Suggestions for the New Year Party

the boliday festivities, and fluffy little party frocks of lingerie and lace are quite as important in the province of small folks as are the more georgeous party frecks among the grownups.

But there is nothing really new in children's dressy frocks. Handwork on fine mull, batiste, linen, etc., is still the last word of smariness and elegance, and dainty hand embroideries, innumerable tiny hand run tucks, narrow valenciennes frills set on by hand, herringbone or feather stitching and fluffy knots and bows of ribbon are as usual the methods of elaboration to which the makers of party frocks for small children resort.

Occasionally some variety is introduced by mingling of laces, five real baby Irish being combined with valenciennes, or a fine real cluny insertion finding a place in the design, and of course there is infinite variation of detail.

It is in the fancy dress party that the small folk have a chance to depart from the conventional limitations of child toilets; and though, as many mothers contend, it is a nulsance to prepare fancy costumes for the youngsters, the fun that those youngsters succeed in getting out of a successful postume party ought to repay any effort of preparation.

The Mansion House party in London always bring out a tremendous display of the possibilities in fancy dress for children, and its seems rather a pity that New York has no corresponding function, no one occasion upon which we may enjoy the charming spectacle of hundreds of little folk in quaint and carefully planned costumes whose inspiration has been found in every land and every period. But if we have no great fancy dress party for children, at least the holiday season is full of small affairs of this kind, and mothers, seamstresses and costumers are called upon to exercise much ingenuity in the matter.

Of course, there are costumes that may be hired, chiefly of the commoner and more obvious types, and there are costumers who, if money need not be considered, will turn you out the most elaborate costume desired; but the average mother cannot shift responsibility in this fashion and a majority of the little costumes are prepared at home with the assistance of the family seamstress.

parents are actually able to estimate with Dutch peasant. impartial, mind the physical charms and imperfections of their own children.



FANCY DRESS FOR LITTLE FOLKS-THE CHILD OF 1800, A CHINESE BOY, A BELGIAN PEASANT GIRL, A SIXTEEN CENTURY DAMSEL, A DUTCH LAD, AN ALBANIAN BRIGAND AND A MISS OF 1840.

If the mother has tasts, delightful effects of appearing beautiful to at least one per- simple enough. A multitude of illustrated may be achieved at comparatively little son in the world; but the astigmatism books full of costume suggestions awaits expense, but considerable understanding brings about dire consequences in the mat- study in any library, and if one does not and ingenuity must be brought to bear ter of children's dress, and maternal pride want historic data the illustrated children's upon the problem if genuine success is to makes a lamentable Watteau shepherdess books of modern publication offer a fertile result. In the first place, the possibilities of a small girl who might have made a field of search.

of the child must be considered, and right creditable gipsy, or a stolid Spanish dancer Mother Goose characters are always here the fatal error often occurs. Few of what might have been a pictures galere A quartet of little maids representing "Alice in Wonderland" is often drawn ting in hand, flower girls, organ grinders representing these characters. The Mother the four seasons is extremely pretty if upon for fancy costumes; Robin Hood in with stuffed monkey attachments-but Given a nice choice of the character to Goose costumes have the advantage of well carried out, with delicate spring Lincoln green, highwaymen in old time there is no end to the list, and the chilbe assumed, a choice taking into considera- being seldom expensive or difficult to copy, flowers and pinks and greens for spring, riding clothes and masks, pirates of the dren's fancy dress party is by long odds Probably the dispensation is a merciful tion the child's looks, manners and tem- and while elaborate historical costumes white and sky blue and roses or scarlet most piratical kind, gay cavaliers—us- the jolliest and prettiest of the holiday one, and a child is fortunate in its certainty perament, the planning of the costumes copied from famous paint- popples for summer, russes and crimson until consumed by envy of the pirates merry makings.

grownup onlookers, the fact remains that the costumes which are liked best by the children themselves and which add most to the success and gayety of the occasion are those which are easily recognized by all the children.

Little Be Peep and a Little Boy Hine. after the Mother Goose Model, may not gratify maternal pride so acutely as would a Velasquez Infanta or a Boy in Blue after Gainsborough, but the chilldren will like them better and they will have more fun than their illustrious rivals.

The fairy tales, too, are full of suggesflors for children's costumes, and the children of many lands are always well represented at a fancy dress party. These foreign costumes may in some cases be as elaborate as one likes.

We have seen this last week a most exquisite Chinese costume prepared for a small girl to wear on New Year's eve, and, thanks to the globe-trotting parents, the little lady will go clad in most resplendent fashion, all rich silks and gorgeous embroideries and gold. But her little cousin, who is to be a girl from Holland in wooden shoes and soft petticoats and muslin blouse and funny little cap, will be quite as attractive in her own way. though \$10 would cover the whole cost of her outfit.

The Dutch costume is a good and inexpensive one for a boy, too, and Italian, Spanish, German and Russian peasants offer good models demanding little expense, while the Montenegrin, Servian and Hungarian costumes seem expressly designed for first aid to comic opera and fancy dress ball costumes.

We were told that at this same New Year's eve party of which we have spoken a small boy and a girl whose parents are able to gratify any whims are to be dressed in exact duplicates of "Merry Widow" costumes worn by Dantio and Sonia in the famous dance scene; but though these costumes are delightful it is only among the parents that they will be particularly admired. The children will, as usual, give their votes to the clown and the jester and Mephistopheles and Red Riding Hood and the witch and the cowboy and the Indians and the rest of the old familiar figures.

The flowers are sure to be well represented wherever children wear fancy dress. They afford opportunities for delectable colorings and lovely effects, but they require skill and much artistic understanding in the designer and maker, for and gold and chrysanthemums or autumn and clowns-Turkish beauties in trousers they are hopeless when bungled or when leaves for autumn, and the white of snow and veils, dignified Arabs in turbans and the flower idea.

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Activities and Views of Progressive Women in Various Walks of Life only to the clavicle. I consider that non- mands. And this the fond husband eagerly the school ma'am, should she not be con-

Crusade for High Neck Gowns. WENTY-FOUR women out of the sensa.

stein, a woman of experience professionally their gowns. nd socially, and she claims to know the a bodice cut lower than the collarbone. "Three years ago," said a woman, com- gowns."

menting on the proposed reform, "I made a trip around the world, during which I made this discovery: That in no other country on earth is the high, stiff collar worn by women to the extent that it is worn in America. In the orient a woman wearing a lace collar wired as high as her ears and fastened up tightly, or a stiff linen collar, would be looked upon as a freak, and even in large European cities the fashion of covering up every smallest fraction of the neck with some sort of uncomfortably stiff bandage doesn't begin to be practiced as it is right here was so devoted?" in New York. Stiff collars ruin the shape save my life."

"Personally, I am dvoted to low-neck an evening, even if my neck is far from for his wonderful paintings?" plump. Fortunately for me, bones are in heiress!"

A well-known painter of the nude, although without enthusiasm on the subject censor the dimensions of a low-nucked gown, nevertheless advanced one or two opinions not exactly flattering to New York women of fashion. Said he:

There are three classes of persons in New York who from an artistic standpoint frequently offend when they get into a low-necked gown. These are the smart set, so-called; the theatrical set, and the know?" demimonde, and the worst of the three is the smart set, because it considers itself immensely superior to the other two

"It goes without saying that in this class there are many exceptions. It is true also that the number of persons in this class Why School Teachers Do Not Marry. who offend against the artistic is larger than it used to be. At least that is my Chloago Teachers' federation, gives some

You will notice perhaps that no portrait painter of distinction ever paints a woman wearing a bodice such as may be seen any night in that sacred circle of boxes at the Metropolitan Opera house. The new club with the wonderful name is right about such gowns being demoralis-

'Nevertheless a club of that sort is absolutely powerless to reach the fashionable set to whom unfortunately so many other sets look for guidance as to correct dressing. As to the evening gown cut

relates Young's Magazine. "And what of all your asked the old-time chum at length. "Gone the way of all good things!

answered the captivator. mustache, for instance?"

tle muskrat,' at you used to call him, who

"Dear me!" And your needy artist gowns, and seldom wear anything else of swain, who found in you the only customer "Became a walter, and married

> "Well, well! And the Englishman-St. Clair, who stood so well on his feet, never everything American?"

> at Swamphurst, N. J.!" "And the kinky-haired little French count ?" "Ran away with my maid!"

"Now my brother-in-law!" "Never! Well, that Mr. Hardflint, who

Miss Catherine Gogging, secretary of the startling reasons why school teachers generally do not regard marriage as a de-"lord of creation" is tart and yellowfacts and conclusions:

the United States are women. Sixty per cent of these are irrevocably

Eighty per cent of the teachers led to the altar are forced to work for their living after marriage.

eacher in ten finds any bliss in married

"These figures are based on deductions from real life," says Miss Goggin. "As treasurer of the Teachers' Federation and I have had opportunity to prove my state ments by facts. There are approximately 4,000 school teachers in Chicago. Of these, 2.300 are women. And there are 2.000 bachelor girls now teaching Chleage's young

"The reason for these are three-fold. In the first place, men are afraid of school teachers. Above all things men hate to be bossed. And they look upon young women who follow the vocation of school work as away. not only bessers but 'naggers.'. In a measure this is true. By their vecations teachers are imperative. Coming into daily con- well known Washington family was entered makes the school teacher primarily a St. John's. woman whose desires are expressed as com-

million or two members of the "The shoulders and the neck of most "The so-called master of the house doesn't sex in Greater New York deem women are fair to see, and the fashion of want a boss for a wife. He wants a baby. not equipped for the married state. She the present time propitious for showing them is to be commended, and He doesn't even desire the refinement and is not, as a rule, attractive to men." dress reform. The lid has been the sight is far from demoralizing if the culture which a school teacher might bring

periment.

choice. They are apt to be fooled by blarney. A smooth-tongued, sophisticated man may enthral the woman whose associates are the fresh, simple, youthful-minded school children. And after the honeymoon comes misery.

pangs of everyday life.

Johnny-Yes: I shall say: "You and I are

Maggie visited the goo in the park.

Seeing a spotted leopard there she cried

eut: "Oh, he's got the biggest measles I

Little Mildred-Huh! you don't know

Little Ethel (looking at picture book)-

Elmer, where do you s'pose Adam got the

don't want you to become left-handed.

pitchers in the league are southpaws.

Little Gregory-Yes. He said it was

Mother-Why, Elsie, you don't mean

Little Elsie - Yes, mamma. I wanted

Tommy-I know what I'm goin' ter do

allppers after th' carriage when she goes

The other day a little daughter of a

"What did you learn at Sunday school?"

Plousie-What you goin' ter do?

to show them that I was used to hav-

to tell me you took a second plece of

cake at Mrs. Neighbor's?

ing enough to eat at home.

when sister gets married.

because a man couldn't sign checks with ing anybody.

mamma, She worries me more than I

dred, to worry your mamma so.

names for all the animals?

practical men."

ever saw!"

"quaint"?

of her.

a sword

tent with single bliss?

"You don't mean to infer that the aver- producing serious results, physically and

wearers and an injurious strain on the "Similar women who do not want to err be.

is above permades, curling irons, rouges and social events, and of enabling girls habitusched the coming eyes of men?" No doubt of it. The leader on the side of bad taste do not need a "In the second place, the schoolma'am cosmetics. Her face is no factor in de- ally to drink together in public houses and economic independence of women. Everyof the two dozen is Docter Adelaide Waller club of women to show them how to cut is afraid of the man. Not that she fears termining her fortune. A pedagogue's other places, after leaving work and on thing seems to indicate that women will him as a superior being. Her estimation beauty will not change the percentage in public helidays, especially at Christ- not only make their way into all except The school teacher is her examination. And the school teacher

> "The beautiful girl marries before she amples of the failure of the marriage ex- has time to become a school teacher. And It is a well known rule that brains and the foremen or forewomen." beauty seldom go hand in hand. And another thing, the school teacher is no adept at housewifery.

> > chance to make a home happy than has to join drinking clubs, and to pay a the woman teacher. "And I want to say right here," co

tinued Miss Goggin, with marked emphasis. "that the average 'hired girl' is far better off than the average school teacher."

Curse of English Factory Life. A meeting was held in Birmingham,

ized by the miseries, drudgeries and heart- England, recently, to consider means to check the spread of drink traffic among women and girls employed in factories. The prime movers in the agitation against public house managers. riage-perhaps earn as well the living of the traffic have been Canon Denton Thomp-

Temmy-Going to write to Santa Claus? inquired a visitor upon the child's return. knife that'll cost 25 cents," replied Willie.

eat them until after dinner. Is it possible

story would never have gotten out."

Papa-Yes, my son.

ployers of female labor in the city. It sometimes found to realize it." says that "organized drinking clubs" are

clubs were organized in the interests of

"Many of these girls are encouraged to

gentlemen, with others, have drafted a have only to know something of the con-"In the third place, the school teacher is circular which will be sent to the chief em- ditions in which these young girls are Women and Industry.

a few of the trades and professions, but

just issued the third annual report, which will be found interesting reading by those who have at heart the work of women forced to support themselves. In this school a girl of any race or creed may learn the elements of a trade, such as dressmaking, millinery, straw hat making and power machine operating for different kinds of factory-made clothing. The skilled trades eagerly take the girls who have served the apprenticeship of the school. Girls from 14 to 17, who must leave school to earn a living, may enter this achool, and evidently, with

There is a Difference. say biscuit; our mail is the post; and a baggage check in England brasees, while they say ruggage for baggage. A tramp in the United States is a

The association thus permits the actresses who are too poor to buy new; dresses to get them at small cost. The empress is the president of the society and its management is entirely in the hands of women of rank. Another result is the ruising of the social status of

Leaves from Fashion's Notebook. It is quite the style this season to wear natural flowers to match one's embroid-

the actresses with whom these ladies

Velvets and heavy laces were formerly intended only for downgers. But this year the younger women are wearing them. They are doing wonderful things in the name of Dume Fushion and one of these is the applying of wide ruffles to the sleeves so as to bring them down over the hand. The wrist bags grow more and more

costly as they become more and more elegant. The new skirts are all tight, and this means that the pocket is an impossi-bility and the wrist bag is a necessity. Once upon a time it was next to im-

possible to buy gowns that would fit. The neck, siceves, belt, everything, in fact, was a little out of gear. It was as though the clothes were made for no one in particular. But in these days it is very easy to purchase ready made clothes that will fit you, and the woman who cannot find a shirt waist in her size and her style is hard to fit indeed.

A great many printed fabrics are going to be worn from now on. This idea eriginated with a certain well-known Paris designer early last year, but did not progress very far. Now, however, the suggestion has received an impetus from some source, possibly from the money stringency, for some of the richest garments are being lined with these India prints, and some of the handsomest silks are trimmed with their cutout figures.

The vogue of velvet is very great this year and the chiffon velvets appeal to many as the most elegant of winter fabrics. A chiffen velvet cloak in a cranberry color was trimmed with narrow eoru slik braid. There was a wide lace trimming around the neck and the sleeves were trimmed with long ruffles of the lace. The lining of the cloak was of eoru slik and a big black hat was trimmed with eoru colored feathers.

A tentry street contume of dark blue

Recent observations on this great topic are as follows:

"The higher education ought to fit women for the single occupation of bearing and educating children, and it is the most intellectual occupation that there is in the world."—President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university.

"The purpose of higher education of women is to give the power of judging men. A college graduate should be able to judge human nature."—Prof. William James of Harvard university.

Where Girls Learn Trades.

Miss Florence Marshall, the director of the Boston Trade School for Girls, has just issued the third annual report, which sites the coat is corners being turned back over design.

Chat About Wemen.

Ainsiee's Magazine says that the Ameri-Ainsie's Magazine says that the American girl is brought up to think more of herself than of marriage, and that if she feels like it she will confer herself upon some man; the French girl, on the contrary, has been taught to think more of marriage than of herself. In France the suitor is looked upon as a veritable Lohengrin, the knight who has come to free the sleeping heauty. sleeping beauty.

Possessing in her own right a fortune of \$2,00,000, Miss Nellie Huntington of Cieve-land, O., daugnter of a late Standard Oil magnate, has forsaken society and is devecting her time to the teaching of classes of girls in a social settlement at Cieveland, says Loslie's Weekly. Miss Huntington has lately been instructing her pupils how to make the most of life in a flat.

notion of wearing a Shaker clock for an opera wrap. The clocks are of broadcioth and for the use of "the world's people" they are lined with blue, mauve pink satins.

gage. A tramp in the United States is a vagabond, but in Engiand any traveler may be so called. But there is even a greater difference of terms in different parts of the United States than in the two companies decided to work the rich coal mines and advertised for two doctors two countries. In New Engiand a man is brought up and in the south he is reared and a colored man raised.

Empress Helps Actresses.

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tightened in many directions line commended by good taste is observed. Into his home, calculated to improve the moral and section. No artistic woman needs to be told what "Man holds tone of the metropolis. "Why not," they this line is, and if she chooses to err on of mind to be of greater moment than a "Plain," she corrected. "Teachers are reptitiously getting drink into factories to following opinion: may, "put the lid on decollette gowns? Are the side of the inartistic no club of women piece of mind from his domestic partner, no usually not pretty and seldem can be called be consumed in tea and other ways. of "We are now living in the midst of great, they not dangerous to the health of the ever got together can keep her from it.

"English women? Comparisons are gen- is exactly opposite. hidden and exposed perils of the abridged erally odious and scarcely worth while. I of an observing nature, and she is quick has no time for specializing in dressmaking garment. Every member of the club is will say this, though, that the fashionable to heed the failures of her professional and millinery. pledged never to appear in public wearing American woman doesn't need points from sister. She sees about her so many ex-

anyone on the subject of low-necked As it Happens. They parted as girls, they met as women,

"That tall, lanky blond with the fierce "Went insane!" "Gracious! And Jimmie Bowles-"the lit-

"Killed in an auto accident trying to

of any organization which might wish to said anything but yes and no and despised "Married a Brooklyn girl, and now living

> "Worse and worse! And how about Reg-You did profess to love him, you

used to snub us all-yourself included? I hope he met his deserved finish." "He did. Come up to the house and I'll introduce you to him. He's my husband!"

sirable vocation. Miss Goggin is unmarried and is proud of it. Her opinion of the she regards him as a "lemon." From inquiry and investigation she deduces these

Ninety per cent of the school teachers in destined to single blessedness.

Ten per cent of the wedded ones become Of the remaining 10 per cent only one

most active manager of the pension fund, ideas how to shoot. The comparison is typical of the situation all over the United

avoids.

"Man holds his own liberty and peace was asked. matter how well equipped that mind may

The pedagogue is a guilible creature She is constantly associated in her work with the immature mind. The teachers who do marry are not canable of intelligent

The observant school teachers see this They observe their few sisters whose dreams of matrimonial felicitude are real-

This is why they shy. If a school teacher must earn her own livelihood after marthe drone who captivated her-why, reasons son, rector of Birmingham, the Rev. Mr.

age school teacher is homely?" Miss Goggin

"The average hired girl has a far better

strong remarks upon this deplorable state before them." of affairs. He said girls and women were "invited, encouraged, and even coerced weekly subscription of a penny or threepence or even more, or to contribute to a general collection made by one in authority. In one case that had come to his knowledge alcohol had been used in the manufacture of coffee which was handed round the works. All the women and girls were expected to join in the drinking, and were persecuted if they refused. He had good reason to fear that some of these

drink by men placed in authority over

Sayings of the Children as Related by Fond Parents

"I'm luckier than you are, all the I've got to say is, if I'd been God that 'cause Ill get the knife." Mother-Jack, when I gave you and Eliaeach an orange, you both promised not to today. That means good luck. Small Elmer-Huh! I found a horseshoe.

Mrs. Neighbors-It's too bad of you, Mil- you have deceived me? Little Jack-No. mamma; I ate Ella's and she ate mine. cents. Small Gilbert-Papa, didn't I hear you tell "I hear you've got a new minister, mamma wa would have to economize?

getting me a pony, then I shouldn't wear Small Elmer-Why from the dictionary, out so many shoes. Kind Lady (to little boy)-Here is a

Small Gilbert-Well, you might begin by

Anxious Mother-Bobby, you must redime, little boy. Now tell me what you member to use your right hand more. I are crying about. Little Boy (taking and pocketing the have another piece of pie, Mr. Oldham? Bobby-Why, mamma, some of the best dime)-I ain't cryin', mum. Dis is me natural face. Little Fred - What did mamma mean Little Jim Jones read his composition in

Little Myra-I guess she meant she to Jim's mother about it. "Go ahead an didn't want to express her real opinion write to 'er, of you wants to. I down care. Mother wrote it herself." Small Sylvi-Did you ask papa why Tommy - Teacher, may 1 go out the pen is said to be mightier than the Teacher-That is unnecessary, Tommy, you believe it?

declared she would have to write a note

Tommy-I guess you never heard me "I am glad to see, Freddy, that you are a regular attendant at church."

"What part of the service do you enjoy

the most, Freddy?"

hear."

"Comin' out, sir."

You can sneeze in here without disturb-

"But, Willie," said the bad boy's mother. 'didn't your conscience tell you you were Tommy-I'm agoln' ter throw Ma's doing wrong?" "Yes'm," replied Willie, "but you know you teld me not to believe everything I

"My mamma's premised to give me a \$15 tact with the unruly natures of children as a Sunday school pupil at fashionable camera for a Christmas present," said little buds, yet bears more fruit than any other Georgie with a good deal of pride. "My mamma's promised to give me a

"Well, today I learned all about Adam "Huh! I'd hate to have as stingy a and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and all mother as yours." Little Irene-I found a four-leaved clover

> That means still better luck. Little Irene-How do you know? Small Elmer-'Cause 1 can sell it for 2

"Yeh, an' I don't like him at all; must 'a' been a school tencher onct." "Why do you think that?" 'Cause whenever he talks to me he always holds his hand behind him."

Small Johnny (at dinner)-Won't you Mr. Oldham-Thank you, Jehnny; as you are so kind. I believe I will. Small Johnny-Oh, I'm only looking out for myself. Mamma said if it was when she said that Mrs. Nextdoor was school. It was so very poor that teacher necessary to cut another pie I could have

> The Parson-Now, Johnny, you believe that Joshua made the sun stand still, do The Kid-Yessir.

The Parson-That's right. Now, why do

The Kid-'Cause ma'd whale me if I told

Conundrums. Why are hens like writers? They scratch for a living. When are little girls like windows?

you I didn't.

When snahed.

a drunkurd?

When spaked When does a lady find herself exalted above her friends? When living a story higher

When is a man caught in the rain like

When are lovers' hearts like telegraph poles? When joined together.

What tree bears no leaves, branches nor The axle-tree

morally, among girls and women. The The president of Bryn Mawr, speaking on clubs are formed for the purpose of sur- a topic of unusual import, expressed the beautiful. The mind of the school teacher celebrating birthdays, marriages, and other and, I believe, on the whole, beneficent

"These drinking clubs exist in nearly that they will be compelled by economic every case without the knowledge of the causes beyond their control to stay in them employers, but in some factories they are after marriage. Already in teaching, nursundoubtedly carried on with the consent of ing, library work, typewriting, bookkeeping, telephoning, telegraphing, they are Canon Denton Thompson made some steadily taking possession and driving men

such preparation, girls are much better able to begin the work of life.

In England to call a woman homely means that she is fond of anything about home and is unpretending; in the United States it means not handsoms. To be cleaks, made by the sisters at their community at East Canterbury, N. H. These cleaks it means not handsoms. To be dextrous and with us the term signifies good-natured or honest. We say crackers, they say blacuit; our mail is the post; and a source was a flaker cloak are of broadsoms.

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