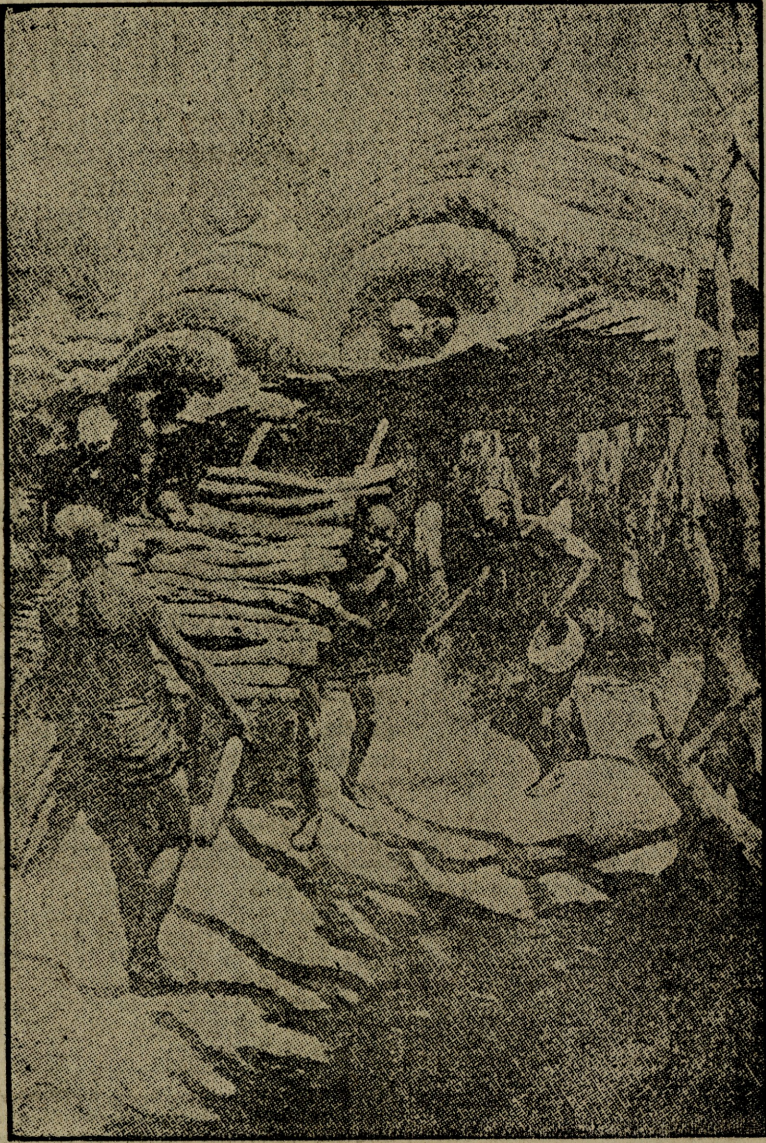


## RAISED ABOVE SUSPICION.

Sir Hesketh Bell, the Governor of Uganda, recently wrote an interesting report of his tour through the eastern districts of that part of Africa. He gave an amusing account of the careful precautions taken by the elders of the Bakedi in dealing with the youths and bachelors of the tribe: "Although the majority of the Bakedi go about in a state of absolute nudity, a desire for clothing is steadily growing among them," he says. "Unfortunately, more clothes means less 'morals.' The Baganda, who have always been greatly addicted to wearing apparel, are of notoriously lax habits, while among the Kavirondo, the Bakedi and all the unclothed Nilotic tribes a notable degree of morality is found to exist. A sharp eye is kept on the

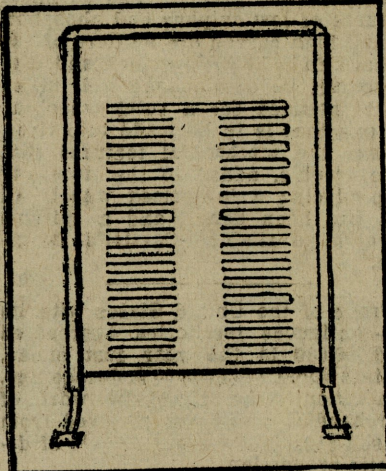


REMOVING THE LADDERS FROM THE BAKEDI BACHELORS' HUTS AT NIGHTFALL.

bachelors. The Northern Bakedi take amusing precautions with regard to the latter. All the young unmarried men are made to sleep in specially constructed huts raised high up on posts. The doors of these huts are so small that the occupants have to wriggle in on their stomachs. Access is gained only by a ladder, which is carefully removed as soon as the young men have been safely disposed of for the night. I was told that among some of the tribes fine ashes are strewn under these human pigeon cotes so that tell-tale footprints would indicate any attempt at a nocturnal excursion." It will be noted in our drawing that one of the Bakedi elders is engaged in strewing the ashes underneath the hut.—The Illustrated London News.

### All-Metal Washboard.

An all-metal washboard of an improved design has recently been invented by a New York man. The two primary advantages of the board



are that it is very durable and that it has no cracks or corners where dirt may lodge.

The device is made of one piece of metal bent around a rod which forms sides, top and legs. The scrub surfaces are formed by raising the metal in a series of corrugations, as shown in the illustration. Being all one piece of metal it will be readily understood that the durability of such a board would be great. There is nothing to be loosened or torn up, and the chances are that the utensil will last longer than the lifetime of those who use it. Another advantage of this metal washboard is the absence of rough corners or sharp edges, such as sometimes occur on the old-style boards, and on which it is easy to tear a garment if the greatest care is not exercised in rubbing over them.—Boston Post.

### Herbert Spencer's Deity.

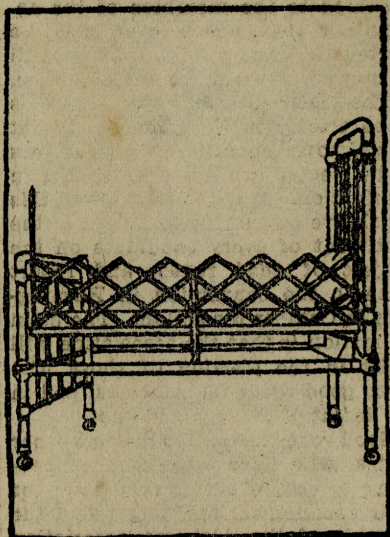
This passage is from Mr. Spencer's "First Principles." "The consciousness of an Inscrutable Power, manifested to us through all phenomena, has been growing ever clearer, and must ultimately be freed from its imperfections. The certainty that on the one hand such a power exists, while on the other hand its nature transcends intuition and is beyond imagination, is the certainty toward which intelligence has from the first been progressing. To this conclusion science inevitably arrives as it reaches its confines; while to this conclusion religion is irresistibly driven by criticism."

### The Japan Magazine.

The initial number of the Japan Magazine, published at Tokio with English text, for the purpose of reflecting the life, art and literature of Japan, not as a fantastic comic opera land, but as a real country and people, contains much of interest to the American reader, compares favorably with our own magazines, and the daintiness of the numerous illustrations by native artists is in itself a revelation.

### A Gate For Beds.

No cribs are required in households which are equipped with one of the bed-gates recently invented by two Connecticut men. Nor need adults worry about tumbling out on the floor during nightmares. The gate is of metal and is composed of crossbars pivoted at their points of intersection so that the whole can be stretched out to the length of a bed or folded up in a small compass at the head or foot. In the centre is a vertical bar to hold the gate against outward movement. Parents who have small children sleeping with them will find the contrivance a great convenience. This device means a considerable sav-

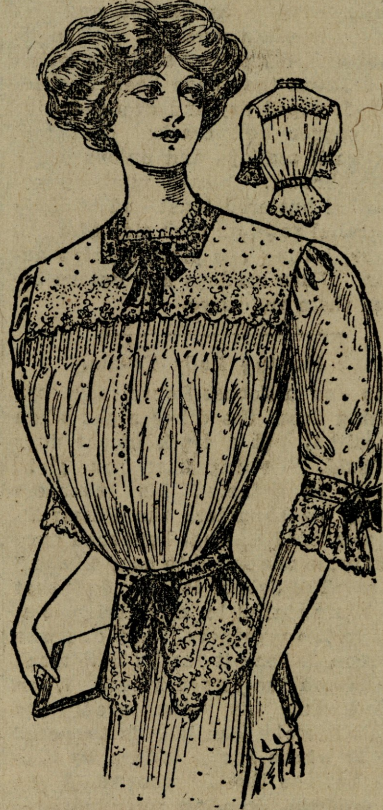


No Cribs Are Needed.

ing in money to families who do not have enough little members to make a crib a paying and more or less permanent investment. A crib is of no use after a child is old enough to sleep without accident, and the gate here described solves the problem of how to get along without them—without cribs, that is.—Washington Star.

# Fashion Notes

New York City.—Morning jackets that are made with peplums are favorites, for they mean snugness and becoming flare as well as comfort. This one includes a square yoke, peplum and trimming of embroidery, but



while such treatment means a charming effect with very little labor it is not necessary, for the entire jacket could be made of plain material and trimmed or finished in any way to suit the fancy. It is eminently simple and especially well adapted to washable materials, although it can be utilized for the challis, albatross and cashmere that many women like at all seasons of the year.

The jacket is made with the yoke, fronts and back. It can be either tucked or gathered at the upper edge and it is finished with a belt at the waist line and with a peplum below, and this peplum forms a pretty and becoming point at the back. The sleeves are made in one piece each gathered into bands. When high neck is desired a standing collar or trimming can finish the neck edge.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is two and a quarter yards twenty-two or twenty-seven, two and one-eighth yards thirty-two or one and a quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with five yards of embroidery eight and a half inches wide, two and a quarter yards of beading to make as illustrated; three and three-quarter yards twenty-four or twenty-seven, two and three-quarter yards thirty-two or one and seven-eighth yards forty-four inches wide if material is used throughout.

### A Touch of Blue.

The black dress of the moment is in charmeuse, and it is long and swathed softly to the figure, the draperies of the skirt being caught up in looped effects at the sides or back. Sometimes the charmeuse is veiled with silk voile, the veiling being made to droop over the upper part of the hem, which is encircled with a fairly tight band of blue satin covered with the voile.



Dress tunic with guimpe. Closing in back, to be made with pointed or straight outline at the lower edge.

### Eccentric Jabots.

The jabots of the hour are eccentric. Most of them are attached to band colors of considerable depth, made of a combination of whatever materials are used for the waist and surmounted by narrow frills of a tinsel cord.

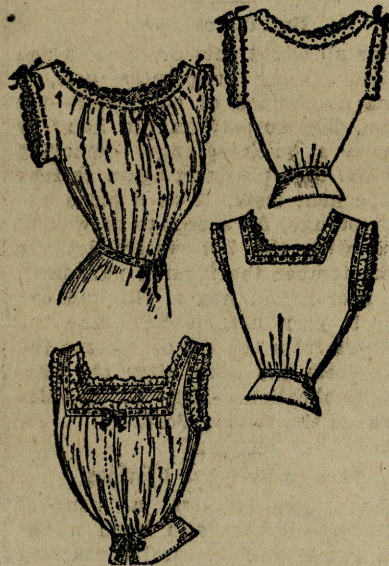
### Brooch or Pin.

The flat collar, which is fast gaining popular favor, demands a brooch or pin to finish it off where it meets in front. For this purpose the cameo of bygone days have returned. Every grandmother who owns one must bring it out from its hiding place for her granddaughter, and the older and quainter it is the more highly will it be valued.

### Corset Covers.

The well fitting corset cover contributes largely to the success of the blouse or the gown. Here are two, both of which are desirable. The tucked one will appeal to the women who like perfect smoothness above the waist line, while the gathered one is desirable for those of more slender figure. The tucked cover includes shield sleeves, and is made with round neck, while the gathered cover is sleeveless and made with a square neck. All the materials that are used for garments of the sort are appropriate. As illustrated, however, the tucked corset cover is made of batiste embroidered in French style, while the gathered corset cover is made of lawn trimmed with embroidery and narrow frills. Dotted and cross-barred muslins are used as well as the plain ones, and some women like Habutal silk for the purpose.

Both corset covers are made with fronts and back, but the tucked corset cover is lengthened over the shoulder to form the shield sleeves. The fronts are laid in tucks at the lower edges that are stitched flat. The gathered corset cover is simply full, regulated by means of beading thread-

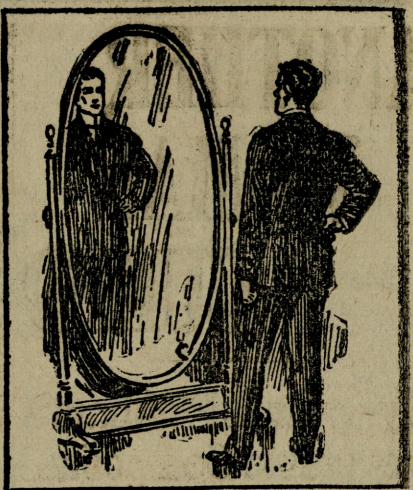


ed with ribbon. Either one can be finished with a peplum or a belt as preferred.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is for either corset cover two yards twenty-four, one and a quarter yards thirty-six, seven-eighth yard forty-four inches wide with three yards of beading, three and a half yards of edging for the gathered corset cover.



Sailor suit for misses and small women, consisting of blouse and seven gored plaited skirt that can be made with or without yoke.



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### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Gouverneur Morris, author, is thirty-four.

Andrew Carnegie and his wife and daughter sailed for Europe.

Senator Hale, of Maine, announced his intention not to seek re-election.

"Henry Rogers left an estate valued at \$34,000,000," says James B. Clews.

Commander Robert E. Peary lectured in Berlin, and was warmly received.

Speaker Cannon's seventy-fourth birthday was celebrated in Washington, D. C.

Enrico Caruso accused Antonio Mislano with trying to obtain \$15,000 from him by Black Hand methods.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Robinson, of New York City, were received in audience by the Emperor at Tokio.

Monsignor Brann returned from Europe and denied criticising Mr. Roosevelt's course in the Vatican episode.

Prince Iyesato at the luncheon of the Japan Society, in New York City, spoke of the eternal friendship of his country for the United States.

Governor Fort refused to call upon the Governor of Illinois for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour, indicted with other packers in New Jersey.

Secretary Ballinger, under cross-examination by Louis D. Brandeis, announced his intention to "kill all the snakes" in the Interior Department.

"Oh, my word!" exclaimed Lori Kitchener, in Chicago, when he was asked if he had read Colonel Roosevelt's Cairo speech; then he changed the subject.

The Chicago jurist, Judge Grosscup, said that he was astounded by the great awakening in Italy, which he predicted would outstrip France in the next twenty-five years.

It is true, as the Richmond Virginian says, that no man is a hero to his stenographer, but often he becomes her husband, comments the Charleston News and Courier

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