

purses is a steel mesh, mounted with royal copper studded with cut steel The combination of yellowish brown husband to supply. copper and the bright cut steel is extremely unique and attractive. Belt and hat pins, and numerous chatelaine attachments, are shown in the new royal copper. Some are studded with precious stones and are very dainty.

Crochet Silk.

Amateur dressmakers who are planning to stitch with crochet silk are in In the first place, there's trouble in threading it on the sewing machine, it is so very coarse. In the next place, it in a box, the silk being carried up over a side gas fixture or some such arrangeout of it being the coarsest cotton one can find for the bobbin. If one can stitch it evenly the effect is likely to be very good. It makes the machine heavy to run, and it makes one wonder just what sort of a machine was employed in the stitching of that imported pongee dress on which three threads of this heavy silk in contrasting colors were carried as the upper thread. One person who knows about it from bitter experience started out to have garnitures consisting of five rows of stitching. She has decided that one row is

A Queen's Girlhood.

When Queen Alexandra's father married he had nothing to keep his family his pay as an officer in the Danish army and his wife's modest dowry. He used the families of rich merchants to help home, and I said: out the domestic bugget.

Alexandra and her sister Dagmar, afterward Empress of Russia, were taught to do their own sewing and tidy book writing." up their rooms. They wore cheap and plain clothes. Once Alexandra wanted a muslin gown such as other girls of her age were wearing. Her mother told her that her father could not afford it. The girls used to wash the teacups sometimes, too. It would not have been safe to take chances with the yourself." hired girl. Later, when Alexandra and Dagmar had married the heirs of the greatest empires of Europe and Asia. they used to insist, in visiting their old home, upon occupying together the little upper room they had formerly shared, and each wrote her name and a Danish sentiment on the window glass with a diamond. They lacked the diamonds to do it with in the early days and, besides, they would not have ventured to spoil the glass.

Veil Beauty.

The chiffon veil with the embroiderborder is one of the latest ideas in

Once upon a time the plain chiffon veil satisfied us. But not so now. We are on an extravagant path in the matter of dress, and so even the matterof-fact chiffon veil for morning wear must be beautified.

One veil was embroidered with zizzag lines like leaping flames.

Some do not go in for such elaborate effects, but simply have the embroidered dot. Of course, if the veil is draped carefully about the hat this touch of embroidery gives a very dainty trimming note to the chapeau.

One of the quaintest of the new veils seen has a narrow knife-plaited ruffle on the edge. It is quite an old-fashioned touch, but all the more popular for that reason these days, when the more we look like our grandmothers the better pleased we are.

Another veil fad is to wear one matching in color the hat. Of course these little dress modes don't cost anything! It is a mere bagatelle to have a dozen or so veils to match our dozen or so hats. Failing in this, we might achieve one veil to match our one hat. But this is a matter which must be settled in a heart-to-heart talk between us and the Man Behind the Cheek Book.-Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Sure Sign of Progress.

Among the things that are not as they used to be is the control which women exercise, nowadays, over their own money. There was a time which many persons who are not yet enfeebled with age can easily recall, when the purses and pocketbooks that women owned were used largely for carrying coat finishes. samples of dress goods, cooking-recipes, trunk keys, etc. Occasionally a woman's wallet that harbored a few bank notes would be found and then the husband of the possessor would be exploited as a prodigy of liberality.

'Do you know that Mrs. - has her own pocketbook?" would be whispered about by the submissive and withal envious women, who were accustomed to supplicate their husbands for sums of grives who sold milk and butter and at the upper edge.

very newest fad in chatelaine these products were devoted to the purchase of clothing and other articles which it was the plain duty of the

If the suffragists and woman's rights champions never get any nearer to the goal for which they are striving than they are now, they can at least point to great advancement in the establishment of the property rights of women not only possess pocketbooks filled with money, but they actually maintain bank accounts and draw checks against their personal deposits. There is a large for no end of trials and tribulations. financial institution in this city which has been compelled to enlarge the facilities it originally provided for taking care of its woman patrons, Women in is not wound on a regulation spool; so all walks of life now keep bank acthe spool it is wound on has to be kept | counts-those who work for a living as well as those who have large incomes, This is a part of the new social system, ment. It will pucker up under the ten- and its effect is peneficial in many sion and have to be pulled back every ways. It encourages thrift and economy other second. Then there's trouble in and teaches women business methods getting the under thread, the best way which they find highly valuable,-Kansas City Star.

Mincement Helped a Bit.

Apropos of the question as to whether writing as a profession pays a good living, Miss Elizabeth Banks, author of The Autobiography of a Newspaper Girl," relates some of her experiences with London authors, known to the world as successful.

"The other day," said Miss Banks, I was calling on a well-known woman writer, whose books are widely known in England and America, and have been well translated into one or two Continenal languages. She writes two books a year-that is, on an average. Her books are not great books by any means, but they are not bad books, and on, says J. H. Twells in Munsey's, but that is saying a great deal. Over the tea cups we talked books and I complimented her upon the success of her to give dancing lessons on the quiet to last book. I looked about her pretty

"'I call it a sign of woman's progress and advancement that a member of my sex can keep up a home like this by

"'I don't keep it up by book writing." she answered.

" 'But I thought you had always said that, unlike most other English women workers, you had not been left with an income by your parents-that you had your own row to hoe entirely by

' 'True,' she replied, 'but it costs me 500 a year to keep up this style of living, and I never make more than a hundred and fifty a year out of my books. I make another 150 out of newspaper and magazine writing, and I make the rest of my income out of mincement.

"'Mincement?' I echoed. "'Yes, mincemeat."

"She sat back and laughed till the tears rolled down her cheeks, till I got to laughing myself, and our tea got cold, and we had to wait for another

many books had for several years been carrying on a private trade in mincemeat made by herself with the help of a lady companion. She started among her friends, they recommended her to their friends, they to other, till finally she secured a steady income from making mincement."-Kansas City Journal.

Fashion Notes.

Grape decorations are still in favor. Rose foliage hats are among the love-

Many hahdsome waists button in the

Cream is in the lead for handsome

Gun metal taffeta frocks are tremendously smart.

Little wraps on coffee coat lines are as jaunty as they are useful.

Three to five ruffles are pretty on organdle skirts for young girls.

Corset costumes in snow-white linen are the most fetching creations.

Both tucks and insertions are good style set round both blouse and skirt, Embroidered dots, rather large, are upon some of the most desirable para-

Shaded gray silk cluny lace is beautiful on gun metal silks, votles and etam-

There seems to be difficulty in getting the back of a plaited skirt to look graceful.

Stole-like extensions still distinguish

One beautiful sort of ostrich plume is known as the snake, the lobster or the lyre plume. A couple of ostrich plumes with quill

tips are caught onto handsome toques with good effect. Triple box-plaited and belted long lace. coats are the better for a skirt with

One dress combines two contrasting money as trifling as a quarter. In those styles—the seams are strapped down to days there were certain thrifty house- the flounce, which is shirred five times shown in the large drawing includes inches wide, or two and one-fourth





WOMAN'S COAT. serve as warm weather wraps, and made from the heavier materials be come suited to cold weather wear. This very stylish May Manton one is shown in pongee, with trimming of the same material embroidered in C'Inese designs, but is adapted to all the mate rials mentione. and indeed to all light weight cloaking materials.

The cont is made with loose fronts and back and is shaped by means of be noted in many of the fancy waists. shoulder, under-arm and centre back This very stylish model shows one of

New York City.-Loose coats made | tional shirrings midway between the with shoulder capes are r uch in vogue two, and is eminently desirable. The and are admirable for many purposes. original is made of dotted muslin, but Made of pongee, silk and the like, they the design suits all the soft, pliable fabrics of the season equally well.

The skirt consists of a three-piece foundation and the skirt proper, which is cut in one, slightly circular, piece. At the lower edge is a group of three tucks that makes a most satisfactory finish. The skirt is shirred on indicated lines and is drawn up to fit the

The quantity of material required for the medium size is six yards twentyseven inches wide, four and threefourth yards thirty-two inches wide, or four yards forty-four inches wide.

Traveling Gowns.

Gowns for traveling and street wear made of foulard (which is still in high vogue) are far ahead of those of brilliantine or mohair, as they are equally durable, more congenial to the touch, resist damp or salt air and shed dust as well. For ordinary wear they are cheaper than any of the dainty muslins, as they do not have to be laundered and can be worn even on ceremonious occasions. They are, however, mostly made on the smart shirt waist model, and elaborated as desired by quantities of lace and ribbons, especially those in the light designs with plenty of white in the ground, the dark foulards being selected for traveling. The old or standard designs (which never go out of fashion) can be had cheaper than the new designs.

Woman's Blouse Walst.

Nothing marks the season more surely than the bertha effects that are to



TUCKED SHIRRED WAIST AND SKIRT.

"It turned out that this writer of seams. The cape is arranged over the novel shape and combines with it two hours will be needed to cook a trimming, which extends to the edges slipping over the gown with perfect

> The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and one-half applique and the like all can be used. yards twenty-seven inches wide, three yards forty-four inches wide, or two

Becoming to Young Girls,

Shirred waists always are becoming to young girls and are greatly in vogue at the present time. The very pretty as new as it is attractive. As illus- a regulation stock. trated in the large drawing it is made of white mult with a yoke of lace, the medium size is five yards twentybut soft wool and silk fabrics are ap- one inches wide, four and three-fourth propriate as well as the cotton and linen ones.

The waist is made over a fitted foundation which closes with it at the back. The yoke is faced onto the lining and the waist proper is shirred and ar-ranged over it. The sleeves are shirred at their upper portions to form continuous lines with the waist, and again between the shoulders and the elbows They can be made in elbow length, as Illustrated, or in the long bishop style, as shown in the small cut. If a trans most neck fixings from gauzy stocks to parent effect is desired the lining can be cut away beneath the yoke and be

neath the full portions of the sleeves. The quantity of material required to the medium size is three and one-fourth yards twenty-seven inches wide, three yards thirty-two inches wide, or two and one-eighth yards forty-four inches wide, with five-eighth yards of all-over

Tuck shirrings are greatly in vogue the same sort of plait back and front. and are peculiarly desirable for the

shoulders and can be turned back at sleeves that are among the latest the corners, as illustrated, or left plain, shown. The original is made of shepas preferred. At the neck is the stole herd's plaid louisine piped with black, novel shape and combines with it, of the fronts. The sleeves are loose but numberless other materials are and ample, in bell shape, and admit of equally appropriate, and many combinations might be suggested. A plain bertha on a figured material, or figured on plain is effective, lace, embroidery,

The waist is made over a fitted lining that is faced to form the yoke at the and one-half yards fifty-two inches back. The fronts proper are tucked to form a yoke and fall in soft folds below that point, but the back is laid in pleats that extend to the belt and give a tapering effect to the figure. The lining and waist are closed separately at the centre front, but the bertia is and attractive May Manton one shown booked over into place at the left combines the broad shouldered effect shoulder seam. The sleeves are new with the shirrings at the waist line, and are pleated to form full puffs which gives the effect of a belt, and is above the narrow cuffs. At the neck is

The quantity of material required for



gowns designed for young girls. The yards twenty-seven inches wide, four a yoke and flounce effect, with addi- yards forty-four inches wide.



Grease Spots.

These may be removed from white linen or cotton goods by using sonp or weak lye. If the material is colored calico use warm soap suds. If woolen, ammonia and soap suds. If silk, benzine, ether, ammonia, magnesia

Washing Handkerchiefs.

This is one way of washing handkerchiefs: Dip them in warm water, soap each one on both sides, fold loosely, and put them in a pile in a basin, without water, to soak for an hour or longer. Rub them on a washboard with a large nailbrush dripped in hot water, boil for a few minutes, rinse in clear water, and dry. Begin the ironing in the centre, and not on the border.

Cleaning Steel Blades.

When knives have steel blades they should be cleaned and polished after each using. This is best accomplished if a small basket is kept near at hand which contains a potato, a bathbrick and a polishing cloth. Scrape a little of the brick upon a board, dip the cut end of the potato into it, and use this to rub the blade of the knife free of all stains. Then polish with the cloth and wash the handle in warm but not hot water.

Cleaning Oriental Rugs.

If you have a genuine oriental rug you need not fear to wash it whenever the surface becomes solled, as the colors are perfectly fast and the rugs have been washed many times before they are brought to this country, says the Chicago News. Fasten it to a smooth hard floor and wash with strong soapsuds, then rinse thoroughly with clear water to remove every trace of the soap, Squeeze out what water you can by pressing the rug while it lies on the floor and let it dry before removing. In this way it will retain its shape. When dry rub with a soft brush to remove any stiffness there may be. In the summer the rug may be natled to the side of the barn, and after it is washed can be thoroughly rinsed by turning water on it with a hose.

Stowed Chicken with Dumplings.

One chicken weighing three pounds one tablespoonful of butter, three of flour, one large onion, three slices of carrot, three of turnip, three pints of bolling water, salt and pepper. Cut the chicken in pieces suitable for serving; wash and put in a deep stewpan, add the water and set on to boll. Put the carrot, turnip and onion cut fine in the saucepan with the butter and cook slowly for half an hour, stirring rapidly; then take up the vegetables in the strainer, place the strainer in the stewpan with the chicken and dip some of the water into it. Mash the vegetables with the back of a spoon and rub as much as possible through the strainer, then skim two spoonfuls of chicken fat from the water and put it in the pan in which the vegetables are to be cooked. When boiling hot add three tablespoonfuls of flour; stir over the fire until a dark brown, then stir in with the chic ken and simmer until tender; season well with pepper and salt. The stew should only simmer all the time it is ooking-it should not boll hard. Abou year old chicken. Twelve minutes before serving draw the stewpan forward and let the contents boil up, then put in the dumplings and cook ten minutes. Take them out and let them cook in the heater while the chicken is being dished. Place it in the centre of the platter; pour the dumplings around the edge. Stewed chicken is much more economical than roast chicken, and it can also be prepared without the vegetables.-Philadelphia Record.

Soft Gingerbread.-One and one-half cups of molasses, one cup of water, four cups of flour, one-half cup of butter or lard, one teaspoon of soda, one of vinegar. 'I wo teaspoons of ginger. Bake quickly and do not put it in until the oven is very hot.

Jumbles-Three eggs, one and onehalf cups of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of butter, one-half cup of milk, two spoons of cream tartar and one of soda. Flavor with mace or nutmeg and use flour enough to make a soft dough, Roll out and cut the jumbles and sift a little sugar over them before baking.

Spicelettes-Two cups of brown sugar, two-thirds cup of molasses, two thirds cup of drippings, two-thirds cup of buttermilk, two eggs, one teaspoon each of cinnamon, alispice and cloves, one cup of chopped raisins, flour to make drop batter, one level teaspoon of soda dissolved in water. Bake in shallow pan. When cool cut into rings, ice with chocolate and garnish with blanched almonds.

Baltimore Potato Biscuit.-Boll three large potatoes, peel and mash them in a bowl; then beat them light with a half cupful of butter. Salt to taste and add one teaspoonful of white sugar. Stir these well together and beat in a cupful of water. Then stir in a cupful of flour and one well-beaten egg. and finally one cupful of yeast. When it begins to rise stir in flour sufficient to make it a soft dougn. It can be mixed at night and in the morning rolled to a half-inch thickness and cut into biscuit. Place these in a baking pan and allow them to rise for an hour or until light and bake in a quick oven.

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