Gossip for and About the Women Folks

and physical strain on the housekeeper, very next day," The old and the new ways, and the

troubles of both are thus pictured:

It was somewhere before that first setbeginning of Westerward-Ho that I caught my last glimpse of the farmer's wife of yesterday. The train slackened; for moments the picture hung still, singled out from all the whizzing theatorium past and to come. It was in that first clammy dawn when there is barely enough light to work by; a tall, lean house, devoid of temperment and paint, stood at the top of a sloping patch, and below, in the patch, was a woman at work with a hoe. The sky was gray and the house was gray and woman was gray. She stooped; not with her shoulders alone, but there was apparent in her that stoop of the spirit which it takes many flogging years to produce. Both woman and patch were jaded as if they had borne to exhaustion, according to ancient lights regarding the woman and the patch. There were chugs and wheezes and the theatorium began

again. A day and a night more brought

me to the farmer's wife of today.

Everywhere the mistress of the modern way through the west's famine. Piped hot water, gas, hot water heaters equip her phone; she rides forth-sometimes veiled in her motor car; she travels from Mexico to Maine and often to Europe. She telephones come to an informal little affair; she sends out engraved invitations when Lizzie comes a strain such as that one-time struggle dom-hardly!" never caused Confronted by the servant problem, her prosperity threatens to break her down where poverty failed to do so. "It's my nerves ache the worst now," one of them said. "It used to be nothing but my bones.

"I sometimes think it was easy times back in the little old shack kitchen where there wasn't hardly any cooking to do beshined up, and where the washing was owner.

rather share this work with me than to thyst gems are commonly known. The stand on her feet all day selling hooks and color is due to peroxide of iron, and the yes and hairpins in a hot store? Or hold- gem is found in India, in Ceyion, in Brazil ing buckets under the lard spout in a pack- and in vast masses under the waters of ing house till she was ready to drop? Now Lake Superior. wouldn't you?

sucked through the clean kitchen, I as- month. The garnet, for example, is worn ness agents, that new and more appropri-

sented with fervor. There ain't a girl's willing to do it, nces to fldget around and stand at the door and look out, and I know the signs. The last one stood gazing out that = very door while the ples were burning and at last she groaned and she said: 'A place where there's something doing for mine!' Her name was M-a-y-m-e, and she was mighty particular about that 'y.' 'Something doing!' I said. 'Strikes me you can see plenty of excitement hereabouts with those eleven enives all hollering for this skim milk at once and the separator nearly bust'ng itself trying to keep up with their appeales, and the hogs being fed and the chickens and turkeys being shut up. I doing.' You ought to have seen her look conditions, but, whatat me! 'Our tastes diffah,' she said, with ever the cause, the her chin pointing up like that. 'When I fact remains and the speak of excitement I refer to such little belt counters just be-

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The Farm Wife, Then and Now. diversions as electric parks and phono- for Health: in July the cornelian for Con-RITING of the home life of the graph parlors and skating rinks and the tentment. If you should wed in August wives of western farmers as it drama. Gawd!' she said sudden, like some- wear a sardonyx for luck. It never falls, was yesterday and is today, thing inside her had busted loose-yes, will they say. If you fear that your mind is Sarah Comstock relates in you believe it, that girl actually said, giving way, wear a chrysolite in Septem-Collier's Weekly how the dis- "Gawd!" "Excuse me when it comes to the ber. Beware of the opal in October, but comforts and inconveniences of social whirl of turkeys and calves. Me for wear a topas and win good friends in the struggling days have changed their the packing house and my own true skating November. If you desire prosperity, sport form without greatly relieving the mental rink ticket!" that girl said, and she left the a turquoise in December.

Slavery.

it quite seriously. The women do not seem Herald. to mind, however; they keep entering into "My Dear Grace," the fair young writer slavery just as if Mrs. Gilman had never said, "I know you will be greatly interwarned them about it, and continue to feel ested in this happiness which has come to

The suffragists and suffragettes agree on money and a good family and all that,

which he values more than his own soul, suppose you are dying to know what it farm house is found in the midst of such the slave of some habit which is an in- is that has brought me so much happiness luxuries as she never dared dream of in tellectual labor saving device essential to and wondering why I don't come to the those years when she was fighting her his peace and comfort, the slave of some point at once. I shall do so-only I wish institution, some custom, some belief or I could be there to tell you in person and some idea? Almost everybody in comfort- permit you to see. There are some things house—she used to break the ice in the able circumstances is a slave of some kind that it is so hard to write about. I can pitcher for her bath, to read by a shade- or has been called one by some slave of the fancy you sitting there with my letter in less oil lamp or a candle thrust into a hortatory temperament. You cannot use a your hand as you try to guess who it can potato, to warm her hands over a rickety word like this and expect it to retain the be. After I have assured you that it is Now she gossips over her own tele- poignancy of its original signification, not Mr. Waddington you are probably con-'Slave' will soon come to mean any one too vinced that it must be Harry Belden, but blue chiffon, sometimes sunbonneted-in comfortably circumstanced to be aroused by you are wrong. He asked me in the fall, the clamorous voice of agitation, and if you care to know, and I told him that 'slavery' will be synonymous with plethoric I would always think kindly of him and about to the town and country people to lethargy. Anybody might be willing to ex- all that sort of thing, and I meant it, too. change his slavery for the slavery of Mr. He is a dear-only not just the kind of a called upon to find employment for Andrew Carnegie or Mr. John D. Rocke- dear that I could be happy with. And I members. home for the winter. But with living feller, but to exchange the comforts of haven't seen Tom Anniston for months, if tun d to this higher pitch she is enduring slavery for the arduous agnegation of free- you are thinking of him. But all this is

The Lucky Stone for 1909.

The prophet Zadkiel has just assured us that the amethyst is to be the "lucky a corset that I can almost sit down in." stone" for the year 1909, this conjecture being based on an oriental superstition that two nines in the figures of a year signify an access of great prosperity in all manner of things. Particularly in love and cause there wasn't hardly anything to ers of the amethyst, since that gem is said friendship is luck to prevail for the wearcook, and where I didn't have to spill elbow to denote sincerity, just as the opal is supgrease keeping a sink and a fancy range posed to bring unkind happenings upon its

talk about our prosperity and the way us it was a charm against the evils of intoxifarm folks live in such fine houses; but cation, a point which, in 1909, will cause I'm here to tell you a fine house is a white it to be of more interest than ever, since elephant without you've got help to keep the new president, Mr. Taft, has "turned down his glass." It is not an expensive "Now wouldn't you think a girl would stone, and the purple-violet hues of ame-

Among many nations a particular gem "Sniffing to wheat-laden breeze which is worn by the superstitious during each the Emerald, in May. In June wear agate good deal of a surprise to find that the penses and will forego her tooth powder

Her Overpowering Joy.

A bewitching young woman who resides "Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman has said in Kansas City and has friends in Chicago ting back of the watch which marks the 'A married woman is a slave, not a wife,' wrote to one of them, a young matron, so many times," says the New York Trib- recently concerning a great joy that had une, "that we begin to suspect she takes come into her life, reports the Record-

> sorry for all of their sex who fail to be- me. You always were kind enough to be deeply interested in my joys and disap-"Perhaps it is because rhetoricians like pointments. No, Mr. Waddington has not Mrs. Gliman have worn the edges off the proposed. I should not be gushing to you word 'slave.' Who is not called a 'slave?' about it if he had. He has plenty of nothing but that all women without the but to tell you the truth I don't like him. ballot, including even Mrs. Gilman's 'higher I suppose it would require a good deal of married,' are slaves. The socialists pro- moral courage on my part to refuse him claim from every street corner that all if he asked me to marry him, but I think mankind except the rich capitalists are I should be able to rise to the occasion. slaves. The moralists say that the rich Really, I am very happy, and I should not capitalists are slaves, 'slaves of wealth.' be happy at all if I were engaged to Cad-The critics declare that the preschers and walader Waddington. The world seems to moralists are slaves, 'slaves of creeds,' have a new glory-to possess beauties that Who is not the slave of some convention I have never dreamed of in the past. I silly. In truth I'm so happy that I fear I'm disposed to be foolish. Have patience,

> > Too Much for Flesh and Blood. "After giving the matter careful study. we are fully convinced that the ten-hour day for women in our manufacturing establishments, under the present system of high speed and the large number of machines to be tended, is more than the flesh

and blood can stand," writes Thomas J. light because we were dark blue called six. The meaning of the word amethyst is Lyons, commissioner of industrial and Yea, marriage is a thing in which but one days of the week. It's all very well to "not drunk," and, according to the Greeks, labor statistics of Maine, in his annual re- holdeth the reins-and I grabbed them at cause of the well proven fact that the ten-hour day, with present conditions of than the thirteen-hour day of sixty years the ten-hour day of the present time is Paris gowns?" vastly more defrimental to health than the thirteen-hour day of former times."

Manager of Telegraphers' Union.

When strikes and black lists and busiin January and signifies Constancy. The ate term for the old "walking delegate," amethyst is worn in February; the blood- are mentioned they are instinctively classi- that he hath been hypnotized.

active business manager of a local that is a woman and a slender attractive young woman at that. For such is Miss Hilda E. Svenson, secretary-treasurer of local No. 16, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, numbering close to 900 men and

women employed in New York. The fact that Miss Svenson was chosen for this position, says Human Life, was more than an ordinary tribute, because most of her fellow members are men, and this is the first time in the history of the union that a local consisting of a majority of men has elected a woman to such an office. In this, moreover, the election was unanimous. And the reason for it was that when the great strike of telegraphers was called last year, Miss Svenson not only 'walked out" with the best, but through the weary months of waiting did picket duty in front of the Postal Telegraph building. She was fighting, too, for the cause of the woman worker everywhere because one of the demands of the strikers was that the Western Union and the Postal pay equal wages to men and women instead of the present rate of \$20.35 as the maximum for men and \$14.55 per

week for women. From all parts of the country Miss Svenson's sister workers have sent her messages of congratulation on her election which they regard as a recognition of her efforts. She is a member of the executive committee of the Woman's Trade Union ouncil and in that capacity distinguished herself even during the stress of the telegraphers' strike by successfully settling a strike of shirt waist makers. Her militant attitude on labor questions backed up by her executive ability marked her for the 'black list" according to her friends.

Hence it is not as a novice that Miss Svenson has been elevated to her present position. She looks after virtually all the business of the local, which involves the handling of about \$10,000 a year. Her office in the great Singer building is one of the busiest labor union centers in New York. And one feature of Miss Svenson's work there brings into play her womanly tact and diplomacy for she keeps track of the membership cards and thus is frequently

Sayings of Mrs. Solomon.

seven-hundredth wife, translated by Helen do this for the rest of her days. An alleged confession of King Solomon's dear. You would be foolish if you were in Howland, jabs a bunch of hatpins into my place. The truth is I have a peach of ancient notions of the domestic order and suggests modern improvements. Listen: Now, in Tyre there dwelt a woman, my daughter, and her husband was perfectly devoted.

> And I said unto her, marveling: "This thing is real love!"

And she replied, saying: "Nay, it is real fear! For many a man is a good husband because he dareth not be otherwise.

"Beloved, matrimony is like unto a drive "A long workday is unnecessary, be- the altar. I quelled him with mine eagle eye, and returned him bluff for bluff. Verily, I have made him to believe that machinery and speed, produces more goods I am 'it'-even She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed!" And I questioned her, saying: "Where ago; and it is just as clearly proven that dost thou get the wherewithal for thy

And she made answer: "When there is none other, I take the rent money. For I have caused him to think that what I want I must have. And he worketh overtime that my desire may be fulfilled: for thoughts are things-and my thoughts are expensive things. And he knoweth not

stone, signifying Courage, in March. The fled by the average reader as purely mas- "Lo, every man taketh a woman at her and she stays quiet about a week. Then sapphire denotes Repentance, and is worn culine matters like political conventions own price; and she that is satisfied with

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to buy the baby's shoes shall be made to

"Yea, a husband accepteth thee at thine own valuation, and he cherisheth anything that cometh at a fancy price; but a cheap wife he holdeth in contempt-even as a thing bought with trading stamps.

"Verily, verily, in wedlock there is but one throne, and she that climbeth thereon at first shall rule always. But she that becometh a doormat shall be walked over withal. And a little bluff worketh wonders where great devotion faileth." Selah!

Chat About Women.

Mrs. Nora Stanton Blatch de Forest, granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is said to be equipping a factory at Newark, N. J., for the manufacture of electric condensers. She is a graduate of the civil engineering school of Cornell uni-versity, and since her marriage has been studying electricity.

Bridget Touhey, SI years old, has worked for Mrs. J. Hood Wright of New York City for fifty-one years. "She was more a member of the family than a servant," says Mrs. Wright. "She was the first maid I employed after my marriage, and from that day until she left us, a year ago, to enter the House of Divine Providence, she had been a faithful servant and friend."

Miss Eva L. Shorey of Bridgton, Me., has just submitted a report to the Maine labor bureau in regard to her investigation of the work of children in the mills. She says that with families of six and ten children parents, straining every nerve, cannot do the impossible and keep their children in school until they are 14 unless they have some help, which should not be in the nature of a charity.

Miss Mary McDowell of Chicago is very indignant that any judge should think that a man may not marry on a salary of \$6-a week. New York needs to get a better judge, she says. There are lots of men marrying who carn \$5 a week, and she does not see how a man who carns a small salary is any more excepted from the mutual responsibilities of life than a rich man would be.

Miss Helen Varick Boswell is appealing First Baptist church, and the bridegroom

Anna Wermuth, a woman who was known or silver—large ovals or circles formed by half-inch or inch bands of the enamel in pale blue, rich red, green, etc., with narrow bordering lines of the gold or silver.

Nouveau art buckles in many beautiful designs, set with semi-precious stones, are numerous, coral, topaz, chrysoprase, malachite, jade, clouded amber and a host of other stones beautiful in coloring being

led the women of her calling.

Ten years ago two energetic young women decided to open a tes room in Wellesley viliage, where the college students could get luncheons if they desired or take afternoon tea. It was so successful that a corporation was formed, outsiders putting money into the enterprise. Now the corporation has changed into the Wellesley Inn corporation, and it is quite a flourishing business. It is now a college club house and the women at the head of the organization are very proud of its success.

Leaves from Fashion's Notebook. Cameos mounted in filigree gold make popular armiet. So does Chinese jade set in silver or gold, and its rival stone, the

Some pretty new back combs for blond hair have teeth of very light yellow horn or amber and carved tops of a darker shade of the same material. The girl who must have several white wash waists during the season will find the new white cotton madras a good choice. It saves laundry bills, for it does

not need ironing. More and more bewildering grow the ways and means of arranging the scarfs, but of them all the sash effects are most alluring, especially as they give a suggestion of youthfulness.

The new harness collars of white fox are exceedingly preity and constantly by smart women over evening w They run to a point in front, and crossed with heads and tails at the bi they are put to other than belt uses.

The ribbed webbings or bands which are woven especially for belts are made in many lovely colors and combination of color, and

Never has there been more natural look.

Never has there been more natural look-ing made flowers, or a greater variety of them. In addition to the ever present rose and cirysanthemum are violets, orchids, carnations, maidenbair fern and many other kinds. They are fresh and almost dewey in appearance, and it would take an expert to discover that they were not real, in some cases. Perhaps the most successful and novel of these imitations are the carnations and orchids, the coloring of which is exquisitely conied. is exquisitely copied.

is exquisitely copied.

When grid cloth was introduced into fashion for frocks some years ago it was found harsh and unbecoming. So it fell out of favor. This season the weavers have learned how to turn out wondrous cloth of gold that is as surrice and graceful as gauge. It can readily be worn for frocks if one has the purse to afford it. The ultra smart thing is to own such a gown cut on straight lines in mediaeval fashion, for this is what the new empire is rapidly becoming.

At the Crossroads.

"Why do you object to Mrs. Brown for ostmistress?" "I object to her 'cause I know she'd

delay the distribution of th' mails."
"How so?"
"You know jest as well as I do th' she'd have to read every postcard that came into th' office—an' she's always mislayin' her specs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Curious and Romantic Courtships

Newlyweds in Reality.

other comic series, was mar- wife.

Clellan, but, learning that the secret was out, he decided to wed at once. Mr. McManus said he was 27, an artist, and that he lived at the Hotel Bayard. Miss Bergere said she was 22 and lived at 224 West Forty-ninth street. Both said

be married at the city hall by Mayor Mc-

they were born in St. Louis. Mr. McManus met Miss Bergere four years ago when she was appearing as one of the Jolly Jolly Girls in the original "Panhandle Pete" company. He got her to pose for him, and as a result he created the Jolly Jolly Girls, a series which ran

with success. Inspired by this success, McManus had her pose for him again and this time Mrs. Newlywed was the result.

in Groton, Vt., in the parsonage of the was George Lamphere. The romance began about four months ago, When Mrs. Emerson accepted the dare of friends to insert the advertisement for a husband. She was at first inclined to sign an assumed name, but finally made up her mind to carry the joke as far as possible, not only signing her real name, but also

ton for a personal interview. A Matrimonial Mixuo.

Bewildering relationships among members of two East Finley, Pa., township families have resulted from the marriages of a father and his two sons and a widow and mate and weather. her two daughters. The three ceremonies were celebrated within the last two months. Henry Dillinger, an aged farmer, whose weather only lasts a few days," second wife died nearly a year ago, engaged Mrs. Maria Richmond as his housekeeper. It was agreed that two daughters home with the father and his two sons, you, dear." Charles and David.

After a time the aged farmer married the answer. Lucy Richmond, and the two families continued to occupy the same house. A few weeks after the first marriage Mrs. Rich- go to heaven?" mond became the wife of David Dillinger. the older son. Jennie Richmond and you ask?" Charles Dillinger next were stricken with the matrimonial fever and were married angels with whiskers." last week. The three families now live in the East Finley township home of the elder Dillinger, all, apparently, happy and there by a close shave."

Longboat Forbidden to Wed.

have taken place amid spectacular features in Massey hall, Toronto, December 28, before 5,000 people. It was discovered tow, cheerfully. that the Indian sprinter is still a heathen -that is, he has never accepted Christianity.

So arrangements were made to lead him into the Christian religion through Anglican portals chosen by Canon Creeggan of Deseronto, the church to which Longboat's Indian fiancee, Lauretta Maracle, belongs, But Archbishop Sweatman takes the ground that Longboat has given no evidence of conversion to Christianity, and therefore is still a heathen. His grace has forbidden the clergy from marrying Longboat at Massey hall or any other

place. minister seems willing under the circum- Write to the Marmola Company, Detroit, stances to undertake the job. Longboat and his manager, Flannagan,

parson, for Plannagan said: "Yom must be married."

Winning Suitor Weishes.

court to Miss Dugan. But all the time she EORGE M'MANUS, the New would not give him an answer, until finally, York artist who created the several weeks ago, she told him that she Newlyweds. Panhandle Pete, was going to have a birthday party, and if the Jolly Jolly Girls and many a certain thing happened she could be his

ried December 23 to Miss Flor- All their friends was there. Girl friends ence Bergere, the original of "Mrs. Newly- of Annie and male friends of Andy. There wed." The ceremony was performed at was much giggling as Annie drew forth the Hotel Belleclaire in New York City. three candles, lighted them, and placed Mr. McManus had been keeping his com- them on a board. She wouldn't tell what it ing marriage a secret. He had planned to would be, but declared that there would be a prize in store for some one.

The candles burned and the girls giggled, and three of the boys all looked glum, for each one of them had something big at stake, although not one of them knew it. Finally, one after another of the candles burned out, and only one remained. Then Annie announced that under each candle was the name of a certain young man, and she would marry the one whose name was under the candle that burned the longest. Andy's candle had survived them all

Yotsow did not see the joke, and declared that he did not want to be herded together with a lot of other suitors. When the wedding ceremonies were arranged he did not appear. Now Annie has sued him, and will force the wedding.

Record of a Marrying Parson.

Rev. Alfred Harrison Burroughs, known as the "wizard parson," of Bristol, Tenn., because of the remarkable record he has made at marrying people, closed the year 1968 with a record of 2,811 ceremonies in eighteen years. This represents the number who have eloped from Virginia and West Virginia to be married in Tennessee, where the laws are more favorable for the mar-

riage of minors. Mr. Burroughs had a hotel erected for the purpose of entertaining bridgl couples. This building contains twenty-two rooms, sending along her picture, which, to her including the bridal chamber. He is now surprise, the paper published. She re- past 75 years of age, but is still active, beceived hundreds of letters from men ing enthusiastic about his unique business. who vowed that they were already in love He meets all trains from Virginia and carwith the comely nurse and could not live ries on his arm from three to four umwithout her, while some of the aspirants brellas as a means of accommodating his for Mrs. Emerson's hand went to Brock- patrons with shelter in the event of a

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

One day at school small Lola was called upon to explain the difference between cli-"Climate," answered the little miss, "is what we have with us all the time, but

Helen's mother passed her the cake, and when the little one went to reach across Mrs. Richmond, Lucy, aged 16, and the plate for the largest piece her mamma Jennie, aged 19, should live in the Dillinger said: "Always take the piece nearest to "Well, then, turn the plate around," was

"Mamme," said little Elsie, "do men ever "Why, of course, my dear. What makes

"Because I never seen any pictures of

"Well," said the mother thoughtfully, "some men do go to heaven, but they get

Master Walter, aged 5, had eaten the soft portions of his toast at breakfast and piled There is a hitch in the preparations for the crusts on his plate. "When I was a Tom Longboat's wedding, which was to little boy," remarked his father, "I always ate the crusts of my toast."

"'Did you like them?" asked the little fel-"Yes." replied the parent.

"You may have these," replied Master Walter, pushing his plate across the table. -The Delineator.

Check Your Fat

Hold it where it is, or take off some

You can do either without disturbing your meals or your case or your digestive or-gans. You can do it without physical risk, mental effort or danger of a wrinkle. "Sounds well, but these are words only," The predicament is unpleasant for Long-boat and his fiances, for at present no test, while natural, is feeble. Prove it. Mich., inclosing % cents, or, better still, take that amount over to your druggist and were hustling about Toronto looking for a get one of the extra large cases of Marmola Prescription Tablets. You will find it generously filled. Take one after meals and at bedtime, and within thirty days you should be losing a pound of fat a day Because Anna Dugan of Denver, aged 18, made use of an ancient plan to determine which of three suitors should become her husband. Andrew Yotsow, upon whom her choice fell, refuses to take her, and Annie, through her father, has resorted to law.

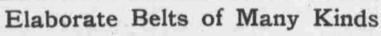
For some time Yotsow has been paying



lies in warm baths with

rashes, itchings and chafings of childhood and for the prevention of the same, as well as for the sanative, antiseptic cleansing of ulcerated, inflamed mucous surfaces and other uses which suggest





N spite of the vogue of the short delicious pinkish violet which was exactly fit snugly. On this plain surface a monowaistline and girdle, the belt tournaline color.

Has flourished mightly this This leather was finely studded in steel. a narrow, plain band of ribbed webbing or season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and has taken on al. The buckle was of cut steel, but set with the season and the belt should be the season and the belt should be the women of the country to help the purposed children's bureau as to get the real facts about the children before the people of the country, and she begs that the season are the season and the belt should be the women of the country to help the women of the women of the country to help the women of the country to help the women of the country to help the women of the women of the country to help the women of the women of the country to help the women of t N spite of the vogue of the short delicious pinkish violet which was exactly fit snugly. On this plain surface a monomost unprecedented variety, cabochon tourmalines. Another belt in



Now that the leather workers accomplish things in color and finish, even the plain leather belts have taken on added and it is possible among them to find something matching almost any of the modish colors. Shades of rose, medium blues and the fashionable greens are conspicuous among the season's leather belts and are not only represented in the plain beits, but in fanciful designs as well. Some particularly smart effects of the

places.

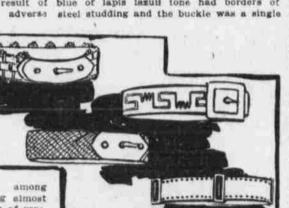
more elaborate type are perhaps five inches wide and have embroidery in very fine soutache ornamenting the leather, the braid and leather being of one color. The large square or oval buckle is covered with the leather and braided, but mere touches of gold thread appear in the embroidery designs of the buckle, and the prongs of the buckle are gold. This belt, in a soft duli blue, is exceedingly attractive, and in the olive greens

and smoky grays is also very successful. Combinations of fine braid and leather, nterwoven, are made in one tone coloring and in black with color, the leather and braid being woven in and out to form squares, or the braid being run through slits in the leather and passing lengthwise on the belt. Much is done with braid, chiefly of the

soutache kind, through the province of the seit, and many of the effects obtained are far more attractive in fact than in the description. One especially good model is a rather wide belt of closely braided or interwoven gold and silver soutache, with a finish of black patent leather at each end and little straps of the patent leather fastening through small gold buckles. Black patent leather also trims many belts of colored leather and a narrow belt

which has been quite popular is in alternating squares of black patent leather and dull finish colored leather-blue, rose, piece of lapis lazuli pordered by thickly nating stripes of gold and color run lengthgreen, gray, brown or white. The same set beads or heads of steel. dull finish leather is much liked for gen- buckles offered for use on belts the task or entirely in metallic colorings. erai wear.

in the steel studded models elastic web- seasons.





SOME NEW BELT DESIGNS.

would prove a hopeless one, for the va-Black leather with a single band of patent riety is endless and the level of beauty have rivaled the belts this winter, and, teather running around the middle of the high. Among the simpler buckles which while it is well to have such girdles made beit and passing through brass-bound eye- are distinctly chic are round or oval spapes to order and adapted carefully to the figure lets makes a good looking belt, and col- of somewhat delicate character, in gold or of the wearer, it is possible to buy very ored leather, wide, soft, crushable and silver, deeply etched and without other good girdles ready made and either in the is rapidly becoming. studded with graceful design with tiny cut ornament. These, when sterling, are by no shape of a plain scarf with fringed ends not likely to go out of style with passing

bing is more generally used than leather. Another buckle considered very smart is fringe of all widths on indoor gowns. In and among these clastic models are some a perfectly plain burnished oval of sliver, other days it was used on street frocks, which bring extravagantly high prices, brass or gold, very moderate in size and ventence and comfort, that this fashion One such belt was of suede leather in a shaped to the waist curve so that it will

Very effective, too, and another example of that deceitful simplicity which costs more than much that is elaborately osten
federation of Women's Clubs. tatious are the buckles of enamel on gold

used for the purpose, and clever imitations of these stones being used for buckles less expensive but almost as effective.

Coral is particularly charming in combination with dull sliver or steel and gray leather, and there are, too, some unusual and most artistic schemes worked out in topaz, dull silver and gray leather. Handsome buckles of rhinestone on paste.

> times of simplest line and depending upon the brilliancy of the stones for effect, are in every collection of buckles and occasionally one finds colored brilliants and rhinestones. combined, but there buckles are more attractive in the even-Ing than in the daytime, and, as belts are not usually a detail of evening dress, these brilliant buckles are not so practical as they are beautiful. unless

tion of color, and such bands in heavily ribbed black and gold buckles. Usually the band has a black or plain color center with an inch border of gold on

wise on the belt, but occasionally and finds model in black patent leather and black. If one were to attempt description of the the bands woven in more fanciful designs Satin girdles of one kind and another

steel beads is finished with beautiful buck- means cheap, but they have an air of dis- or in a draped girdle with scarf ends less of cut steel or of leather beaded in tinction without pretentiousness and are weighted by tassels, balls or fringe.