

NOTHING MENIAL.

In looking over six columns of women's advertisements for "work wanted" in a morning paper, we find twenty-one advertisements of which the drift, translated into plain terms, is this: "We want work; or, rather, we want money, and suppose we shall have to make some effort to get it. We don't know how to do anything in particular, but we are willing to take any position, providing some one else does the work and we get the money."

FANCY WORK.

Of all the dainty work with which women can occupy their fingers and their spare time, and which is capable of greater variation than almost any other form of fancy work, is that of crocheting. This work continues to increase steadily in favor, and a large variety of cotton and threads of all colors have been lately placed on the market for this special purpose.

RAT BAITING IN WASHINGTON.

Ferrets and Terriers in the Postoffice and Treasury Buildings. There was great sport up at the Postoffice Department the other day. It could have been advertised before hand and an admission fee charged, for the box office would probably have done a big business.

Go to sleep, and he fell back to the pillow.

"Hiram, I tell you," she insisted with another shake, "there's burglars downstairs. I heard them. You go down and see what they want."

CURRENT FASHIONS.

Above all nations the French show the greatest genius for shades and harmonious combinations, and it is from them that we obtain most of our plans of coloring and combination of shades and contrasts.



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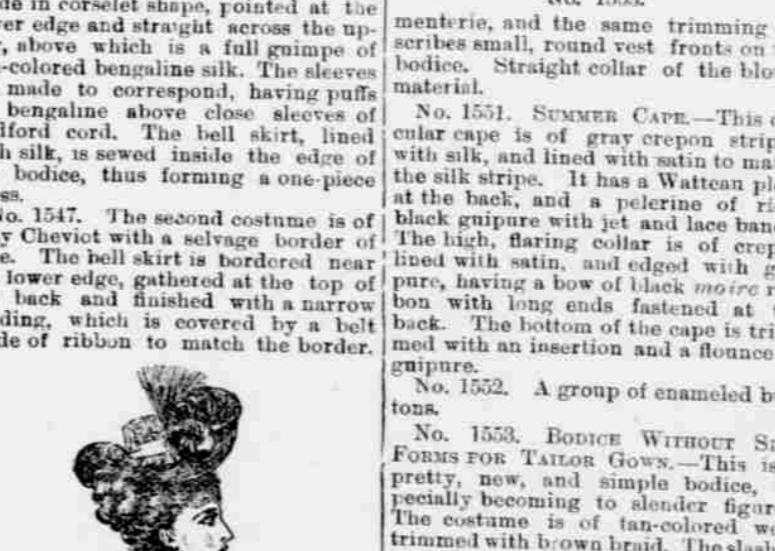
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CLEANINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The city of St. Etienne in France is noted for its clean streets, which are made on about eighteen thousand hand looms in the homes of the people. With a view of assisting these industries, the city has arranged to run all these looms by electricity.

There are too many who think it profitable to live in absolute penury rather than to do any work at all. Their eyes would seem to degenerate from the position which they falsely esteem themselves to hold so long as they can say they have done "nothing menial."