I shopped to such satisfaction; My new hat is so neat; My gown will spread distraction Among the girls I meet.

I found the loveliest notions For making Christmas things; I'll return all Tom's devotions With cute embroiderings

Ah, if only that ring were Annal Just the friend I long to see; I shall tell her in what manner I discouraged Dudle Leigh.

The hour of coziest leisure Human beings can contrive

How merrily burns the fire Behind its glittering dogs! How the kettle's steam mounts higher Like Narragansett fogs! Shall I brew the flowers of Pekoe,

Or the wayward caravan?

For my daintiest cup I'll seek—oh,
Here it is, dear Nan!

Yes, this ring means that it's Tom, do
He will be here right away. Of all my comings home, dear The happiest came today ose Hawthorne Lathrop in Harper's Bazar

The Dumb Book Agent.

A woman has hit upon a deceptive device so original that it ought to be susceptible of protection by patent, for it invariably secures interested attention to a book agent. It is true that its originator and operator is an exceedingly pretty young woman, demure of aspect and modest in dress; but hard hearted man has learned to withstand the ordinary charms of the gentle sex when they are applied to the arts of canvassing, and the most beautiful specimen is just about as quickly repulsed as the ugliest one. But this genius enters an office. silently approaches the object upon "I am dumb."

A book agent who can't talk! The wonder of it compels attention at once. The winsome creature can hear well enough (and it is hardly a secret that she can talk, too, when she wishes to) and to the questions of the man she writes quaint little replies on her slate. incidental to a display of the book which she is selling, and in nineteen cases out of twenty she gets a cash order. Of course her harvest may be brief, for she can reap the field but once, but it is a rich one.-New York Sun.

The Fashionable Handkerchief.

The maiden fair of olden time who used to wave her white handkerchief to the knight departing to fight her battles would open her eyes very wide if she could see the handkerchief of today. The most fashionable are made of crepe lisse. with an embroidered edge and in every color imaginable, from brilliant scarlet to pale Nile green, and from jet black to clear white. Some very unique effects are produced by contrast of color The black handkerchief is usually a square of silk muslin, with a full frill of fine black lace about it. Any girl can easily make one of these for herself. For every day use the white handkerchief of lawn. with a narrow hemstitched border-a very narrow one-and a fine frill of lace -Valenciennes-not half an inch wide about it is preferred. Elaborate monograms are no longer fancied, but instead the initials of the owner in small letters and in what is known as running fash-ion are chosen.—Mrs. Mallon in Ladies

An American Singer Abroad.

Mme. Belle Cole, the American contralto, has the finest turnout in London. she is to be seen every afternoon whirling in her stylish phaeton through Hyde park, the admiration of lords, ladies and hol polloi, who gape in dumb astonish ment at the prowess with which the famous singer puts her splendid bay through his paces. You put a spirited thoroughbred English horse in front of a light running American vehicle con taining a handsome, well dressed and cool headed woman, and the effect upon the British public is simply electrical.— Eugene Field in Chicago News.

A Girl Who Is a Mathematician. Mathematical honors multiply for women Miss Julia Rappicourt, of Melbourne, Australia, took honors in Greek and French at Melbourne uni versity at the age of 16. Now, at the age of 19, in the examination for the clerical division of the Victoria civil service, with 196 competitors, the dili gent young lady secures 492 marks out of a possible 500 in mathematics—the highest rank ever taken in such a competition. She hopes to take her degree of M. A., and to study law.—Harper's Bazar

Her Hair Drugs Two Feet.

Miss Laura Burns, of Martinsville, Ind., is probably the only woman in the United States whose natural hair has attained a length of seven feet. It is very heavy, and is of a light brown color The lady is well known, and the truth of the statement is attested to by many of her friends. The lady is five feet and three inches high, and when standing erect her hair reaches the floor and forms a trail almost two feet in length.-Cor. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Clara S. Cochrane, who was recently ordained to the ministry at Bath, N. H., pursued the regular course of study in the theological seminary at Meadville, Pa., in company with her husband, Rev. L. D. Cochrane, who is now pastor of the Unitarian church at Littleton.

commissioned to design a fountain for Washington, and is also engaged upon the statues of several distinguished pub-

The accumulation of wealth, estimated at 14 per cent. of the gross earnings of Oneen Victoria's Wentth

They have been figuring on the cost of maintaining the royal family in England, and it transpires that since Victoria's succession the present royal family has cost the nation the considerable sum of \$173,113,115. Of this amount about \$125,000,000 has been spent toward maintaining the state and household and toward filling the queen's private purse. Up to this time the Prince of Wales has drawn altogether \$16,500,-000, and it is estimated that his debts aggregate half as much again. The Empress Frederick of Germany has received \$1,425,000 from the British taxpayer, the duke of Edinburgh \$2,500,000, the duke of Connaught \$1,836,000, the Princess Christian \$310,000, the duke of Albany \$970,000 and the Princess Louise \$660,-

It is believed that the queen is the richest woman in the world. Of the extent of her possessions only those few in her confidence have positive knowledge, but occasionally there is brought to light some little incident that confirms the popular suspicion that her majesty has most successfully feathered her own nest. The queen has always surrounded her-self with the shrewdest business advisers, and the manipulation of her finances has been intrusted to the closest hands. It is said that she has never lost a penny

by unwise speculation. The amount of real estate she owns in London is simply enormous. One block alone is said to include both sides of the Quadrant and Regent street from Picca-dilly circus to Oxford street—the most valuable property in the kingdom. Victoria began her career as poor as the average German princess. The lesson in frugality taught her by her excellent mother she has never forgotten. She is provident to the degree of parsimony. Of the extravagance of the Prince of Wales she has a special horror, and it is said that she locks up her wallet and whom she proposes to operate, lays a loses the key whenever she sees her son neat little slate before him and writes on and heir coming down the road toward the castle to pay her a call.—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

Furnishing Skilled Maids.

An English society for the employment of women has established a new branch of usefulness alike to employers and employed. It is the sending out of skilled waitresses for service at small entertainments which yet prove too formidable for the household. Such are selected from married women on the society's list of beneficiaries who have been trained parlor maids and waitresses before marriage. They go for a single dinner or series, or to tide a household over two or three days of emergency of unexpected company and the like.

In this country undoubtedly such a bureau would prove especially valuable. American households as a rule, even many pretentions ones, have not the staff of servants an English establishment of the same rank finds necessary. "Three men and five maids for a family of five living quietly in a fashionable part of London" is the indoor list one correspondent furnishes in an English journal, asking an estimate of food allowance for it. In New York three maids, with perhaps a door opener besides, either man or buttons, constitute an average house service for the great number of well to do residents of this city. who entertain, too, and preserve a fashionable standing. Of course this number is trebled and quadrupled in a long list of the more elaborate establishments. but these in their turn do not reach the enormous retinue of an English aristocratic menage

To be able, therefore, to slip in a trained maid for a few hours or a day or two would often be of great value to an American mistress, and it would seem An experienced and daring horsewoman. | that some of the various women's employment societies on this side of the Atlantic might introduce the service with success.-New York Times.

A Clever Artist's Occupation.

A young artist in New York is winning a reputation all over the country for talent in a peculiar field. It whatever city an art exhibition is under discussion the first move is to send for her to take in hand the details. It is an unusual genius which she possesses for hanging, cataloguing and—what is quite as much to the point with people as impecunious as the artists of literature and tradition for selling pictures.

She is really evolving a new profession, that of conducting art exhibitions. of which she has in course of the winter probably half a dozen on her hands. Grim necessity, they say, has invention for her pretty daughter, and the need that has set half the younger artists to boiling their kettles with the proceeds of illustrated soap and trouser advertisements while they wait for fame to bring them fortune has pointed out to a clever woman an equally convenient way .-New York Commercial Advertiser.

Old Fashions Revived. Dr. Julian J. Chisolm, of Baltimore, has been inspecting the Babylonish cylinders in the British museum, and has found from the intaglies cut on them that the street dress of a society lady and presumptive leader of fashion in the off in the day time and put on my slipyear 2800 B. C. had a tight fitting waist and sleeves, and a flounced or accordion plaited clinging skirt, such as hangs in all women's wardrobes today. Moreover, the hat was high, and a general slenderness and length of line was visibly sought, the Babylonian Worth having anticipated his French successor by nearly 4,000 years.—Harper's Bazar.

The Craze for Smelling Bottles. A comparatively new craze is the taste for smelling bottles filled with salts of ammonia steeped in lavender water. The Miss Louise Lawson is a talented and a large smelling bottle of this sort, sculptor in Albany, N. Y. She has been if left open in a room, soon impregnates odor is extremely sweet and pungent. the atmosphere with a delightful and refreshing perfume. The bottles used are plain, large mouthed affairs, mounted in the larger sizes is so great that one famous

STYLES IN STATIONERY.

Here Is the Proper Thing in Note Paper

and in Visiting Cards. Styles in stationery have not materially changed from last season, though some of the distinctions are a little more marked. New varieties of note paper with florid decorations, eccentric dimensions, and conspicuous tintings are pro duced, but fail to become standard. The most elegant as well as genteel paper sold is a heavy cream white sheet folding once into a square envelope. This sheet may have a rough finish and the curiously mottled appearance of coarse wrapping paper, by the irregular arrangement of water lines, when it is known as Grecian antique. It may be smoothly finished, with no gloss and very called "kid finished."

It may have a rough cloth finish or a peculiar rough effect known as "parch-ment vellum." Quite the latest paper used is a so called "etching paper." which has a rough surface with various irregular depressions, and rougher still, almost like Bristol board, is the so called hand made parchment. A new variety of paper has broad water lines stamped across the paper horizontally, and diagonally applied to the envelope.

The same styles, too, are carried out in the thin lined papers for those who like a thin paper for the purpose of letter writing. In all notes of invitation or regret and formal correspondence the heavier varieties are employed. The one new tint produced this year is a very delicate violet shade, which is sometimes used by æsthetic people. Another shade known as azure, which is in reality a dull, soft blue, is also somewhat popu-Dull stone color and chocolate are also sometimes seen, but the conservative woman of good taste selects always a plain cream tinted paper.

At the top of the page, and in the center instead of the corner, is her address stamped in colored letters, surmounted by her monogram, or coat of arms if she has one. The monograms are much more used this season than they have been previously, and the fancy is to stamp them in embossed letters colored with metallic colors. The three initials in script are sometimes used instead of the monogram. For ordinary use the letters and accompanying monograms are of a clear scarlet or blue, printed smoothly upon the paper.

Gentlemen's visiting cards are a trifle longer and quite as narrow as those of last year, and have the address in the lower left hand corner. The lady's vis iting card is large, square and imposing, and engraved in large script, especially if the name is a short one.

Wedding invitations are in every respect the same, engraved on a sheet, note size, which folds once, to be inclosed in the envelope. This envelope contains sometimes three cards besides the invitation proper—the card to be presented at the church door, another for the reception at the house, and a third which may give the future at home day of the bride. A card is sometimes used for church weddings indicating the hour and place at which the bridal party take the train, and which is practically an invitation to see them off on the wedding journey.-New York Sun.

Lady and Woman.

Mrs. Lynn Linton calls attention to the curious fact that whereas fifty years ago gentlewomen said "mamma" and were called "ladies," while humbler people said "mother" and were called 'women," we have now made a kind of verbal somersault. What used to be the sign of dignity has become the shibboleth of vulgarity aping gentility, while the old badge of the common folk has been adopted by the upper classes. The philosophy of the matter lies, we are told, in the strange desire to be thought socially better than we are, which leads in time to the universal adoption of a title that once had a definite meaning.

The inevitable consequence is the re turn of the higher to the simple conditions abandoned by the lower, for "the fine fleur" always separates itself from its immediate imitators and prefers to adopt the style and manner of those who are too far removed for the possibility of confusion. "Woman," in Mrs. Linton's opinion, is taking an almost Junoic symbolism-grand, supreme, all embracing, while "lady" has fallen to the ground like an overripe plum in the heart of which the wasps have been at work .-London News.

Possibly a Sample of Many. I met a lady acquaintance a few days ago who walked as though she was seriously lame. I sought the cause. At first glance the symptoms would indicate that the trouble lay in her shoes, as she was large enough to take a No. 5 shoe. but still she wore No. 4. She limped along painfully, so I inquired what ailed her.

"It is my nerves," she replied. "Nerv-ousness is my great affliction, and now my feet are so affected that I can hardly "Nerves, eh?" I rejoined. "Do you

usually experience the same sensation when you take off your shoes?" "Oh, no," she said, "but if I take them pers, I find that I cannot get my shoes on again; my feet seem to swell." I had no more remarks to offer.-Ex-

Red Dresses Popular.

Dresses of vivid red English serge are very popular this season. These make bright and becoming gowns for youthful women. When trimmed with black velvet ribbon, black fur, or black passementeries, the color is toned down considerably. Astrakhan is much used upon these dresses. Some imitations of this short curly fur are quite good, and wear extremely well. In gray and black mixtures it is common looking, but made entirely of silky black wool the effect is entirely different.-New York

silver and varying in size from two or three ounces to a pint. The demand for The Business Woman's Journal, proposes Miss Mary F. Seymour, the editor of soon to organize a woman's business mankind, now aggregates \$5,000,000.000 fashionable establishment has been utterly unable to fill its orders.—New York Star. soon to organize a woman's business college. She says it will be the outcome of the Union School of Stenography and Typewriting. terly unable to fill its orders.—New York of the Union School of Stenography and

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