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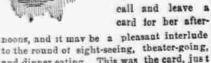
THE TEA IN LONDON.

Realiy a Very Enjoyable Affair-None of the Crush and Excitement Incident to the American Affair-Fashion From the English Capital. CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

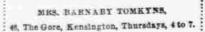
LONDON, April 3.

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and dinner eating. This was the card, just like an American one:



When Thursday afternoon arrived I "got into" my very swellest London spring gown, summoned a hausom, which, after the manner of London hansoms, proceeded at a break-neck speed through crowded streets up crooked lanes, across crescents, and through circusses, till I finally arrived at my destination-a charming house in London's most fashionable district, Several carriages were passing up and down the street, but I noticed none of the "ontward and visible signs" of gayety within the closed doors. The blinds were not drawn down, nor was there any awning stretched from door to payement, although it was raining, and the

ateps were muddy. A small "buttons" opened the door i nuswer to my modest knock and ring, and I was conducted upstairs to the drawingmom, where, to my surprise, I found my instess sitting near a blazing fire, with a unde of pretty girls who had just put down their tea cups. An awful thought struck me; I had come too soon | But no; bi~ Tomkyns welcomed me cordially; gave me a cosy chair, a cup of tes, and hauded me a dainty plate with two compartments,



back, but instead of opening straight down over the waiscoat, it was brought over the chest and fastened by a huge silver clasp in the middle of the breast, then, as if turned back to show the blue silk lining, it was taken under the arms over the hips and fastened to the full "tails" at the back by two other silver clasps, The sleeves were of cloth and heavily braided with blue and ailver, and with deep turnover cuffs of blue. The hat to be worn with this gown was of dark blue chip, with fawn and blue feathers. The Latest London Bonnet. One's head is in a whirl after a little exursion along Bond street to Piccadilly. and thence down to Regent street. The kaleido copic colors of bonnets, gowns, and stuffs nake one long for the shops to be worked on the "belt" system so that one could stand till, and the show cases made to pass slowly back and forth before one's dazzled eyes. All the bonnets I notice have still a very highbacked tendency, which would indicate, I fear, no diminution of the mountainous erections of frowzy hair. Bright turquoise blue seems to be the favorite colour just now, and one bonnet I saw was composed of put 100 people into a room that is crowded with 50. At these crushes, refreshments, similar to our alternoon menu, are served in the dining room, but, of course, for coffee a thick wreath of tiny glossy bright green ivy leaves, the crown being made of lovely little and tea is substituted "stronger waters," for very few English houses have "temperance"

basque was three-quarter length in the back, but instead of opening straight down

velvet bows of the very skyest blue, with strings of the same. Then another had a frame of gilded wires in the long, narrow toque shape, softly covered with some gleaming, silvery ma-terial, strewn here and there with opatine beads. The edging round the brim was of fine gold lace, very narrow, with a little opal drop from each point of the pattern. The back was bunched with peculiar moonlight grey ribbons, and just on the front rested a wonderful dragon fly, with its delicate wings outspread, and its glistening slender body reproducing the tints of the opal beads. The strings came from the back, and were the same shade as the neutral tint of the bow.

theater or opera, balls, and various other entertainments occupy the time till well into A Snake in the Grass. I had fondly hoped that snakes and other

noisome reptiles had left London with "Cleopatra." Let me tell you of a hat-I hope there is not another like it. It is made of very fine straw, soft, red and green in color, and its shape is the usual platterlike affair. Two unstanding bows of grevish-green ribbon are at the back, from which tumbles a small jungle of delicately-tinted grasses, which fall well out to the front of the brim. Very pretty, thought I, and, having but indifferent sight, looked again. Then I discovered a little red-and-green mottled, abominable snake was rearing a fanged mouth from its verdant home, and way back by one of the bows I saw its tail. hat would have been a charming one but for that "realistic" adornment. Must we even have Ibsen on our bonnets?

A Beauty for the Carriage.

A charming carriage gown I saw the other day was of very fine drap d'ete of the softest shade of gray. The skirt was plain and slightly trailing, and being cut in tiny vandycks round the bottom, exposed a dainty frilly ruche of the same shade of gray silk flecked with silver beads. The bodice was without seams, and fastened under the left arm, and was a marvel of artistic drapery, drawn into a wide collar of a delicate frill of ince. The sleeves were entirely composed of the sliver embroidery, and terminated at the waist with a puff of silk. The mantle to accompany this spring poem was just a succession of founces of pale gray silk falling from a pointed yoke and high collar of the silver embroidery. A norsel of a gray bonnet with a bunch of

vellow buttercups, pale gray gloves and gray Suede shoes with silver buckles, com-pleted this almost too delicate costume. Mantles Without Waist Line.

her carriage, so weary is she of the duty of pleasure. As I was leaving the house, two carriages drove up to the door and dis-charged three or four ladies, who were going The newest mantles seem chiefly remarkable for their complete absence of waist line. to receive the same unostentatious and coapitable courtesy I had just left, and my

Mrs. John Sherwood Tells How to Entertain Little Folks. THE BOY MUST HAVE HIS NOISE. Too Many Gifts Deprive Children of the Pleasures of Hope.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

FUN FOR THE YOUNG.

INSTRUCTION BY MEANS OF GAMES WHITTEN TOR THE DISPATCH. In the life of Mme. Snetchine we read the following account of the smusements of a

clever child: "The occupation of a courtier did not prevent Mons. Soymonof from bestowing the most assiduous care on the education of

rare quality in a child.

"She desired a watch with an ardor which transpired in all her movements. Her father had promised her one. The watch came and was worn with the keenest enjoyment, but suddenly a new thought seized upon the little Sophia. She reflected that there was something better than a watch. To relin-quish it of her own accord she hurried to has fethes and antended to him the object of the solaces for an invalid child, we will say with a broken leg or some com-plaint which necessitates bed and quiet, is her father and restored to him the object of her passionate desires, acknowledging the motive. Her father looked at her, took the watch, shut it up in a bureau drawer and in the cork place a needle. Take ansaid no more about it.

A Fear She Tried to Conquer.

"M. Soymonof's rooms were adorned with bronzes, medals and costly marbles. Sophia was on terms of intimacy with these person-ages of fable and history, but she felt an unconquerable repugnance to a cabinet full of mummies. The poor child blushed for her weakness and one day when alone opened the terrible door, ran straight to the nearest

mummy, took it up and embraced it till her strength and courage gave away and she fell down in a swoon. At the noise of her fall her father hastened in, raised her in his arms and obtained from her, not without difficulty, an avowal of the terrors which she had hitherto concealed from him. But this supreme effort was as good for her as a victory. From that day the mummies were to her only common objects of interest and "Studious as was her education, M. Soy-

monof did not banish dolls. His daughter loved them as friends and preserved this taste beyond her childish years, but ele-

vated it by the admixture of an intellectual and often dramatic interest. Her dolls were generally of the largest size. She gave them each a name and part to act, esablished connected relations between the different individuals and kept up animated dialogues which occupied her imagination vividly and became a means of education. Playing dolls was for her an introduction to thics and a knowledge of the world.

Looking Back From Sixty Years.

"Catherine's court was a succession of continual fetes. The fairy pantomimes performed at the Hermitage were the first to strike the imagination of the child who, as yet, could not relish the tragedies of Vol-taire. She composed a ballet which she called "The Faithful Shepherdess and the Fickle Shepherdess." She writes in her

60th year: 'One of the liveliest pleasures of my childhood was to compose festive decorations which I loved to light up and arrange upon the white marble chimney piece of my schoolroom. The ardor which I threw into designing, cutting out and painting trans-parencies and finding emblems and mottoes for them was something incredible. My heart best high while the preparations were able for their complete absence of whist line. One very nice dark brown nouveaute had a square yoke, front and back, thickly sewn melancholy saired me." square yoke, front and back, thickly sewn with iridescent beads. The "skirt" hung This extract is invaluable not only for its

his chickens or clean out the cage of his pet robin and he will be happy. And try to make them think and decide for themselves. A little girl says: "I dou't know which dress to put on my dolly, mamma; which shall 1?" The mamma will be wise if she says: "You must decide; you know dolly best." When a child is ill or nervous then the great hour of despair comes to the mamma. A person without nerves, generally a good colored mamma, is the best playmate, and a dog is invaluable. It is touching to see the smile come to the poor bloodless lips in a hespital ward as a great big kindly dog puts nospital ward as a great big kindly do plan his cold nose out to reach a little feverish hand. There is a sympathy in nature which intellect loses. Mme Snetchine's fear of the mummies has another lesson in it. Chll-

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dren are born with pet aversions as well as with that terrible passion of fear which is so much bigger than they are. And the first of their rights to be respected is that they shall not be trightened and shall not be too seriously blamed for their aversions. Teaching and Entertaining.

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While it is not well to starve a child over the most assiduous care on the education of a daughter, who for six years was his only child. He was struck by the progress of her young intellect. She showed an apti-tude for languages, music and drawing while she developed firmness of character, a not do anything more than to tell us how easily our senses could be deceived. Perhaps there is no better way of enter-taining children than by a puzzle, the magic lantern and other well-known scientific ex-periments. We use the term advisedly. Jugglery was the oldest of the sciences. Asron and Moses tried it. One of the most

> an experiment in natural magic. other cork and cut a slit in it so that the edge of a donar on win at no it, then pay two forks into the upper cork. Place the edge of the coin (which holds the upper cork and forks) on the point of the needle and it will revolve without falling. This will amuse an imprisoned boy all the after-



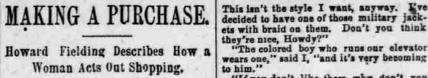
a The revolving image is another most smusing gentleman. Let poor Harry make this himself. Cut a little man out of a thin bit of wood, only he must end in one leg like a peg-top instead of in two. Give him a pair of long arms shaped like cars. Then place him on the tip of your finger and blow; he will stand there and rotate like an undecided politician. The Spanish dancer is another nice experiment. Cut a figure out of pasteboard and gum one foot on a watch glass on the inverted side, then place the watch glass on a Japan waiter or a clean plate; hold the plate slanting and they will slide down, but drop a little water on the waiter or plate and instead of the watch glass sliding it will begin to revolve, and continue to revolve with increased ve-locity as the experimentalist chooses. This is because in consequence of the cohesion of water to the two surfaces a new force is in roduced These experiments are endless, and will

serve a variety of purposes, the principal being that of entertaining. To take children to the pantomime at Christmas is the universal law in England. We have not the pantomime here very much. We have the circus, the menagerie and the play. Far-ents who do not object to this very healthy musement can now, find matinees everywhere, so that the children need not be kept up late. The real play is better for children than the burlesque, and it is aston-ishing how soon a child can understand even "Hamlet."

Don't Make Them Old Too Soon.

When boys and girls get old enough for dancing parties nothing can be more amus-ing than the sight of the youthful follower of terpsichore. It is a healthy amusement, and if kept within proper hours and with a light supper is the most fitting of all children's amusements. Do not, however, make men and women of them too soon.

That is lamontable. As for ruses and catch games like the slave despoiled, the pigeon flies, the sorcerer behind the screen, the knight of the whistle,



KNOWS JUST WHAT SHE WANTS.

Though Limited in Money She Tries on the Most Costly Goods AND TELLS HOW TO RUN THE STORE

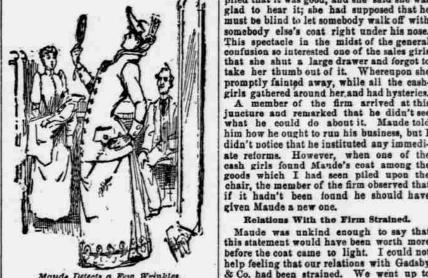
WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. at me for?" The facts relating to Maude's purchase o a spring coat are of a very ordinary nature. and I should not publish them except for their important bearing upon the question

fected by my wife's severity, and I tried to console them. With the aid of about a dolwhether intellectual faculties will ultilar in small change I persuaded them to be mately be developed in woman. They tend comforted and go away. In a few minutes thirteen more cash girls arrived and formed in line. They appeared to be waiting for a chance to weep. I then perceived that it was a scheme of robbery. The first little girl had told the others, and they were all even to impore more may standing. Magnet strongly to the support of my own theory which I will not state for fear of personal violence.

That intellectual faculties have not been developed in all men is proven by the fact eager to impose upon my stupidity. Mean-while, crys of "ca-a-a-sh" were resounding that I went with her. I should never have committed this indiscretion if she had not through the room. "Go away, little girls," said I, "the game assured me that she knew exactly what she wanted. I did not ask her what it was, but is up-" and they scattered, laughing. simply remarked that there were \$25 between The Original Coat Was Missing. us and destitution. Her well-considered and definite desire in regard to a coat took Maude was picking flaws in the \$87 jackets. Finally she took it off, and said that if they couldn't do better for \$87 she shape as follows in the presence of the first salesgirl whom we met in Gadsby & Co.'s should go to Brownley's. Then it was dis-covered that the coat Maude had worn when emporium.

Profuse in Her Explanations. "I want one of those tan-colored Louis XV. hip seam paletots, if they really are the

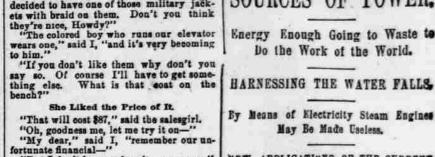
very latest thing; or a shoulder cape with a Medici collar; what do you think? But edge of a dollar bill will fit into it; then pat then of course you'd say so anyway. Perhim some valuable hints about the man-



haps, after all, I'd better get an applique reefer, something not quite so high in the shoulder as the one that woman over there is trying on. I don't want to look as if I had wings, and my husband doesn't like the shoulder puffs. There, do sit down, Howdy, if you're tired. On the whole, perhaps a plain reefer—blue, with pearl buttons—perfectly plain, you know-they look well on a good figure, and perhaps I'd better try on a "Oh, what are those new things? I can't ourselves, and should be ashamed to revisit

remember the name, but I saw a picture in the Sunday paper. It looked like fury, but I should think it might be real stylish. please get it, right away, for my husband is in a hurry and so am I. Ob, wait; I forgot to say that I couldn't afford to pay over \$25, but I'd like to try on some for about \$50, just to see how they look."

The Salesgirl Was Used to It. The salesgirl did not appear to regard this request as unusual. In fact, I strongly suspected that she didn't pay any attention to what Maude was saying. She brought



May Be Made Useless. NEW APPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT

SOURCES OF POWER,

"But I don't have to buy it, you goose," said Maud; "I just want to see how I look in it. What are all those cash girls staring

IPREPARED FOR THE DISPATCH. Madison Buell, in a paper on the electrical

Half a dozen of them stood in a line looking at Maude and me, and when she spoke they all burst into tears. It made me feel utilization of water power, states that the energy of the tidal wave, the rapid river quite nervous to see them so painfully afand mighty cataracts formed into electric energy is a branch of electrical science that is going to revolutionize the industries of the world. When it is borne in mind that over 21,000,000 cubic feet of water pass over the lip of Niagara every minute, while the flowing of nine rivers that empty into the Pacific, represent 900,000,000 horse-power every time it descends one foot, some idea of the almost illimitable possibilities of the future in this direction may be formed. The steam engines of the United States represent 7,500,000 horse-power; England, 7,000,000; Germany, 4,500,000; France, 3,000,000, and Austro-Hungary, 1,500,000. These figures do not include the 3,000,000 horse-power of 105,000 locomotives. When this power is added to the other, it will be found that the horse-

power of the engines on this globe amounts to 46,000,000. These engines do the work of 1,000,-000,000 men, or twice the working population of The scene which followed was very trying to my nerves. Maude sent saleswomen and cash-girls flying hither and thither. Then she summoned the floor walker and gave earth. It is the province of water utilized electrically It is the province of water utilized electrically to supplement and replace these engines, and Mr. Buell shows in a most interesting manner how the work is progressing. Neither climate nor alitude seems to hinder this utilization, and one of the most successful of recently in-stalled electrical plants is far up in the Alps. The melting snow gives a never failing stream of water, which revolves a series of turbine wheels. These in turn which the dyname agement of a large drygoods store, and also inquired kindly about his eyesight. He re-plied that it was good, and she said she was glad to hear it; she had supposed that he must be blind to let somebody walk off with of water, which revolves a series of turbine wheels. These, in turn, whirl the dyname armature, and its electrical energy is conveyed miles away over a copper thread to a motor of a woolen manufactory of over 38,000 spindles. Auother large plant is being installed at Rhein-felder, on the Rhine, consisting of 20 turbine wheels coupled direct to dynamos of 300,000 watts. From these electrical energy will be transmitted to various industrial centers within somebody else's coat right under his nose. This spectacle in the midst of the general confusion so interested one of the sales girls that she shut a large drawer and forgot to take her thumb out of it. Whereupon she promptly fainted away, while all the eash-

wheels coupled direct to dynamos of 500,000 watts. From these electrical energy will be transmitted to various industrial centers within a radius of 15 miles. The town of Gilman, 2000 feet above Red Chif, in the very heart of Eagle River Canyon, and 11,000 feet above the sea level, is a moun-tain stream called Fall rivor, which rises in the Mountain of the Holy Cross. The water from this river, which enters the Eagle river at the bottom of the canyon, is brought by pipe line into the minés. The fall is equal to 600 feet perpendicular, and its energy drives the dynamos, which generate current for supply-ing the richest mines of gold and shrer in Colorado. The water power at Sault Sta. Marie is estimated at 20000 horse power. A tail race five miles long on the Canadian side and a canal five miles long on the Canadian side and a canal five miles long on the American side are to be constructed. The canais will be each 1,000 feet wide, the widest in the world. Elast furnaces, shipyards, paper milds, pup mills and other industries will all be furnished, in speaking on the subject of tidal power Mr. Buell said he saw no good reason way that of the Elast river between New York and Brook-lyn should not be utilized for the two cities. A member of the firm arrived at this juncture and remarked that he didn't see what he could do about it. Maude told him how he ought to run his business, but I didn't potice that he instituted any immediate reforms. However, when one of the cash girls found Maudo's coat among the goods which I had seen piled upon the chair, the member of the firm observed that if it hadn't been found he should have Relations With the Firm Strained. Maude was unkind enough to say that this statement would have been worth more

before the coat came to light. I could not help feeling that our relations with Gadaby & Co. had been strained. We went up to Brownley's, and I had almost as much fan as I had had at Gadsby's. But Maude didn't find anything that suited her. "I believe after all that that first cont I Some New Applications.

tried on at Gadsby's was the best of all," she said. "It didn't fit very well, but they A SERVICEABLE fire alarm has been patented which consists of a small machine, fastened to can make it over. We must hurry right back there, because I noticed that they had the ceiling of any room. The alarm is instantly started by the heightened temperature in the room. The use of automatic sprinklers in con-junction with such devices as this will tend to greatly reduce the dangers of incipient fires. only one of the 38-inch size. I drew the line at Gadsby. No power on earth could have taken me back there. I

desired point.

given.

AT Lawrenceburg, Ind., a novel use has been made of electricity in winding wires around a pretty woman, who represented the Goddess of Liberty, and in thus lighting up a number of incandescent lamps disposed about her. The use of electricity in this way is becoming very popular, and in France, thanks to the inventor, Trouve, has been developed into a new theatrical

THE exceptional capabilities of electricity in hoisting can be understood from the fact that in recently unloading a vessel of iron ore, a load of 3,000 pounds was raised vertically five feet per second, and swang across a bridge 30 feet high and 250 feet long in the space of 10 seconds. The operator was able to stop the car, hold the bucket and dump the load at any

THE electric light has valuable properties

other than giving the best artificial light, in

being able to cause an immediate alarm in case

of fire. An instance of this was seen on the

occasion of the fire which occurred in Pall Mall East, London. In consequence of the fire having fused the wires, the light in the rooms of those having charge of the premises sudgeniy went out, thus causing a alarm to be given.

THE incandescent light has been turned to

a very neat and highly convenient use in Lon-

ONE of the most striking electrical effects is

where a lamp floating in a glass vessel full of

water, and without any wires or connections

whatever, is made to light up. The effect is most mysterious and bewildering. Those also

who are in the secret know that this result is

obtained through an ingenious use of the



For a Cool Spring Morning.

in one of which reposed delicately thin orend and butter, and in the other a few alices of cake.

While the two young women were making their adieux I collected my scattered ideas, and glanced at my surroundings. A charm ing room, which had not been subjected to the dismantling that is an almost necessary rule in the case of our "big tess;" the hostess was prettily draped with the usual long-tailed full-fronted tea-gown, and had a straw table laden with lovely cups of pure white fluted chins, with dainty little silver spoons, and an old-fashioned cream jug and sugar basin. Lots of flowers in pots and queer-shaped bowls were placed on tables and wieker stands about the room, and a silver-footed lamp, with a gauzy apple-green shade, diffused a peculiar light in a corner by a piano, which had as a "back" a huge screen filled with photographs of celebrities of the operatic and dramatic stage. After the usual chit-chat incidental to a

call, my American desire "to know" came to the fore, and I inquired of my charming hostess the meaning of English "tea." I told her first what proportions one of our alternoon entertainments of that name always acquired, and the amount of preparation necessary, and she listened with aston-ishment. Then she told me that all Englishwomen who made any pretense at having a and ng tist had, as we do, a certain day for receiving their friends printed on their cards. This signifies no more than that tney remain at home on that day within the prescribed hours. No preparation is made beyond having thin bread and butter, cake and tea, the latter never standing, but always freshly made for each new batch of itors, and always by the hostess herself. Sometimes very few people come, and some-times the room is full, yet everything is done in the simplest and quietest fashion possible. Very often, if there are a lot of people in the room, and a man or a girl appen to be able to sing prettily to the accompaniment of a piano, a banjo, or a guitar, they are asked to contribute their quota of entertainment-a proceeding that alweys appreciated according to its

quare "tabs" about four inches deep The only affair given in England that approaches our "itea" is the evening reception or conversatione that is only held in big mansions, for English people are more sensible than we are, and do not attempt to

determination was, as I stepped into my from this in deep pleats, and in the middle of the front a scarf-like piece of silk, matchhumble hansom, to inaugurate a series of "afternoons" after the English plan upon ing the cloth in tone, crossed over the bust disappeared under the arms, and reappeared my return to my native heather, and eschew the crushing discomforts of a "splash tes. n the back like a sash, but almost b

The Expensive Descriptions Interest.

"good" prices, and it remains for nimble,

feminine fingers, to steal the "good ideas,"

A Pretty Walking Gown. I saw a very attractive walking gown of

fawn color and dark blue the other day.

The skirt was of fawn-colored cloth, which

Totlette by Worth; Hat by Virot.

rials and a narrow purse.

The Fichu Cape With Taba

worked, and when a drawing room is "on,"

she is fain to take her lunch and a sly nap in

principles. All these things my kind enter-tainer explained, and was also greatly inter-

ested in my description of the various differ-

ences between the entertainments of the two

Those lengthy, elaborate, and. I think, most tedious things, called ladies' lunches, are quite unknown here, the mid-day meal

London season is such a busy one, that there is never time for the countless excuses for

Drives, rides and shopping occupy the

mornings, while the alternoons are taken up

with calling, "private views" at art gal-leries and 5 o'clock teas. Then dinner,

the morning hours. Altogether, my hostess told me, as I rose to leave her pretty room,

London society woman is very hard

eding the multitude that we indulge in.

The

never being a meal of ceremony.

the shoulders, where it was tied in a large fringe of iridescent beads, which also were largely used on the high pleated shoulders. I was told by a carping critic the other day that the "fashion articles" written by women, and for women, were wrong in their fundamental principles. He (none but a Style Versus Comfort Again. man would have made such a criticism) said that dresses and materials described, and set forth in glowing language, were all of the most expensive, while no descriptions or directions were given to that great majority who were forced to make every penny tell its tale and every button have its penny tell its tale and every button nave its use. I agreed that this was a fact, but I also said, and I think most women will agree with me, that "economical" fashions are not attractive, nor do we want to read about them. Good ideas are only found at cult to move in the contrary direction. Trianon paniers are having a great "go," but they are only suitable for slender girls, who can wear daintily colored Dresden

A Sword for a Lace-Pin.

china looking silks.

and work them out according to some won-drous model, that has all the grace of true art and all the elevating influence of per-fect coloring and outline. Therefore, I hold I saw a novel lace pin the other day at a fashionable jeweler's. It was a golden sword about four inches long, the hilt being do? A good dog and a kind-hearted set of cross-shaped, with pearls at the end of each servants will solve the problem better than that a clever woman with little money, and much good sense, can look at a French or English "model," and adapt the delightful lines of a skirt, and the curving drapery of arm, the sword itself fitted into a beautifully all the intellect in the world. Grandmamma enamelled sheath, so that when the sharplypointed portion of the gilded weapon was thrust through the lace and again into the a bodice, to her own small stock of mate-

A FAVORITE FOR SPRING. came only to the knees, where it was cut in The Virtues of Asparagus-Salt in the Soll

Produces the Best Results-Its Medieinal Qualities-The French Method of Cooking the Best.

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISFATCH.) (WRITTEN FOR THE DISFATCH.) Asparagus, the most tempting of early vegetables, delicate in flavor and rich in medicinal virtues comes to us in the open nedicinal virtues, comes to us in the open- and tear his gown, and work off his exube ing spring time, the young shoots protrud-ing their purple or green heads above ground, ready for the knife, while peas are till growing down to meet papa with a still growing or maturing.

Asparagus is not regarded as much of a nutrient, but it is wholesome, and its diuretic qualities have brought it to the favorretic qualities have brought it to the favor-able notice of physicians, who in certain and the floodgates of the poor little hear conditions recommend its free use. Salt is an important factor in raising asparagus, and to this stimulating sgent may be attributed its mammoth growth on the sea-shore of Northern Spain, and on Coney Island, near New York, the soil of these localities absorbing salt freely from the sea. The asparagus grown on Coney Island is re-markable for its size, some of the spears

suring an inch in diameter, and it does not lose any quality by reason of its growth. for these spears are so crisp and tender that although often a foot in length they are

The flavor of the kind grown on the isl-and is unusually fine and delicate, and it is not surprising that epicures are lured thither, in proper season, to indulge in this thither, in proper season, to indulge in this luxury. The London market gardeners have brought asparagus to a higher state of per-fection than it has yet been brought to in this country. We are told by reliable authorities that three heads of the London plant will olien weigh a pound. Asparagus, when properly cooked, is one of the daintiest of dishes. The French

od of cooking it will at once commend itself, from the fact that the entire spear, instead of the head alone, is rendered edible. The formula is as follows:

Gown of cream-colored faille and otter-brown velvet; all black hat of chenille and lace with black aigrette].

Take asparagues of the stouter sort, cut off exactly even lengths, and boil, standing ends upward in a deep stewpan. Leave about two inches of the heass out of the water, which the steam will cook. They form the tenderest part of the plant, while the hard, stalky part becomes oft and purcy by the longer boiling which this plan permits. Boil 20 or 40 minutes, and the stalk will be delictionally tender. hard, stalky part becomes soft and juicy by the longer boiling which this plan permits. Boil 30 or 40 minutes, and the stalk will be deliciously tender. The asparagus thus cooked may be served on toast with cream dressing, or it may be pre-pared as a salad when cold. ELIXON SERREYA.

historic importance, but for the keynote which it sounds to a child's nature. The noble little Russian girl at the court of Catherine of Russia only found those pleasures lasting which came from herself and when she could invest the fairy pantomime

with her own personality. A Guiding Intellect Needed.

A fairy pantomime is possible to the poorest child if some supreme intelligence, questions; the secretary, the culprit's seat. All these need a good memory and a ready wit. All mistakes to be redeemed by for-

Style Versus Comfort Again. I hear that the Parisian modustes are doing their best to restore heavily-trimmed and draped skirts; but women, having felt the luxury of moving without fear of catching rame portion of their be-furbelowed petti-

"You have done much for your child," we often hear. "You have had a nurse, a nursery governess, a fine pony for your boy, you take your children often to the play and give them dancing parties, and yet they are writer giving Miss Palmer whatever adventure he pleases, only bringing in the desired word. The result is incoherent, but amusnot happy. This is the sincere regret of many a

mamma that she cannot make her children ing, and Miss Palmer becomes a heroine of hapoy. Yet in a large town in a house shut up from our cold winter blasts what can she romance. There are some children, as there are som grown people, who have a natural talent for servants will solve the problem better than all the intellect in the world. Grandmamma brings a doll to the little girl, who looks it over and says: "The dolly cannot be un-dressed; I do not want it." It is the dress-ing and the undressing which here the do

vindictive but generally forgiving. I suffer A boy wants to make a noise first of all things. Let him have a large upper or lower terribly from jealousy. My envy leads me to eat more than I want because I do not room, a drum, a tambourine, a ball, and there he should be allowed to kick out the wish Tray to get it. Gluttony is my easily besetting sin, but I never got drunk in my effervesence of early manhood. Do not fol-low him with all manner of prohibitions. life. I love my master better than snyone, and if he dies I mourn him to death. My Constant nagging and faultfinding is an of-fense against a child's paradise. Put him in worst sorrow is being lost, but my delight are never chilled by expectation, so I never lose the edge of enjoyments by over-raised hopes. I want to run 20 miles a day, but I

like to be with my master in the evening. I love children dearly and would die for any boy. I will save him from drowning. I cannot wag my tongue, but I can wag my tail to express my emotion.

smiling countenance. Children should be allowed to have pet Thus for children's entertaining we have birds and kittens and dogs, as much live stock as the house will hold; it develops the same necessities as for grown people. Someone must begia, someone must sug-gest, someone must tell how. All society are opened sympathize with him. It is cruel to laugh at childish woe. Never refuse a child sympathy in joy or sorrow. This lack of sympathy has made more criminals than anything else. Bad Infinence of Good Books

Children should never be cheated either in the taking of medicine or the administrain the taking of medicine or the administra-tion of knowledge. One witty writer a few years ago spoke of the bad influence of good books. He declared that reading "that Tommy was a good boy and kept his pina-fore clean and rose to affluence while Harry flung stones and told fibs and was carried of

helped a bad boy to drown his aunt's cat, and then he went home and wrote a prize composition called "Frank the Friendless, or Honesty is Best."

All this was because the boy saw that All this was because the boy saw that Tommy was a prig; that his virtue was of that kind mentioned in "Jane Eyre" in which the charity child was asked which she would rather do, learn a hymn or re-ceive a cake, and she said, "learn a hymn," whereupon she received "two cakes as a re-ward for her infant piety." Children can-not be humbugged; they can be made into hypocrites, however, by too many good books.

ooks. Playing at Being Useful.

The best entertainment for children is to let them play at being useful. Let the little

half a dozen different styles, diverging in as many different ways from the design of nathe witch, the Tombola, one should buy one of the cheap manuals of games found at any ture. Maude tried them on, one after the other, and scowled at her image in the mirbookstore, and a clever boy should read it up and put bimself in touch with this very asy way of passing an evening. The games requiring wit and intelligence are many, as the bouquet; the fool's dis-course, which has a resemblance to cross

"Oh, dear," she said, "it's so hard for a woman with a really good figure to get fitted."

Some scores of women, passing by whil she was about it, regarded her contempt uously, and she looked at them as if they were the dregs of society. They were all secretly pleased to observe that one another's

skirts didn't hang as they ought, and the scowls which they interchanged were only the veneer of modern civilization to cover smiles which would have been much more

offensive. "Isn't she horrid," said Maude to me, meaning the salesgirl, "She's brought me everything but what I asked for." "Remarkable," said I, grimly, "I thought

you asked for everything." A thin and nervous little cash-girl snickered audibly, and Maude looked at her with fearsome severity. "I reported a cash-girl at Brownley's the other day," said Maude, "and she lost her place."

He Set a Bad Precedent, I am gratified to state that this unpleasant event was wholly imaginary but the cash-girl didn't know it and she began to cry. Feeling that, after all, I was the





he came in was not to be found.

She Lectures on the the scene of our disgrace; but Maude only laughed and declared that it was nothing at

rotested that we had made a menagerie of

a very heat and nighty convenient use in Lon-don. A "silent call" has been attached to any building for the purpose of calling a vehicle. Two lamps are suspended outside, one red and the other green, and, by pressing a button in the entrance hall, one or other of the lamps can be lit at will. The red light brings to the door the conservative "growler," and the graen "Every woman acts that way when she's shopping," said she. Nevertheless, I did not go buck to Gadsby's. door the conservative "growler," and the green light summons a hansom.

Three hours later we met again in the privacy of our flat. "Well," said Maude, "I've bought the

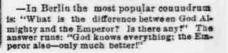
"Same one you tried on first?"

"Oh, no, that kind is all out of style." "Goodness; so soon ?" Took A Woman Along This Time.

alternating current. In the same way and by the same means discs may be kept wildly rotat-ing and objects may be kept floating in mid-air without any means of suspension or support. "Of course I don't mean that its gone out since we were there, but on my way back I met Mrs. Jigsly, and she told me so. She went down to Gadsby's with me. She At the recent annual meeting of the Ameri-can Beil Telephone Company in Boston, the redidn't want to buy a cost, but she tried a few on. I got one that you won't like, but

ports showed gross earnings of nearly \$4,500,000 and net earnings of nearly \$3,000,000 on a capital I like it." and net earnings of hearly co,000,000 on a capital stock of \$12,500,000. Dividends of over \$2,000,-000 were paid out and there is a tempting re-serve of over \$2,000,000 more. The first patents on the telephone dues not run out until 1803, and others that are important will control part of the mechanism two or three years longer. She said this with that peculiar manner which a woman always wears when she is hardening her own opinion against criti-cism. By and by the cost came, and she tried it on, I thought it was very pretty, but she wouldn't believe it. She said that I hated it and that I had no taste. After a SALARIES of from \$150 to \$200 a month are while I persuaded her of my sincerity, and then she began to disapprove of the coat. In half an hour she had persuaded herself that she didn't like the coat. She had paid to railroad efigineers. Telegraph opera-tors receive from \$25 to \$50 a month, and the operators on some roads are said to be nearly all boys, who receive on an average not more than \$25 per month. When it is considbought it only because she thought it would more than so per month. When it is considered to be a solution of the solu please me. There was only one way to ect a reconciliation between Maude and her purchase, namely, to criticize it vio-lently and make her take its part. The scheme worked, and in 15 minutes she was

But, a few days later, I came home and found her in tears; see had seen something that she liked better in another store.



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needs a leader. Perhaps for that reason our They Were Crying for Cash. a couple of dimes. She dried her eyes, and

went to work piling some cloaks upon a chair. They were heavy goods which were to be removed to a remote corner of the es-tablishment, there to rewain in hiding until fall, when they will reappear as the latest

Be Popular Before Long. The skeleton vest has a full vest front and

are made in two sizes. ne size will fit a 32.

figure periectly. The main features are that it does away with a

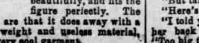
own grown up society is a little chaotic. Perhaps the story of Mme. Snetchine and her watch conveys a needed moral. Do not deluge children with costly gifts. Do not thus deprive them of the pleasures of hope. Anticipation is the dearest part of a child's life and an overfed child suffering from the pangs of dyspepsia is no more to be pitied than the poor little gorged over-burdened child who has more books than he can read and more toys than he can ever play with. Remember, too, "Dr. Blimber's Young Gen-tlemen" and their longing jealousy of the

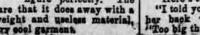
The Pleasures of Hope.

tlemen hur the gutter. boy in the gutter. M. E. W. SHERWOOD.

an open back, says the Mercer. The collar and a piece of the shoulder top run all

shoulder set. The vest is then fastened around the waist by a belt. These skeleton vests





importation.

shoulder top run all the way around, thus affording sufficient body for a proper the difference of the back of it. Then I can show that girl that she doesn't know what she's

"Come now, Howdy, don't talk philan-thropy to me. Didn't I hear you say, the

One size will fit a 32, 34, 36 or 38 bust, and the other will fit 4 0 th 46. The garment sets beautifully, and fits the figure periectly. The that it does away with a t and useless material, of garment.

A VEST FOR SUMMER. The Skeleton Garment That Promises to

"That coat fits you just lovely in the back," the salesgirl was saying, while Maude was performing feats of contortion in a vain attempt to see all sides of herself

"It doesn't fit me at all," said Maude. "If you know it doesn't fit, why don't you take it off and try something eise?" I ven-

talking about." "Why do you wish to make her life any

worse than it is already. Have some con