

MAN'S AMBITION AND WOMAN'S,

He strives to win the long, hard race— To let his name be known— He longs to stand in some fair place, Exalted and alone.

Within her gentle bosom she Conceals a daily prayer For riches and renown that he And she may jointly share.

A PERFECT DISAPPEARANCE.

By TALBOT SMITH.

HE long and sensational trial was over, and, in spite of the earnest, whole-hearted attempts of the prisoner's counsel, had terminated in an early possible verdict.

depends on men for success, and engine drivers will drink, signalmen fall asleep, telegraph clerks miss the right word and guards fall to swing a warning lantern.

The condemned man heard the verdict unmoved, save for a tremulous movement of the lips, which the most self-contained can never wholly hide.

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"I expected nothing better," said the prisoner, "and nothing remains for me now but preparation for the end so close at hand."

After resigning his post, and joining an orchestra as first violin—for faith in his abilities finally deserted him—this fascination accompanied him, and he proved a great bore to his friends from the endless speculations it led him to indulge.

When Estace Lyle left the prison he carried with him, and concealed in an inner pocket, a letter which Winthrop had written when the case seemed hopeless, and had managed to slip unseen into his hand.

On his mantelpiece he kept a photograph of Winthrop Lyle, and the slim, dark figure, the pale, thin high-browed face, the severe expression and dark eyes had a prominent place in his sleeping and waking dreams.

Before the day of execution comes I shall be far away from this place—or dead. I want you to do one thing and promise another.

When they reached the camp they found that the truant had returned, and had gone from one person to another, touching each with his trunk, as if exhibiting her adopted child, which she had evidently begged, borrowed or stolen in her absence.

Ordinary means of escape are out of the question. I shall be shepherd night and day by two armed warders, who are relieved at intervals of four hours.

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I have calculated the periods of duty and relief of the six men told off for "condemned cell duty," as it is called, and find two warders, Cox and Foster, both young men, will be my guard from 10 to 11 a. m. on Sunday next.

Not having been long in the country, they spoke English with a gentle accent. German pictures hung on the wall, and German colors were everywhere. Ganz could not abide English cooking, and at her table never dressed the seasoned dishes of the Fatherland.

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pleasure, but cared nothing for music or wine or books. And he learned enough of drugs to poison his wife too cleverly.

"How could he have been so hard and cruel?" said Frau Ganz, with a sigh. "I don't believe he did it," said Josef, softly.

"Two young men," answered Lord. "couldn't be and look, less alike." Josef smiled.

"I arrived in this country about the time he escaped from jail. I could read English then, and, I remember the newspapers were full of it. But until I met you the case did not interest me.

Everything worked successfully. Wealth and the rank of the convict achieved wonders, and an escape which read more like a romance of Dumas than a chronicle of Newgate occupied public attention for the usual nine days.

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Agricultural.

About Your Cattle. What are you raising cattle for? If for milk and butter and other dairy products, you want Jersey, Guernseys or Holsteins; if for the beef market, you want Short Horns, Polled Angus or Herefords.

Fertile Eggs. To decide whether eggs are fertile or not hold them between the thumb and forefinger, with one end toward the thumb and finger, in a horizontal position, having a strong light in front of you.

Novelties in Vegetables. Do not be tempted to abandon the old reliable varieties of vegetables for novelties, but first test the novelties as experiments.

Successful Combination. Seven years ago I built my first combined hotbed, coldframe and winter storage pit. It is the only successful combination I know for such uses.

Hog Cholera—A Preventive. Some time ago I heard a friend wonder if there was such a thing as a specific for hog cholera.

Hogs For Meat. For hogs we prefer the Poland-Chinas. While they do not produce as large litters as some other breeds, they are large hogs and of a dignified appearance.

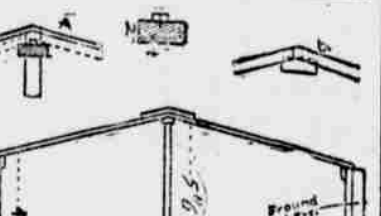
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PLAN OF HOTBED.

enough to be set below bed level two and a half or three feet. It is to be permanent, and only sound, long-lasting timber should be used for walls.

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Fashion Notes

New York City.—Pretty house jackets are among the comforts of life that no woman should be without. This one is quite novel, inasmuch as it includes



HOUSE JACKET.

bonnet finished the skirt. The bodice was pleated and had a collar and stole of heavy white lace. The silk-shirred bands appeared on the elaborate sleeves, which had cuff bands of the lace. High silk girdle.

About Crank Belts. Many who started in to wear the crush leather belts have ruined one or two already by drawing them too tight. You cannot draw the crush belt up as you would a plain belt.

Touque Decoration. Clusters of red roses are the fashionable decorations for white lace and chiffon touques.

Fancy Sleeves. Fancy sleeves make features of the season too apparent and far too charming to be overlooked. The three shown are all graceful, all smart, yet all simple and can be utilized both for the new garments and for those of last season, which must be made up to date.

The sleeves are all made over fitted foundations on which the full portions are arranged and which serve to keep the puffs in place. In the case of the sleeve to the left the under puff is cut off several inches below the upper

garments of the sort are appropriate for immediate wear, chalice, ribatross and the like for cooler weather. The shaped back gives admirable lines and a yoke collar that extends well over the shoulders, and is both simple and attractive. The original, from which the drawing was made, is of white batiste, ring-dotted with blue and trimmed with bands of embroidery, collar and cuffs being of white, but all the pretty washable fabrics used for also an effect of neatness, while the

A Late Design by May Manton.



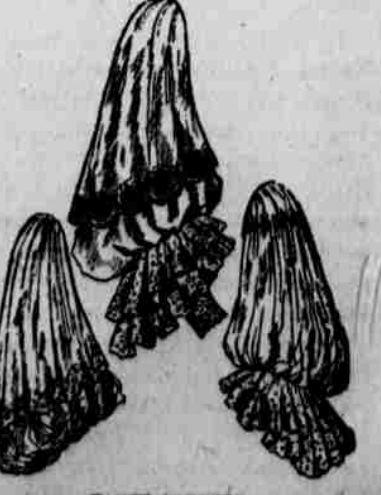
loose fronts are both graceful and comfortable. When liked the box pleats can be omitted and gathers used in their stead.

The jacket consists of the fronts, joined to a round yoke, backs and side-packs with full sleeves. The yoke-collar is separate and arranged over the whole and there is a choice allowed between a turn-over and a standing collar. At the wrists are shaped cuffs that harmonize with the yoke-collar and are exceedingly effective.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and three-quarter yards, twenty-seven inches wide, four and three-quarter yards, thirty-two inches wide, or two and five-eighth yards, forty-four inches wide, with four yards of binding to trim as illustrated.

The Loose Mantle Coat. We have adjured it for a long time, but we have come back to it now, a "slip on" which is quickly slipped off. The fashionable mantles are chiefly made in light fawn soft cloths, smooth faced or fancy woven, and those very light tones are in the majority; there are a great many cream. The gray and the black are not quite so fashionable, but are very much worn, especially at this season. The buttons upon these coats are often a marked feature; indeed, the jeweled buttons and the stone buttons of by no means so costly material but effective, are having an immense following. The blister pearl, the amazonite, the matrix opal, and the matrix turquoise all serve as a ground for the introduction of what appear to be rubies, sapphires and diamonds. Some buttons are cameo and some are wrought in metal, carrying out the military element now so necessary an adjunct to success.

Sage Green Silk and Voile. Sage green silk and very thin voile were combined in a graceful gown. The skirt was laid in a graceful pleat and was a triple affair. The first skirt ended in a deep hem like a tuck, under which was a band of silk shirred very closely. A second pleating and band of shirred silk and a deep tucked



FANCY SLEEVE.

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