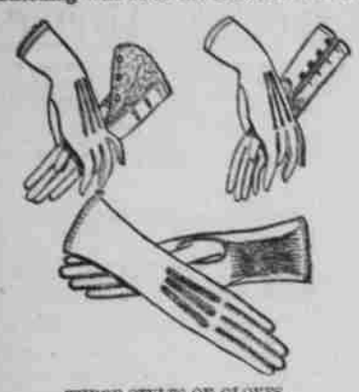
ALL ABOUT GLOVES.

STYLES THAT ARE FINDING FAVOR. THE PROPER CARE OF GLOVES.

Suggestions Concerning the Selection of Gloves—Directions For Putting on Gloves the First Time—How to Take Them Off Without Destroying Their Shape.

The principal changes that mark the fashion in gloves have to do with the matter of color and manner of fastening. This winter red is one of the most popular colors, hence gloves are to be seen in all the red shades, including the red browns and red tans, for day and street wear. For evening wear there is quite a choice in colors. White and pearl are the most approved tints, though delicate tan is also in good taste and any color worn to match the dress, yellow, old rose, heliotrope or any chosen hue.

For ladies' wear the walking glove is of glace kid, four buttoned, with three narrow rows of stitching on the back. If the color is one of the red shades, the stitching will be of the same, or of scar-



THREE STYLES OF GLOVES.

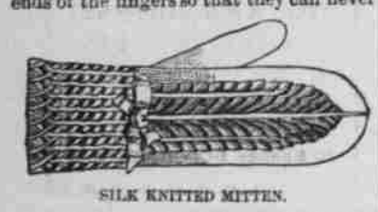
let or white, according to the wearer's fancy. A new style of glove also popular for outdoor wear has a gusset let in on the under side to afford ease in slipping on, the extra looseness being remedied by a clasp at the wrist, which draws in the glove and makes it a perfect fit. For evening wear the mousquetaire gants de Suede are the preferred style, according to Harper's Bazar, authority for the foregoing.

In glove wearing, of course, the first object should be to secure a perfect fit.

If a glove is of the right size and cut much of its subsequent tractability depends upon the way it is first put on. It should be perfectly adjusted to the hand, with every seam straight and true, each finger pushed down to its proper place, and the whole fitted smoothly. This will require a little time, but it will be minutes well invested, for the glove entering upon its usefulness in this way will ever after be found ready to the hand and in every way pleasing.

A writer in Good Housekeeping advises that no attempt be made to button the glove till the hand is perfectly fitted; then begin at the bottom and proceed gently—do nothing with gloves in a hurry. A dress glove for visiting or evening wear should fit closely and perfectly, but at all other times those which have more room inside should be employed. For walking, driving and other service, where protection of the hands is the object in wearing gloves, they should be sufficiently large to give the hands entire freedom.

As there is a right way and also many wrong ways to put on the gloves, there is also a right way to take them off. The authority quoted says: They should never be drawn off by the finger tips unless they are old and very loose. Taking them off in that way soon stretches the ends of the fingers so that they can never



SILK KNITTED MITTEN.

afterward be made to give a pleasing fit. Instead, take the glove by the wrist and draw it gently back over the hand till the second joint of the fingers is reached. It can then be drawn off by the finger tips without damage. When it is thus taken off, the very best way to treat it is to leave the fingers distended, just as they came from the hand. When it is next wanted, it will fit the hand much more easily and look better than if it were smoothed and flattened back into the form of a new glove.

There are gloves for extreme cold weather lined with lambs' wool, and then there are knitted mittens in silk that are durable and easily put on and off.

Linoleum In the Kitchen.

An authority on such matters recommends a thin quality of linoleum to be used as a dado for the walls in a kitchen. It should be glued close to the wall, and may be finished at the top with a plain molding. It may then be oiled or varnished, or left in its natural condition, as one chooses. It is in every way to be preferred to a dado of wood, which is liable to crack and leave interstices in which insects may lodge. The dado of linoleum is as easily washed as a dado of tiling, and is even more durable, while it is a good deal cheaper.

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Popcorn Balls—Boil molasses as for candy; when cooked, pour over the corn, which must be nicely popped and placed in a pan; stir with a spoon until cool enough to work with the hands. Grease the hands with butter, form the corn into balls, and lay them on well buttered dishes.

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