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GOWNS AND GOWNING

WOMEN GIVE MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY WEAR.

Brief Glances at Fancies Feminine, Frivolous, Mayhap, and Yet Offered in the Hope that the Reading Public Restful to Weaned Womanhood.

Gossip from Gay Gotham.

HELENE'S no knowing how long the present rage for rhinestones will last, and there's no denying that just now it is felt by every woman who is ambitious to dress well. As these gems are now employed, it will take a considerable collection of them to serve for even a modeste wardrobe, so it is a saving trick to avoid confining them to one dress or hat, but to have them loose for use on occasion demands. Besides a set of buttons, which may mean from four to a dozen of them, six being a serviceable number, one really wants a handsome buckle. It should be a big affair with a lot of brilliants, the sort of thing that will look well anywhere, and that is such a glittering combination of it will seem to especially match each thing you wear with it. Next should come a string of rhinestones. These can be had at a theatrical place, you know the beautiful "diamond" necklaces and bracelets always wears on the stage. These stones will adapt themselves to all sorts of use. Along the edge of a theater bonnet, twisted into a buckle-like shape for a hat, fastened to the top of a collar, etc. Then a wide belt of gold "lace," such as is sold at the mill-



Run Around with Black Velvet.

skin that has become a little slimsy and soiled will be really brand-new when handsomely striped thus. The ribbon carefully stitched down on each edge will give new stiffness and flare to the skirt, and create a general change for the better. Narrow lace in close frills may be set along the edges of the ribbon, and the effect of this is very dainty. How many yards? Well, there's no danger of getting too well; you can use it all.

After all this advocacy of up-and-down stripes, the fourth picture with all-around lines may be a shock, but it should be borne in mind that women are clinging stoutly to their plain skirts, that dress designers are bent on turning them toward trimmed skirts, and so novelty after novelty of the latter sort is put forward as a lure. This dress was found in a very handsome shade of green cloth. Its skirt was garnished around the hips with four bias bands of velvet and was lined with green taffeta. The fitted bodice hooked at the side and had two bias folds around the waist. It also had a triple collette edged with velvet which was alike back and front and fastened along the shoulder seam. A row of jet buttons ran diagonally across the front, rows of the same were placed on the sleeves, which, with the collar, were edged with feather galloon.

One of the most common ideas of the designers to make women desire their plain, swirling skirts is in the skirt with panel trimming. Whether this is or is not a beginning of the petticoat styles that we are almost united in say-



Astrakhan Fur and Gray Cloth.

lary supply places, will prove very useful, and that is all the glitter makes a woman needs, though a pair of little buckles that can go on slippers are useful, of course.

For the disposal of a set of twelve buttons, the first dress shown herewith presents a good scheme, the skirt's front breadth being long, and a pair being put at each cuff, at the waist and at the throat. In its construction this dress is unusual chiefly because of its voluminous fancy ruffled collar, which covers neck and shoulders and is satinated. The bodice is fitted, and has a vest of lace laid over fuchsia silk. Raisin colored cloth is the material of the rest of the dress.

Another characteristic of the present fashions is the free use of furs as trimmings, and "free" is to be taken in a double sense, applying both to the quantity of trimming and to the combinations that are permissible with it. Stunning dresses are being turned out of tweed, with the skirt edged by a narrow border of fur. Collar, cuffs and edge of bodice are finished the same way, and a little fur lined cape completes the rig. In to-day's second picture the plan is more elaborate and original. This dress was sketched in stone gray cloth. Its godet skirt being slashed at the side to show a small astrakhan panel, the slashes alternately lapping over the fastening with buttons. The jacket bodice had a very short ruffle basque ornamented with bias folds and a wide vest of astrakhan with overlapping tongues of cloth in the waist and round the same along either side of the center, which lapped over and concealed.

LAVENDER CLOTH PANELED WITH WHITE. ed the fastening of hooks and eyes. The plain stock collar was supplemented by another wired one of astrakhan. Chin-chilla could be used in this way, and it is more fashionable at present than astrakhan.

Even outdoors white is in considerable favor, not in whole garments, but in trimming. White cloth trims the dress that the artist next presents, the dress covers being lavender cloth, which is cut princess and ornamented in front with two panels of white cloth that extend from neck to hem. In the center there is a panel of the darker cloth. The sides have overlapping seams, forming loose jacket fronts in the waist, and are embroidered with soutache. A large white sailor collar is also braided, and the center panel and sides are adorned with small fancy buttons. Women who scheme at saving will do well to be on the lookout for bargains in ribbon. Use this in striping plain

TIMELY FARM TOPICS.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FARM, GARDEN AND STABLE.

A Neat and Permanent Ice-House for the Farm—Careful but Progressive Farming—Wine—Wheelbarrow for Winter Use—How to Feed Ensilage.

Permanent Farm Ice-House. The end view of an ice-house, designed for use on a farm, is illustrated below. The wall consists of boards standing perpendicular and nailed to a light frame of 8 or 12 inch scantling at the top and bottom, with a third one in the middle to stiffen the sides, with similar boarding on the inside. Additional bracing will be found necessary unless the building is located in a sheltered place. Use building paper on the under side of the outside boards. Fill



A NEAT, PERMANENT ICE-HOUSE.

the 8 or 12 inch space with sawdust. Use the kind of lumber suitable to the builder's means, as the cost of the house will correspond with the quality of the lumber used. The foundation is fixed in drain thoroughly, and is filled to a depth of six inches with concrete, and a door of two-inch plank placed upon them. Have the floor boards at least an inch apart to allow drainage. Put ten inches of sawdust on the floor, or if available, use finely cut dry straw. Out straw is not good for this purpose as rye, for being soft it packs too closely. In putting in the ice, leave a foot of space between it and the wall and pack this with sawdust or straw as the wall of ice goes up. Place boards across the floor spaces to prevent too heavy pressure on the doors. When the house is full put a layer of sawdust or straw eight to ten inches thick over the top. The triangular windows at the ends provide thorough ventilation, which is an essential matter in keeping ice. Much cheaper temporary ice-houses can be constructed, or a stock of ice buried with sawdust or straw will keep ice far into the summer.—Farm and Home.

Gun Cotton for Felling. The lumbermen of Sweden, Norway, Russia, and several other countries across the waters, as well as those of British Columbia, Canada, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, have a way of felling trees and plants which beats anything that can be done with an ax in the hands of the most experienced woodman. It is one of the most simple operations imaginable, and consists of binding a series of compressed cakes of gun-cotton to the tree trunk with a small copper wire. To this wire a battery of sufficient strength is attached, and at the proper moment a current of electricity is turned on, which explodes the gun-cotton. The force of such an explosion has the effect of felling the tree instantly, the severed portions of the trunk being all most as smoothly divided as though the tree had been cut by a saw.

We very much question the propriety, however, of those not thoroughly accustomed to its use resorting to it for felling timber on the farm. A practical lumberman felling forest trees man a plentifully familiar with gun cotton and its methods of explosion, and is able to use it with impunity, but not so with a farmer.

How to Save Apples. Every year a great deal of fruit is lost by heavy winds blowing it from the trees, often before it has reached its size, says the American Cultivator. This is partly due to the fact that trees are generally headed too high, a relic of times when the high-branched tree was the only kind of tree under it to plough and cultivate. If the orchard is headed low there will be little growth under its branches, which when loaded with fruit, will frequently be bent down until they touch the earth, and the fruit on low trees is easily blown from the ground or with a short step ladder. If there were no other reason for low heads in trees, this of ease in gathering the fruit would be sufficient to make it always advisable. No kind of tree should be allowed to stand, except pines. Cattle or horses will eat both leaves, fruit and branches as high as they can reach, and to get the fruit out of the way of being eaten by stock seems to be the reason for the high pruning and heading of many old orchards.

Experiment with Steamed Foods. Of cooking and steaming foods for animals Dr. Allen says in the Philadelphia Press: Experiments abroad have indicated that cooking or steaming food is more palatable and nutritious, and with other guests to be considered. A little lady who gave a dinner dance last week went mad because a girl appeared in a brilliant green wool gown made with enormous sleeves all alive with queer-looking crawling red things. Then she had half straggling down to a couple of long white stockings, which neck was much exposed, and she looked hideous. That might have been a comfort, but she exerted the uncanny fascination of an ugly poster, and no matter how she tried to get away from her, she kept looking at her. She literally discomfited every other woman in the room, to say nothing of making the conventionally decorated table seem colorless and ineffective. This is but one instance, and there are to be more; it can be possible, think you, that our five o'clocks will come to have the look of a Boursley drawing room?

Returning to Old Customs. California has gone back to mule teams for the transportation of freight, just as in the old days before railroads were built. A regular line of big wagons, with six-mule teams, between Stockton and Fresno, has just been started, and it will connect at Stockton with steamers to and from San Francisco. The line has been started in opposition to the Southern Pacific railway, with the object of forcing down the rates. The experiment was made once before and successfully. The mule teams, in connection with the steamers, can carry sugar, for instance, from San Francisco to Fresno for \$3 a ton less than the railway charges, and it is believed that a similar saving can be made on other freight. The merchants in the valley towns are interested in the project, and say that it is an even thing for their interests whether the railroad cuts down its rates or whether freight is in future hauled by mule teams.

The Pacific coast woman's congress passed a woman's suffrage resolution without a dissenting vote.

LOVE ON THE OCEAN.

THE STEAMERS ARE CUPID'S PET HUNTING GOUNDS.

Opinions of those who have traveled Much on the Sea—Says Cupid Never Gets Seaside—The Theory of Selection in the Matter of Love Disproved.

The ocean has no terrors for the little winged god of love, for he plies his mischievous trade as vigorously afloat as ashore. "Oh, no," said Mrs. Langtry at the Hoffman House, on the eve of her departure for Europe recently, "Cupid never gets seasick."

The Lily then laughed and remarked how curious it was to be interviewed on the subject just as she was about to start on a sea voyage. "Of course, I have made many trips," she continued, "and I have always observed that there is more spooning and sparking aboard a transatlantic liner, all things considered, in a week than one could possibly see in a month on shore."

"The ocean, I have therefore come to conclude, must be the little mischief maker's particular delight." "What reason do you ascribe it to?" "Well, to begin with," she replied, "one leaves dull care behind when one steps on board a steamer. Thus one's mind gets into a condition for the lightest things of life, and you feel not only as care with all mankind, always considering, of course, that you are not in the grasp of that monster, mal de mer, but almost in love with everybody about you who is at all nice."

"Do you recall any instance in prominent life where the love affair that led to marriage began on shipboard?" "Many, but do not ask me to tell you their names. That would be personal, you know."

Professor Jaime Ramirez, president of the Spanish-American club, who has made many trips between his native Spain and his adopted America as well as between many other countries, said that he has seen a number of love affairs on the high seas. "I have seen a number of love affairs on the high seas," he said, "and most of them have resulted in marriages. I have seen a number of love affairs on the high seas, and most of them have resulted in marriages. I have seen a number of love affairs on the high seas, and most of them have resulted in marriages."

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THE VOICE OF A PATRIOT. A greater number of men than of women become stout late in life. No satisfactory explanation is offered of this fact unless it be that the women are kept thin by their domestic duties. No satisfactory explanation is offered of this fact unless it be that the women are kept thin by their domestic duties.

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