



How to Clean Fabrics. Ermine and seal skin are best cleaned with soft flannel. Rub the fur delicately against the grain and when it has been thoroughly lifted and reversed, so to speak, dip the flannel into common flour and rub lightly any spots that look dark or dirty. Shake the fur well and rub with a clean dry flannel until the flour is all removed. Sable, chinchilla, squirrel and monkey skin may be very nicely cleaned with hot bran. Goatskin, seal and other skins may be cleaned in the oven until it is quite warm. Rub stiffly into the fur and leave for a few minutes before shaking it from the bran. Think may be completely cleaned with a warm cornmeal and like the other short-haired furs, may be done without removing the lining.

The Slender Woman's Mistake. The slender woman's greatest mistake is in having her clothes too loose, believing that in this way she hides the angles. In reality her bodice should be fitted perfectly, padding used if necessary, and a reliance placed upon the trimming to give apparent size. The lace epaulettes, either on bodice or wrap, will add to her breadth and make her look more rounded, while the lace cap has an equally good result. She can wear a short coat, double-breasted and with flaring revers of fur or velvet. Indeed, it may be said of her that everything impossible to her stout sister is permissible for her. A snugly fitting bonnet will be found most becoming, and about her throat she can have either a high, stiff collar of white linen, or the full, fluffy fur or feather boa.



Fancies of Fashion. There are loud and authentic rumors that history is about to repeat itself in the matter of wearing the hideous hoop skirt. The latest and neck scarf of various kinds of fur, showing head, eyes, tail and paws of the animal, are in high vogue. Redingotes for the winter are made of heavy wool woven with small raised figures in velvet and worn over a plain bell skirt of velvet. When extra warmth is needed a triple cape of velvet is added, each cape piped with otter fur. BURENNOX, or butternut-brown of a decidedly reddish shade, appears among some of the rich fabrics of the season. It is often used by ladies for elegant visiting and dinner dresses of corded silk, and plain velvet, camel's hair, velours, bengaline and lace's cloth.

Winter Wear for Church. Black bengaline, Ottoman faille and other shining or lusterless colored silks are greatly used for church, reception and visiting dresses. Some of the new French and English models for elegant winter wear are made wholly of the finest quality of black bengaline. Others are combined with striped satin or black or green velvet. A grand toilet just completed for a Senator's wife in Washington is made wholly of black bengaline of soft but heavy, superb quality, decorated with wholly new devices in cut jet, and with additional trimmings of guipure lace. The gown is an princess, with close sleeves densely covered with jet, with huge lace puffs at the top, the upper

part of the puffs caught lightly with elegant dangling jet ornaments that fall from the glittering jet yoke. The festooned lace flounce on the very flaring bell skirt is caught up at intervals with similar jet ornaments.

The long jacket lends itself most admirably for winter purposes, uniting warmth and style. You see it made up in a thousand different ways, but I think you'll search far and near before you hit upon a more thoroughly becoming and refined garment than the one pictured. It is made in marine blue vicuna and has double fronts, the under ones being richly braided and closing in the middle with hooks. The outside fronts are, as you see, longer, and are finished with revers and a rolling collar.

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TIN PLATERS IN TROUBLE. Welsh Workers at Erwood Object to Yankee Ingenuity and Threaten a Strike. ERWOOD, Ind., Dec. 18.—Slight differences have existed between the Welsh workers in the American tin plate factory and the company. To-day a conference was held between Manager Leeds and the men. The result was that the men have returned to work unless the company accedes to certain conditions. A certain patent machine has been introduced into the tinning department, which does away with the work of one man, and the company wants to operate this with a skilled laborer and pay him less than a skilled laborer commands. The Welshmen demand that skilled labor only shall be employed, as they fear that otherwise unskilled labor will take away their jobs. The works had been undergoing repairs and had started up two mills and will start another Monday when intended starting the tinning department. It is not known what steps the company propose to take.

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The event of the year to all the children within 25 miles of Pittsburg. For weeks past we have been preparing for OUR ANNUAL RECEPTION of the little ones. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, this week, SANTA CLAUS IN HIS GLORY, will make our store his headquarters, and will give three performances daily, from 9 to 12 A. M., 2 to 5:30 and 7 to 8:30 P. M. PROF. GUS A. WURZEL will also be present with his family of funny jokes and amuse the little ones with his inimitable exhibition of PUNCH AND JUDY.

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HOW A DUEL WAS AVERTED.

I passed yesterday, in Pall Mall, a man who, not being able to hit a hay stake, yet once acquired the reputation of being the best pistol shot in all Paris. In the summer of 1874, when Martin G. Scott was a much slimmer, more dandified-looking man than he is now—for he is married, and with the acquisition of a wife and three babies he has put away the vanities of dress—there were seated at one of the little round marble tables before the Cafe Ricci, in the Boulevard des Italiens, two young Frenchmen, the check of one of whom bore a red mark as if some one had brought his hand sharply against it. In an inner room of the cafe, the person who had done this was engaged in wiping away from his shirt front the stains of some red wine, which in his fury the recipient of the slap had hurled across the table. The man with the red check was the young Adolphe Ferrier, the son of the celebrated artist of that name. The man with the solid shirt front was Martin Scott, of London. There had been an exchange of cards, and Scott and his friend, George Wainwright, 12 hours later, suddenly found themselves with a large-sized, healthy French quarrel on their hands, to be settled, as most of these matters are in France, under the code. When it came to a choice of weapons, Scott had wisely chosen pistols, for while he was a notoriously bad shot, he was totally ignorant of the use of the rapier. The rapier, too, is a weapon in the use of which the guided youth of Paris excel. Two years in the students' quarter had doubtless enabled Scott's opponent to become expert with the weapon. That is why, on Wainwright's advice, Scott chose pistols. The affair was to come off at Aulvergne, a little village distant about nine miles from Paris, in 48 hours' time. The parties were to go out on the early train. I doubt if Scott was so much upset about the affair as Wainwright, even though he fully expected to be killed. Wainwright kept on blissing himself for ever having let his friend get into such a scrape. There had been college chums together, and Scott's father had paid for the trip, simply providing that Wainwright, the elder of the two, and in whom he placed implicit confidence, should see that Scott was well looked after. Here he was seconding his benefactor's son in a duel to the death. It was to be no

consented to give an exhibition of his skill at that hour. While M. Maupassant was thus engaged, Wainwright put in half an hour in the Rue du Petit Champs, where he made sundry purchases, returning with them to the gallery, where the next hour was profitably employed by him in company with an ingenious mechanic. Meantime, as the idea grew upon the mind of M. Maupassant, he chuckled and wrote, extending his invitations until, if one-half of them were accepted, the question was, Would there be standing-room in the gallery? "We must certainly go down to see this Englishman shoot," said M. Ferrier's second. "You may find some of his tricks useful to you at Aulvergne to-morrow." M. Ferrier, at the close of the evening, was not of the 5-to'clock-in-the-morning kind, shivered slightly, though the weather was decidedly warm. "I wish the fellow had chosen rapiers," he muttered. "These English are such good shots with the pistol." It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. M. Maupassant's gallery was crowded. M. Ferrier had an excellent seat. He sat talking with his friend and second. He had been drinking somewhat to keep his courage up, and his voice could be heard all over the room. With a Frenchman's love of gossip, his second had talked freely of the meeting of the morrow. As the Englishman had not yet come, a dozen voices called on Ferrier to step down and have some practice and amuse the company at the same time. Ferrier, who was a really good shot, was not a little proud of it, and with such an audience he was not slow to avail himself of the opportunity thus afforded of displaying his skill. Throwing off his coat, he stepped down on to the floor of the gallery, and picking up a pistol, marked two bull's-eyes in rapid succession. His third bullet went just above, however, an inch, at least, to the right. "Your pistol is a little heavy on the trigger, monsieur," said a voice behind him. Turning quickly, he recognized Wainwright, who was standing quietly by, a smile full of meaning in his blue eyes. Ferrier, quite disconcerted now, fired again and missed for the second time. At this moment a side door in the gallery opened, and scrupulously attired, and holding in either hand a long revolver, came Scott, who, being introduced to the audience, bowed, while M. Maupassant, with the marvelous skill which he had displayed. Among these latter was the second of M. Ferrier. "Of course, we shall meet you, Monsieur Scott," he said, "but we trust you will spare us. Nobody has a chance who stands up before you." He was evidently as much frightened as his principal. Now was Wainwright's opportunity. He stepped forward and said to the little group: "Gentlemen, can't this matter be patched up in some way? You see the kind of a shot my friend is. He hates to take life." "I'll see what I can do," said M. Ferrier's second, eagerly, and he dived over to his principal. "Well, if you won't apologize you're an idiot. This time to-morrow you will be in the hands of the undertaker. I tell you I'll have nothing to do with this murder." This settled poor Ferrier. Choking down his humiliation, he stammered out: "Well, you may apologize for me if you like. It's a dreadful thing to do, but I suppose I must. I certainly can't afford to die at my age and with my prospects. But I shall never hold up my head at the club again." Ferrier's second then tendered a handsome apology to Scott, who, with a magnanimity which provoked applause, thereupon immediately apologized also, which so affected M. Ferrier that, after the fashion of his countrymen, he would have thrown himself on Monsieur Scott's breast and wept. And thus was the duel between Scott and M. Ferrier neatly averted by the ingenuity of Wainwright. M. Maupassant was a distinct gainer by the hour, for in addition to the splendid reputation it gave his gallery, he immediately received the remaining 220 francs from Wainwright. The electric bell, wire and batteries which Wainwright had purchased that morning and with the aid of the ingenious mechanic put in such admirable working order, were also given by Wainwright to the worthy proprietor of the whole outfit for cash, even, to the little button which Wainwright had pressed so efficiently every time his friend Scott fired off his black cartridge. And Scott! Well, he was the hero of Paris for at least a fortnight, and was pointed out on the boulevards as the greatest shot in the world. His popularity continued until a ballet dancer in black skirts caught the public fancy and cut him out. And thus it is ever with "the bubble reputation."—Forsyth's Weekly.

A GOOD CANAL YEAR. Great Increase in Business at St. Mary's Falls the Past Year. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There was laid before the House to-day a report by Colonel A. O. Poe, corps of engineers of the United States, upon the commerce passing through St. Mary's Falls Canal during the season of 1892. The season was 233 days long, as against 225 in 1891. The number of passing vessels of all kinds was 12,590 in 1892, as against 10,191 in 1891. The increase of freight tonnage over 1891 was 2,323,574 tons, or 26 per cent, and the increase in registered tonnage was 2,246,518, or 27 per cent. This lesser percentage in freight tonnage as compared with the registered tonnage was principally due to the low stage of water. The report says that every item of traffic in 1892 shows an increase, except the items of passengers, copper and building stone. The rate of increase was uniformly distributed among the other items of traffic, the greatest rate of increase being in wheat, flour and grain other than wheat. In addition to the figures already given there were carried through the lock during the season 24,049 net tons of building material. The total valuation of all freight passing through the canal during the season of 1892 was \$136,117,267. The report, in conclusion, says that the mean stage of water in the canal was a little better than in 1891.

FOUR FEMALE SLAVES MURDERED. They Had Excited the Jealousy of Others in the Sultan's Harem. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—Four beautiful female slaves were recently presented by the Khedive of Egypt to the Sultan of Turkey and placed in the imperial harem. They appear to have had a captivating influence on the Sultan, who paid them so much attention as to excite the jealousy of the other women. The four beautiful slaves were found murdered in their beds a few days ago, having fallen victims to poison. The Sultan is said to have been deeply enraged when he heard of the fate of his favorites, and to have ordered a rigid investigation. Three eunuchs who had access to the apartments of the victims have been arrested on suspicion, and at latest accounts were being subjected to torture to extort a confession. Suspicion of having instigated the crime rests chiefly on one of the Egyptian women, almost monopolized the Sultan's affections. In the present temper of His Majesty it is doubtful whether even she will escape the boobying of the Bonapartes, should sufficient proof of her guilt be adduced.

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