

SUMMER DAYS

Summer days are come. Sing! All the birds are cooing. With joyful notes their little throats swell full and free, the woods ring. Then sing, oh sister, sing!

How the Mail Was Saved.



ELL me has father's weekly paper come yet. Mr. Brydon?" asked Andy Kent, as he stepped into the little post-office at Alpine.

Mr. Brydon, the postmaster, was leaning over the counter, counting. Flaring a big leather mail bag that lay before him, with such an abstracted manner and expression that he failed to hear the inquiry, and Andy was obliged to repeat it.

With many injunctions and directions from Mr. Brydon, they left the post-office and started away on a brisk walk, Andy leading, with the mail pouch on his back, and Joe and Tiger bringing up the rear.

time Andy caught sight of the rickety flight of steps leading to the loft. He ascended in two or three bounds, and reaching the upper floor, gave his hand to Joe. It was well that he did so, for the latter was still on the last step when the rotten old concern went down with a crash, so searing the panther—who was already inside—that he bolted out to the road in fright.

that we need help, and went to bring it." Then if that's the case," said Andy, "and Tiger saved us, the panther just as surely saved the mail bag."

DETAILS OF DRESS.

MINOR MATTERS ARE RECEIVING ATTENTION. Much Pleading Seen on Imported Dresses—Styles in Fronts or Vests—Other Hints About Woman's Wear.

A LITTLE more cloth for the sleeves, please," was the order of a recent dressmaker, as she was preparing to fit out her customer for an outing.

Another handsome costume is of shepherd's check silk and velvet. The skirt is of plain silk, the bodice is of velvet with deep V's of silk at front and back;

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stands close up around the throat. This is an exceptionally stylish and pretty costume, and is a type of one of the earliest ideas for autumn.

Another dress, and one that has been much admired, is of dark-green Indian camel-hair. The skirt is made entirely plain, the front and sides are trimmed with single ornaments of satin and beads.

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color, but the wearer must know how to treat it. There are greens that dark or sallow persons should keep at a distance from face, neck or hands, and then there are others that make such persons look fair. They must be studied.

HEROE DRESS.



In such a style as this, the inner waistcoat buckled across with steel buckles, and made of the black satin. At the neck have the cravat and bow of fine crepe, the sleeves to be buckled in the middle of the fulness, and be made of the same material as the skirt and coat. The buckles on the sleeve are rather attractive.

FANCY BAG FOR DUSTER. It is the correct thing—and the convenient thing as well—to keep a duster in every room. One can often employ a few minutes in banishing the "bloom of time" if only a duster is handy, when the necessity of hunt-



REASONABLE GOWNS FOR CHILDREN. ing for one would quite spoil one's desire for cleanliness. The accompanying sketch shows an easily made bag. It is of cream colored linen, quickly worked with dots and conventionalized flowers in outline stitch.

A dark blue or black serge which has been worn all summer can be smartened up for fall wear by covering the broad collar and pointed revers with heavy lace. Make the lace fit smoothly over the revers, and if it is wide enough let it extend inside of the coat like a facing.

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A DUSTER BAG. room for which it is intended. This bag is nice for soiled collars and cuffs or handkerchiefs.

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