the middle of the room with a few handsome books and the large family album; the mantelpiece with vases filled with crystallized grasses at either end, and odds and ends of strange things sitting up the rest of the space—who among the elder generation does not know it well? It was a room to be venerated."

"And now—one sadly recognizes it to be, indeed, a thing of the past. Instead, there is the living room, that actually is a living room, where the baby's perambulator



CHANGE OF LIFE

Some Sensible Advice to Women by Mrs. E. Sailer,

President German Relief Association, Los Angeles, Cal.

Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms.

Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are only a few of the symptoms of a dangerous nervous trouble. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life, and all women who use it pass through this trying period with comfort and safety.



MRS. E. SAILER.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I passed through what is known as 'change of life,' I had two years' suffering,—sudden heat, and as quick chills would pass over me; my appetite was variable and I never could tell for a day at a time how I would feel the next day. Five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound changed all that, my days became days of health, and I have enjoyed every day since—now six years."

"We have used considerable of your Vegetable Compound in our charitable work, as we find that to restore a poor mother to health so she can support herself and those dependent upon her, if such there be, is truer charity than to give other aid. You have my hearty endorsement, for you have proven yourself a true friend to suffering women."

When one stops to think about the good Mrs. Sailer derived from Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine, it seems almost beyond belief yet it is all true as stated in her letter published above at her own request.

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. Refuse all substitutes.

As a matter of positive fact Mrs. Pinkham has on file thousands of letters from women who have been safely carried through that danger period 'Change of Life.' Mrs. Sailer's cure is not an unusual one for Mrs. Pinkham's medicine to accomplish.

No other person can give such helping advice to women who are sick as can Mrs. Pinkham, for none have had such a great experience—her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice free—if you are sick write her—you are foolish if you don't.

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letter is not genuine, or was published before obtaining the writer's special permission. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.



A TYPICAL GRAY AND WHITE SPRING WALKING DRESS.

tinged velvet ribbon for the threading purpose. Now a very smart, pretty and unusual waist of lace is sketched so as to elucidate this point.

A Lace Blouse.

Here is a pale, pale green lining over which goes one thickness of chiffon of yet a fainter tint. Upon this is imposed clear yellow batiste, on which lace patterns are applied. The chiffon comes forward on the bust to form a full vest and is drawn into a high collar and a broad bias strip of golden green panne and pulled through the eyelets embroidered down the basiste fronts.

Of course, all waists are not made of lace, but there are mighty few exceptions to the rule in favor of loading all odd blouses with as much lace as they can carry. Look, for instance, at the group of three dear delights, meant for wear with nice, simple light or dark skirts and on nearly any and all occasions.

The other two in the group are illustrative of the play of genius on a few remnants. To the left a little cream crepe de Paris is worked up with a lace collar, a couple of yards of blue chiffon and a pair of reduced lace revers into a garment fit for a princess and within the purchase of a poor man's daughter.

Big Summer Boas.

This season is to see the rounding out and development of the fancy boa on lines of elaboration and chaste splendor that we have hitherto never entertained in our wildest dreams. Boas of ribbon, lace, flowers, set liberty tulle have been accepted, and even of bridal veil tulle have been accepted, and in the factories where such things are made, and by Masterpiece no woman will treat herself fit to be seen without a positively monstrous ruff with foot-long ends completing her street, calling, reception, theater and opera costumes.

For the afternoon white silk net and pompadour ribbon is one of the pretty combinations; for elderly women they are making boas of ash gray silk muslin powdered over with roses made of gray baby ribbon, and every rose has a gray pearl center. For stately young beauties a boa made wholly of huge shell pink chiffon roses is a commendable idea, and while some of these tower in giant ruffs at the back of

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New Foulard Gowns.

How wondrously gray the new foulard gowns are! This spring the manufacturers have sought to revive goods with fancy borders, and oddly enough the broad bordered foulard has led all the rest. Where the silk weavers showed their unusual good sense was in making the border very wide and giving it a ribbon effect.

One way to treat a border is suggested by the spectacle of a house gown for afternoon wear sketched as its owner wore it. A most satisfactory Canton blue and pure porcelain white was the color scheme of the foulard itself. The border to this had evidently been wide and was most cheerfully imprinted in great bouquets of pink roses and pale yellow guilder roses. The thoughtful and artistic dressmaker



ELBOW-SLEEVED BODICE, THREADED WITH VELVET RIBBON.

treated the skirt in clusters of close set pinched tucks running in deep Vandykes. At the foot she set on the border in a shaped flower effect and of the border she also made a little shorter tailed directory jacket effect for the waist. Her triumph was unquestioned and not a scrap of lace had she used.

So many of the new dresses are made flat and even cut out a little in the neck that the question of collars and their height and usefulness is being gently agitated in fitting rooms. Flat necks and open necks are assuredly most comfortable and to some women this trying mode is almost becoming, but they are in the distressing minority, and collars of shaking height will probably finish the necks of nine-tenths of the best spring suits.

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What with an eye for details, a memory for line and color and a finger to skillfully wield a needle, every woman can have her boa or set of them at her own price. At the shops every type of frill, both wide and narrow, is sold by the yard; a few yards and a few stitches is all the material and architectural labor needed, and some of the most admired boas have been whipped

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PURIFY THE BLOOD. If you would have health and energy in hot weather you should see to it in the early spring that your blood is pure and vital organs strong and active.

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Married Women. Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free. The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.