

### THOSE SHORT COATS

INNUMERABLE EDITIONS CHOOSE FROM.

Serious Consideration Demanded or the Part of the Woman Who Intends to Make a Long or Short Journey.

When the short-coated suit for traveling is to be decided upon, which of the many editions are you going to choose? The problem confronts womankind, and a certain discretion must exercised or there will appear some figures in our midst that will bring down well-deserved ridicule upon the heads of the offenders.

Just as soon as a woman considers her figure in relation to the garments that she purchases will there be a marked decimation of the ranks of indifferently, nay, execrably, dressed followers of fashion.

Whether you be tall, slender or of generous proportions, the question of the short coat assails you. Which shall it be?

The slender, sylphlike creature is indeed fortunate in this age of suppressed curves, for her figure is able wear the short coat without the annoying consideration of the pros and the cons. Her coat may be belted in with a wide patent leather belt, and the peplum can be varied in line. cut away at the front or turned up at the corner in military style at the front lines or back. The slenderness at the hips is the point that allows this.

The short woman must be judicious when selecting her coat. That model that emphasizes length of line must be chosen. The long revers, the point ed line at the bottom, the disposition of trimming in long, narrow vertical lines-these are the main guide-posts.

Stout women are less fortunate since the curtailed coat has been reinstated. Sleeves must not be too full; the lengthened narrow collar, small buttons and a lack of trimmings should characterize the coats of the heavier figures.

#### RENOVATING THE SETTLE

Old-Fashioned Bench With a Back Can Be Easily Converted Into a Porch Couch.

If you are lucky enough to own one of the long, old-fashioned settles that are little more than wooden benches with high, open back, it can be converted into a novel couch for a porch or the living room of a country house.

Fasten to each arm of the couch the inverted lid of a large flower barrel. This lid should have an inch-high rim. If the dimensions are too large to fit securely to the arm a prop can be added on the outer edge.

This prop may be a strip of wood or a broomstick handle can be nailed to the lid to form a leg.

The lids at each end of the settle make convenient and ornamental shelves for books, workbags and vases of flowers. When the couch is covered the lids can be adjusted in their natural position.

To finish the settle scrape off the paint and varnish and give all the woodwork three coats of dark green, dark red or white paint, ending with a coat of enamel.

For the seat make a thin mattress stuffed with hair or some patent filling. Cover with gay cretonne or den-Arrange the cover so it buttons at the back for greater ease in washing. A flat pillow or two can be covered with the same material.

## SATIN STITCH EMBROIDERY NEW SHAPE IN FELT HATS

Found Most Suitable for Marking Many Articles When Bold Letters Are Needed.

A very distinct monogram worked entirely in satin stitch is shown here. It is suitable for marking many articles when bold letters are needed



The thickest parts must be padded to raise the work; three or four rows of running out with soft cotton will be ded for these, and two for the mar-

Stitched straps are excellent for all forms. Embroidered plastrons must The staterooms, which are among the be placed in advantageous position, finest in Europe, are richly gilded always keeping well in mind the fact and furnished with much magnifithat decoration must not be obstrusive, but a harmontous part of the ature below zero, the malachite sawhole scheme. On the short coat loon and the vast halls and galleries they may be widely used

coat is decided upon.

One more point. Look well at the skirt with which the short jacket is to be worn. Remember that here lies the effect that will accentuate the short lines, or serve to mitigate the change that undoubtedly results from this season's note,

Whether the tackets of shorter length will be able to extend on into the next season is a moot point, but while they are here they must be chosen with due regard for the women within.

### LATEST "CHARLOTTE."



The one shown above is made of spotted net, edged with pale blue satin, soft bow of satin.

When intended for indoor use the settle may be left unpainted, though a coat or two of paint to make ends and couch alike will cost little, if the work is done at home.

Fasten a thin mattress to seat and back and fit to the settle a cover of present. The water is gradually striped linen, such as is used for summer furniture coverings. The two-toned gray effects are cooling and do tion has undoubtedly taken place in not soil so quickly as the more popular white.

The inverted lids are supplied with a separate cover of the linen. Where rivers with low banks and sluggish the leg prop to the lid is used the covering is fitted around it to give the effect of a winged couch, the covered lid extending beyond it.

None of the woodwork of the settle such as the Missouri. shows the cover reaching to the floor fastened to the seat of the couch diag- all around. If making such a cover is beyond your skill, it can be done more creaply by having an upholsterer cut and fit it while you do the sewing and binding.

Try This, Girls. have no difficulty in getting together the coveted six boxes of wedding cake, which means that the seventh will be ber own, for the list of bridesto-be is long, and wedding receptions are in plenty, accordingly. The superstition holds that no box must be opened. Each one must be tied to its predecessors in order of date, and each one must be legitimately given to the owner as an invited guest-no cards transferable, so to speak. This charm never fails, it is said.

Large, Flat Hats With Slightly Droop ing Brims and Low Crowns, the Latest.

The expected turn of the wheel of fashion has brought into the millinery field a different shape of hat. From the upturned brim there is a departure for summer wear in the form of by a screw movement, and the act of large, flat hats, with slightly drooping

brims and low crowns. Some of the brims are slightly parrower at the front, while a decided element of comfort is evident in the deep bandeaux, that resemble a skullcap, at the back of the hat, vanishing at the front into a thin rim of buckram. These are so fitted that no it was seen to be most variable. In hatpins are necessary.

A wreath of flowers, nowhere rising above the crown, is the simple trimming used on the majority of the flat shapes. There can be the introduction of a velvet flower, if a note of

Some of these new models are of fine straw, leghorn or of frames cov-ered with satin and voiled with chif-

As a change from the towering turbans or the shapes that eclipse the features, the low, flat hats, resting on the softness of naturally arranged sir, come as a welcome relief.

#### RUSSIAN COURT IS BRILLIANT

Only Black Coat Seen at State Ball Is That of American Am-

The Russian court has extreme brilliance and goes one better than any court in Europe in the way of luxury and an almost barbaric magnificence, a writer in the Strand says. The seain in the winter, and lasts until Easter. Several court balls take place and an invitation to one of these is imperative command, to which only illness or the deepest mourning can be given as an excuse for absence. On such an occasion the Win ter palace is a dream of fairyland. cence. And, with the outside temperare filled with rare flowers that bloom Side panels of braid, embroidery of in a hothouse atmosphere. All the stitched material give grace, but a men wear ribbons and orders, and certain thickness of the body which splendid uniforms are seen-the offi it were wise for the stout woman to cers of the Imperial guard respleneschew. The variation of the fasten- dent in white and gold, the lancers in ing is another note that must be ta- scarlet, the hussars in green and the ken into consideration when the short Cossacks in silver. The only black coat is that of the American ambassador. And nowhere else can be seen such gowns, jewels and decorations. Russian court ladies wear a special court dress, a glorified edition of the national costume. Black gowns are disallowed as in Berlin. The ladies of the portrait" wear a miniature of the empress set in diamonds and the maids of honor have her initial in diamonds in a blue ribbon worn on

the shoulder. A court ball begins at nine and everyone must be present before the entrance of royalty. The ball opens with a dance called a polonaise, led by the emperor and empress. The emperor dances with a grand duchess and the empress with an ambassador. Quadrilles and waltzes follow and a national dance known as the mazur-Less splendid but even more choice are smaller and more intimate dances, called the bals des palmiers. When these are given the long gallery is transformed into a tropical forest, with flowers, plants and tree ferns, and among the scented greenery are set little tables with supper for 500 persons. At the bigger court balls as many as 3,000 guests are served at the same time with supper.

Geological History of River Beds. Undoubtedly at one time most of the rivers ran in fuller streams than they do at the present time, but it is altogether improbable that the present beds of the Peace and Athabasca rivers were filled to their banks. These river beds have been worn to their present depth in most instances by the erosion of the waters. In former times the courses of many of these streams were marked by rapids. The action of the water has worn the beds from the high levels that make the rapids to the present more uniform It is claimed that the edge of level. the falls at Niagara was at one time much nearer Lake Ontario than wearing away the rocky front of the river bed at the falls. The same acmost of the rivers with deep beds and high banks. The opposite effect is continually occurring in the case of current, as, for example, the Mis-There the bed is being gradsissippi. ually filled up with a deposit of soil brought down from the tributaries,

### Little Aeroplane Invention.

Truth is, and Tip hates to say it, never in all the history of science have such great things been accomplished on so little intellectual genius as has been the case with our science The debutante of the season will of flying. And for two obvious rea sons. Flying was not so difficult of accomplishment as was supposed, was easy after the explosive engine was developed, though impossible before. The great intellect had already been expended in the motor and electric sides of the matter. This is not say ing the Wrights are not beyond compare in their sharp genius in mechanics and their marvelous bravery. But the science of flying is not ornament ed by such intellectual giants as is electricity by Franklin, Faraday and Kelvin. Flying is really a composite of inventions.—New York Press.

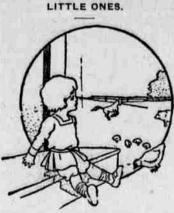
> Lighter Shells for Night Firing. A startling invention has just im-

pressed the British army and navy experts that attended the successful experiments off the Isle of Wight with the device which illuminates shells used for night firing. To the base of the shell a metal cylinder is attached firing the gun causes a powerful iluminant to burst into flame. This burns brightly throughout the whole of the trajectory of the missile. It is especially useful in testing the effectiveness of range at night both over sea and over land. It also shows the course of the shell. During richochet come cases the shell on striking the waters of the Solent shot vertically upward, a very surprising result, while in many instances it was deflected to the right or left.

Interesting Transformation. One day my little 4-year-old boy was crying very hard, and his auntie said: "O, Walter, don't stretch your mouth so wide, you will make it as

big as a horse's." He stopped suddenly, then said "And will my nose be on the end of





A little Coltie, black and sleek Does in the barnyard run; le kicks up his heels and firts his tail, And has such loads of fun.

A little Piggie in the pen Roots round with funny snout; He knows just where to find good things, And soon he roots them out.

A little Chickie in the yard
Does scratch with tiny feet;
'Tis happy when it finds a crumb.
For it does love to eat.

A little Baby in the house Runs everywhere and plays; It laughs and crows and merry is Throughout the summer days.

# AMUSING GAME WITH VOWELS

Each Player Writes as Long Sentence as Possible, Using Only Words Containing Vowel Selected.

"Now," said Charlies, when everybody was gather around the table "let's play the vowel game father told us he used to play when he was a boy

"How do you play it?" asked every one at once.

"It's very easy," replied Charlies distributing pencils and paper impartially among the family grounp, says the Comrade. "You take the five regular vowels, a, e, i, o, u, and, beginning with the first letter, each player writes as long a sentence as he can, using no vowel except 'a' in any word, but repeating that letter as often as he wishes."

"I don't quite understand," said Cousin Lucy. "Please give us an ex-

"You'll have to give me a few minutes' grace, then," laughed Charlie, taking his pencil and paper. "Suppose He wrote industriously a I take 'a. " few minutes and then read the result

"Ah, madam, Frank Farns, a tall, tasty, black man at Panama, has a cat that can catch all bad ants and bats at Nathan's pantry and barn."

"Bravo!" cried uncles and aunts and cousins, as Charlie finished reading the queer sentence.

"You see," continued Charlies, "you may give the players five minutes, or any time you agree on beforehand, to make up the sentence. When the time is up, the sentences are read and the one having the longest sentence of good, plain, commonplace English has gained the first point. You go this way for each of the five vowels, and, when all the sentences are read and compared, the person who has gained the most points wins the game."

### GLOVE HELPS IN SWIMMING.

Device With Concave, or Dished Surface, Enables Swimmer to Get Better Grip on Water.

In order to increase the effective area of a swimmer's hand, an inventor has provided a glove consisting of an elastic web formed with cots or stalls in which the fingers and thumb may be inserted. The glove is also attached to the wrist by means of



Swimming Glove.

strap. The cots are made of open work material, so that they will have a tendency to grip and bind the fingers to prevent the glove from slipping off, says Scientific American. The outer edge of the web is curved downward, forming a concave or dished surface, which will enable the swimmer to secure a better grip on the water.

A Remarkable Library. A gentleman a good many years ago built a fine house and wanted to have a good library, and so this is the re markable order he sent to a book

"I want six feet of theology, same quantity of metaphysics and near yard of old civil law in the folio."

TEN LITTLE KITTY CATS.

Ten little kitty cats all dressed up fine, One tore her pinafore, then there were nine. Nine little kitty cats eating from one got crowded out, then there were One

Eight little kitty cats sat up till eleven, One fell fast asleep, and then there were seven. Seven little kitty cats playing funny

tricks.
One rolled out of sight, then there were

six.

Six little kitty cats, learning to dive,
One went down too deep, then there were
five.

Five little kitty cats playing on the shore, A big wave caught one; then there were

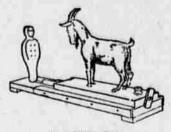
Four little kitty cats climbed up a tree One fell down again, then there were three. Three little kitty cats met a kangaroo,

One went home with him, then there were two,
Two little kitty cats sitting in the sun,
One ran in the house, then there was one.
One little kitty cat went to buy a bun,
He never came back, and so there was

#### TOY BILLY GOAT BUTTS HARD

Novel Device, Invented by Georgia Man, Intended to Cause Much Amusement for Children.

An amusing toy for children has been invented by a Georgia man. It is a rearing, tearing billy goat that butts a mannikin flat in its charge. The toy comprises a base with a figure elastically mounted at one end. The figure normally stands erect, but when struck a blow on the chest will flop over backward and spring back when the pressure is released. Facing this figure a goat is mounted on a platform, through which the animal's forefeet pass to a slide, which is also elastically operated. By means of a projecting button the slide is drawn When it is released the elastic makes it fly back and the goat pitches forward, raising his hind legs in the air and butting the mannikin full in the chest or face. The mannikin thereupon falls flat on his back, to the great



Toy Billy Goat.

amusement of any cht'dren who may be watching, but upon the goat resuming his normal position, the other figure boldly springs up and faces Billy

# ANIMALS WEEP FROM GRIEF

Horses Cry From Thirst, Mule From Injured Foot and Other Beasts From Pain or Annoyance.

Travelers through the Syrian desert have seen horses weep from thirst, A mule has been seen to cry from the pain of an injured foot, and camels, it is said, shed tears in streams. A cow sold by its mistress, who had tended it from calfhood, wept pitifully, says Harper's Weekly. A young soko ape used to cry with vexation if Livingstone didn't nurse it in his arms when it asked him to. Wounded apes have died crying, and ares have went over the young ones slain by hunters. A chimpanzee triped to carry water jugs broke one and cried, which proved sorrow, though it wouldn't mend the jug. Rats, discovering their young drowned, have been moved to tears of grief. A giraffe which a huntsman's rifle had injured, began to cry when approached. Sea lions often wep over the loss of their young. Gordon Cumming observed tears trickling down the face of a dying elephant. And even an orangoutang when deprived of its mango was so vexed that it took to weeping. There is little doubt, therefore, that animals do cry from grief or weep from pain or annovance.

## TWO AMUSING PARLOR GAMES

Pastimes Which Have Been Carried Out With Success and Are Sometimes Uproariously Funny.

Two parlor amusements which have been carried out with great success are as follows: Send a person out of the room, decide upon an object or some simple performance, recall the person and have a member of the party place his fingers lightly upon a person's shoulder while he and all the others think intently of the object or act decided upon, says Home Herald. The results sometimes are almost uncanny. A lady went straight and drew a scarfpin from a man's necktie, just as he willed, found a key hidden in a lady's slipper, and so on.

The other "trick" is to draw upon a sheet of paper a square, with diagonal lines between the corners, the only opportunity of the artist to watch his own progress being a mirror held up before his hands by a second person. A newspaper is made to screen the sheet and the hand which is doing the drawing. The results are some-times uproariously funny.

A Queer Ache.

One day Mary came to her mother "Mother, my ear aches!" and said: "Does it ache very bad, Mary?" asked her mother.

No. Well, run out and play, then you will forget about it."

Mary went out, but pretty soon she came back and said: "Mother, my ear does sche. It is not the hole, but the ruffle around it."--Delineator.



creased the output of his dairy by has musical selections rendered during milking hour.)

Where are you going, my pretty maid?" 'T'm going milking, str,' she said.

"Where is your bucket, my pretty maid?"
"I carry a music roll, she said,
"The bucket is hung on the dairy wall
Just back of the crabbed old short horn's
stall."

Till carry your stool for you, my pretty

"I sit on a music stool," she said.
"I sit on a music stool and play
While gally the milkers milk away.

"I open the hour with a fugue by List, Then play an etude if the cown insist, But nothing from Wagner nor all h ilk— Their thunderous music would sour the When Molly, the Jersey, is milked with

I always play 'Down by the Jerseyside,' When common old farm cows are milked, you see, I play them a rube song-all-durn-ee. Don't faint, and don't flee, for I'll tell no

Of the tunes that I play on the dairy floor, Save that when the cows to the pasture I try 'Over the Hills and Far Away."

"And what do you play when the milk is shipped?"
"'Rippling Waters!." Then off she tripped.



The Superior Sex.

There is a lot of vainglorious expression on the part of the men about their being the superior sex. We hear too much of man's endurance, of his intellect, of his executive ability and all that sort of thing.

Take a man and make him wear a spotted veil and he will be nearly blind within a year. A woman wears

one and retains her eyesight Pinch a man into corsets and within a week he will have heart trouble. chronic pleurisy, acute indigestion, ap-

pendicitis and a funeral. Pile a few pounds of false hadr on man's head and he will succumb to brain fever within a month.

Tie a man's ankles in a hopple skirt and he will have rheumatism, followed by paralysis of the legs from lack of exercise.

Pinch a man's feet in tight shoes

and make him toddle about on high heels and he will die of charleyhorse. Man loses on the score of endurance alone. Intellect and executive ability are argued by the capacity to combat these tortures and trials. Man is undoubtedly the inferior sex and should retire to the last row of seats and be

The Course of Culture,

"And so your race is gradually be coming civilized," says the tourist to the chieftain of the savage tribe on the remote and almost inaccessible island.

The chieftain proudly twines a pair of suspenders about his high silk hat. and replies:

"Indeed, yes. There seems to be no essation of the wave of culture that struck our isle about two years ago. Why, now we even call our tomb Thomas-Thomases."

'It must be quite a disappointment to you to be away down here and unable to do any shopping for winter hats and dresses.

"Oh, I did all that before I came; and when we reached here I had the added pleasure of hunting for warm weather garb."

Just So.

You may think that when a man has hobby it is to ride. You are wrong. It is to talk about.

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