Marriage Age Increased.

marriageable age of women has advanced considerably of recent years. Many a bride has long felt girlhood behind her before she exchanged her vows at the altar, and there seems to be few young men nowadays who care to assume the responsibilities of married life until they are in the financial position usually associated with middle age.-Woman's Life.

Diplomatic Women.

Almost all the celebrated women have gained their fame by diplomatic means. The famous women of Jewish history were all subtle in their methods-Rebecca, Jael and Herodias, to name but a few of them. What born diplomatists, too, were Catherine of Siena, the great saint, and Catherine de Medici, the great sinner! The list of them down the ages is unending. The royal road to fame, as well as to peace, would seem for women to be marked by the signposts of diplomacy.--Wo-

Women and Her Paper.

Did you ever notice how a woman opens a paper? It is as different from the method of a man as her skirt is from his trousers.

If she is in her own home, with plenty of space and sitting in a capacious rocking chair, she has room enough to do it successfully. If she is anywhere else, she instantly becomes a public auisance.

A man opens his paper sharply, keeping the sheets close together, folds it lengthwise in half, then doubles it, making it into a flat pamphlet, and reads it comfortably. He doesn't gouge any one's eyes out, knock off their hats, or tickle the back of their ears and necks.

But a woman! She opens the sheets and then spreads out their entire length in front of her, up in the air, with both arms extended at full length to hold the edges. The fact that she is reading the first column on the first sheet does not prevent her from keeping the paper spread out in this position during the whole time she is reading.

When she turns another sheet she

Recipe.

Cut-out

reason, of course, the new hat will It is generally admitted that the not be popular with women, but what can these poor creatures do? have no say about it. All they are permitted to do is to follow meekly in the footprints of Dame Fashion. So the Red Riding Hood bonnet comes in as the first sign of spring. It is an invention in accord with the Lenten spirit, and this is about the only kind word that can be spoken for it. The Red Riding Hood bonnet has no more excuse for its existence than the short sleeve in midwinter, but it is useless to tarry further on that point. Utility never bothers women until they undertake to mantheir husbands.-New York age

More Pretty Girls Than Ever.

"They tell us," said the middleaged man, "that within a generation or two the women of this country have increased in stature, as they have as well in all the attributes of graceful womanhood so that there were never so many splendid women to be seen here as now, all this being due to improved conditions of life, to which with its comparatively greater opportunity for leisure, recreation and cultivation, the sex is first to respond, thus showing in this way a greater advance in development than man.

"And they tell us also that this advance, as might naturally be expected, is more to be noted among the well-to-do and those comfortably situated in life: but I should say from my own observation that it is now spreading among all the people as a race. Living conditions are now far more favorable for all than they were even a generation ago, and this advancement and improvement is now to be noted among the young people, the children of the present day, everywhere; though here also it is still observable more notably among the girls than the boys.

"If you should chance to meet any day in any of the comfortable quarters of the town the school children going home from a public school you could not fail to be struck by the number of graceful, pretty girls among them. To be sure, in such a company you could always find pretty takes the whole thing a bit higher children, but I venture to say never

> Filled Prune Compote. - Soak over night and simmer until soft half a pound of the best prunes. Chop one-half of them and from the others remove the pits and fill with chopped nutmeats made into a paste with quince or peach jam. Sprinkle a layer of crushed macaroons in the bottom of a buttered pudding-dish, spread over them the chopped prunes, and cover with another layer of crumbs. Make a custard mixture of a pint of milk, the yolks of three eggs and two tablespoonfuls each of cornstarch and sugar sifted together; pour over this the contents of the dish, and bake in a slow oven until the cornstarch is thoroughly cooked. Take from the oven, set aside until cold, then arrange the filled prunes on the top and cover with a meringue roughly applied, made of the whites of three eggs and three tablespoonfuls of sugar. Put into a cool oven until delicately browned .- Ladies' World.

and then readjusts it again in this spread-eagle position.

The fact that she is taking up most of the space allotted to each person around her never enters her mind. -New York Times.

Superior to Their Lords.

The Indian women of Bolivia are usually superior to their lords in actual intelligence; also in age as

They earn the larger part of their mutual "living," and take the lead in most things.

As recognized head of the house, the Bolivian Indian wife is much more likely to thrash her comparatively timid spouse than he is to ill-

use her. In the markets, when produce has to be disposed of, she can drive a far better bargain than he could; she can carry as heavy burdens, endure as much privation and physical toil, labor, chew as much corn and drink as much strong drink.

Little or no money passes amongst the Bolivian Indians, their mediums of exchange being whatever they may raise or the labor of their hands. They will eat when not hungry, drink when not thirsty, sleep when not sleepy, anywhere and any time when opportunity offers, "against the time of need," as they say. The majority are in a state of semi-intoxication from babyhood to the grave, alcohol being used on every pretext, freely as their means will allow, on occasions of births, deaths and feast days the last named being remarkably frequent.-Boston Globe,

A Matronly Hat,

The Peter Pan hat was not of Paris: In fact, it still has to make its way in the French capital. This reversing the regular ordering of catch the craze in a few weeks, when | models. an English Peter Pan goes to Paris in the Barrie fantasy. Meanwhile, we shall be cultivating the new fad of the Little Riding Hoods, with their pronounced grandmotherly air. Several of these new hats were on view in Fifth avenue yesterday, and al-ready they have invaded Washington. the Peter Pan bestowed youth ance to girls in their teens. For this much befrilled.

in the air, makes as much of a breeze | before so many really pretty girls as as she can when she is turning it, now. There are plain children here, too, if any girl can be called plain, but a notable number of pretty girls, of girls who would make attractive pictures, a greater number of such, distinctly, than would here have been found thirty years ago."-New York



One of the neatest waists this seaon is a dotted Swiss.

"Lion's mane" is the name given to one of the season's good browns. Linen dresses of white and colors are shown, white and the natural Gax gray being most prominent.

For house wear there is no prettier material than white cashmere. It needs a bit of color to enliven it.

Removable frill jabots for front of shirt waists, with cuffs frilled to match, are the latest dictates of

From present indications it seems likely that the gored skirt will be the successor to the very much pleated

Folds, pipings and tailor-stitched bands of satin, as well as satin-covered buttons, are a feature in skirt trimmings.

Ducks and pique are elaborately wrought in needlework and all-over braiding. Motifs of lace come ready for inserting, and are convenient for the woman who is handy with her needle.

A fad of the season, recommended both for its charm and novelty, is the use of pink and blue trimmings on white waists. This touch of color is considered the smartest thing pos-The French are bound to sible, and appears on high-priced

No ornamentation is used on the girdle proper which goes around the waist. There are women who use a small Greek key in soutache at each edge, and when the gown is simple and of soft material this touch is effective.

For afternoon gowns, a novel idea The new style certainly will not be is voile, trimmed with tussah silk of as popular with men as the old, for the same color. Light-weight wools, in unobtrusive checks, show smart women no longer young, the Red little coatees of plain cloth, thrown Riding Hood gives a matronly appear- back and revealing a lingerie blouse

Household Matters.

Putting Salt in Lamps.

Putting a tablespoonful of salt into a kerosene lamp after filling it will prevent the lamp from exploding, but will not mar the lighting quality of the oil .- New York World.

To Clean Ironware.

Take two tablespoonfuls of concentrated lye to three quarts of water. It will make pancake griddles like new and the cakes will not stick. Set the griddles or any vessel to be cleaned where they will keep hot, but not boil, for three or four hours .-New York World.

Durable Bubbles.

To make bubbles that can be blown big and will last take a piece of pure white soap about the size of a walnut and cut it up in a cupful of warm water. Then add a teaspoonful of glycerine. Stir well and blow from a small pipe. Strawberry juice will make pink bubbles, and orange juice will make yellow ones.—Housekeeper.

To Clean Windows.

Wet a soft cloth in kerosene, then polish with clean cloth.

Finger marks may be removed from windows by putting a few drops of ammonia on a moist cloth.

Mortar and paint may be removed from windows with best sharp vine-

Flower pot stains are removed from window sills by rubbing them with fine wood ashes and rinsing with clean water.-Boston Post,

To Make Inexpensive Ties.

Take an old four-in-hand tie and rip it apart carefully to get the pattern. I make them of pieces of light print, white waist goods, gingham, chambray or silk and some of them could not be distinguished from \$1 ties. I use a single thickness of white cotton to line the cotton ones, but use flannelette for the silk ones. They are easily laundered (do not starch them) and will outwear a dozen twenty-five-cent ties, besides they look fresher and are so inexpensive one can have a large variety to choose from. Try it, especially if you have boys in your family .- Boston Post.

Tea Cozies.

The "Old Maid" tea cozies are the quaintest little affairs seen in an art shop in a big city. They are built upon the wire frames which resemble lamp shade frames, and are bought for hat rests.

Upon one of these is mounted the quaintest little terra cotta head, with hair drawn plainly back into a snug knot, and with features kindly, but unmistakably of the spinster type. The wire frame, which simulates a hoop skirt, is first padded, then plied with layers of beruffled organdie. It is a clever novelty, and has figured with popularity as the consolation prize at bridge parties.—Indianapolis News.

Jellied Chicken.

Take a large chicken, and after carefully cleaning and washing-it, cut it up as though going to stew it. Then place the pieces on a meat board, and pound them with a potato beater until all the flesh is mashed and the bones thoroughly crushed. Place them in a double boiler and pour over them one quart of filtered cold water. Stir in one level teaspoonful of salt, fill the lower part of the double boiler with cold water, and set it where the water will boil. From time to time open the upper part of the double boiler where the chicken is, and stir it round. Add no more water to the chicken, but fill the lower part from time to time as the water boils away, always adding boiling water after the water has begun to boil the first time. Let the chicken cook at least six hours, then take it off and strain through a fine sieve into a bowl. Set away to cool. When cold skim off the grease. which will rise to the top. Underneath you will find a clear hard jelly. This may be served cold, a tablespoonful at a time, chopped fine; or it may be warmed into a soup, a little at a time, for invalids. - American Home Monthly.

Recipes. Bread Pie.-A good way to use old bread. Crumb the bread and soak in milk: sweeten to suit taste: flavor with nutmeg, lemon or chocolate; dot with scraps of butter; bake without top crust and ice the top after baking.

Hot Biscuits .- Put a little salt and five teaspoons cream tartar and two teaspoons soda (leveled off with a knife) into one quart of flour and sift. Chop in one-half cup lard and add sweet milk to make the right consistency to roll out, rather soft. It will take about one pint. Bake in a quick oven.

Cottage Pie.-Chop cold meat very fine, boil and mash some potatoes, to every cup of meat add one-half teaspoon salt, a little pepper, one teaspoon of finely chopped cooked onion and one-half cup of gravy or stock. Put the meat, seasoning and gravy in a baking dish, cover with the mashed potatoes and bake in hot oven until golden brown,

Baked Ham .- Soak a ham in cold water over night; trim it neatly and cover all over with a thick crust of flour and water; bake slowly eight hours; remove the crust and skin: cover the top with fine cracker crumbs; place in the oven until the crumbs are brown. When cold cut in thin slices.



New York City.-The simple shirt waist made in tailored style is absolutely necessary to comfort, and this one is tucked after an exceptionally



attractive and becoming manner. In the illustration it is made of natural colored pongee stitched with belding in habit style as liked. silk, and pongee is much in vogue for

Reign of Tassel.

Tassels, tassels everywhere, be it dangling from the latest neckwear or hanging from the big drapery seen on so many of the new costumes. They hang behind the dainty ear of the girl who wears her most fetching tulle hat or they bedeck the skirt of the society matron as she stands in line at reception or tea.

Three or Four Piece Skirt.

The skirt which is smooth over the hips and which flares at the lower portion continues a favorite one for walking, while it is always the most becoming and most graceful. Here is a model that can be made either in three or four pieces as the front gore is seamed at the centre or cut in one. In the illustration it is made from striped material and the front gore is seamed at the centre to produce the chevron effect. The circular bands are pretty and novel and are exceedingly effective in the striped fabric.

The skirt is made with a front gore and side and back portions, which are circular. The front edges of the side portions are turned under to form tucks, which are laid over onto the front gore, so concealing the seams and allowing effective use of buttons as trimming. The fulness at the back can be laid in inverted pleats or it can be cut off and the skirt finished

The quantity of material required



waists of the sort, while it has a for the medium size is eight and oneseasonable waistings.

The waist is made with the fronts wide. and the back. There is a regulation box pleat at the centre front and a neck-hand finishes the neck. The collar is of the turn-over sort and can be made from striped material as illustrated or to match the waist as liked. There are regulation sleeves with straight cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and three-quarter yards twenty-one or twenty-four, three and three-eighth yards thirty-two or two yards fortyfour inches wide with one-eighth yard any width for the over portion and

Collar of Ruches.

A novel collar is made of many ruches of tulle mixed with veivet baby ribbon in black and white, the black velvet forming flowers.

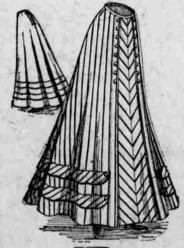
Color Blendings.

The blending of many colors in delicious harmonies is responsible for a large part of the attractiveness of the present styles, but it also furnishes one of the most difficult problems for inexperienced milliners and dress-

Tunics Fashionable.

The rage for tunics threatens to make a fashionable drawing room look like the old Roman Forum.

great many practical advantages, but half yards twenty-four, seven and the model is appropriate for all the one-half yards twenty-seven or five yards forty-four or fifty-two inches



Hungarian Waists

One of the smart novelties in shirt waists for any suit but a white one is of ecru hopsacking or batiste or linen. It is trimmed with bands of Hungarian embroidery, which comes by the yard. It is in brilliant colors, with dashes of black.

Colors in Hosiery.

Novel hosiery of the season shows a contrasting color beneath the open work upon the instep.

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J. B. de Rosier on a motorcycle on the Clifton Stadium track made new figures for the mile at 56s. flat. There will be no Tom Longboat in

the Olympic championships. This is official, and right from headquarters at that. Finland will probably figure in the

weight events with Jarvinen, who giant, and is said to have hurled the discus 143 feet 4 inches. Estimates of the loss by the Coney

Island Jockey Club, Sheepshead Bay, for the recent meeting range from \$150,000 up to \$250,000. The New York Tribune says that the outlook for racing is brighter just now than at any time since the pass

age of the Agnew-Hart law. The London Olympic committee has decided to accept the American entries for the international rifle matches to be held this year.

Colonel Franklin Bartlett has a cepted the position of president of the Personal Liberty League, which is

rapidly increasing in membership. With the withdrawal of Providence the only tracks on which the old-time trotting meetings will be held are Detroit, Kalamazoo and Columbus, as

compared to a dozen last year. Columbia and Swarthmore are the only colleges in the East where foot-ball has been dropped. On the Pa-cific Coast Leland Stanford and California are the single advocates of

abolition. The Grand Trotting Circuit has been disrupted through the action of legislation on betting at tracks, and as a result only three of these harness meetings will be conducted on oldtime lines.

The famous McGrathiana stud. Lexington, Ky., is to be dispersed be-cause of the adverse turf legislation. McGrathlana is, next to the Elmen-lorf establishment of James B. Hazgin, the largest in the United State