

Liking for Scotch Stuffs.

to be the greatest admirers and purchasers of such individually Scotch articles as cairngorm jewelry, pebble dirks and batchets and clan tartans. And next after the Americans come the Danes, who have a fondness amounting almost to a passion for the Scotch tar tan plaids. Queen Alexandra is said never to visit her mother country without first laying in a stupendous pile of presents for her relatives, the members of the various households, the servants at King Christian's paiaces, and old friends generally. Scotch things usually figure largely among these gifts. Before leaving Balmoral inspection by an Edinburg firm that makes a specialty of national products and bought largely of shawls, capes, rugs and other things, all strictly Scottish in material and pattern.

For Older Women

Soft wool gowns are most becoming to older women, and should be worn in place of the rather harsher smooth cloths with the shiny surface or the rough serges. There are many differreaves of soft camel's-hair that are useful and practical for the street, and for the house as well, although whenever it is possible it is a good plan for an elderly woman to wear silk. In these days when there are so many bargains to be found in silks, it is a good investment to have at least one or two. The iron grenadines, the plain mesh without figures, are also suitable for older women, while peau de sole is almost a necessary gown for afternoon and Sunday wear.

There are a few older women whose figures are built on the fashionable lines, and even for those favored few the long coat is one of the best garments that can be bought for street wear, either long enough to entirely cover the gown beneath or just a little shorter.-Harper's Bazar.

A Boon to Mistresses,

A novelty in the "in and out" indicators, which are coming more and more into use, both in private houses and apartments, is shown in one of the shops. It consists of a box made of hardwood, and it is provided with a slit for letters and has a lock and key. On the outside of the box is a dial provided with a hand for marking the time of return and on one side of the box is the word "in" and on the other fects. the word "Out." On the top of the box is a small white slate in a mahogany frame, with a pencil attached. This, of course, may be replaced with a pencil and pad if preferred. The cost of this extremely convenient article which saves the servants from fib telling and the misconstruction of parting message or our nearest neighbor from being annoyed with our coming and , is the trifling sum of \$2.75the word trifling is used advisedly, as anything that will save trouble for the servants is certainly greatly to be desired in these days when "warnmgs" may be expected at any moment -Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Vogue of the Amazon Hat, The new Amazon shape is the one generally chosen for silk hats, about the maintenance of which as a really fashionable style for Winter there is considerable hesitation. Since the date of my last letter I have seen some models that promise better than those first in the field. These have not shown the sleek glossy aspect of the modern masculine hat. The pile, inwhich relieves it of the hard and rigid appearance usual to the ordinary silk hat. In different shades of fawn and beige they look very chic and stylish. Both these and the sleek Amazon hat have very high crowns, generally widening at the top. Frequently the brim is somewhat wider on one side and rolled over more or less. Some have one wide folded band of velvet around the crown with a broad buckle in front. Others have two narrow plain bands, secured by small oblong buckles at the side. Moreover, the upturned brim on the left receives a certain amount of trimming. The simplest have a silk or velvet cockade. the more elegant a plume of ostrich tips or coque feathers.-The Millinery

"The Happy Afternoon Club."

I know of several ladies in the middle walks of life-where the most of us belong-who, not being able to afford help continuously, had little time at their disposal, and not desiring to let their minds grow rusty, formed themselves into what they terpled "The Happy Afternoon Club.

(this club consisted of four ladies) Next to royalty, Americans are said took their pleasure and recreation in any manner desired, either in some form of entertainment, a lecture, mat ince, sightseeing or in quiet reading and study together. Their minds being easy about their children, they could enjoy themselves in their own fashion. I know of no way in which say half a dozen or less, mothers could help each other more than in this manner. Of course, the mother whose duty it is to have charge of the little ones pledges herself to devote her time to them, so the playing mothers feel secure in the thought that their children are safer and happier than when under the care of hired she had a lot of things sent out for help. At the same time this will be giving the children of the caretaker the first lessons in entertaining, and thus be made a benefit all around .-Woman's Home Companion.

Topic Tips.

"Waistings" for the autumn are unusually attractive this year, including as they do soft, fine flannels and pretty silks in fancy and striped effects and in checks and plaids. White and cream grounds are favorites, although every modish color is offered. Flannels, embroidered and silk striped, are considered very smart.

As fashion still endorses the shirt waist, as well as the shirtwaist costume, is behooves one to make early selections before the best patterns are exhausted. Another sartorial edict is that to be "smart" the separate waist and skirt must harmonize in color. the waist carrying the principal tone of the skirt, no matter what the materials.

The heavier cotton fabrics will again be worn in waists during the winter. and the new models continue to present unique and charming features in yokes, siceves and finish.

Corduroy of soft and lustrous finish is among the early fall materials, and s being fashioned into attractive walking costumes. Browns, dark blue and especially gun metal gray are the lead ing tones in these goods.

All the old favorites in the roughfaced fabrics, such as cheviots, zibelines and camel's hair, are still to be in high vogue, only their long stiky hair seems "more so." They are charming for winter gowns, being rich and heavy looking and yet so fine and light of weight. They come in all the fashionable colors, rich glossy blacks and in two-toned black and gray ef-

Preparing for the Dressmaker,

If one only knew how much time and trouble was saved by having everything in readiness for the dressmaker when she arrives in the morning, and how much more she could accomplish in the day, they would accept many of the following suggestions, and have everything handy for her.

How often it is the case that she arrives with nothing prepared, and by the time everything is found and plans talked over enough time has elapsed for a frock to be cut out.

In the first place have the machine well oiled and thoroughly cleaned, so that the seamstress will not have to spend a half hour or so doing this herself. Have also prepared for her an old clean sheet, on which her chair may be put, and which will catch all the threads, scraps, and pins. This will do away with the disagreeable

"cleaning up" afterwards. Have a good supply of pins for her, also basting thread and French chalk white if the fabric be dark and slate blue otherwise. This chalk brushes enstead of being carefully smoothed tirely away, leaving no mark. Have down, is brushed back the wrong way. the cutting table up, and on it your pattern, a pair of large sharp clssirs a tape measure, and your pins.

Have a comfortable cushioned chair for her; you will be surprised what a difference this often makes in the disposition and then besides, think for how many hours she is to sit there and sew. See that you have a good supply of hooks and eyes, bones, needles, etc., as nothing is so disagreeable as in five years I have made the experito run out of these seemingly small but important things.

young, to send a sweet of some kind has learned it she usually leaves to to her with her luncheon. This seems take service in another family. It is a little thing, but when are we not glad of a little something out of the ble servants in Europe become utteriy ordinary, especially if we are tired? worthless when they are imported in If one has much sewing done at home to this country. it is almost essential to have a little gas stove and an iron in the sewing room, as all dressmaking requires so much pressing. A little board should holds, and both my brother and I imalso be softly and cleanly covered; a ported them from London to act as dampening cloth and a piece of wax

be near at hand. much sewing in cloth is done, or if tions of master and servant almost inone is favored with a good-natured variably turn their heads, and they are cook who does not object to the seam-

HIS WASTED EFFORT.

Re struggles on with wrinkled brow,
He strove, but strove in vain;
He smiled and gasped, "I have it now!"
Then sighed, and tried again.
He stabbed the sheet and railed at fato,
And thrice his peneli broke;
For, ah, he strove to fabricate
A single brand-new joke.

And when the little joke was done
He laughed till he was tired;
It seemed to him such bubbling fun
No wonder he admired.
He showed it to a friend so true,
And -miled, and -miled, and amiled;
"What," said the friend, "that isn't newI heard it when a child!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HUMOROUS

"No, he says the climate here doesn't agree with him." "I wonder if that's why he keeps changing it so much." "That's the local weather forecaste

who just passed us." "Indeed? He isn't a very healthy looking man, is he? "You mustn't kiss me-papa might hear you." "Is—is he near enough to hear us?" "Yes, but he's very, very deaf.

"Do you know anything about flirting?" "No," he replied sadly. thought I did, but when I tried it, hanged if the girl didn't marry me.'

Mrs. Goodum-Always be kind to animals, little boy. Now, I have a pet toad and I feed flies to him every day. Boy-Well, dat's not so awful kind to

"Our new cook seems very well contented out here in the country?" "She has lived in the country before." "How do you know?" "By the burrs on her tongue."

Husband (losing all patience)-O, why are you forever bothering me for money in this way? Wife (coolly)— I suppose it's because I can't think of better way. "I never could understand," said the

old fogy, "what is the great attraction in automobiling." "Perhaps," replied the beginner with the bandaged head, "it's the attraction of gravitation." Maud (at the party)-There's Irene

over in the corner, talking to Cholly Slympate. She has to do something to kill time. Mabel-Is that why she looks daggers at the clock every few minutes? "Tommy! stop that noise, and come

here to me," said Mrs. Phamley, "Do you know whose day this is?" Ma'am," replied Tommy, promptly, "Whose is it?" "Bridget's, Mary Ann was out last Sunday."

The Girl's Father-And you say you are sure your love could stand any test? The Smitten Swain-Sure of it. have even seen her picture in that family group taken in the days when the girls wore jerseys.

"I am afraid," said the very wealthy young woman to the titled wooer "that our ideals differ." "In what way?" "I should like to be loved for my own sake, while you expect to be loved for the sake of your family."

"I am taking such an interest in the transmigration of souls, Miss Pert," said Cholly. "I wonder what I'll be my next time on earth?" "Perhaps," replied Miss Pert thoughtfully and with a smile of encouragement, "you'll

"Why are you so happy?" asked the friend who had just dropped in. "The cashier has skipped," replied the bank president. "I don't see why that should cause any joy." "Yes, he has skipped \$10,000 that was in a secret drawer.

Miss Chellus-Have you really promised to marry old Mr. Goldrox? Miss Skeem-Yes, and I hope to goodness he'il keep his promise to me. Miss Chellus-Why, are you afraid he won't Oh, no, it isn't that; but he said he would die for me.

Miss Pert-He met you at the beach this summer. Miss Ann Teek—Yes, I just heard his telling you about it. Didn't I hear him say also that I was frivolous like the other girls he met there? Miss Pert-Not exactly. He said you were "not frivolous like the girls he met there."

Friend-Working at something new? Inventor-Yes, sir; greatest thing yet. It's a new patent safety life-preserver for ferryboats, steamers, etc. Friend -What's its advantage over the old kind? Inventor-The advantage? Why, sir, you may not believe, but it's so light that if thrown to a person in the water it can hit him without killing

Imported Servants Unsatisfactory.

"The theory that it is good policy to get a servant from the other side of the water and break him or her in to suit the requirements of the household is pretty well exploded," said the head of a large family. "Three times ment, but I never shall again. It takes about eight months to teach a raw Don't forget, especially if she be foreign girl her business. After she curious that some of the most valua-

"Like many other Americans, I frequently have been struck by the efficiency of servants in English house waitresses and housemaids. We have never found them available. The dif-This is not always necessary, if not ferent conditions governing the rela-One day in the week one of these mothers took charge of all the children of the other women, having them assembled at her home for the afternoon, where she entertained them in her own way—with games, stories, music, etc.—while the other club members cook who does not object to the seam-steldom able to do anything outside of the beaten paths of their duties. American servants must have an all-around efficiency. An English nousemaid would no more think of performing the minor functions of the cook than of writing shorthand with her toes."—New York Press. seldom able to do anything outside of



New York City.-Capes of all sorts over the bust. The cape is cut in deep tre to be noted as features of the season's waists. The pretty one shown on the blouse illustrated is peculiarly



graceful and adds distinction to the design which is both novel and good. The materials selected for the model are violet broadcloth, velvet in a deeper shade and cream lace with trimming of silk braid, but various equally as effective combinations might be suggested and the yoke and cuffs can be made of one material when preferred. The broad box pleat at the front, the slight blouse over the shaped belt and the yoke and gauntlet cuffs are all features worthy of special men-

The waist lining is smoothly fitted and closes at the centre front. Over it are arranged the shaped yoke, the bloused fronts and back and the cape, the waist closing beneath the left edge of the box pleat, the yoke at the left shoulder seam. The sleeves are the latest, with the full puffs above deep cuffs cut in gauntlet style. At the waist is a belt that is pointed at the front.

The quantity of material required

points over the shoulders and is square across the back. The sleeves are tucked above the elbows and are full below and the tinic is cut in points at both back and front.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is five and one-fourth yards twenty-one inches wide, five yards twenty-seven inches wide, or two and reven-eighth yards forty-

The Ribbon Round Her Slender Waist." The suede belts, wide in the back, so as to drape prettily around the walst, are the newest thing. Large silver or gold rings are used to join the back to the straight front pieces. These belts are in all colors, but with blue serge the natural suede color is prettiest. In soft kid are some of the newest belts. They may be drawn tight around the walst or left straight, for they are broader in the back than in the front. Belts of ribbon should be made on boned frames and broad in the back.

Improvement of the Low Hat.

The days of the plateau and "pancake" hat are numbered, if one can judge by the display at the leading millinery departments. Every bit of headgear has a crown of some kind. higher or lower, as the case may be, but yet a decided elevation above the flat, far-spreading brim. Perhaps the most artistic shape among the collection is a Duchess of Devonshire in black velvet, with a slight bell crown tour or five inches high. It has, moreover, a gradual flare at the left side and is dented gracefully here and there to receive the two long plumes, without which no "swell" hat is complete

A Becoming Color For Gray Hair. Pale blue is considered a becoming color to wear with gray hair. A black





TWO STYLISH BLOUSE WAISTS

for the medium size is four and one velvet bonnet in a sort of a toque half yards twenty-one inches wide. shape has a decoration of pale blue four yards twenty-seven inches wide, orchids on one side and a twist of or two and three-fourth yards forty- blue velvet where the lace strings are four inches wide, with three-fourth attached. yards of velvet, three-eighth yard marry you, after all? Miss Skeem- all-over lace and eight yards of braid to trim as illustrated.

Two Useful Garments Yokes and yoke collars of all sorts mark the season. Among the newest are long-shouldered ones that extend over the sleeves. The stylish May Manton waist illustrated in the large picture shows one of the sort that is intended to give a plastron effect at the front and to form a V at the back. The original, from which the drawing was made, is of cream flannel with trimming of fancy braid and handsome buttons but all waisting materials are appropriate and the designs suits the gown as well as the separate blouse,

The walst consists of the fitted lining. which can be used or omitted as preferred, the fronts and the back, over which the yoke collar is arranged. The back is plain, but the fronts are tucked to yoke depth and blouse slightly over the belt. The sleeves are the latest shown and include deep pointed cuffs above which they form full puffs, At the neck is a pretty stock, with a suggestion of the clerical idea found in the tab at the front.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is five and threeeighth yards twenty-one inches wide four and one-half yards twenty-seven inches wide, or two and three-eighth yards forty-four inches wide.

Shirt waists made with pointed capes and detachable tunics are among the latest novelties offered. The one illustrated in the large drawing is made of pale blue veiling with antique lace dyed to match and can be made with the cape and tunic, as illustrated, or plain, as shown in the small sketch, when preferred. When made with tue cape and skirt portions it become suited to outdoor as well as indoor wear, and is appropriate for all the season's material. When plain it becomes a simple shirt waist and is suited to the fabrics used for the

The waist consists of the fitted foun dation, on which are arranged the fronts and back of the walst proper the cape, tunic and sleeves. The back half yards twenty-one inches wide, of the waist is plain, but the fronts three and three-fourth yards twentyare tucked from the shoulders to yoke seven inches wide, or two and one depth, so providing becoming fulness fourth wards forty-four inches wide.

Shirt Walst

Shirt waists with yoke effects are conspicuous among all the latest designs. This May Manton one is exceedingly novel and effective and suits the entire range of washable fabrics. As illustrated, however, it is made of blue French flannel stitched with corticelli silk. "The double box pleated effect at the front is peculiarly noteworthy and desirable and the points that extend over the yoke are essentially novel. With the waist are worn a linen collar and a silk tie, but a collar of the material can be substituted if preferred.

The waist consists of me smoothly fitted lining, that can be omitted whenever it is undesirable, the fronts, back and yoke. The fronts are laid in wide box pleats with a tuck at each edge, but the back is tucked to simulate box pleats only. The sleeves are ample and form fashionable wide puffs at the wrists, where they are finished with shaped cuffs.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Natural gas in Indiana is said to be failing. A heavy fall of snow is reported in

Western Minnesota A Central Trades Council has been formed at Hoquiar., Wash. The Rev. Dr. Pentecost appealed for \$100,000 fund to build a Presbyterian Church at Manila.

Emperor William of Germany will erect a monument to the memory of

Krupp, the gunmaker. The Zeigler North Pole expedition failed to reach Franz Josef Land, and another attempt will be made in the

spring. Careful estimates of the oil in the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Saratoga field of Texas show 13,500,000 barrels n storage.

The tenement inspectors of New York City have found over 325,000 oc-cupied rooms which have neither light nor ventilation. Seventeen men have been held for murder in Tonopah, Nev., in connec-tion with the killing of a Chinaman

there by rioters. The King of Siam has appointed Ed-ward H. Storbel, now professor of international law at Harvard College, as confidential adviser.

Because the residents refused to give the non-union men drinking water, the Pacific Express Company has closed its office at Longview, Texas.

Jealous of the popularity among American girls of Prince Yee, son of the Emperor of Korea, Joseph Stout assaulted him at Delaware, Ohio. Noted physicians have declared them

selves opposed to the theory of putting incurable invalids to death, as ad-vanced by the Rev. Merle St. C. Wright.

The Prussian Government has authorized the Berlin municipality to issue the loan proposed last spring of \$57,000,000 for gas, water, sewerage and other city undertakings.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Harry McCormick leads the Eastern League batters with .356 per cent. During the racing season more than Bob Fitzsimmons is now in Califor

Officials of the endurance run say mobiles to be the strongest made.

nla preparing for his fight with George

Mike Egan, the champion handball player, has been matched to meet James Fitzgerald at the Olympic A. C., of San Francisco.

Morton F. Plant has decided to send his Herreshoff designed and built schooner yacht Ingomar into Euro-pean waters for racing purposes. At a meeting of the National Base-ball Commission the right of the major

leagues to draft from the minor organizations was firmly established. A. W. Lawson, manager of the Reading (Pa.) team, says he is going to have a monster automobile built to carry his team from town to town.

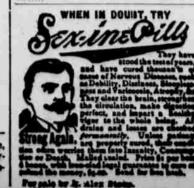
Just now that portion of the sporting fraternity which fancies prize fighting is much interested in the doings of new fistic star, Joe Grim, of Philadel phia. Chick Frazer and Leon Ames hold

the National League record for the sea-son for pitching no-hit games. The New Yorker only went five innings, but it is a record. President Harper, of Chicago Uni-

versity, has determined to do away with charging admissions to all athletic contests, and to put all such con-tests on the basis of endowment, hoping that professionalism will thereby be done away with.

To sportsmen the report that the car Ibou are coming back to Maine is good news. A dozen years ago they were fairly plentiful there, but hunters have thinned them out and made necessary the provision of a close time. This period expires next year.

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