## FASHION

NEW YORK, Feb., 15.-The best dressed woman is not always the one who has the most elaborate clothes but she who knows
wear what she has.
During the snowy, rainy weather of last werk. I salw several laughable. even pitiable, examples of women
wearing the unsuitable. wearing the unsuitable.
At one of the large music stores on
Broadway where the customers are Broadway, where the customers are usually well-dressed as well as talented. I encountered three young women garbed as for an afternoon reception. The hour was eleven in the forenoon. One of them, young and pretty, wore a very handsome and elaborately white-lace-trimmed black silk velvet skirt, with a sweeping train, and sho ing a white silk petticoat beneath. White, did I say? Well, it had been white before its contact with Broadway's muddy pudlles.
She carried her skirt very high, exposing not only about a foot and a half of this accordion-plaited and much be-ruched petticoat, but a pair high heels and buckies, and with very high heels and buckles, and black silk stockings with lace insertions through which the flesh tints of her wellturned, slender ankles were visible. It would have been funny, had it
not aroused in me a feeling of pity for not aroused in
Her clothes were of the richest quality. The long chinchilla boa worn
over her Persian lamb coat was one of over her Persian lamb coat was one of the finest I have ever seen, and her hat, save that the plume was damp and stringy, was a work of art.
It was a large, black velvet affair, with a big pale blue ostrich plume wound about it.
Her two companions were quite as mappropriately attired, though they had the saving grace of more season-
One was in brown corduroy, with furs and hat to match; but the plumes on the hat were done for.
1 am not an advocate of the short skirt-indeed. I do not like it for town. and the links; but if with the country necessity go walking in the must of I say, wear a short skirt and a dark one.
those who know littly patent, eren to ters, that the women to whom I refer were ridiculous.
It is really remarkable how few womeir wardrobes afford. I have seen
their the only daughter of a multi-millionaire at an after-theatre supper in severe tafior-made suit and an Alpine hat, apparently oblivious to the fact that all the other women of the party were beautifully and properly gowned and jeweled.
Many Southern and Western women, visiting New York and stopping at the best hotels, almost invariably wear
their afternoon gowns as early as nine in the morning. Indeed, I saw the wife of a well known Western millionaire breakfasting at an early hour one morning recently in at gown of palo she did not wear diamonds.
I have heard of the Chicago man who appeared at breakfast in a dinner jacket, and of the Texas lawyer who Court of the United States in full vening dress. Such masculine errors are comparatively rare: but women are equally ridiculous.
To be sure. I have never yet scen as woman decollete in the morning-1 have in the afternoon-but 1 shall no: be surprised even at that: for anything in a minute and advance their wive from poverty to affluence over night. The new street costumes and after noon gowns are most artistic.
A dull gray, heavy hopsacking, with long-tailed coat and handsome black
hibition last Friday tyle beautifully
Her hat was of crushed gray felt. ith black roses
Short women, even if slight, do not not believe it
the attempt.
Waldorf-Astordan chantant, at the the predominating color
An Englishwoman, tall and fair, wore in American-made costume, having a same shade of brown. It was quite simple, but exquisite in its lines, Her hat and vell were brown, ton, the former trimmed with crushed pink roses.
Another tastefully gowned woman had ber gray zibeline trimmed with wide cuffs, wide collar and bands of Russian squirrel.
light-brown princess gown was aced up the back with wide ribbons which passed in and out of elaborately mbroidered eyelets.
The furs worn with these various walking and carriage costumes are
simply wondefful in their quality and simply wondetful in their quality an And now a word about the shoulder protecting wraps for evening wear over the low gowns, said to be advocated by the wife of the President.
They are showing a few in the best
One is expecially pretty, although I still favor the wide and delicate ostrich feather boa as a protection from eather boa as a protection from
draughts. The wrap to which 1 refer s a small cape, made of white
It reathes half-way to the waist. and is quite fluffy at the bottom. Th top fits closely, and is entirely of the lace. Wherever the crepe do thine shows, it is tucked.
Another is a short Eton with elbow seeves, made of pink chiffon to match the chiffon robe, of which it is a part This wrap is tucked in diamond-shaped fashion, and has lace squares appliqued upon it.
Wide ribbon sash-ends fall from the iddle of the sack to the totterm the skirt.
1 doubt very much. however, that the fashion will ever become populat Lady Modish in Town Topics,

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    Thomas Jeffetson in a letter for ir Cooper. November $2 d .1822$, describe his plan of inviting the different religfous sects to establish "each for it self a professorship for their own tenants" in connection with the state uni versity of Virginia. Later Dr. Latw: for years chancellor of the university If Mssouri, cherished the hope that the "hristian denominations of the stat would unite in a Bible school "which should sponge out of the universit all that

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    The tirst Hible work started in the, l'nited States in connection with state
    universites, was inaugurated october universites, was inaugurated October.
    1893 , when the Christian woman s toare of missions of the Church of Christ - Distiples of christ upon invitation of the university, established the Enk lish Bible chairs at Ann Arbor. Michikan, with Professor H. L. Willet and than 1,200 students of the unicersity of Michigan and many citizens have already availed themselves of this instruction. President Angell testitios to the great good already accomplisied in the following: "We feel under obligations to the Bible chairs for ligations to the Bible chairs for
    the help they have rendered in relig-

    ## ious work among the students." <br> ious work among the students.

    disarm prefudice of the religious sect against an institution of "no religion" as it was dominated. Dr. Laws' plan

