

WHAT WOMEN ARE WEARING

New York City.—The skeleton blouse that can be worn over any pretty gumpie or waist is an altogether satisfactory and desirable fashion of the season. Here is one that is as charming as well can be, yet absolutely simple and that is adapted to almost every material used for indoor gowns. In the illustration it is made of buff colored poplin with trimming of plain and fancy braid, while the girde is of silk in exactly matching color, but veiling, cash-



mere, henrietta, Panama and chiffon broadcloths are all appropriate in wool materials while almost every one of the simpler silks can be so utilized. The blouse consists of the fronts and backs and has the great merit of allowing a choice in the closing, as it is so constructed that the opening can be made at either back or front as best liked. The fronts are extended to form strap-like trimmings that

Lacings of Velvet.
Lacings of velvet are found as trimmings, holding together panels, sleeve caps and jacket fronts.

Evening Gloves.
For so long a time evening gloves have been of white kid or suede that anything else seems almost too novel. Yet there are beauty and good taste in the more recent fashion of wearing long gloves in a pale color exactly matching the delicately tinted gown. This fancy is more and more exemplified. Such colored gloves come in glace kid, in lengths of twenty buttons and more, and are extremely pretty. Women are going to the extreme in lengths, and there seems to be no danger of overdoing the matter.

Misses' Over Waist or Jumper.
Seldom has any fashion taken such a firm hold upon feminine fancy as this one of the over waist. It is adapted both to the young girl and to the woman and appears to be equally charming and attractive for both, while it can be made from a variety of materials. This one is eminently simple and girlish and is quite appropriate for either silk or wool, plain or fancy material, while it can be made to match the skirt or as a separate waist as liked. In this instance plaid taffeta is trimmed with a little fancy braid and worn over a gumpie of all over lace. But one great advantage of the waist is found in the fact that it can be slipped on over any gumpie that the young owner may possess, those of lingerie material being well liked for the purpose, the special one being by no means obligatory. The waist consists of front and back and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. There are tucks from the shoulder which provide becoming fullness and ribbons or tapes at the waist line to regulate the size. The gumpie is a plain one with front and backs and is closed invisibly at the back, while its sleeves



are attached to the full girde and the back portions of the waist are lapped over onto the front at the shoulders, so allowing the use of the ornamental buttons that are so much liked this season and that are so beautiful. The quantity of material required for the medium size is two yards twenty-one, one and three-eighths yards twenty-seven or seven-eighths yard forty-four inches wide with seven yards each of plain and fancy braid and seven-eighths yard of silk for the girde.

No Latest Fashion.
Necessarily, with the handsome robes we are to wear, the hats must be large, and it is no exaggeration to say that they run up the whole scale of shapes ever worn, for one sees the bergere, the Gainsborough, the bonnet Dauphin, the cloche and so on forever, until choice is impossible, if it is to be ruled by the "latest fashion." There is no latest fashion nowadays, and the only thing to do is to buy just what suits one. The place for the small hat is with the morning tailor-made, however.

Coiffures Lower.
The Parisian coiffure is less high than it was last season, the hair being drawn loosely back and massed about where the traditional Greek knot is placed.

are of moderate fullness, finished with straight bands. The quantity of material required for the sixteen year size is for the over waist one and three-quarter yards twenty-one, one and one-half yards twenty-seven or one and one-quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with ten yards of braid; for the gumpie three and one-quarter yards eighteen, three yards twenty-one or



one and five-eighths yards thirty-six inches wide.

Issues, Not Men.

By Stuyvesant Fish, Late President of the Illinois Central.

THAT there has been maladministration, not to say stealing, in many of our great corporations is a matter of common notoriety, in some cases of positive proof.

District-Attorney Jerome has the credit of coining the phrase "the criminal rich." Would he have come nearer the fact if he had said, "The anarchistic rich?" For, strange as it may seem, some men, forgetting that corporate property is so peculiarly in need of the protection of the law, have gone great lengths in absolving themselves and those who move with them in the higher circles of finance from the restraints of the law, of equity, of ethics and even of common decency. The decision in the Northern Securities case, however, shows that apprehension as to what corporate aggression may involve in the future is a thing cognizable by our Supreme Court, and therefore by the people.

The contest is no longer between those who have and those who have not, but between those on the one hand who have moderately, sufficiently and even abundantly, and on the other those who, through the use of trust funds and the power incident thereto, seek by questionable practices to have excessively. This is the issue which is daily brought into every home in America. Like taxation without representation, it involves moral and ethical questions, and also strikes at the pocket book, which has been called the sure road to the Anglo-Saxon's heart. It will not down.

Great and repeated efforts have been made to quiet and hush the clamor which is rising on this subject. Such efforts may succeed for a time, but not in the end. It is not for me to say, in the words of Patrick Henry, "Gentlemen may cry peace, peace, but there is no peace." Nor yet, "Shall we lie supinely on our backs until the enemy shall have bound us hand and foot?" No, a thousand times no! I cannot and will not stir your minds up to a sense of wrong. Such is not my purpose, nor is this the forum for an appeal against unjust wealth. You and I have too large a stake in it to risk adding to the danger into which it has been brought by the malfeasance of some of our agents. What I do want is to bring to your attention the fact that no apparently effective thing has been done to right the wrongs which are known to exist, and that it rests with us, the great middle class, to meet this issue as our fathers met those which confronted them, soberly, advisedly and in fear of God. Let us do and say nothing rash, but, relying on past experiences, move forward as people who know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain.

President Roosevelt seems to adhere to the idea that there are good trusts and bad trusts, good corporations and bad corporations. He seems to make a classification, based on size, objecting to the very large ones and favoring the comparatively small ones. It strikes some, however, that the difference between a bad corporation and a good one, whether we call it a trust or not, lies wholly in the methods pursued by the managers of the corporation in regard alike to the public, to their employes and their stockholders; and, judging from past experiences, it is chiefly in bad faith toward the stockholders and dishonesty in dealing with the public that most managers of corporations have erred.

This is the supreme issue which in various forms is agitating the minds of the masses of our fellow countrymen. I hope, and we all hope, that in this hour of moral trial the Nation may again find in its Chief Magistrate the man destined to control this issue, within the law and by the law.

Up to Nature.
"Thanks," said the tragedian; "many thanks for your good opinion. I always study from nature, sir. In my acting you see reflected nature herself."

"Try this cigar," said an admirer of nature reverently. "Now, where did you study that expression of intense surprise that you assume in the second act?"

"From nature, sir, from nature. To secure that expression I asked an intimate friend to lend me £5. He refused. This caused me no surprise. I tried several more. Finally I asked one who was willing to oblige me, and as he handed me the note I studied in a glass the expression of my own face. I saw there surprise, but it was not what I wanted. It was alloyed with suspicion that the note might be a bad one. I was in despair."

"Well?" said the other breathlessly.

"Then an idea struck me. I resolved upon a desperate course. I returned the £5 note to my friend the next day and on his astonished countenance I saw the expression of which I was in search."—Tit-Bits.

A Vegetable Lizard.
An attache of the Smithsonian Institution tells of a curious inhabitant of the tropical forests called the lizard tree, but which, as he remarks, might well be termed the centipede plant.

This singular growth consists of a stem jointed like a bamboo, with green leaves growing directly from the bark, and slender white roots springing from the joints, with which it maintains its hold upon the bark of the tree whereon it grows. When it has attained a length of three or four feet the lower sections of the lhard plant drop off, and, fastening upon any convenient object, begin their independent growth.

When thus growing upon the ground, if the plant encounters a tree it immediately begins to ascend the trunk.

Substitute for Copper.
Aluminum for transmission of electricity is being used as a substitute for copper in some instances, particularly in California and northern New York, but its general substitution for copper is not anticipated by prominent copper mining people.

Why Women Can Never Be Friends

By Winifred Black.

CAN women be friends? Inquires a writer in a popular magazine, Friends to men, do you mean, Mr. Writer? In that case I answer you "Yes."

Friends to women? In that case I put my deprecating hand upon my honest and apologetic heart and say to you, positively and didactically, "No, sir; they cannot."

Of course there are exceptions to this rule, but they are always exceptions. I know two women who are real friends to other women. I believe I could telegraph either of them at any time of the day or night, tell them that I was in trouble and needed help, and if they were alive they would answer me and do the best they could to help me.

One of these women is an old maid, a woman of great intellect and great attainments. She makes her own living, and a mighty fine, independent living it is. The other of the two women whose friendship I believe I could depend on is married, but her children are grown, and though she is a good and dutiful wife, as a matter of principle she doesn't really care two straws for her husband.

What have these facts to do with the case of these women's real friendship? Everything. It is always the real or the prospective man in the case who interferes in the friendships of women.

There was once a strike among the street car men in a certain city. The troops were called out to terrify the strikers, one of the strikers met a friend in uniform. "Sure, Tom," said the striker, "you wouldn't shoot an old pal like me, would ye, if the worst should come to worst?"

The man in uniform shifted his tobacco, narrowed his eyes and looked his old friend straight in the face.

"It depends upon the captain's orders," he said.

That's what's the matter with a woman friend. She may like you; she may admire you; she may even be devotedly fond of you.

Will she stick by you in an emergency? Will she defend your good name, help out your credit, comfort you in sorrow and rejoice with you in success—that depends upon the captain's orders—and the captain is always the man who is standing somewhere in the background.

He may be nobody but a father, or a brother, or a son; he's apt to be a sweetheart or a husband or sometimes just a man who might be a sweetheart if he had the chance, but some man he is, and every time you ask a woman to do anything for another woman she has to think what the man in the background is going to say about it. She may not know she's thinking about the man, and the man may not have the faintest idea that she is thinking about him either, but she is just the same.

That's what gives her such a far away look in her eyes when her woman friend asks her to stick by her friendship in some emergency.

A woman is just a part of a man's life. No matter how much he loves her, she's only a part of his existence.

A man is the whole earth and firmament to the woman who loves him. She gives up her family, her maiden name, her place of living, even the kind of things she likes to eat, for him—why should a friend, and merely a friend, expect to be exempt in the general sacrifice?

No thank you, Mr. Magazine Writer, no independence on a woman friend for me, she's too many different kinds of a person.

When you ask a woman to go anywhere with you, she has to think of the baby, and the cook and Johnnie and Johnnie's friends who were coming to dinner with him, and her husband and her mother-in-law, and her maiden aunt, and if they are all perfectly willing that she should go—she'll accept your invitation.

When you ask a man to give you the pleasure of his company somewhere, sometime, you're asking just plain nobody but him. He never thinks of the baby or Johnnie, or the mother-in-law, or even the wife. If he wants to go, he goes; if he doesn't, he says, "No, thank you," and tells you why. That's why I choose men for my friends.—New York American.

Battleship Models.

By the English Admiralty's orders perfect models are made in paraffin wax of every new battleship before it is laid down, and these models are tested in a tank, being 400 feet long and 20 feet wide. They are made of wax because it is a material which does not absorb water or change its weight, so that alterations can be easily made and the material can be melted up and used again.

Horseflesh is growing in favor in Belgium. It sells for about half the price of beef or mutton, which are seldom handled by the butchers who sell horse meat.

Better Pay for Soldiers.

General Funston makes an earnest plea for the increase of the pay of the officers and privates of the regular army. He declares that the officers of lowest rank receive less pay than many laborers, and even less than some hod carriers, and that this should not be the case. He asserts also that if the pay of the privates were increased it would be easier to get and retain recruits for the army.

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