almost to the knees of the model girl who

was wearing it for our inspection; but it really looked too heavy. Possibly the very

warm weather had something to do wit

"Do you think American women have

good taste in their costuming?" I asked Worth.

"They dress as well as any women in the world," he replied, "and have as good figures, which they are fond of displaying to the

to the best advantage, and that is right. They exercise a large influence upon our

They exercise a large infinence upon our fashions and make and unmake to suit them-

selves. It was owing to your women that the panier-basque failed last season; they wanted their gowns to lie flat to show the figure, and they had their way."

Americans Have Minds of Their Own.

I believe this to be sincerely true of our

women, notwithstanding we sometimes, in spiteful moments, accuse each other of running after strange fashions. But we do know the panier basque did not "take" any better than a poor vaccinate; that the sacque coat was called all sorts of hard

names and then banished from the country, and that the French idea of combining half

a dozen materials in so many contrasting colors has never found favor.

One atternoon in M. Worth's would convince the doubting that, whether tasteful or

not, Americans are not apes, but have the courage of their convictions.

and foremen speak English as well as they speak French, and the great designer him-self is an Englishman, and not French, as

many suppose. The comfort it was to find our own language "as she is spoke" at this establishment, of all others, you cannot know until you come to Paris as we came. MARY TEMPLE BAYARD.

WOMEN IN A FLUTTER.

Busy Time of Preparation for the Encamp-

ment of the G. A. R.-Double Ration of

Luncheons-Mother Bickerdyke, Who

Always Insisted on Pickles, to Be Pres-

WASHINGTON, September 17.

ent-Honors to the Nurses of the War.

[COBRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

Such a fluttering state of excitement as

the women of this city are in! And well

they may be, for it is no small matter to

entertain 150,000 ladies, and at least that

number is expected here during the Na-

tional G. A. R. Encampment, to say nothing

of the husbands and other male relations

For weeks past the leading public women -there are always a few in every city upon

whom such responsibilities rest-have been

busy perfecting arrangements to receive

and entertain the expected guests. Their

efforts have been crowned with success and

that will be on hand.

All of Worth's saleswomen, forewomen

One New York

woman, who had Mr. Moneybags along with her ready to settle any bills of her contract-

ing, had, after seeing several dozens of many colored robes, decided upon a fine

green cloth, with which she wanted some

kind of a small wrap, and I wish you could have seen what they wanted to sell her! It was nothing less than a magenta red, triple

cape; this with the assurance that the combination was exquisite. The lady ex-

plained that she could not think of wearing a colored cape on the street, and particular-

One of the Great Man's Secrets.

The saleswoman was then obliged to tell

her she could not get suited there, that the Bon Marche, and other "shops" were fur-

nishing such styles and M. Worth had

given strict orders that no matched gar-

ments went out from his establishment.
That is the point Worth makes in all his
styles, the point for which he sweats his
brow and the point that has made and

sustains his reputation and that commands the fabulous prices. He designs every dress

(called by him, robe) and every wrap that is sent out from his establishment, and claims to furnish materials for the same

that no other firm can buy. He expressed polite regret that I could not be here a

posite regret that I could not be here a couple of weeks later when the younger Worth, Monsieur Laston, shall have returned from Lyons and Robaix, where he is at present buying new and taking

materiais, upon which the permanent styles will much depend. M. Worth

said to me: "It is not so much we who create the fashion as it is the man-

ufacturers. They make the material, and of what they make we choose those which we think will harmonize with the tastes of

our clients, and after we have chosen them

the weaver must make these patterns only

for us; so you see, madam, it is always something exclusive we offer you." I replied that judging from his American

patronnge our women must recognize the exclusiveness of his designs if not of the

manufacturers, whereupon he replied with an attempt at humor: "Oh, but the Amer-icans are good at designing, too; quite as good; indeed, they are getting too clever, and I think it must be stopped."

Not a Well-Dressed Crowd.

ly wanted the color of her gown.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- Everybody has

heard of the "Quatorzieme"-the profes-

sional "fourteenth person" at dinners.

There were men in Paris, not so very many

years ago, who made it their business to

serve at short notice as guests at banquets

where the accident of 13 at table occurred,

thus satisfying the superstitious by adding

one to the number. The individual thus

called in was introduced as a triend invited

to the repast, and there was nothing about

his appearance or demeanor which could

arouse suspicion that he was not present on

It seems surprising to find such a custom,

in a modified form, newly introduced in New York society. The fashionable hostess

nowadays in giving a dinner commonly en-

gages a detective of gentlemanlike aspect

and address to take the part of a guest at her

table. He is invited not for any supersti-

tious reason, but to protect the tableware

and other household property from being

stolen by the diners. Such articles as solid

gold spoons are extremely apt to be pock-

eted, and the fact has long been notorious

that no small and costly piece of bric-a-brac

is safe in the most exclusive drawing room.

'Kleptomania" is the term charitably ap-

plied to a thieving habit which is not so

very rare among persons of good social sta-

A Neat Way of Stopping a Thief.

"The other day at Newport," said Phil

Henley, chief of a leading detective

agency in this city, "one of my men was

employed to look out for a large reception.

He saw a handsomely dressed woman de-

liberately take and secrete the top of a

beautiful vase. The object could have been

of no use to her, but the loss of it would

of no use to her, but the loss of it would have spoiled an ornament worth \$500. He stepped up to her and said pleasantly: 'Madame, I presume that you want to have a duplicate of that made?' 'Oh, yes!' she replied, in some confusion. 'Well,' he remarked, 'I guess that you had better put it

back, and you can get a duplicate by send-ing your artist here. Of course, she gave it up at once. Nothing more was said, save that her name was reported to the hostess,

That is the way we always manage. Ex-

posure does no good in such cases. The same method is practiced at a dinner where

the detective keeps a quiet watch upon them, only eating and drinking enough to

keep up appearances. One la y of my acquaintance has all her most valuable bric-a-

brac fastened securely, so that the articles

cannot be removed. She has given up hav-ing silver-backed brushes and other such

precions toilet appurtenances in the dress-

ing rooms at her parties, because they were

Professional Thieves at Weddings.

"But it is at weddings chiefly that the soci-

ety kleptomaniacs get in their work. At large affairs of the kind we are sometimes

who dropped it from her list.

stolen so frequently.

the same footing with the others.

many little attentions from the grateful comrades and admiring friends. Miss Bar-ton, very appropriately, will take them under her wing and will make them special KLEPTOMANIACS OF SOCIETY. objects of solicitude. It is believed that their presence will do much toward gaining Anonymous Letters Deserve More Attention Than They Receive. for them their desired pensions. They intend to form an organization and thus be

able to push their claim more forciably. A Woman Famous for Her Pickles. Mother Bickerdyke, who comes from Kau-sas and is very aged, will doubtless be one of the most conspicuous of the nurses. She



Mrs. Cora C. Curry. made her name synonymous with pickles, if memory errs not, and insisted upon her soldier boys having onions whenever they expressed a desire for them. Official rank had no terror to Mother Bickerdyke. Dr. Susan E ison will also be of the greatest possible interest. Dr. Edson enjoys the double distinction of being a G. A. R. nurse and of having attended President Garfield in the nursing capacity during his fatal ill-

A special tent has been provided for the accommodation of these noted women, and they will have a reunion on Thursday aftern, the 22d. In the evening of the same day they will attend as guests of distinction the "At Home" given by Miss Barton at the headquarters of the Red Cross. They will also appear in a body at the President's reception and at the great national reception given in the Capitol rotunda Monday evening, the 19th.

The national reception, by the way, was a happy inspiration of Mrs. Logan's, who has the enviable faculty of thinking the proper thing at the proper moment. What



Mrs. Helena McCarthy.

A Big Reception Without Full Dress, No sooner though than done with Mra. Logan, the national reception immediately assumed the prominent place upon the pro-gramme, the ladies of the White House and regular line of business carefully watch the announcements of swell weddings with a the Cabinet were invited to assist in receiving and the affair is to be very brilliant. Full dress, necessarily will be limited to the Receiving Committee and to the resident guesta, as the strangers will not atview to robbery.
"My observation has shown that kleptovictims of it are not responsible that I always try to protect them from exposure.

her own beautiful home at Calumet Place, It will be a semi-private affair at which the John A. Logan Posts G. A. R. of the United States, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Corps of Illinois will be

book. The different orders of women are all to receive and be received at numerous places and are to be entertained in every

A Fact as to Anonymous Letters.

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wives.

"Most decent people declare that anonymous letters are unworthy of attention; very commonly they destroy them and pay no regard to them, knowing that they are most likely to be inspired by motives of cowardly malice. Nevertheless my experience has shown that 90 per cent of all such missives contain statements which are true in the main. Persons who get them often employ detectives to ferret out the writers. The first step in this kind of work is to get as complete as possible a list of the friends and known enemies of the individual addressed. Next the guessing faculty must be put in play to discover who could have a motive for writing the communications.

"Anonymous letters may be divided roughly into several classes-namely, maliciously annoying, threatening, slandering others, apprising secretly of danger, advising merchants that they are being robbed

At the same time they come under the head of 'opportunity thieves' - they only

yield to the temptation when good chances

I followed her carriage home, asked to see her privately and obtained from her a \$600

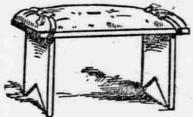
check, which was the price of the article stolen. Her husband never heard of the

FADS FOR THE FAIR.

and by whom and warning husbands on

When a Maid Is an Economy-The Bon for Fall Wear-The Abominable Delsarte Swing-How Thin Women Can Get Fat -Something New in Autographs.

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.) It is an accepted fact among women founded upon good reason that when one's bolongings are valuable and costly, the services of a maid are not a luxury, but a necessity, and really an economy. Delicate fabrics need great care in handling and preserving, and fine boots, shoes, gloves and

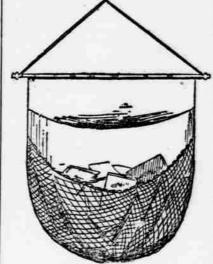


A Pretty Hall Bench.

handkerchiefs are not to be tossed about carelessly and still preserve their freshness. But without a maid and with a comparative ly simple wardrobe, a need of care even will be found a great protection. In putting away summer wash dresses they should be rough dried, then folded neatly and packed in a box or trunk by themselves. It is an excellent idea to go over each one and take the few mending statches that are sure to be needed. Challies, crepons and summer silks should be carefully shaken and brushed, spots sponged, bows of ribbon taken off and unmade, if possible, or the dust all carefully wiped off with a bit of silk dipped in weak ammonia water, and nacked away in senarate hoxes. The same rule applies where laces trim the dresses. If these are washable they should be washed, otherwise shaken and wound around a bottle or wooden roll. It is a good plan to let the dresses hang wrong self-su

side out in the sir all of a sunny morningif you live in a hotel, to hang in a hot room the same length of time is a good substi-tute. Rumpled ruches, shields and bent bones should be taken from waists, and a skilled maid says the waist linings should be brushed down, every seam, with cologne and water. Feathers and flowers should be taken from the hats and bonnets, wrapped carefully and separately in tissue paper and consigned to boxes where they will not be crushed. The flowers should have each leaf pulled out, and if breathed on before using again, will be found as fresh as ever. Parasols ought to be rolled, but have a losse slip cover put on after they are carefully wiped, or, if gauze, flirted free of dust with a silk handkerehief, and then PROFESSIONALS FOLLOW WEDDINGS stood in some safe place, and occasionally opened to alter the folds.

> An odd fashion prevailed largely last summer and which the fresh autumn days augment is the use of the mink boa as a demi-saison wrap. The little coil of fur about the neck seems absurd as a protector, but almost every other woman trusts to it



The Newmaper Pocket.

as she leaves a heated ball room or steps out in a cambric gown on a sharp September morning. The boas are short, with the tiny head at one end and the single fluffy tail at the other, and if you have not yet unearthed the one you had ten years ago, get it out without delay and join the fashionable procession. Ermine boas have also been seen, and the handsome Canton crepe shawls, heavy with rich embroidery and long silk fringes, both heretofore relegated to silver paper and moth-proof chests, as precious but very unusuable possessions.

Almost as pronounced as the kangaroo walk, which accompanied the Grecian bend, is the so-called "Delsarte swing." From the easy movement which the physical culturists advocate, the guit has developed into an ungainly roll that were it not sanc-tioned by fashion would be laughed at. To see a couple of young women under full headway, oscillating like a sailor ashore, may be form but it is not a pretty spectacle.

"The papers teem with advice to stout women on how to rid themselves of superfluous flesh," said a woman who is not stout, the other day, "but I seldom find a paragraph on the opposite side of the ques-tion. I should be very glad to take on a few pounds of avoirdupois and in a recent visit to my physician, I asked him how I could accomplish it. 'To begin with,' he could accomplish it. 'To begin with,' he like the could accomplish it. 'To begin with,' he could be accomplish.' called upon to furnish as many as three men—one to walk about in the room where the presents are exposed, another to stand by the diamonds, and a third to remain outside on the sidewalk for the purpose of keeping professional thieves from entering the house. It is a fact that thieves in the regular line of business carefully watch the some other aids to ficsh are plenty of sleep, 8 hours out of every 24 at least and more if you can get it, moderate regular exercise, and fattening foods such as soups, butter, cream, farinaceous foods, iat, juicy meats and plenty of olive oil. Eat often rather mania is actually a disease. It is much more common among women than with men. Furthermore, it is in a sense inher-night and 'don't worry. and plenty of olive oil. Eat often rather than much at a time, take warm baths at

at the Women's Exchanges. Two covers of bunch of flowers or some conventional design of pots and pans, and hold a dozen or more plain leaves between them. The words Autograph Recipes are done in graceoffer and they think they are secure from detection. Not long ago I caucht a woman of the highest social position in the act of secreting a diamond brooch at a jeweler's.

Words Autograph Recipes are done in grace-ful text on the first page, with some approach the first page, with some approach to Provided with such a book the chatelain coaxes a pet recipe from a score of friends whose culinary skill is accepted and secures as well an autograph from each.

> Pajamas for ladies are shown this autumn in silk, wool and linen.
>
> MARGARET H. WELCH.

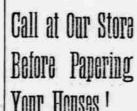


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THE DICTATOR OF THE WORLD'S FASHIONS.

the soul and owned up that my experience with skirts had taught me his idea was the correct one, but before giving the long skirt a fair test, I had used reams of paper in writing it down.

A DAY WITH WORTH.

How the Great Fashion Master Caters to

-How He Cuts His Materials.

the American Trade-Tourists Go to

Him in Flocks-Refuses to Let Garments

That Match in Colors Go From His Shop

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCE,]

PARIS, Sept. 7 .- That interview with

M. Worth came off, and I suppose if I know

anything at this time it is Paris tashions:

for I have heard them, seen them, felt

them smelled them and with all my senses

absorbed them, for fashions are in the air-

"Up in the air," Worth says, and so high up,

even he cannot tell to a certainty just what

they will be when they settle down to the

earth. Notwithstanding this assertion from

the head of the house his very "stunning"

corps of saleswomen are showing styles,

which they tell you M. Worth himself de-

signed for the coming season and which it

may astonish you to hear are among other

things very much trimmed skirts. A rival

establishment shows very wide bell-

shaped skirts without a particle of trim-

ming. They were not long, scarcely demi-

trains, while M. Worth's skirts are all long,

one point upon which M. Worth was very

decided and to the inquiry: "Will they be

room so long upon the street?" the answer

came promptly enough: "Certainly,

Madam, for do you not yourself know a

long dress is more easily managed than a

shors one? Fashion has not yet decreed

that you wear high topped boots and until

she does, you must wear your skirts below

your ankles. Well, then, do you not have

to lift that skirt out of the dust or water

In reply I made one of those confessions

which high authority tells us are good for

The length of the coming skirt was the

longer than any we have yet worn.

A Pen Picture of the Master.

Monsieur Worth is a most picturesque figure in his queer little cap, which is a ! passamenterie over silk, and his toga worn a la Roman over his great shoulders. He is a man of large proportions, I scarcely know another man so large as he looked to me in his queer costume. His face is fairly massive and full of good humor when he is making himself agreeable, but one which it requires no stretch of imagination to see could be most stern and f rbidding.

Upon the authority of Madam Hoffman, one of the most trusted of his 800 employes and to whom I am indebted for my inter-view, I was very highly favored by Monsieur in being given, not only so much of his time, but a fine steel engraving of his important-self as well. However, I was not the least flattered, and thought I could see further through the millstone, which in this instance had a large hole in it made by American patronage, than Madam Hoff-man could or wanted to.

Worth's establishment upon each occasion of my several visits there was as full of Americans as the deck of a transatlantic steamer. This is the trade estered to at this season when all monied French people are "out of town," and I doubt very much if when home they spend money as lavishly as Americans do, or if they are asked the

same extravagant prices.
This much it seemed to me Monsieur Worth understood perfectly, since he was keeping a vigilant eye over all by taking a commanding position where he could see several rooms at once and direct the numerous pretty girls, who had their perfect figures encased in the bewitching creations, that were calculated to tempt the dress loving women, and women loving men, who wer present to purchase or to order.

. A Husband Is Dooile Abroad. Speaking of the men, I would recommend to a woman dependent upon such means for what she wears to bring her particular "him" along when she comes abroad, for you have no idea how much more patient and generous husbands are here than at home. I have stayed in Worth's salle d'attente, or show room, until I felt that I was begin ning to grow gray, trying to see the limit ways came away and left them there; and I have an idea some of them are there yet, still waiting for their wives to make up their minds whether they can be as happy, once they are home, in a \$300 gown as they could be in the \$500. One or the other of these prices the gown is pretty sure to be. Out of compliment to my profession I was offered a \$250 gown for \$100 less money, but unless contemplating the stage, I would have had no occasion for the highly colored robe, which I was assured was "indeed very Plain for France, maybe, but per-

fectly "giddy" for America.

The high colors and the unusual combination of colors seemed to be the bone of contention between the American customers

America or how he judged, for certainly tante would not lead up to his opinion, since it looked as if a decent gown could not be obtained for love or money outside

of Paris. If so, why this rush? There is not much use in saving "what's in a name." There is everything in it. While there were some exquisite creations shown, and purchased by Americans under my eyes at M. Worth's, yet there were others that were simply outlandish both in de-sign and price. I know dressmakers in New York with only local reputation, who could give a much better fit and make more tasteful creations for one-third the money, but, not having the name, the cabalistic name of

Worth, they would not be given a trial.

In one regard Worth's robes do not differ from those of rival establishments, and that is in the sleeves; they are most frequently of materials differing from that of the waist of materials differing from ton-and are commonly of velvet. Waists are nearly always round, the skirt of the basque mader the dress skirt, the worn under the dress skirt, the waist being finished by a wide belt of vel-vet or silk, which is laid in folds and brought together with one large rosette or two small ones, fastened on one side. Where the waist is not round, then Princess is the cut, but with slashed skirt showing a georgous petticoat underneath. Many of Worth's best designs show panels, let in of velvet or righ broads.

velvet or rich brocade. He Dotes on High Colors. Worth's wraps were all colored unless for a woman 102 years old, I should judge, since I saw one woman of about 60, who was trying to buy a suitable wrap, shown one gay thing after the other until she grew color blind. Turning to me she said. "Please tell me the color of that thing, for I feel half demented and can't tell if it is

blue or green.

The truth is the "thing" was in both the truth is the "thing" was in both colors—a green velvet wrap half length, tight back and loose front with a blue velvet cape split up the back, and trimmed with wide black lace. The cape formed the high sleeves. The neck was closed with a fancy clasp. The blue and green were of the shades seen in a pescock's feathers and were naturally ers and were naturally pretty together. But think of an American woman of 60 in it! And yet I assure you one of our country women of that age is blooming compared to a French woman of the same age, while roung French women are showily pretty though mostly "made up," as we say; at middle age they are too stout and have grown too much beard; and soon after that they shrivel and become wrinkled as an ac-cordion. Yet the wrinkled French woman would don the blue and green wrap and drive on the Bois de Boulogne and no one

would call it scandalous.

It Is a Season of Furs. Wraps are mostly sleeveless and of cape style. This is necessitated by dress sleeves being so large, and so often of velvet, over which we all know the difficulty of drawing top sleeves and the ruin thereof. Monsieur Worth agrees with Doucet, Redfern and others that this will be another fur season, and many of his bandsomest gowns and wraps are fur trimmed. One dress I re-member well had a fur band that reached

the programme of entertainment is so varied in its attractions that it will be a stray bit of femininity, indeed, that fails to have a real, roaring, good time. Such a round of drives, sails, excursions, meetings, luncheons and receptions as are booked would shake even a pronounced pessimist out of his pessimism, for a time at least. Churming Wom in the Lead, And what else could one expect with such leaders as Mrs. John A. Logan, Miss Clara Barton, and many others equally charming though less prominent, interesting them-

selves actively in the work, assisted by an advisory committee composed of the ladies of the Executive Mansion and the Cabinet! Truly the guests are to be congratulated upon their prospective enjoyment.

Miss Barton, she of Red Cross fame everyone knows of her and of her great works-is the Chairman of the Citizens' Committee on Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and other organizations of patriotic women of America. She was appointed by the Citizens' Executive Committee-natural that she should be selected for that position, one would think, but her power and position have been ques-tioned to some extent by Mrs. Ida V. Hen-dricks, President of the Potomac Woman's

Relief Corps, and also by Mrs. Sue Pike Saunders, National President of the W. R. C. The situation is but the culmination of trouble long brewing, but is as follows: The Citizens' Committee authorized Miss Barton to expend a certain sum of money in

providing halls, music, luncheons, flowers and decoration for all the organizations expected, including the W. R. C. A Clash of Female suthority,

Mrs. Hendricks claimed the privilege of arranging for the delegates of the W. K. C., by reason of her position as President of the local department. The National President Mrs. Saunders, invested Mrs. Hendricks with the necessary authority, and instructed her to secure a hall, make arrangements for serving lunch and do everything else need-ful for the comfort and happiness of the 650 delegates expected. Strangely enough Mrs.



Saunders then accepted, for the delegater

Mrs. Hendricks, and, it is said, made a demand upon the gentlemen of the Executive Committee for funds for Mrs. Hendricks. The gentlemen refused to comply; the tempest in the teapot increased in its fury, and as a result there is what might be

termed a tremendous misunderstanding.

The complications that may arise, and really seem in vitable, have an amusing as well as a serious phase. Miss Barton is indorsed by the Citizens' Committee and the Ladies' Sub-committee and is upheld by the newspapers; Mrs. Hendricks has back of her the National President of the W. R. C. and her own Potomes department. and her own Potomac department, Miss Barton, calmly and serenely, remarks that the Ladies' Citizens' Committee has secured a church, decorated it handsomely, and will serve luncheon each day during the conven-

the courtesies proffered by Miss Barton and her committee. Double preparations were in order for the entertainment of the W. The fact became known, and a spirited three-cornered correspondence followed, in-dignation meetings were numerous on both sides, the trouble increased and peace could not be restored. Mrs. Saunders dictated to the Citizens' Committee, sent orders to

Will Have Two Lunches a Day.

tion for the 650 W. R. C. delegates. Mrs. Hendricks has secured a building—the Cochrane—which is being fitted up very

could be more fitting, she reasoned, than that the rotunda of the National Capitol should do duty as a receptional hall for the G. A. R. and the women of the patriotic orders.

road companies will see to it that they do not have their baggage on time. It is a literal impossibility to take care of so many people all traveling at one time and warmen arter.

much extra baggage, so say the railroad Mrs. Logan will also give a reception in

the guests of honor.

Such are the prominent social events of the week, the smaller ones would fill a

Bits of Persona! Gossip. MRS. HENDRICKS, President of the Potomac W. R. C., is a pretty woman, with black eyes and hair brushed smoothly from the fore-head. She is a good conversationalist and is adored by the Potomac W. R. C.

MRS. JOHN DALZELL, Chairman of the Accommodation Committee, is a charming person of great tact and the most winsome manners. Her home is considered one of the most desirable to enter in the city. MISS CORA CURRY, Secretary of the committee, is a sprightly little mortal, with reen gray eyes and keener wit. She is a walking cyclopedia of information regard-ing women's orders and women's rights in the department—but she does not tell all

that she knows. Miss Barron, Chairman of the Citizens' sub-Committee, has the confidence and respect of Washington; is gracious, not in respect of washington; is gracious, not in the least forbidding, though possessed of wonderful strength of character. She dresses in black, relieved by a magnificent red cross, the badge of her order; has kindly brown eyes and—whisper it softly—wears a glossy brown wig.

MISS HELENA MCCARTHY, Chairman of the Press Committee, is the bright, newsy, little woman one would expect to find-socially and journalistically representative, with black eyes and black hair. To use her own words: "I am a native o: Washington, D. C. My lather was one of the oldest inhabitants, though born a County Cork, Ireland, man. On the same principle, I am Irish, too."

MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN, Chairman of the Reception Committee, is the most popular woman in Washington, D. C., and the busiest. She is beautiful, queenly in her bearing and has a perfect crown of lovely white hair. Her home is perfect in appointment and abounds in souvenirs and mementoes of the G. A. R., while the kindly eyes of the mourned here look down from numerous pictures on the wall. Mrs. Logan wears an open picture of her dead husband at her throat and dresses in black, excepting for

throat and dresses in black, excepting for social duties. KATHLEEN HUSSEY-WATSON. A GIRDLE OF SNAKES. Novel Trophy From a Young Man to His

Quaker City Sweetheart. Philadelphia Press.] While summering at a hotel on the Blue Mountains, near Reading, a gallant youth who resides on South Broad street, this city,

bethought him of a clever plan to prove to

his fiancee his undying love. In the six weeks on the mountain he killed with his own hand 19 huge rattlesnakes. The rattles, numbering 213, were snakes. The ratties, numbering 213, were carefully plucked from the tails of the venomous reptiles and all the snakes were bravely skinned. The skins were taken to a furrier in Reading and a section of each was cut out and pieced into a brilliant girdle. The edges of the girdle, top and bottom, were trimmed with the rattles after the fashion of jet beads. This astonishing trophy was then presented by the gallant youth to his aweetheart downtown.

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