Miss Fanny J. Crosby, the blind mn writer, has just found in the resbyterian Church, of Metuchen, N. the organ she played fifty years igo while an inmate of the New York

Institute for the Blind. She recognized the instrument at the first touch, and awas so overloyed that she burst into

DNCE WHITE HOUSE MISTRESS. Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, second daughter of President Tyler, who was mistress of the White House sixty gears ago during her father's administration, celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday in Washington, D. C., Pecent-The event aroused much interest nt the Louise Home, in Massachuseits avenue, where Mrs. Semple has lived wisdom, and the relation between the for nearly a quarter of a century.

CLOTHES WITHOUT FITTING. The newest dress form is such an Individual affair that one need not stand to be fitted provided the tailor or conturiere has one's "mold" on hand. The first step toward the making of these forms is a rigid fitting. A pattern of stout muslin is prepared, and adjusted perfectly to the figure. Every abnormality, every deviation from the line of perfection is taken note of, and when the fitter has fin-Ished her work all are reproduced in the muslin model. The next step is the molding. The patron puts on the corrected lining which is anointed with ome stiffening preparation which dries very quickly, leaving a cuirasslike body which "stands alone" when doffed. This is now cut exactly in half from the throat downward, and ased as a mold upon which to fashion the papier mache form. The halves Ireland and Scotland. are unlied and a neat covering of sateen, challis, or even silk, bides all joinings from the eye, when the form is pronounced finished. Arms are optional, and very often omitted when the object is to reduce expense. When, as sometimes happens, both arms are plike, but one is supplied.

A supplementary step with many customers is the acquiring of an adjustable padded lining to make the bers. figure symmetrical when great disprepancies exist between the two sides. It is cut so that the dimensions correspond, and after being drawn on the form is subject to building up and par- life. ing off till the required perfection is obtained. This either serves as a hint to the garment maker, or a new one is made for each coat or gown and sewn into position permanently.

FASHIONS FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

maiden is of white muslin finely tucked and mounted over a colored slip-this one was pale blue, but it could be pink, yellow, green, or all ndorn the upper part of it, while the work, full high bodice has a bertha of lace It is paragraphed as a fact not genand muslin.

shoulders of the pretty bodice.

A smart little frock is of pale migskirt trimmed with narrow white silk bands and a jour stitching, the deep yoke collar of the tucked bodice of borders I with Cluny lace.

Also of canvas, but of a light cream tint, is a charming little frock for a child of five years; the short skirt just a deep gathered and tucked flounce the long bodice is also prettily gathered, and with it could be worn a picturesque bonnet with a wide brim of pale-blue silk drawn over cords and trimmed with frayed ruchings of slik. a little tuft of plak roses just above the brow.

Another desirable little frock with a long waist is in tussar silk, the deep flounce attached by insertions of a is outlined by a tucked frill bordered able. with embroidery; and a picture bat of ciel-blue satin straw threaded with are pretty and suitable to some cosecru straw card looks sweet with it. tumes. a white tip peeping over the brim, which is raised by a blue bow, and a

bunch of wee roses. For quite little "tots" there are pretty coats just long enough to cover the frock of the white pique much inlet with embroidery, the cape of the same work; and there are delightful frilly washing hats of all descriptions.

## WHY WOMAN GROWS.

The remarkable increase in woman's height during the last few decades having attracted the attention of physicians, it was to be expected that many and various theories would be cent fancles. advanced in explanation. Her devotion to outdoor sports, her adoption of dress reform, her increased attention to general bygiene, have all undoubtedly had their influence. Although our young men were never more actively engaged in athletics than during the last couple of decades, it is pointed out that the masculine stature has not increased proportionately with that of women. This leads to the inquiry whether physical exercise has been chiefly responsible for woman's grow-

MAND MYMN WRITER'S PIND. Ling greatness or whether some other factor has not been at work, such as the widening of her sphere of endeaver.

In the last twenty years there has been a remarkable removal of the limitations that formerly surrounded her sex. Professions for centuries closed in the face of women have opened wide their doors and bade them welcome. Equality with men in business and professional life lms become a re ality. The man who feels his import ance walks straighter and looks taller. Continuing in this practice, physiologists tell us, he actually becomes taller. He measures up, as it were to his feelings, and his sons will be taller than he is. If man, why not woman? Her growth in stature has been proportionate to her growth in two may be more intimate than appears at first glance.-The Housekeep-



Lady Warwick has named her little girl baby Avril.

The Princess of Wales is said to be an expert typewriter.

There are in New York City 250,000 more women than men.

In Great Britain there are 155 wo men commercial travelers on the road. Dr. Rebecca Lee Dorsey, of Los Angoles. Cal., is said to be a descendant of Robert Bruce.

The Downger Queen Margherita of Italy will make a tour this summer in

The just consus shows that there are over 5,250,000 wage earning wo-

men in the United States. The Dowager Marchloness of Exeter has been elected Church Warden at Market Deeping, Lincolnshire,

The Hop. Mrs. Royer, Lord Monck's sister, has organized a female band in Dublin, her two daughters being mem-Mme. Lavacher, who lives at Mont-

Morency, near Paris, is 100 years old, has eighty-five living descendants, and has lived in the same house all her Hamburg has a Madchenheim, or

refuge for girls, at which, last year, 9315 young women were provided with sleeping accommodations at seven to ten cents per night. Miss Mary Gallagher, who has made

a bust of Edgar Alian Poe which has A dainty summer frock for a small stiracted some attention in Baltimore, owns up that one of the implements used in her work was a hairpin. Mme. Hilfiker-Schmid a physician,

of Zurich, Switzerland, advocates a white, if preferred; the flounce of the law compelling all unmarried girls of skirt is bordered and inserted with the rich business class to devote one lace, and waved insertions of gulpure year to unpaid hospital or ambulance

own that the Duchess of For a girl of eight or ten is a frock chester, formerly Miss Helen Zimmerof ecru muslin with openwork stripes man, of Cincinnati, held a cousinship of white, and thin lines of red, the with George Ellot (Marion Evans). skirt kilted, a kilted frill outlining the Her mother was first cousin to the great novelist's father.

Miss Stella Snyder, a Missouri school bnette-green canvas, the full gathered teacher, was recently sued for \$1000 damages for whipping one of her pupils. She won the case, and as a re sult of the publicity attending the white silk finely stitched with green, trial she has secured an appointment in the State Reform School for Girls.



Enameled buttons are employed to carry out the color scheme on a frock. New trimmings are gilt braids, old style ruchings and Oriental embroider-

Crush belts of suede in many soft, four stitching to match the yoke, which attractive colorings are very fashion-

Bend belts are still in demand and

A combination of different kinds of lace is seen in many of the handsomest gowns,

Walking skirts just clear the ground and so are a little longer than last season.

Stiff linen collars are still in vogue and constantly acquire more wonderful shapes. Braiding done by hand, in the most

elaborate pattern, is seen on the newest gowns.

The collar and belt with buttons resembling nail heads is one of the re-When satin is chosen for a bride's

gown it is of the softest, most supple kind obtainable. A new fashion wrinkle is to have all trimming bands of contracting fabrics

inset instead of laid on. Pale gray combined with yellow or

with green are two of the chic color combinations of the year. Embroideries in rich Oriental colorings, flecked with gold and silver, bear the stamp of excellent style.



New York City.-Nothing shown this | It falls in more graceful folds than cason is more charming than the any other material and is destined to waists of plain white net made very full and lace trimmed. This one in-



FANCY WAISTS,

cludes a deep yoke of tucking, that is inset with Ince medallous, and a shirred bertha that is both novel and becoming and allows a choice of elbow four illustrated offer a generous range or long sleeves. The bertha with the of choice and are adapted to all yok deep yoke give the 1830 effect so much ling materials, the various all-overs and sought, and with the frilled sleeves banding held by fancy stitches. They

continue in popularity. 9Another popular fabric this season is pongee. Pure white can be bought this summer, and can be made into a pretty gown for evening or a simple dainty one for day

Crocket as a Dress Trimming. Crochet is a serviceable feature in the trimming of handsome gowns this season. It is done in cotton, silk, wool and linen, and used with any and every material. It is always stylish and distinctive, especially if of the same color as the gown it is on. It is used for yokes over white satin, and as an applique on cloths of heavier material.

The new skirts are to be of two lengths, either just touching all around or escaping the ground by two Inches.

The New Skirts.

Fancy Yokes or Yoke Collars, Nothing so compl ely transforms walst as the addition of a fancy yoke collar of lace or other effective material. This season they are more than commonly fashionable and are used both as integral parts of the waist and as separate garnitures. The

A LATE DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.



and draped belt of soft silk, are charm-laise can be used in conjunction with a ingly suggestive of those old-time por- low bodies, so making it high and traits from which the season's de- available for a greater number of ocsigns have been obtained. All soft ensions, materials that can be made full and and when liked the yok- can be made | French knots and lace insertion held transparent by cutting the lining away | together by fagotting; number two is beneath.

The waist is made with a fitted lin dations which are left full length and are desired.

for the medium size is eight yards visibly at the back. twenty-one mehes wide, six yards and one-half yards of applique and one-half yard of silk for belt to make as illustrated.

Never were silks more lovely or more varied. There are a dozen new weaves, some of the richest showing disks and figures of velvet ombre of the color of the ground or a contrasting shade. Many of the light colored silks are woven with velvet figures, flowers and leaves of the natural colors. Martele velvets resemble embossed velvets, but have gone through a slightly different process, giving the pattern a vague shadowy effect.

The Eppulet. The epaulet effect is much in evidence on many of the new blouse waists, and the deep collar is also to be seen on them. Detached collars and yokes are much used, and add an

effect of distinction to a dark blouse. Old-Fashioned Materials.

Paris—is the old merino used when we over, or three-quarter yards eighteen were children. It comes in exquisite inches wide for any one when a single shades and is excellent for draping, material is used,

As illustrated, number one is made of shirred with success are appropriate white silk banding embroidered with shown in fine remaissance lace braid combined with open work braid; numing on which the full front, backs, ber three is of all-over lace with meyoke and bertha are arranged and is dallions finishing the edge; and number closed invisibly at the back. The four is shown in black and white, or sleeves consist of sman puffs and two toned, bias silk bands held by frills that are mounted on plain foun- fagotting and lined with chiffon, the collar including a turn-over of faced to form cuffs when long sieeves darker silk edged with the lighter. Each voke is fitted by means of shoul-The quantity of mat ial required der darts and is finished to close in-

The quantity of material required twenty-seven inches wice, or four and for the medium size is for No. 1, four one-quarter yards forty-four inches yards of dark braiding, three and wide, with one yard of tucking, seven three-quarter yards of light; for No. 2, three-quarter yards of light; for No. 2, nine yards of lace braid; for No. 3, three-quarter yards of all-over lace, and for No. 4, four yards of dark band-



FANCY YOKES. The very newest thing-even in and one-eighth yard of silk for turnPEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Habit is the deepest law of human nature.-Carlyle. Men makes laws; women make man-

ners.-De Legur. Study the past if you would divine

the future.-Confucius. There is something of woman in everything that pleases.-Dupaty.

Who makes quick use of the moment Is a genius of prodence.-Lavater. Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is infirmity of will.-Emerson.

Men err from selfishness, women because they are weak.—Mme. de Stael. He who rises late may trot all day and not overtake his business at night, -Franklin.

Shallow men speak of the past, wise men of the present, and fools of the future.—Mme. Du Duffland.

The true object of education should be to train one to think clearly and act rightly.-H. J. Van Dyke.

I know the nature of women. When you will, they will not; when you will not, they come of their own accord.-Seronce.

Not a day passes over the earth but men and women of no note do great deeds, spenk great words or suffer no ble sorrows.-Charles Reade.

I don't care to meet the man who has never made a mistake, for that infallible individual has likely never made anything else.-H. Macaulay.

SCIENCE WARS ON RATS.

Bacillus Used to Exterminate the Dangerous Rodents.

The spread of the plague in the east has men shown to be due to rate which are carried from infected ports on vessels. Just the precise way in which this is accomplished, says Harper's Weekly, is still a matter of de bate among biologists, but the fact is appreciated, and in Manila and else where the health authorities endeavor to kill all the rate in an infected local ity and on board ships about to dis charge their cargoes. This is accomplished in several ways, such as traps catching rats by hand or by animals and on board shins sometimes by as phyxiation with carbonic acid, the lat ter a costly mathod, and often difficult of application. A method promising to be most efficacious has recently been devised by M. Danysz, of the Pasteur Institute, in Paris. He has found the bacillus of a disease which is peculiar to rate and extremely fatal to such as are inoculated with it, while at the same time it does not affect other animals or human beings. A culture can be made of this bacillus bouillon in which brend or grain is soaked. This is exposed for the rats to est, and has been found a successful means of communicating the disease, which usually proves fatal in five to 12 days. The method has been tried on the rats in the Paris sewers and those of the Bourse de Commerce, which attack nized that if the rats can be destroyed it is possible to keep plague and other diseases from Europe and the civilized portions of the east, and it is to be hoped that the new method of inoculation will be found successful when practiced on a large scale

Animal Language. A sound or gesture made by an animat under any mental or emotional impression and calling out a similar one in another animal is an element of language. When the rabbit quickly beats the ground, its fellow rabbits low that there is danger somewhere and they take action accordingly That is rabbit language. When the hunter imitates the rabbit and thus conveys the same idea, he is "speaking" the rabbit language for the time being. Many animals use signs, which of course are understood through the eyes. The ants converse by touching antennae and feet. Many insects rub the elytra. This is animal language in its simplest form. It expresses but few ideas. But there are animals which are capable of modulating their

"volces." Even the common rabbits, which seem to be mute, are constantly making sounds, which a little observation will soon discover to be ever changing in volume, modulation, etc. Much of this method of communication changes when the animal is brought into civlization from the wild state. The wild dog, for instance, barks very little when in freedom. How the household dog barks and is able to express himself is well known.

It is eighty years since William Bowyer put the finishing touch to his monumental Bible — an anniversary which is of peculiar interest just now. Bowyer was a miniature painter of fair abilities, who devoted every spare hour for thirty years to extra-illustrating a copy of the Bible which came into his possession. With infinite patience and at considerable cost he collected every drawing, engraving, and etching of Biblical sublects he could lay hands on, to the number of 7000, and interleaved his Bible with them, until the original modest book had expanded into forty-four imposing folio volumes, containing the work of 600 artists, from Michael Angelo to Benjamin West. The work was completed in 1824, at a total cost of 4,200 pounds. After his death it figured as a lottery prize, and under-went many vicissitudes before it passed into the possession of Mr. Heywood, of Bolton, for little more than an eighth of its original cost. - Westminster Gazette.

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WORDS OF WISDOM.

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Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful.-Schiller,

Hell is full of good meanings and wishings.-Herbert,

God hath yoked to guilt her pale tormentor, misery.-Bryant.

Poverty wants some things, luxury many, avarice, all things.-Cowley. Nothing is further than the earth from heaven; nothing is nearer to

heaven than earth.-Hare. It isn't that men are smarter than women, but that women have been made to believe that they are.

Borrowed thoughts, like borrowed money, only show the poverty of the borrower.—Lady Blessington. There never was any heart truly

great and gracious that was not also tender and compassionate.-Smith, The heart of a wise man should resemble a mirror, which reflects every object without being sulfied by any .-

Confucius, A kitten understands that if entelies up with his tail his fun is spoiled. A man in the pursuit of happiness has something to learn of the kitten.

Self-seeking always provokes enmity. The world's hand is against the man whose hand is not outreached for the grain supplies. It is now recognits help. Looking out for number one always gives number one a great deal

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