

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Pink dainty is here prettily united with fine lawn, tucking and lace insertion, the trimming being ruches of the material, edged with valenciennes lace. A



GIRLS' YOKE DRESS.

dash of pink taffeta ribbon is daintily bowed in back. The full waist is simply gathered top and bottom, and arranged over fitted linings. The waist may be made without lining and finished with a low, round neck, the lining and sleeves being used separately as a guimpe. The closing is made in centre back, and the neck is completed with a standing collar. The one seam sleeves are gathered at the upper and lower edges, the wrists being finished with bands of insertion edged with a

these, like the one shown in the large engraving, has all-over embroidery for the fabric, with stripes meeting in points all the way down front and back. It is stunning and dainty, and it is hard pushed by the lovely nainsook one with the short yoke of embroidery and lace running down into the top of the sleeve. The finish of the bottom of the sleeve of this one is unique too, with its long pointed cuff falling over the hand and making no end of a becoming flap to the very knuckles.

For the white waists there are at least three ties for each, wide, long, soft affairs to wind around the throat and tie in a short bow with long floating ends. For the silk waists the neckwear is white or rose color, blue or violet in chiffons or gauzes, with ends finished with crimped chiffon, or having striking patterns in rich lace applied on.

Hats Joyful to Look Upon.

Tulle hats are airy, fairy nothings, joyful to look upon. Iridescent effects in these diaphanous materials are delightful. Combine pale blue, Nile green, pink and lavender, with butterflies for trimmings. Spangles should not be used, as their brilliancy would ruin the effect.

Earrings to Reappear.

It comes from very good authority that earrings are to reappear, not the simple solitaire or plain unobtrusive form of eardrops alone, but pendant ornaments, such as Queen Victoria wore in her early years, and at times still uses.

Jacket For Autumn.

Fawn-colored vicuna made this stylish autumn jacket, the lower outline of which is characterized by the



WAIST OF A POPULAR TYPE.

tiny frill of lace. The frill around skirt is deeply hemstitched at the foot, the top being gathered and sewed to the lower edge of waist.

While suitable for all thin wash fabrics with dainty yokes and sleeves of tucking or embroidery, this stylish little dress may also be of cashmere, veiling, camel's hair and all soft wool, silk or mixed fabrics. The yoke may be of any suitable contrasting materials, such as velvet, silk, corded or tuck-ed taffeta, or "all over" lace. If made all of one material the yoke, wrist bands and collar may be attractively trimmed with ribbon, braid, gimp or irregular insertion.

To make this dress for a girl eight years of age will require two and one-quarter yards of thirty-six-inch material.

The Advanced Shirt Waist.

The shirt waist is an institution that has come to stay. It has its subscribers in the homes of the poor and the mansions of the rich. Its praises are sung by the women who have cents and by the women who have dollars. The popularity of the convenient article of dress places it on a pinnacle from which it will take lots of time to drag it, if it ever comes down at all. The shirt waist belongs to no class, to no clime, so far as America is concerned. It has covered the upper of the Southern as well as that of the Northern woman, and that of the Western as well as that of the Eastern woman.

Four dozen is a very ordinary number to own and the collection possessed by some reads like the extraordinary number of toilets listed in the royal wardrobes.

There are bound to be at least two-thirds of the lot that are white. That goes without saying this year. There is a pink and white gingham fine as gossamer, a pale blue, a medium blue, a deep blue with a round yoke of embroidery. There are at least two ecrus with embroideries to lighten them and lavender ones, and white ones these in silk, and solid grounds with narrow stripes and broad and narrow stripes alternating. The bewildering variety of designs in the white ones almost takes even the owner's breath away as she views them for the first time buried in tissue papers of delicate tints. The most advanced of

graceful dip fronts so popular last season. The fronts lap slightly in reefer style and close with a double row of flat round-shaped crystal buttons. Machine stitching finishes the edges in strict tailor style. The box fronts may be fitted with single bust darts, if so preferred. Under arm and side back gores with a curving centre seam in back contribute the trim adjustment, coat laps and flatly pressed plaits being arranged at the termination of the back seams. The fronts reverse at the tops and form pointed lapels that meet the collar in notches. Pockets are inserted in the fronts, over which laps are stretched to conceal the openings. The fashionable sleeves are correctly shaped with upper and under portions, the fulness of the upper being taken up in four short darts or dis-



MISSSES' REEFER JACKET.

posed in gathers, if so preferred. A double row of stitching at cuff depth finishes the wrists. This jacket may form part of a suit of chevrot, serge, broad, venetian or covert cloth, or in light or dark shades be worn with separate skirts. Braid or strapped seams can be effectively used in its completion, and a silk lining will provide a dainty inside finish. To make this jacket for a miss of fourteen years will require one and one-half yards of material fifty-four inches wide.

A FILIPINO ROMANCE.

Troubles of the Cortez Family, Gentlefolk of Manila.

The story of the troubles of the Cortez family, Filipino gentlefolk of Manila, is not without its romantic features. Don Maximo and Don Angel Cortez have just returned to Hongkong from Washington, happy in the belief that they are at the beginning of the end of those troubles, President McKinley having ordered the restoration of all their property in the Philippines confiscated by the Spanish authorities just before the commencement of the war. The property involved is close on \$1,500,000 in value.

When Aguinaldo rebelled in 1896 Gen. Weyler was recalled from the Philippines and Gen. Primo de Rivera took his place. Weyler's policy in the Philippines had been much on the same line as his subsequent policy in Cuba. Rivera adopted no such tactics, preferring rather to approach the insurgents with gold in his hands, and, as is well known, he succeeded in buying them off. At the same time he took care to impose fines upon a large number of wealthy Filipinos, alleging that they had aided or sympathized with the insurgents. Among those made to pay large sums were the Cortez family, which was the wealthiest in the Philippines. Not only was its property confiscated, but the property of Don Maximo's wife, against whom no charge was made, was taken.

Subsequently, after the departure of Aguinaldo with his big money, Rivera offered to return all this property if the Cortez family would pay \$150,000 into his hand. Inasmuch as the Spanish government had already ordered the return of the property, the decree having been published in the Government Gazette, Rivera's suggestion was declined, and in consequence the family was forced to leave the country and go and reside in Hongkong. On the outbreak of war between Spain and America the Cortez family gave Aguinaldo \$10,000 on the understanding that he would go to Manila and fight for annexation to the United States, and not for independence. The money was handed to him in the presence of the United States consul-general at Hongkong, so that if ever at a later date it should be said that they had backed Aguinaldo with money to fight the United States they would be in a position to convince the American government that there was no truth in the story. That the precaution was a wise one and that they correctly gauged Aguinaldo's character events proved. Immediately on the declaration of war the Cortez family went to the United States consulate and formally tendered their allegiance to the United States; at the fall of Manila they placed their palaces at the absolute disposal of General Merritt, and they have been made use of as residences, no rent being paid, ever since. General Merritt recognized their conduct by doing all he could to secure for them their just rights.

When it was known that Aguinaldo had betrayed his trust and gone back on the promise he had made to the American consul at Hongkong the Cortez family refused to have anything more to do with him, and in consequence brought upon itself the enmity of the Filipino junta at Hongkong, which threatened to murder them if they went to Manila. In fact, an uncle of Don Maximo, an attorney in Manila, disappeared some time afterward and has never been heard of since, although the American military authorities have done everything in their power to obtain some clew as to his whereabouts.

Realizing that it was impossible for them to do anything in Hongkong, they went to Washington and were kindly received by the president, the secretary of state and the leading senators. Their case having been ably put forward, an order restoring to them their property was issued. The family will remain in Hongkong until it is safe for them to go to Manila. They are the only family of Filipinos of any consequence who have remained true to their early promises and to their oaths of allegiance.

Bell Guided Her to Safety.

A pathetic story is told of a bell in one of the churches at Ladenburg, Germany. A long time ago, about A. D. 1513, a young lady of the noble family of Sickingen was returning home to Ladenburg from a visit to a neighboring village. An unexpected snowstorm brought on darkness before she could reach the town. At that period there were still remains of forest in the wide surrounding plain. The mantle of snow soon obliterated the roads. In this condition of things, the young lady soon lost her way, and wandered helplessly about in the dark wint'ry night. In her distress of bewilderment and despondency, she prayed ardently to heaven for deliverance. When hope had well-nigh died in her bosom, she heard the peal of a bell. She hastened in the direction of the sound, and as the bell continued to sound, she still followed, till at length she found herself under the wall of Ladenburg. In grateful commemoration of this deliverance, the knight Hans von Sickingen founded a charity of 600 bushels of wheat to be distributed every year among the poor of the town, with the additional stipulation that forever after a bell should sound from that church tower at the same hour of the night that brought deliverance to the young girl.—New York Times.

The Utility of Fly Screens.

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THE OLD CORDED BEDSTEAD.

Some Recollections Also of the Straw Bed and Feather Bed That Went With It.

A correspondent of the New York Sun writes entertainingly as follows: I'm wondering if there's any such thing in use nowadays as a corded bedstead. They used to have them when I was a boy—bedsteads that were corded with a rope running back and forth lengthwise and back and forth crosswise filling the open space between the sidepieces and the headboard and endboard with what was practically very wide-meshed netting of cord running at right angles, upon which the beds were laid; a straw bed first and on top of that a feather bed. There were ropes made for this use and sold in the stores under the name of bedcords; you could buy a bedcord, just as you could buy a clothesline.

In some bedsteads the bedcord was run through holes in the sidepieces of the bed and in some it was turned around stout pegs at intervals in the top of these parts, the pegs being made rounding out a little at the top, like a pinhead, so that the cord couldn't slip off. The bedcord was stout and of good material, but in use it would stretch some, so that the bed would come to sag more or less in the middle; then we used to tighten the cord up with a bed wrench.

In the course of time the straw in the straw bed would become broken and ground up into little bits. Then we used to take the straw bed down in the yard and empty it—it seems sort of funny to think of "emptying" a bed, but that's what we used to do with the straw beds—and we'd burn that refuse and buy of the grocer a bundle or two of straw, according to the size of the bed and the size of the bundles, these bundles being great sheafs of clean, handsome straw tied around the middle with a band of straw, just like you see sheafs of wheat in pictures. We used to open the bundles and put the straw in the bed and spread it around so that it would be even and of uniform thickness, and then sew up the sack again.

In the course of time the slatted bedstead came into common use, and what a tremendous improvement it was! The cords used to break, and instead of getting a new one right away we'd tie knots in 'em, and maybe a knot would come just so, with the stretching of the rope, as to come to a hole or a peg, so that we couldn't draw the rope quite tight; or maybe the rope finally, with repeated breakings and knottings, got so short that we had to skip a mesh or two, leaving an extra large space for the straw bed to sink into. With a good bedcord in perfect order and kept well set up the corded bedstead was all right, but it wasn't always kept up in that way. And the bedsteads not only gave more uniform and stable support to the bed, but they were far less trouble in every way; you didn't have to buy new slats every now and then, nor did you have to devote more or less time to setting them up. I don't know of any household improvement of greater value than the substitution of the slatted for the corded bedstead.

And beside the slats we have had all manner of springs, cheap as well as costly. We have nowadays mattresses of many materials, to say nothing of those of no material at all, stuffed, so to speak, with air. I don't see any more standing in front of the grocery store, bundles of straw as samples, to show that they have straw in the barn. I suppose there are mighty few people, in these parts at least, who sleep on straw beds. I reckon that in remote parts there are still people who sleep on feather beds, and maybe they have straw beds under them, quite in the old way, but as for myself, I have not seen a straw bed nor a feather bed these many, many years.

Verily, have we departed from the ways of our fathers, and with all respect and reverence for the old ways, the new ways are vastly better.

Courageous Parent Mice.

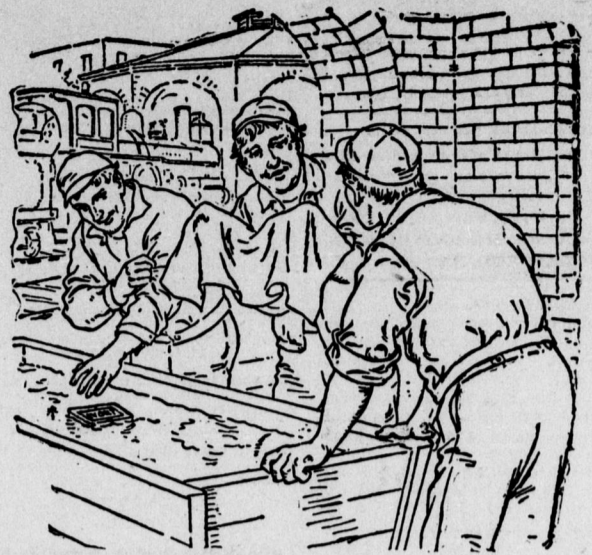
A woman residing in the West End had a remarkable experience with fourteen baby mice.

She went into the cellar to a secluded corner, where no one had been for some time, in search of an ice-cream freezer. She found it and inside was a nest containing fourteen mice. One good-sized mouse was in with them, and, although frightened, would not leave the little ones. An old piece of tape reached from the top and down to the ground. Mrs. B. went upstairs to look for some of the boys to help her take them out, but none of them was home, and so she mustered up courage and determined to go down herself and turn them out. When she reached the freezer the light of the lamp she held in her hand shone directly on it, and she saw two big mice, each carrying a baby mouse. One was coming up on the inside and the other going down on the outside. She was held spellbound at the curious sight, and did not offer to disturb them. She watched until every one of the fourteen babies had been carried to a place of safety.

She says that she never knew that mice had such courage before, but they knew they were discovered and that there was but one way out of it. Mrs. B. had a large mouse trap on the other side of the cellar, and so touched was she by the scene she had just witnessed that she took the trap upstairs and threw it into the fire.—Albany Times-Union.

British Boy of Bulk.

At Dearham, near Maryport, the winner of the belt awarded for wrestling by youths under 16 by the Northern Counties Wrestling Association was J. Tunstall of Great Broughton, who is only 12 years of age, stands over six feet in height, and weighs about 12 stone (168 pounds).—Birmingham Post.



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