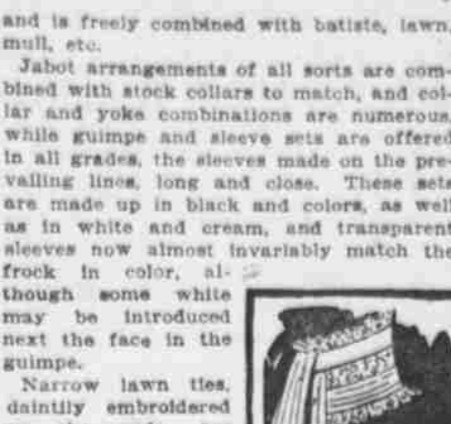


Bewitching French Neckwear of the Season

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The French neckwear displayed in the shops which make a specialty of such novelties grows more bewitching day by day, and one may spend an appalling amount on the dainty hand-made trifle, if one is willing and able to do it. The handsomest of them are the blouses which quench it over all other neckwear last season and often brought astonishing prices are still on the fashionable list, but now they are forced to share their reign with a host of stock arrangements, and the frilly lingerie blouses, etc., which were worn with the linen collars, find their prototypes in the new stock blouses.



COLLARS AND CRAVATS OF SHEER LINEN, NET AND LACE.

white. In place of the high turn-down linen collars Parisians are to a considerable extent wearing very high collars of stiff linen without the turn-down part. These are shaped upward toward the back and fasten with two little studs or buttons in the back. They are usually embroidered and are in all white or in white and color, and some of the daintiest models have little double tabs of fine lawn embroidered to match the collar and fastening to the latter by being passed through small slits at the base of the collar in front.



We have spoken before of the neck ruffles in plaited net, ribbon, etc., but they increase and multiply so rapidly that they are a constant source of surprise. Certain youthful collars for wear with light frocks are made of wide, finely plaited white tulle sewed in two rows on each edge of broad, black velvet ribbon whose width is the extreme collar height. The ribbon is drawn round the neck in great and knotted in a big, soft bow at front, side or back, and we have seen the collar worn with excellent effect. Not only black velvet ribbon, but pale pink velvet blue, orange, etc., are used in this way. Collars entirely of soft satin ribbon to match a frock or hat are very smart and comparatively reasonable in price, several rows of the frilled or plaited ribbons being set on each edge of a close, high, folded collar of the ribbon; and adorable little collars of velvet and tulle, fur trimmed, are among the latest novelties, but of these we will tell the story next week in connection with fur neck pieces.

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Activities and Views of Progressive Women in Various Walks of Life

Rivals of American Girls. Her day of the South African girl has not arrived yet, but when it comes let the American girls see to their laurels, for they will have dangerous competition in the field. Such is the warning posted on the page of the London Quaker by a South African correspondent. The Dutch women of the Transvaal, says the writer, are tall and splendidly developed, and there are the two distinct types, the purely Dutch with golden brown hair, gray or hazel eyes and creamy skin and the brunettes of French descent with dark eyes and hair and rich coloring. But both types are on a larger scale than their European antecedents. The sun of South Africa is a great vitalizer, and the children of that land of vast spaces have more room to grow and develop in, and they lead from their infancy under the sun a life that they are bound to be an improvement physically on their sisters of the northern hemisphere.

servants to get the work done to their satisfaction and there is one branch of housewifery in which they excel—the making of "konijff" or preserves, whether jam making of the ordinary kind or a more elaborate method of preserving the delicious fruit of the land, as well as in the work of the potter, where the educated Dutch women of the towns or those indeed of the country who have been sent to Cape Colony or to Europe to school. As adaptable as the Americans, with decided mental ability, they are full of comeliness and of an inherent sense of savoir vivre. A girl who has been to a good school in South Africa and afterwards in Europe has something most charming and fascinating about her. Handsome, vivacious, capable, with a clear idea of what she wants and how to get it, she carries a pleasant and useful way for herself through life.

lighter phases of life, who refuses to submit to "the oppressor's wrongs, the proud man's contumely, the insolence of office," a humorist! The humor of women is the more delicate element, softened and modulated, if you will, by suffering and sorrow. I would rather tell a joke, a real joke, a woman, or to an audience of women, than to a man. Relate to her a joke that is clothed with intelligence and humanity and you have the best audience in the world. I am willing to admit that woman's sense of humor is not so well developed as man's. Indeed, it has been somewhat stunted by the sufferings and sorrows of women. However, the result of that suffering gives us a mind better attuned to the delicate things of life; it is responsive to the finer chords of music, of poetry, of humor.

late as 1864 he pushed aside state papers in the executive mansion at Washington to talk of her late one night to a friend who had come from back home. One rests peacefully in a little cemetery at Pleasant Ridge, Ill. The mother of five children, her tombstone reads, "Mary Owens Vineyard." One lies at his side in the great mausoleum in Springfield, where the state keeps her bier and his heaped with fresh, fragrant flowers. When an assassin's bullet took his life, the American people mourned a great president. She mourned a great husband. He was the kindest man in the world," she sobbed.

three women loved Lincoln. There was a wild rose slip of a girl in a slatted blue sunbonnet with whom he walked the lanes of his honeymoon days, relates a writer in the Delinicator. There was a clever, cultured woman, whose brilliant intellect lighted his ascending way in the Illinois legislature. And there was the belle of the Bay social set at Springfield, who flattered across his pathway as it led to Washington. One he loved, one he tried to, and one he married. These were the women that he courted. They loved Lincoln. To them the greatest American was far nearer than a lofty figure up a high pedestal. They heard his heart beat. These were the women that loved Lincoln. One of them today lies near the banks of the Sangamon, where he loved her. To the last there was with him the long, long sorrow of her loss that cast its shadow across his heart in youth. As

formerly worked. Her machine is said to fairly gobble up the letters put into it. No girl can open more than thirty a minute by hand. Miss Sally Word has just been elected assessor and collector of taxes for Palestine, Texas. Mrs. P. C. Tucker has been chosen as member of the Dallas Board of Education. The election of these three women is the result of the opinion given the other day by the attorney general that under the constitution of Texas women are eligible to municipal office. Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney is one of the wealthy American women who likes to do things herself, and has become a sculptor of no mean attainment. Recently she has been haunting the Bohemian art quarters of Paris, with no doubt, the happy intention of making life more pleasant for some of the talented poor people, and has purchased a great amount and given orders for number of things that will help to keep the wolf from the door of artist and sculptors, where he proverbially stalks. Miss Anna C. Wilson, one of the four women delegates to the International Typographical union convention in Boston, is at the head of the movement to raise \$1,000 for the endowment of the printer's home at Colorado Springs. She is a trustee of the home, having been elected over eight men who were anxious for the place. She has been a member of the government service at Washington and has been member of the Typographical union for fifteen years.

back they are inverted so that the scalloped or pointed edge may serve as an ornamental finish for the lower edge of a round or square yoke. This is usually of extra-deep strips of lace, with batiste, or of the finest of all-overses inset with fillet and medallions. The sleeves are of the flouncing trimmed to match the yoke. Every day produces something very novel in trimmings, until one is fairly bewildered in any attempt to choose. Some of the smartest garnitures are the result not of the professional designer's art, but of the courtiers and the less pretentious dress-maker. For example, a charming and effective border for a tulle was evolved by a combination of materials and ideas. Directly on the edge was laid a banding of silk. In this case it happened to be dark blue; set just over the edge of it was applique lace dyed a smoky blue. The pattern was one of deep points with a scroll design at its base, so it served the purpose peculiarly well. Between the points, partly on the silk and partly on the cloth of the tulle, were a series of graduated dots embrodered in golden brown silk. Another border design dominated an iridescent banding set between narrow applique lace edges.

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The Gentle Art of Shopping. Who are the professional shoppers, who are they that so excel the average woman in her favorite pastime? Until lately there was in New York City alone 5,000 of these gifted buyers, reports Harper's Weekly, but suddenly a relentless edict was passed, and the number was reduced to one fell crash to a mere 500. And the surviving 500 are doing business to this day, filling at it steadily from morning till evening with their prying, choosing, buying, and forwarding to their customers the goods that they demand. The surplus 4,500 were eliminated because they were not regular. That is to say, they followed the fascinating business of shopping only as an avocation, used it as a side line to increase their incomes by buying things for casual customers in their off hours.

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What Club Women are Doing. Mabel Erwin, a young girl of 12, in Bedford, Ind., has passed the examination and been granted a one-year teacher's license in most schools the rules do not allow girls to enter the high school until they are 12 years old. Harriet Stanton Hatch, the noted suffragist and daughter of E. Cadv Stanton, has been asked by Mrs. Clarence Mackay to address the pupils of the Roanly school, who are competing for the prize that she is offering for the best essay on woman suffrage. A St. Louis woman who has recently become a mother has a second respectable letter was asked why she added this responsibility to her already great amount of work. "Well, I just did it," she said, "because four men had failed and I wanted to show that a woman could make that hotel pay.

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