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HE dust coat of pongee in cool, practical, sometimes inexpensive; but, be it whispered with due consideration for the feelings of the innumerable women wearing such coats, H is becoming a pest.

Every woman who motors, almost every woman who travels, the average woman who commutes and a host of women who stay at home save for occasional walks and drives has taken unto herself a pongee coat; and, of course, a majority of these coats are of the cheap order.

Now, it is a thankless task to discourage the woman of small dress allowance and fashionable aspirations, but there's no denying that the cheap pongee cost after very little wear is as stringy, forlorn, unbecoming a garment as one can well imagine. One can press it out? One can even launder some models? Yes. But who presses and launders her coat often enough to have it look well every time she goes out in it? And who can press and launder a coat en route?

Even many of the expensive coats of lightweight pongee are a delusion and a snare. They are well cut, attractively trimmed, chic looking garments in the shops; but they look discouraged and forlorn after a little use; and while comfortable and useful for hot days are not often beautiful. Even the linen duster of odlous memory kept its shape and freshness better than a cheap pongee coat does.

And after all this grunibling protest, if one asks us what to substitute for the cheap pongee dust coat, we are at a loss. There seems to be nothing else that will protect a frock to be both coat and comparatively inexpensive.

A well made, severely tailored coat of mohair is perhaps the best all around lightweight motor coat. It does not sound so modish as pongee and unless it is smartly made it has no style, but it does keep its shape and trimness, it does shed dust, it is cool and it wears everisatingly. Moreover the material may be had in a large range of colors.

Not long ago we sat on the veranda of a

giving the impression of a soft, silvery around the wrist with a rubber. big white pearl buttons. Motor gloves of course, the all important matter of cut. wash gauze.

Compared with the women who had gone before, she was a vision of immaculate shipshapeness, and we then and there starred mohair in our list of summer motor materials.

The heavy pongees of the Rajah and French tussor type will, of course, keep

## Activities and Views of Women in Various Walks of Life

French tussor type will, of course, keep their shape better than the light weight silks and will admit of better tailoring, but homes is hedged with convention. German titles of address are so absurdly formal that Germans laugh at them themselves. Their ceremonies in connection with anni-versaries and family events bristle with convention and offer pitfalls at every step to the stranger or the blunderer. It is true that men do not dress for dinner every day and wax indignant over the necessity of doing so for the theater in England, but there are various occasions when they wear swer will be given in the elec- bright eyes and spirited manner. Like Miss Roosevelt will, of course, take specimens of homes is hedged with convention. German Miss Evelyn Longman of New York, who made the great Winged Victory that surmounted the dome of Festival hall at the Louisiana Furchase exposition, has won the \$14,000 prize for the design for tion returns next November. Taft, she is quite confident that her own as many orchids as she can accommodate titles of address are so absurdly formal in her garden at Oyster Bay, but there are that Germans laugh at them themselves. But society is discussing in ad- father will sway public favor toward the few such ideal places for their growth Their ceremonies in connection with annivance the characteristics of ticket he represents in November. the bronze doors of the Annapolis academy chapel. Thirty-three men competitors. Miss Desdemons Chafin, the Chicago aspl- and development as the spot Mr. Brown versaries and family events bristle with go rant for the honors of being the White has chosen near the monument. a d. frilly a w hand House debutante, is a typical school girl. The Woman's Citizen committee With a wealth of brown hair, dark flashing Men and Women as Enters. The Woman's Ciligen committee of Newport, Del. are refewing their activi-ties in behalf of better sanitation for their town. In 1809 and 1900 these women raised a fund to put the town in a sanitary can-dition. Now they find that the men have failed to keep the town in proper shape, so they have started work again them-melves eyes and healthy pink cheeks, she is aptly In a small west side Chicago restaurant and wax indignant over the necessity of fitted to reign as a daughter of a presithat caters to persons on economy bent the doing so for the theater in England, but dent. bill of fare is headed by this notice: there are various occasions when they wear Unlike Miss Taft or Miss Bryan, she has evening dress in broad daylight, and an "Regular Dinner-Men, 25 cents; women, What Women Are Doing. "Regular Dinner-Men, 25 cents; women, 15 cents." "How is this?" asked a chance customer, belonging to the sex most heavily taxed. "You charge us fellows 10 cents more than you do the women. What have we done that we should be discriminated against?" "You eat more," was the plain rejoin-der. "It doesn't cost nearly as much to feed women as men, but we are the first concern in this part of town that has been never had the advantage of a private school training, but is an eighth grade pupil at nelves. the MoPherson grammar school. She is a Mrs. Kean, mother of the senior New Jersey senator, is past So, yet is active in society. She spends much of her time making silk quilts of pieces from gowns of friends. Emily Mason, daughter of

the roughness of the Raish's surface is a disadvantage, showing soil very readily, and a good soft heavy quality of French tussor is always expensive.

of the season are made up in these heavy of the republican, democratic and prohibipongees, the natural color predominating, tion parties-Miss Helen Taft of Cincinand such a coat is a satisfactory posses- nati. Miss Grace Bryan of Fairview and sion, though the enthusiastic motor woman Miss Desdemona Chafin of Chio.go. need another for rougher wear. Red and black or Copenhagen blue and black are old friends. They spent their younger



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Miss Taft and the president's daughter

days together at the White House and were later associate students at the National Cathedral Schools for Girls.

Miss Bryan, younger daughter of the demperatic nominee for president, knows little leader in the classroom, as well as on the of the life within the executive mansion play ground, and has attained a high grade except as she may have seen it from the in her public school work. ong line of visitors at some of the state re-Miss Chafin has inherited from her father

a gift for forensics and is a talented elo-Miss Chafin is the youngest of this trio cutionist. She and her father are insepaof social aspirants, being but 15 years old. rable companions, and Desdemona has Like Miss Bryan, she is a western girl, every confidence in her father's ability to democratic, vivacious and pretty, hardly be elected president in the coming elecrealizing the prominence of her position tion. should her father be chosen as the next

A Unique Lenp-Year Dance. An attraactive leap-year dance is de-Among the four girls, says the Chicago

Inter Ocean, Ethel Roosevelt, Helen Taft, August. Each girl sends to the gentleman Grace Bryan and Desdemona Chafin, there she has chosen to be her escort an invitais a pretty contrast. The first three are tation to the dance, stating at what time he Miss Chafin's senior by two years, and all should call for her. are typical American girls in that they are The girls agree among themselves to exlovers of out-door life and are as full of

change places, and each girl is masked and enthusiasm as four bright, spirited girls dreased to represent some distinguished character. When the guests have all ar-Miss Taft is a wholesome sort of young rived at the hall, each man is given a slip girl, full of life, yet having a dignified perof paper and a pencil, to guess who each sonality. She is a thorough student of girl is. A prize may be given to the one everything that concerns her father and is guessing the most correctly. confident that the 4th of next March will Before unmasking, each man has the see him seated in the White House chair. first dance with the girl with whom he

came. Afterward comes the unmasking, of out-door life and is a great devotee of and the surprise-if the girl has played her part well. She graduated with high honors from the Glad to Quit the White House.

preparatory school at Bryn Mawr in May, having received the prize of \$300 for sub-It is doubtful if the wife of any presimitting the best entrance examination for dent over loft the White House with as the college. When her father heard the little regret as Mrs. Roosevelt will leave it, reports the Washington Herald. Her duties "I would rather know that than be presihave not been either unpleasant or irksome, and she has had keen pleasure in Miss Taft does not possess her mother's some of the privilages that have come to love for music, but is a great reader. She her as "the first lady in the land," but

knows how to have a good time, too, but since the assassination of President Mohas declared that she will go to college for Kinley advanced her husband to the chief at least two years, which means that position she has had a sword of Damocles should her father be elected she would not hanging over her in the possibility that take her place immediately in society. her husband might meet with a like fate. Her friends are smiling, for even with her She is, too, essentially a domestic woman; great love for her books they declare she her home life, the society of her husband

is not strong enough to resist the temptaand her children, have always been very tion of becoming the "first young lady of dear to her, and since she became the misthe land" in fact, if the opportunity pretress of the White House she has had to sents itself. make many sacrifices in this direction; nor Miss Grace Bryan, the younger daughter

her years.

has she been able to indulge her literary of W. J. Bryan, is a typical western girl, taste. To meet the onerous duties of every although she is receiving her aducation at day is all that is possible for the wife of a seminary, Hollins institute, in Roanoke, Va. Little has been heard of her because a president, and what seclusion she enher parents have kept her out of the public joys must be sought in her mountain home eye so far as possible. But she is most or on the yacht that carries her away from the exactions of her position. attractive and quite serious for a girl of

But there are many things which, when When her sister, Mrs. Leavitt, was one of she turns her back upon Washington, Mrs. he most conspicuous visitors in Denver Roosevelt will leave with regret, not the tring the recent convention, Miss Grace least of which is the rare and beautiful colmained in Fairview, the family home at Lincoln, scarcely able to contain hersolf. She was too young to go, and, like the these floral curiosities, has collected and good natured girl she is, remained con- grown for her enjoyment. This collection entedly at home.

Miss Bryan spent the Christmas holidays over the world, notably from the Philip-Washington last year as the guest of her pines, where they grow in great beauty and parents' friends, Mr. and Mrs. Cotter T. Bride. A son of the Brides married a niece of Vice President Fairbanks. The Brides officers who have Mrs. Roosevelt's pet fad have a modest home just across the street in mind, are several of the phalaenopeis, from the Library of Congress, and it was that named for the poet Schiller, who dishere that Miss Bryan was entertained. She is a good talker and has remarkable

concern in this part of town that has been mant. Mrs. Sidgwick observes "the signifibrave enough to say so in plain print, cance of the claim you make by sfitting on Many foreign restaurants have recognized it; you may, if young and innocent, come that fact and have regulated their charges to wholesale disaster." She, however, ad-

accordingly. Boarding houses, too, are well mires the German thrift, neatness and inacquainted with the masculine appetite dustry, the manner in which the haustrau rules the household is a law unto herself scribed in Woman's Home Companion for and satisfy its longings at a premium. "However, if the male boarder is subject and to her servants, who acknowledge the excessive charges, he always has the absolute rule of the mistress. She rises as early as they do; she works with them. eatisfaction of knowing he gets his money's She does her own marketing and knows to

worth. Waiters in institutions of that kind are required to report in the kitchen whether an order is for a 'lady' or 'gentleman,' and the cook dishes up in proportion to the capacity of the diner. Some cheap restaurants have adopted the plan of serving 'ladylike' portions at rock bottom prices, thereby enabling the man with an appetite

when her servant is otherwise occupied, to double up on his order and preserve a superintending the washing and lending a fair ration between the cost of men's and hand to the dusting and sweeping." women's meals. But we like our plan better. It gives everybody a fair show and Mrs. Sidgwick, who seems to have interested herself very much in the home econprevents confusion."

## Home Life in Germany.

There is something quite refreshing in the manner in which Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick, an Englishwoman, writes of "Home Life in Germany," describing what she herself saw. To either an English or American woman, certain customs, which have almost a sacredness to the German, appear absurd, and they feel as Mrs. Bidgwick does when she suys:

high, and lays the fact to the great thrifti-"I am always mazed, as the Cornish say, ness and industry of the women, the cheapwhen Germans talk of their freedom from ness of labor and the lower standard of convention. In Hamburg I was once seriously rebuked by an old friend for carrying a book through the streets that was not wrapped up in paper. In Ham-

Slik petticoats with embroidery ruffles and satin petticoats with linen ruffles are burg that is one of the things that people don't do. In Mains and many other among the noveltion. German towns there are certain streets where one side, for reasons no one can explain, is tabooed at certain hours of the day; not of the night, but of the day. You may go to a music shop at midday to buy

Dr. Lyon's

sembles it that one cannot tell the differ-ence, is worn as a shoulder scarf, and there are numerous other uses for this fashiona-ble article, one of which is a head drapa Pink is having a great vogue, principally because it is so becoming to woman. More-over, pink seems peculiarly adapted to the Empire and princess modes. It accords well with them and the tones are brought out by the princess and Empire lines.

a penny when and how her money goes:

"The gist of the matter is that the middle

class woman in Germany is a working

member of the household and does the

work of two servants, cooking the dinner

the alightest necessity? opening the door

omies in Germany, is full of admiration of

the way in which comfort is attained on

small incomes. She says: "It is quite com-

mon to hear of a clerk living on £46 (\$200)

or £50 (\$150), or of a doctor who knows his

work and yet can only make £150 (\$750.)"

Yet she thinks that an income of £400

(\$2,000) in Germany goes as far as £700

(\$3,500) in England, though food and cloth-

ing are dearer and rent and taxes quite as

Leaves from Fashion's Notebook.

The hip scarf, or one that so closely re-

luxury and even comfort.

as well as ordering it whenever there is ,

Brown continues to be the summer color, but it is shading a little into pink. This does not, however, affect the color scheme of the wardrobe, for brown and pink go well together and the fashionable fouch of black goes admirably with both tonas. touch of

The princess schirts are worn by all who can carry them off well. The skirt is tall in the waist line so that no belt is required. It is worn with a blouse of tan linen or white, and with it is the hip length coat. In linen this style is particularly good.

The dainty white lingerie combination are worn by women who want to appear alim and the newest of these are finished with a handsome trimming of wide inser-tion around the neck, through which there are drawn some colored subroidery threads to give the appearance of an embroidered understin

Blocks and yokes are interesting because of the extremes to which they go. Blocks are built very tail and wired high behind each ear. At the front the lace is allowed to wrinkle down comfortably under the chin. This is the mest sensible style of tail

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Among astronomers of her sex Maria Mitchell, for many years professor at Vas-sar, has remained without a peer. She was born in Nautucket in 1819, and the people of the town will dedicate this week

Redmond, the Irish Fariamentarian, who is to be married shortly in London to Dr. William Thomas Power of New York, has been presented with a massive silver tea and coffee service, the metal for which was mined in Ireland, by the netter strengther metal nationalist party.

The central federated unions of New York, with over 200,000 members, has two women delegates. Miss Patterson, an overall maker, who has settled strikes when men have failed and Miss Longhas two rson, an

of friends. Emily Mason, daughter of a former minister to France and an in-ternational belle in antebellum days, is id, yet is as interested in the world at large as she was fifty years ago. She lives in a handsome colonial mansion in George-town and holds her receptions. Old Mrs. Sheby M. Cullom is still a figure in social damas and works with a figure in social ington

memorial observatory in har honor. Miss Eather Redmond, daughter of John 1. Redmond, the Irish Parliamentarian,

Ington. Dr. Lucy A. Bannister of Fittsburg recommends the placing of a trained nurse in every factory, department store and workshop where many girls are employed. She declares that this is a field for social welfare work which at present is hardly touched, but from which wenderful re-suits might be obtained. She names five ways in which it will be beneficial; It will pay the employer to support it; it keeps the girls well; it saves them money; it exerts an influence for good morals and it reaches the homes of the workers more directly than any other methods that has been tried.

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