

A Fad of the French. In Paris the velveteen redingote is popular garment of the moment. The Russian blouse and the redingote, the bolero, and even the basque coat are modish, but the redingote reigns. The redingote proper is a very different thing from the long, tailored coats shown in most of the shops. The redingote proper fits closely at the waist line, but is gracefully ample of skirt and seldom severe or plain across the bust and shoulders. Often the upper part of the cont is plain, save for the severe collar and revers, but more often there are fancy lapels. The long skirt of the redingote frequently reaches the ankle, showing the hem of the skirt with which it is worn.

A New Idea for a Workbag. Since the sewing fad has been introduced the smart girl has substituted a flowered silk work-bag for her reticule, which during the summer days she often carried for holding her handkerchief and fan. An easy-to-make and charming-to-look-at-work-bag, and quite the correct thing to carry one's work in when attending a sewing afternoon, is made of some pretty flowered silk, with embroidery-hoops for the handles. To make such a bag, seven-eighths of a yard of the silk will be needed, and a pair of embroideryhoops. The silk is shirred to the hoops which are first covered with ribbon one and one-fourth inches wide. About four and one-half yards of ribbon will be required. Bows of ribbon add to the pretty effect of the bag, and a number of girls have sewed either to the bottom or to the side of the bag a flat silk sachet made with their favorite perfume. In making a bag of this sort one pair of embroidery hoops will answer perfectly, even though one happens to be a triffe larger than the other .- Woman's Home Companion.

Precious Stones Typifying Love. Rubies are most suited for young lovers. They are also most expensive. The people of the Burmese empire be-Heve that a ruby is a human soul just about to enter the sacred precincts of Buddha and consequently in the last stages of transmigration. A ruby is an emblem of the most passionate and absofning love. A ruby in the old days of chivalry was supposed to lead a knight to conquest, to cause obstacles to melt away, and to inspire one with bravery and zeal. It also kept his honor unstained and his character without a blemish.

Pearls have always been the particular emblem of purity. They are also credited with representing modesty. In Persia to this day people suppose them to be drops of water which by some means entered the oyster and became crystallized there. Pearls and diamonds are the most popular of gems among all classes.

An emerald that has no flaw in it is typical of the purest love. Some people say that, as few such stones can be found, purest love is necessarily rare. An emerald was always thought to possess the power of discovering treachery in the shape of alleged

family exchequer, either by office, store or factory work, or by taking in boarders." Now it is proposed that married women in this state shall be made liable for bills they have contracted for clothing, etc., where the husband is unable to meet them. At a recent meeting the Portia club decided to protest against the bill on the ground, as stated by a member, that "so long as a husband is entitled to all the services of a wife. I do not see why he should not pay the bills;" the club took cognizance of the existence of two opposing aggravations-the extravagant wife and "the near husband" without deciding which was the worse. The married woman's responsibility bill may be ungallant, but it is a logical corollary of the law that married women may hold their own property; it abates the position of woman as a

privileged class, as a necessary consequence of the bestowal of rights in whose absence the privilege originated. It is a precusor of further legislation when the sexes are placed upon a perfect equality, legislation that from the old standpoint will seem as brutal as the lecturer's insistence that women who marry should be able to support a husband. At the end of the avenue of altered social custom into which this legislation leads is the European "dot" system .- New York Mail.

# Daughter of the House.

Whether wears is or is not to be her portion she is early taught to take her part in domestic councils. The business of welcoming and looking after guests, a task peculiarly fitted for the exercise of her gracious powers, is largely allotted to her. She helps her mother in reducing her burden of notes, letters, applications for help and money that every day's mail brings pouring in to the breakfast table, says

the Philadelphia Inquirer. She writes and answers invitations gives hints as to the disposition of the daily menu for meals, remembers the

dishes papa likes and the boys have called for, and receives claimants on her mother's time and attention.

When she is acting in her mother's stead her youth and buoyancy throw off a hundred trifling annovances of the household that through years of iteration have begun to wear on the older housekeeper.

With the younger children she cstablishes the lovely ties of vice-queen, carrying off the mandates of the maternal sovereign and making herself a ielightful comrade of nursery and schoolroom.

To her father and grown brothers the rightly trained girl becomes a veritable blessing. To her they carry confidences and

worries which it does not seem expedient to convey to the generally overburdened mistress of the house. Her sympathy and camaraderie reate a green spot in their workday

lves. She finds a natural field of activity in the arrangement of flowers, the oversight of house plants, the disposi-

tion of furniture, books, pictures, bric a-brac

fuller's earth to this until it is of the consistency of thin cream. Have plenty of clean drying cloths, a small scrub bing brush, a large sponge, and a pail of fresh water. Put some of the cleaning mixture in a bowl and dip the brush it it. Brush a small plece of the carpet with this, then wash with the sponge and cold water. Dry as

> tinue this until certain all the carpet is cleaned, and then let dry."

Household

An "Auto" Dinner. For a dinner of automobile enthusi-

asts some novel dinner cards have been

made. One of these is a small red

face mask with huge goggles. Another

is a tiny touring car, complete in every

way, with a place to write the guest's

Cleaning Carpets.

Directions for cleaning carpets on the

floor are given in the House Beautiful.

The same method might be used to

clean rugs; "Make a suds with good

white soap and hot water and add

much as possible with the sponge and

finally rub dry with clean cloths. Con-

name on the side.

Matters

# Housecleaning as Exercise.

You can make work play or play work according to your temperament. You can sweep yourself into an invalid by doing it wrong, and you can end a half-month's housecleaning with rosy cheeks and a light heart if you have the right training and the spirit of happiness in you. First of all, practice breathing and

walking correctly. It's just half breathing and walking in a heap that wears out most women. It is not action, Stand straight, chest high (always

high), shoulders low, spine erect, abdomen drawn back; stand this way, walk this way and work this way. Then breathe slowly, filling the lungs

with air, expel it slowly and never let your chest sag. A chest out of plump means weak lungs, round shoulders anaemic bust and poor circulation, and equally important, a figure wholly devoid of style.

Next, dress sensibly. This doesn't mean to put on a fresh shirt waist and stiff linen collar and snowy apron, and e miserably neat all day. It means to do your housecleaning in bloomers, coming just to the knees, loose and full and washable.

Wear golf stockings; low, stout, comfortable shoes, and see what fun you can get out of the March bugbear.

One point more: To keep absolutely free from colds, to avoid the exhaust ing reaction that comes from a super abundance of unwonted physical exertion, always end up the day's work with a quick bath, preferably a cold plunge, though a lukewarm sponge is very restful.

Have your soom warm and the water, vithout fail, soft. If you can't get rain water, soften the ordinary well or city water with pure borax. If you out a teaspoonful of borax powder into tub of water, the water will feel to the skin as though it dripped to the

soft and white .- Mary Annable Fanton.

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New York City.=Blouse waists worn | and is adapted to all materials that with chemisettes, make pronounced are soft enough to take graceful folds, favorites, and will extend their vogue but is shown in raspberry red chiffon for many months to come. This one is broadcloth stitched with corticelli silk.

> The skirt is cut in five gores and is laid in three tucks of generous width. The upper edge is shirred to give the effect of a shallow yoke, and the fulness is so distributed as to give less at front, more at the sides and back. The quantity of material required for the medium size is nine yards twenty-

one, seven and one-half yards twenty seven, or four and one-half yards forty four inches wide.

#### A Chain of Roses at the Brim.

A novel form of treating a felt hat at present is with a chain of roses all along the brim, and this is very effective when the hat in question is carried out in the deeper colors, such as the wine and dahlia shades and the myrtle and hunter's green.

#### Walking Skirt With Flounce,

Flounce skirts of all sorts make notable features of the latest styles, and are much liked for the soft silks and wools as well as for the many dainty cotton materials. This one is exceptionally dainty and shirred at the upper edge. the flounce being joined to the lower. so providing more perfect flare than is possible when it is applied over the skirt. As illustrated the material is foulard, peach pink in color, but the available ones are almost without numier.

The skirt proper is cut in five gores, which are shirred and arranged over s shallow foundation yoke, then joined to the belt. The flounce is straight at cludes sleeves of the latest sort that are its lower edge, turned under to form a shirred to form puffs above the elbows, heading and shirred in successive rows, so reducing the apparent breadth. In then arranged over the lower edge of the case of the model the material is the skirt, which serves as a stay.



The Rhinoceros.

Yon've heard of the rhinoceros-(My! that gave me a fright! I had to seek a lexicon To see I'd spelled it right!) If beauty's truly skin deep, the Old rhinos has a cinch: His skin's three inches thick, at least. If it's a single inch.

He has a funny paintbrush tall, And stubby little toes, And a great single horn adorns The middle of his nose; I said the middle of his nose; I f I had thought my mentor, The editor, would let it pass, I would have said the "scenter."

The rhino is almost like folks That we meet every day. Because he sticks his nose in things In just the self-same way. If every little boy in town Had a thick skin like that, He could be had and never know Where papa spanked him at. —Houston Post.

### The Jap Baby.

How do you suppose the babies take an airing? In baby carriages, you say' Of course not: the Japanese never do anything the way we do it. When the baby's about three days old, it goes out for its first glimpse of the world strapped on somebody's back, and that's the way it goes every day till it can go on its own feet. Sometimes its mother or its nurse takes it, but very often it rides on the back of a brother or sister, who is perhaps not more than four or five years old. These little nurses don't seem to be troubled at all by their charges, as you would suppose; they play ball and tag, and run races and fly kites, in spite of the

heavy loads on their backs. What is more remarkable, the babies are perfectly happy; and hardly every cry, though when their young nurses run with them, the poor babies' faces bang back and forth against their care takers' shoulders till an American baby would howl with pain and rage.

## Smiles in Rhyme.

As wet as a fish-as dry as a bone, As live as a bird-as dead as a stone. As plump as a partridge-as poor as

a rat. As strong as a horse-as weak as

cat As hard as flint-as soft as a mole.

As white as a lily-as black as a coal As plain as a pikestaff-as rough as

a bear. As tight as a drum-as free as the

air. As heavy as lead-as light as a

feather As steady as time-uncertain as

weather. As hot as an oven-as cold as

frog. As gay as a lark-as sick as a dog.

As slow as a tortoise-as swift as the wind. As true as the gospel-as false as

mankind.

As thin as a herring-as fat is a pig-As proud as a peacock-as gay as a

grig. As savage as tigers-as mild as a

dove. As stiff as a poker-as limp as a glove.-Indianapolis News.

## How the Boy Got There.

Sometimes boys wonder how they can get a start in the world. Here is a true story of how one boy began. A neighbor had a lot of cows to milk. This boy hurried around and milked his part of the home dairy,

Sure enough there was Minnie on her little pony, galloping toward the tent in a cloud of dust.

"How's my baby this morning?" said Minnie, jumping from her pony and running into the tent.

"Me dood boy," replied Blue Cloud. "Got new shoes." "Oh, how nice and soft they are, and you have on your strings of pretty

white and red beads,; too." "Minrie make cakes," sail the little fellow, anxious to begin their play.

"Yes, we'll make mud cakes. brought you a piece of real cake."

"Tank," said Blue Cloud, taking the piece of cake and beginning to eat at once. Minnie had taught the solemn little pappoose to say "tank."

"Now we'll make mud cakes" said Minnie, leading the little boy out of the tent.

They found a nice, shady spot behind the tent. Blue Cloud's mother gave them a little pail of water. Minnie poured some of the water on a plie of dust she had collected. Then she made cakes, pies and doughnuts and set them out in the sun to bake.

Blue Cloud helped. He made some little round cakes and got his hands and face very muddy.

"Me want to make horse," said Blue Cloud, after they had played nearly an hour.

"I don't think I can," replied Minnie, "but I'll try. You run and get, some little sticks to make his legs stiff and I'll make some more mud."

It was much easier making cakes and pies than making a horse. Minnie worked for a long time before she got his head to look anything like a horse's head. At last she succeeded.

"Now, let's make a big brave riding on him," said Minnie.

Blue Cloud thought this a fine idea. So they made an Indian on the horse's back, and then set them out in the sun to bake.

"Dat 'oo," cried little Blue Cloud to his father who came to see what they were doing

"Me? Who make?" asked Red Cloud in his broken English. "I did," replied Minnie, "but Blue

Cloud helped." "You good girl. Good girl to make

horse. Good girl to take care Blue Cloud. Red Cloud make you fine blanket," said the Indian.

One day several weeks afterward Minnie was again playing with Blue Cloud. When she was ready to go home Red Cloud brought her a beautiful red and white blanket which he and Mrs. Red Cloud had woven for her. -The Little Chronicle.

Tact Ought to Be Taught. 1 want it recognized that tact should be taught, continuously, seriously, seriously, thoroughly; that it should be placed in the forefront of education, and take its natural first place side by side with the catechism, writes Frank Danby, in Black and White.

A friend of mine, recently suffering under a great bereavement, was in the receipt of innumerable letters and telegrams from friends, acquaintances and the general public. Oue of the eleven hundred and forty of such communications, two only hit the right note. Among pages of sentimental and religious commonplace two messages alone touched his heart. "He was a man I loved. I am with

you in your grief," was one. The other ran: "You have lost your best pal, he was mine, too. God help us both."

Both of them epitomized the senders; men with great hearts. But the acquisition of tact by some of the



caves in a June shower. No matter whether your both is warm or cold, soften the water with porax to get the best effect. It not only softens the water, but gives it the power of cleaning antiseptically and is a stimulation to the skin, leaving it

BLOUSE WAIST AND TUCKED SKIRT. charmingly graceful and simple, and in-

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friends.

## Grandmother's Bouquet Holder.

A girl was rummaging through an old treasure box of her mother's and she came across a sort of cup of fillgree, silver, attached to two silver chains, the longest of which ended in a ring, the other in a long silver pin. The girl had never seen its like and she carried it to her mother, curious to know its uses. "Dear me," exclaimed her mother, "I haven't seen that thing for years. It was my bouquet holder in the days when I went to partles. Where did you come across it?"

The bouquet holder belonged to the era of "made-up" nosegays, stiff, hard and about as ungraceful as a collection of anything so beautiful as flowers could be tortured into. The girls of the present day who know only the sheaves of superb cut flowers and the bunches of smaller single blooms, like violets, sweet peas, lillies of the valley and the like, would lock with puzzled wonder on the collection of camelias, heliotrope, mignonette, Bin Silene roses, tuberoses and smilax, tied up compactly, after having their stems cut off and wire stems substituted, and then put into an elaborate petticoat of paper lace, which her mother used to carry to parties or the theatre .- Boston Herald

#### Debts and Dutics of Women.

Women have been receiving their rights from their (abdicated) lords and masters in a series of installments They are receiving their responsibilities from the same source in a com plementary series of installments. Not long ago one of them declared that they were "downtrod" in this country because so few statues had been erected to them. If the men have their own way, women will be kept so busy exercising their new responsibilities that the statue grievance will remain in abeyance.

One of these responshibilities is the elemental one of physical support. A lecturer in the northwest addressing a class of young women stenographers not long ago, admonished them that they should not marry unless they were able to support a husband. The latest census reports mow that nearto percent of the siris and women country do contribute to the

She understands the composition of different dishes, and the theory of cooking, and when the household is without domestics takes a responsible part as menagere.

She has her own allowance of pocket money and dress money, and is taught the use of a bank account and a check book

All this and much more does the athletic girl of culture today when she is the daughter of wise parents. She does it because her parents, being wise, see in time that they render her happier in training her to be unselfsh.

Fashion Hints.

Tempting also are the many robe patterns and unmade embroidered lin-

en waists. Very simple gowns of handkerchief linen, very fine and sheer, are embroidered freely on both skirt and walst.

The French blouses buttoned in the back and more of less elaborate are bound to be popular this year, as they were last.

The newest shopping bags, almost quare, are carried by means of a strap, in a double boller until, stirring conthrough which the hand slips easily. Inside are places for the small change, purse, memorandum book, etc.

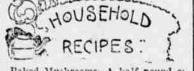
For those who like madras waists | thre cake, irlining it with blanched here is a sufficient variety to choose almonds.

rom. The patterns seem to be smaller than they were last season, and some what less suggestive of table linen. Five out of ten of the summer gowns

dready seen are made with guimpes or chemisettes, and the shops are showing tempting little hand-made mull and thin linen affairs, laced and embroidletting them remain for several hours ered

Chameleon sliks in a shimmer of soft, pale shades, change with every light into new beauty. Each is a combination of several colors, yet each isdominated, though ever so slightly, by one of them.

A stylish gown seen on a young girl was made of black cashmere, with a ought to be about right. full skirt entirely plain, save for two deep tucks above the hem. The blouse was trimmed with a bit of Irish lace, and brightened up with Peraian medallions combining many bright colors, only two or three being used.



Baked Mushrooms-A half pound of large mushrooms will be needed, with a half tenspoonful of minced parsley, an ounce of bread crumbs, three ta

blespoonfuls of salad oil, salt, pepper and a little lemon juice. Put half oil in the baking dish and sprinkle with half the bread crumbs, half the parsley and a squeeze of lemon. Lay half the mushrooms on this and put on the rest of the oil, bread crambs, seasoning and parsley. Bake half an

hour, and just before serving dust with cayenne popper. Almond Layer Cake-An almond fill-

ing for layer cake is a favorite in the Eoston Cooking School. A quarter of a pound of almond paste is beaten

with the yolk of an egg until smooth, then add, one after another, the yolks of four more eggs, beating thoroughly each time an egg volk goes into the

mixture. Two tablespoonfuls of butter, two ounces of blanched almonds chopped fine, half a cupful of sugar, and half a cupful of hot milk. Cook

stantly, the mixture thickens. Flavor, when cold, with vanilla. Use this bo tween the cake layers and lee the cn-

Hungarian Salad-What to Eat rec-ommends this Hungarian salad: Cut two Spanish onlons in slices, putting them in a large bowl and pouring boll ing water over them, letting the onlons remain in the water for just one min ute. Drain and plunge into ice water,

> Propage four long green cucumbers by paring and slicing and letting them remain in ice water for the same length of time. Drain the onions and cucum bers and place them in a bowl, pour ing over them a French dressing. This quantity seems rather large. A Spanish onion sliced fills a great deal of space. One onlon to four cucumbers

In 1903 the enormous amount of 11, 000,000 bushels of American and Ca nadian apples was sold in the English market.



The quantity of material required for almond green chiffon taffeta, the chemthe medium size is ten yards twentyisette and cuffs being of the material,

banded with tiny braid, and the belt of chiffon velvet. The tucks at the back give the effect of broad shoulders with a small waist, while those at the front provide becoming fulness.

The waist consists of the fitted lining. which closes at the centre front, fronts and back. The chemisette is separate and arranged under the fronts, and the shirred sleeves are arranged over foundations which are faced to form cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is five and one-haif yards twenty-one, four and three-fourth yards twenty-seven, or two and threefourth yards forty-four laches wide with five-eighth yards twenty-one inches wide for belt.

Skirts in round length that touch, or just a little more than touch the floor, make one of the most fashionable of all models for all indoor occasions and

for the handsome street costumes. This one, nine yards twenty-seven, or five one is exceedingly graceful at the same and one-fourth yards forty-four inches time that it is simple in the extreme wide.

A pretty fashion, growing out of the shape of a sort of marquise and the vogue of the transparent yoke, no doubt, is seen in the many velvet and material was beaver, very long and silk gowns made with slashed sleeves silky. On one side near the front was showing undersleeves of the yoke ma- a cluster of bright gold grapes, and a similar cluster appeared in the back. terial.

The Redingole.

kles, leaving only a few inches of the underskirt showing. This length is picturesque as dashing and smart. Wings and quills appear prominently much more graceful than the threeamong the trimmings. A great many quarter length coats so much worn. algrettes are seen.

then he skipped down to the neighbor's and milked five or six more cows, every night and morning. For this he received a penny for each cow. These pennies he put away in his bank. What was his bank Just an empty matchbox. How many times a day did he get that box down and figure up his account? I don't know; try it yourself and see.

He added to this little store by selling nice mellow apples on a train that stopped near his home a few minutes every evening. The pennies he made this way went also into the bank. When the boy had twenty dollars he bought a pair of boots, a geography and some other school books, and went

at it to learn all he could that winter. This plan he stuck to a number of

years.

The bank got full and he grew strong enough to work and earn more that it would hold. He kept pegging away, working summers and going to school winters, till he had a good education. Then he went out and bought a farm of his own.

Someway the habits he had formed of saving, helped him all the way along. He did not lay his books up on the shelf and forget all about them. He worked away all by himself. He was just ready to get his education when he left the school.

Folks found out what was in that young man. They made him yo to the state legislature and do a lot of other work for them. But he was always glad to get back to the farm, and he is there today.-Farm Journal.

The Mud Horse and His Rider.

Little Blue Cloud sat on a blanket staring across the fields as hard as his little black eyes could stare. There were some cows in the pasture but Blue Cloud was not looking at the cows. . He was watching for Minnie. Blue Cloud was a little Indian boy. He did not live in a house as you do. He lived in a big round tent on the Indian Reservation. Minnie lived at the Reservation store. Her father was the Indian agent and had charge of

the Indians on the Reservation. "Minnie tum, make cakes," said Blue Cloud to his mother. "Yes, com now," said his mother,

ointing down the road.

other sympathizers would have sup plied its place.

Again, paying an afternoon visit recently, my hostess, wanting a book to which our conversation had referred, rang the bell. Within two minutes the servant appeared with tea and the following colloquy occurred:

"Who told you to bring tea?" "Please, ma'am, I thought that was what you rang for."

"Well, please don't think. I hired you to answer the bell. It wasn't the signal for a guessing competition; when I want you to do that. I'll supply the kitchen with a conv of a newspaper.

I was not surprised to hear this lady changed her servants frequently.

#### A Self-Cocking Hat

New anecdotes are coming to light daily about the western contingent of the Rough Riders which descended on Washington for the inauguration. Here is one that has not found its way into print before: One of the members of Roosevelt's old command, now a lawyer in New England, came down with his wife and established himself rather luxuriously at the best hotel in Washington. He made his apartments a sort of entertainment headquarters for his old companions, and as fast as he could round them up in various parts of the town would bring them to his rooms for a drink and a smoke.

Late Saturday afternoon one of the men in the room was a young Arizona cowman who had been a sergeant in "my regiment." Sitting on the edge of a bed looking at his host's evening things, which were spread cut, he espled an opera hat compressed into itself, and picking it up begun to regard it curiously from different angles. While poking it, the hat sprung open. Young Arizona regarded his handiwork with amazement and delight.

"A hat!" he commented admiringly. "a self-cocking hat! Now don't that beat the Dutch!"

An earthquake shock knocked one of the towers of the San Francisco city hall crooked, so that it leaned over the street. Many windows were broken in the city.

A Bright Hat. A red hat of a bright shade had a

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A Pretty Fashion

One sees at a glance that the gen ral plan of the hats is not so much