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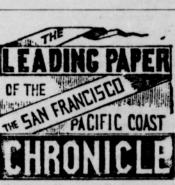
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GOOD WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY A CHICAGO GIRLS' CLUB.

## Canvas - The Rainy Day Club - Lamp Shades and Sleeves - The Height of

The clubbecese of the Girls' Mutual Benefit club is at 531 West Superior street and is in good financial condition so far as its running expenses are cencerned. It is self supporting, although the fees are so small, the initiation fee being 25 cents and the dues 5 cents a week. The men:bership numbers about 225, and includes a number of the leisure class besides a large number of s if supporting young wemen.

The club was crganized in 1890 by six young women who recognized the fact that a home of luxury was the fate of comparatively few, and who longed to divide the favors fortune had bestowed upon them with their less fortunate sisters. They had worked together for some time in the Ashland circle of King's Daughters, Lut the club was net in any way uncer the auspices of the King's Daughters. Al'ce Cary Burkhardt, one of the founders, is president of the club.

After the regular classes were established Saturday evening was set aside for socials and lectures, the latter en TERMS STRICTLY CASP. history, hygiene, Delsarte, general care of the health and other interesting sub-

A library was started at once, and that, together with the games and music for those who do not wish to join the classes, helps to make the evenings spent in the clubhouse both prefitable

and pleasant. The expenses were defrayed at first by the proceeds of a cencert, which made a nest egg of \$268 to start en. But the club very scen outgrew its small quarters, and it was decided best to build. About \$1,500 was raised by subscriptions, entertainments and bazaars, which paid for the lct at 531 West Superior street, upon which a



ALICE CARY BURKHAPDT. handsome and commodious clubbouse paid each year on the indebtedness. This amount is raisedly outside subscription, entertainments, etc. They

still owe \$3,000. The house was dedicated amid great enthusiasm and has drawn an immense membership from that vicinity. It is finished admirably and furnished for the special needs of the organization. On the ground floor are the rooms occupied by the janitor and his wife, the matron, and consist of a little five room flat. The bathrooms, which are always open for the use of the members, are also on this floor, as well as the furnace and storage rooms. On the second floor are the offices, library, two large recep tion roor s and a well appointed kitchen where the cooking lessons take place and which, as furnished, is a model kitchen in every sense of the term. The third floor is divided into a large auditorium and two music rooms in

The entire house has hard finished floors, and the recms, with the exception of the large auditorium, are furnished with rugs. All the furniture except the auditorium folding chairs was donated by friends of the institution. This is probably as attractive a clubhouse as there is in the city, especially when it is taken into consideration that young women say the organization is what its name indicates—delightfully mutual in its benefits. The members of the leisure class have time and ways to club outside the club's own limits. The are always ready to engage in entertainmenta, for which they pay a regular admission price as a help to the acvenue of the club. It is impossible to estimate the value to the leisure class of the lessons which they learn of the girls and young women who every day glean ex-perience in the business world. These industrial members are bright examples.

of patience and perseverance. The classes are all free, with one exception, and the fee for that one is only 10 cents, the charge being made on account of necessary expense involved. The other classes are carried on by 24 volunteer te chers, who aim to make their instruction as practical as possible. For the cressmaking class a sewing machine has been given, so that nothing is left out of the fullest instruction anything in a girl's ware obe. The tice and illustration in the shape of a

supper. This institution is not for the so called "submerged tenth"-does not aim at civ.lizing, but Americanizing. This clarict being composed entirely of for-eigners of the poor but thrifty class and speaking their native languages in their homes, it is hard to get at the heads of the families, as they stay at home so National, Star Insurance Bidg., Chicago. Ic has been the desire of the club to

form mothers' clubs, but in this the club is hampered by the linguistic fact aLove referred to .- Chicago Tribune.

### The Majority Petition.

Y., when asked her views on the "mrjerity petition," in a manner positive and firm replied:

"From the time when Margaret Brent asked to vote in the Maryland assembly, Jan. 21, 1647-8, to the present day the vemen of America have been asking ic a voice in government. When all legitimate arguments against the granting of their reasonable requests have f.i.ed, they have been met with t! inane apology that when a majority of women want to vote the suffrage will

be conferred upon them. .

ity of all the women se e state.
"I deny the right any person or power to demand such a test as a majeri'v petition. The declaration of independence does not say, We hold these truths to be self evident, that when all men, er a majerity of them, shall ask for their inalienable rights they shall receive them. It says that all men are created equal and encowed by their Creater with certain inalicnable rights, and that to secure these rights governmen's are instituted.

"If this time honored instrument sets forth any one supreme proposition of which all others are but corollaries, it is the statement that governments are instituted to secure rights.

"The theory seems to be growing fortable. - New York Press. alarmingly prevalent in these latter be days that the government should confer rights, and that only when the demand is so strong that it can no longer safely w thhold them. If this be true, Columt a is no better than old King John. In all the pages of history, ancient cr modrn, there is not recorded an instance where a determinant majority of un- confections of silk, lace and ribbon. Last recegn zed persons ever asked for an extension of rights or privileges.

"A volume would not contain the record of instances in the worla's history where an active, aggressive minerity has demanded an extens on of rights and privileges and received them. The whole story of the evolution of liberty is but an illustrated sequence of examples where the few have asked and the many received. To confine curselves to our own country, we should never have had a Decaration of Independence if it had been necessary to have a major ty of the colonists declare for it. The maj rity, and especially the wealthy peo-ple in colonial days, thought it better to endure the ills they had than to run the risk of others which they knew not of, At one time during the Revolutionary war there were twice as many Americans in arms against the cause of independence as there were in the American army. The loyalists in this country always claimed that they were in the majority. In New York state originally only freeholders voted. Did the poor state of New York in 1846 unanimously cr in any determinant majority petitien for the tranchise? Did Atra L neeln insist upon a majority petition from the slaves before s pning the eman-cipation proclamation? D.d the negroes in the south in the days of reconstruction circulate a petition to find out how many wanted to vote?

'If a majority test is to be required, the legic cothe situation demands that it le a majority of citizens, both men and women. '- Lew York Tribune.

### Piques and Cotton Canvas.

Judging from the quantities of pique

displayed in the shops, it is to be a favorite material the coming summer. is of lighter weight, not nearly so still as it used to be, and the different colorings are very attractive, the pale yellows, pinks and blues especially so, while there are dark blue striped with white and tan with a hairline of white which should make up very smartly. This is a fabric which is particularly pretty for children's wear, and in the coats and capes trimmed heavily with bands of openwork insertion is much better for summer than any silk could possibly be. For grown up peeple pique locks best made in a severe style, and a coat and it is managed entirely by girls. These jacket in tailor fashion are always satisfactory. There is a rumor, and one that seems to have more foundation in fact than most rumors, to the effect that the locse sack coat is to be made up in plan and to work for the support of the these piques This is a style which requires freat care in cut and make. wageworkers do their part in dues and When it is becoming, it is immensely e, but when it is not it is the very ug iest garment any one can wear. The gered skirts, made with the narrow cres, are to be fashionable for rique and such materials, each seam having a cerding or piping, lines of braid or narrow and effective insertion.

The canvas cloths are much on the order of ducks and come in a great varicty of coloring. They wash well, do not shrink and are not so heavy or trarm as the duck, and therefore preferred Ly many, but they have the disadvantage of mussing very casily. The and white are particularly noticeable this year and should lock very well made up in the tailer styles, and braiding is especially good on them; therefore it would be well for any woman necessary to cut, fit and mare complete who is elever with her needle to begin now and braid herself a smart Eton, cooking classes are especially interest-ing, the theory being followed by prac-she will certainly find it fashionable she will certainly find it fashionable when the warm weather comes. Denim, which is very much on the same order -at least resembles it closely in appearance-will be wern in the braiden cestumes, and the plain blue linens will also be braised, so there is plenty of fancy work for the long winter evenings. - Harper's Bazar.

M.s. Bertha Welly has good reason or calling the Rainy Day club "the lub of the century." It is a long time

e such an important reform for nomen was intoduced as this of keeping their skirts out of the mud, and a club whose purpose is to make such a reform general may well be credited Martha R. Almy of Jamestown, N. with being the most eminent organization of the kind known for a century. Mrs. Welby says that the club will do more for the health and happiness of women than any other club. She has

t of the United States and Can ing for information and desiring ership. The slight feeling of emrrassment that troubled some of tho ioncers in the movement has disappeard, and wemen walk about in skirts of sensitle length secure in the knowledge that they are admired for their common

"Since the right of petition is the conferred upon them.

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"I don't be right of petition is the chised class enjoys the inference is that the most in attendance wore walking dresses of convenient height, although, as it was a fair day, it was not necessary to appear in the regular bad weathers." er costume. Even ou bright days it is well to cress comfortably, with the bot-tem of the dress at a safe distance from the dust of the ground, and the members of the club understand this perfectly. The prespects of the club are ex

lent. So soon as it is generally une stood there will be thousands of women on its roll of membership, for rainy and mucky days are as common in one and mucky cays are as common in one city as another and in country places as well. Dame Fashien may have rebelled against the rainy day costume at first, but even she has joined the procession now, and all who wear the sensible clothing have the satisfaction of knowing that they are stylish as well as com-

### Lamp Shades and Sleeves.

Three years ago when women were back at 1830 in their sleeves—whatever they were in anything else—fitting shades aspired to rival them in their voluminousness and blossomed forth into veri-table canopies, covered with elaborate year innumerable reefs had been taken in the still ample sleeves and lamp shades showed their desire to reef also. Empire shades, straight and severe, moderate in size and guiltless of frip peries, were all the rage. You could have them with their simple frames covered with various colofed silks, gathered en and drawn-tightly over them, finished top and bottom with a full ruche of the same silk or the same colored mousseline de soie, or you could have

them in parchment, decerated with old prints applied, outlined by dainty scrolls in water color, or you could have them decorated entirely in water color in any design that n est appealed to you.

This year sleeves have shrunk to infinitesimal proportions and lamp shades, were in despair. They could see no way for them to shrink. In affecting the style of the empire they had discounted style of the empire they had discounted the sleeves next stage of shrinkage. There was one awful moment when they feared they would have to acknowledge themselves out of it, when some one with a brilliant mind said "globes, man unanimously petition for the fran-chise? Did the poor black man in the latest and they are just as close a fit for lamps as the up to date sleeve is for women. - Chicago Chronicle.

Upon stylishly attired young women in afternoon dress at the various picture galleries in the city are noted gowns of cloth, soft india cashmere or drap d'ete in black or colors, dark or pale, the cestume consisting merely of the gown lined with silk and a little toy bolero jackét on velvet, brocade or moire, edged with fur, with a girdle to match edged with fur, with a girdle to match, a huge empire muff, a spreading picture hat with a witchlike crown, and any number of disjointed looking feathers apparently fastened on with one stitch and a promise and blown hither and you over the "picture" creation. The wearers of these jackets, spite of their tig muffs and hig hats and merely ornamental fur trimmings, look cold and long skinted and short waisted, their abnormal hats and muffs out of all sort of preportion to their insufficient little 12 inch jackets. Certainly until one 12 inch jackets. Certainly until one has become accustomed to this mode of arcss it scarcely appeals to one's sense of the appropriate or becoming for win-ter wear on the street. However, it is considered "the height of style;" therefore what further need be said against it or in its favor ?-New York Post.

On some of the corsages of bridal tonets the neck is rounded low, the space thus left tilled in with shirred or plaited mousseline de soie or a full Russian guimpe of embroidered satin, the sleeve puffs matching this guimpe. When a high close, satin bodice is prefer-red, it has a battlemented collar band of the satin, with plaitings of very rich lace showing between the stiffened pearl trimmed tals. Below this a dainty jabot of the same lace, caught here and there with jeweled pins, crapes the front of the corsage from throat to waist.

'I should be glad," wrote Mrs. Julia Ward Howe to some Chicago reformers the other day, "to join in any effort, made with wisdom and charity, to better this state of things, but the burden of years begins to weigh upon me and my powers, such as they remain, are beavily mortgaged."

A sleeve that terminates at the wrist bone marks the gown to which it belongs as being a relic of last season, while a plain or low collar is equally reliable as an indication of antiquity. A blackboard is a most useful thing

in a nursery. Children will find a con-stant source of amusement in drawing on it. It should not be too high, but be easily within their reach. The French wemen artists and soulp-tors are petitioning the School of Fine Arts for admission on the same terms

There are in Paris 8,000 women who are heads of mercantile houses.

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