

LATEST DRAPERIES.

PLEASANT STYLES AND FANCIES IN CURTAINS AND PORTIERES.

A Reminiscence of the Old Fashioned Lambrequin—Many Portieres For Single Doors Are Draped on Poles Without Rings—Convenient Movable Cranes.

The old fashioned lambrequin had its use, and a reminiscence of it is often seen across the curtain in some fanciful way. When the window is a bow, the silk is carried along all the windows from one pole to another, forming a continuous upper drapery. Decorator and Furnisher notes and illustrates this and some other new ideas in drapery as follows: This strip of silk is used in the case of windows



A PARIS DRAPERY.

near together. Another artistic plan, with two windows quite close together, is to use one long curtain at each window, the two long ends hanging on the outside, the short inside ends drawn together at the top between the two poles and fastened there in graceful folds. One long piece of stuff is often thus used in place of two separate curtains.

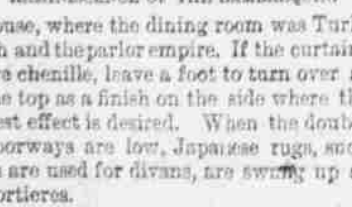
A New York girl has a unique portiere hanging between her sleeping room and bath—a piece of sailcloth on which is roughly painted the figure of a mermaid in the ocean. The curtain is tied by small loops of rope to a stout fishing pole fastened across the door, and on brackets above are some large, exquisitely polished conchshells and starfish.

Many single doors are using only one curtain, the material bought by the yard and the fringe sewed on. No rings are used. The rod is put on inside the doorway, with space above sufficient to permit the portieres to be thrown over the pole once or twice, according to the width of doorway, one end reaching to the floor, the other quite short. The fabric can be wound so loosely over the pole that the "sagging" in the center will form graceful curves.

Double doorways of course have two curtains, and many are hung in the way mentioned, coming from the ceiling. The most of them, however, are put on "movable cranes" fastened inside the doorway. These cranes are fastened like brackets in either side of the doorway and lack several inches of touching each other. They swing in and out with the portieres on them with the greatest convenience to passers.

Among the most popular materials for doorway curtains in drawing rooms are the French empire brocades in blue, pink or yellow, with lace curtains of fine handiwork hung over one side.

High in favor are the heavy red French tapestries, used with bands of white cream lace, inserted at the top of the curtains, forming a border. This color generally matches Turkish or French decorations and can be used with an empire curtain of pink on the other side of the folding door, done last week in a new



REMINISCENCE OF THE LAMBREQUIN.

house, where the dining room was Turkish and the parlor empire. If the curtains are chenille, leave a foot to turn over at the top as a finish on the side where the best effect is desired. When the double doorways are low, Japanese rugs, such as are used for divans, are swung up as portieres.

A New Bodice. A bodice quite new and also very becoming to slight figures may be made up in any of the wool materials for spring wear. It has a velvet yoke, belt,



BECOMING TO SLIGHT FIGURES.

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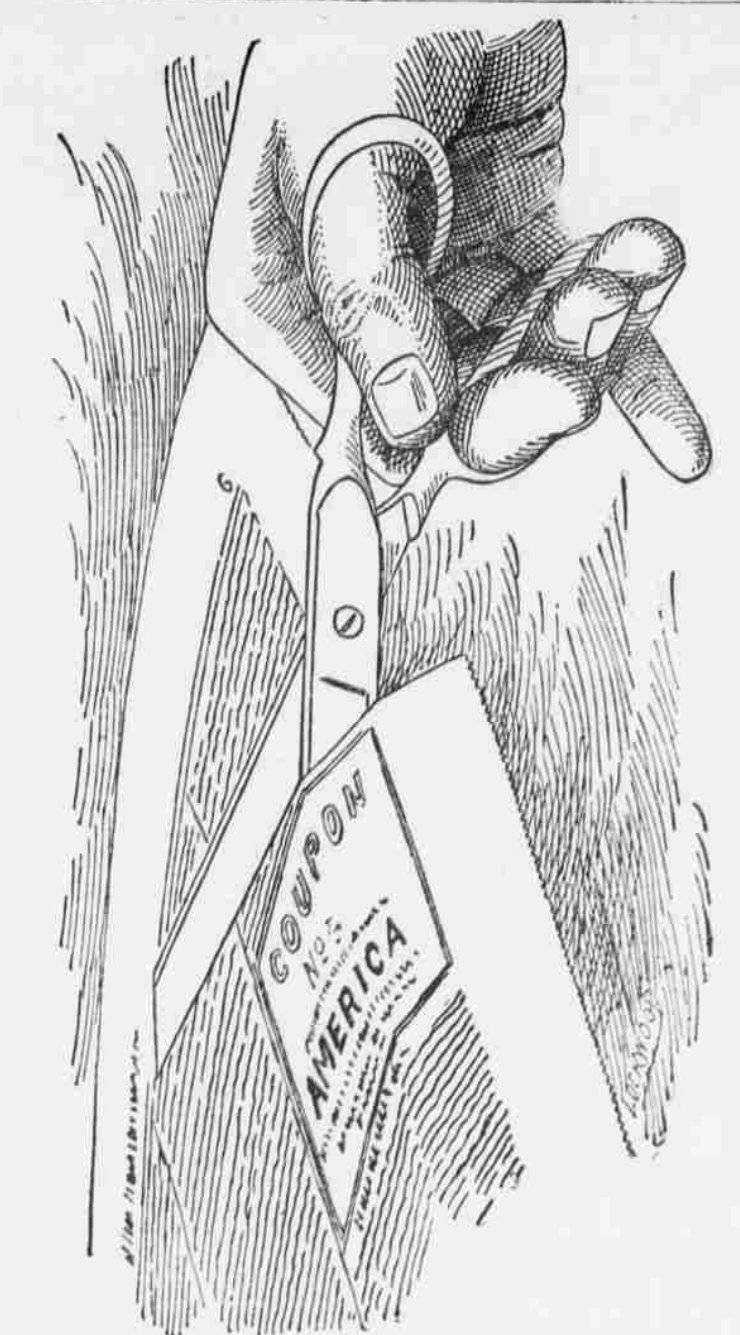
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