



THE SASH POPULAR.

The sash is much in evidence with thin gowns, and it may be bordered in the Louis Quinze style or made of soft ribbon and wound twice around the waist and tied in a short bow with long-tasseled ends.

A PRETTY HOUSE GOWN.

Speaking of house gowns reminds one that very pretty ones may be made of the dainty challies displayed so temptingly on the shop counters.

A NEW FASHION FAD.

One of the latest discoveries is the shoe-string belt. That a smart touch could be evolved out of just an ordinary shoe-string sounds almost incredible.

MILADY'S NEW NOTE PAPER.

There is noticeable an increased use of small sizes in writing papers. Milady's note is now a very tiny, delicate affair, possibly a way she has of excusing herself for writing brief letters.

Pure white is the favorite color, though we see no end of all manner of hues in stationery; but white is the vogue, and, though fads in stationery come and go, this always has a sure following.

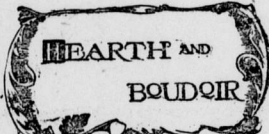
In the matter of engraving the Berlin block still seems to lead. There is something so distinctive about it, and as there is too difficult handwork about it for it ever to become cheapened it is likely to remain long in fashion's favor.

A PERILOUS PASTIME.

Mme. Brassard, a French woman who keeps a small corner shop at Lyons, lays claim to being the most noted Alpinist of the fair sex in Europe.

This year she joined the Ninety-ninth Battalion, and marched with them into Savoy, after which she exchanged to the Ninety-seventh, which she followed in all its marches.

snow at the time, ascended Mont Froid (2800 metres), one of the most dangerous mountains in the French Alps; accompanied the soldiers to the summit of Mont Cenis (2200 metres), and finally reached the top of the Frejus (2700 metres), where she visited the Ninety-seventh Regiment, to join the grand maneuvers in Savoy.



There are now in Ireland more than 700 women graduates of universities. Mrs. L. Goodman, aged ninety, is the oldest living woman artist.

A Massachusetts woman has made a success of market gardening and advises others to go into the business.

In England the women employed in libraries receive from \$250 to \$300 a year. In the United States women in libraries receive from \$500 to \$3000.

Mrs. Hugh Reed Griffin has just been re-elected President of the Society of American Women in London. The object of the society is to create a social center for Americans in London.

Two young women of Rhode Island, college graduates, have gone into business to supply Newport with spring lamb, young geese, hothouse grapes, etc., getting fancy prices and making large profits.

Mrs. Houghton is considered one of the best oil experts in the country. She was in the oil business in Pennsylvania for twenty-five years, and is now interested in the new oil wells of the Gulf State.

The marriage of Russian peasant girls is purely a business arrangement. If they abhor their bridegrooms or husbands, as they often have good reason to do, and run away, they are almost invariably captured and cruelly beaten in public.

The first woman lawyer to appear in a Swiss law court is Mile. Mackenroth, who recently acted for the defendant in a case at the Assize Court at Zurich. Her eloquent defense on behalf of her client surprised even the judges, and the jury, without retiring, found for the defendant.

A young woman named Ella Kellogg is seeking to be appointed a game warden in Colorado, and if she succeeds in her quest will probably be the only game warden in the country. She has quite a hunting record, having ridden on the back of a wild elk which treed her, and on which she dropped with easy grace.

Opaline ribbons are among the newest soft weaves. Many of the long evening gloves are inset with lace insertion.

To be correct this season every part of a woman's costume must match. Buttons form a prominent and fashionable feature of many garments.

Openwork braids in Mexican dravon-work designs are among the newest trimmings.

A walking skirt of mohair in sunburst pleats is a novelty, but it is not likely to become popular.

Tailor gowns of voile, etamine or any open-weave stuff will far outshine those of broadcloth this spring.

A coarse net, embroidered in straw and appliqued with strawberries and leaves, is used for hat crowns.

Painted balls to match the top, natural wood or large crystal balls are among the most desirable parasol handles.

A modish way to use the popular wide chuney insertion is to insert it in squares surrounded by a double row of heavy French knots.

Some of the new dotted silk mouseline veils have gaily embroidered borders, two or three inches deep, in the popular strawberry design.

Colored laces are having great vogue, not only the laces dyed to match gowns, but coarse slit darned in patterns in blue, reds or browns.

The hats will bear fruits in and out of season. One supports a spray of small oranges, another is a strawberry bed, a third is luscious with cherries.

Handkerchiefs exactly matching the frock in color are a present fad and some women go to the length of having 'kerchiefs tied to match each of their gowns.

For the woman who loves the world there are the new snake girdles and chains of white metal. These snakes are wonderfully and fearfully flexible and their jeweled eyes gleam effectively.

White roses and purple lilacs, tied in little alternating sprays on a length of narrow light blue velvet ribbon, make a graceful chain to wear with a décolleté bodice. A longer chain to match is festooned about the skirt of the frock.



Cockroaches in South Africa, where they exist in such numbers as to be a serious public inconvenience, have been held in check by the threads of a parasite fungus. Captive roaches are inoculated with the fungus and then liberated. The spread of the disease among their colonies in this manner has been found to be the most effective way of controlling their spread and multiplication.

The common earthworm has held the attention of scientists ever since Darwin pointed out the wonderful part it plays in the formation of soil. The chemical role of the earthworm has been the subject of the latest investigation. In some wonderful manner the soil in passing through the short length of the worm becomes totally changed in character, and much better fitted for the nourishment of plant life.

The skeletons of sixty mastodons have been found in the State of New York distributed along certain well marked belts, as follows: Thirty-four in Eastern New York from Albany south through Newburg; thirteen from Rochester south through Livingston County; two near Chautauque Lake and two near Ithaca. Outside of these belts the State is barren.

A French investigator has been experimenting with the electric current to produce anaesthesia. After duly fortifying himself with a number of experiments upon animals he extended his researches to the human body.

Plants may be poisoned just as well as animal organisms. A lack of oxygen will result in asphyxiation just as surely as it does in man. The effect may not be so quickly attained, but it is none the less sure.

At present the Street Cleaning Department of New York is investigating the air in the city streets, with a view of showing the influence of clean gutters upon the health. Gelatine plates have been exposed in certain districts to collect bacilli, and these are being examined in order that scientific proof may be had that certain disease germs flourish in dirty surroundings, and that whatever the citizen may be taxed to keep his thoroughfares clean he will finally save in his doctor's bills.

The order in which the members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet sit around the Cabinet table, says a Washington correspondent, is simply the crystallization of a practice which has been followed so long that nobody ventures to question it.

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Table listing Cabinet members: President, Sec. of State, Sec. of War, Postmaster Gen., Sec. of Interior, Sec. of Treasury, Attorney Gen., Sec. of Navy, Sec. of Agriculture, Sec. of Commerce and Labor.



New York City.—Shirt waists made with wide box pleats at the centre and with tucks running from the shoulders make notable features of the latest



styles and are exceedingly becoming. The very attractive May Manton model shown is made of pongee stitched with corticell silk in self color, and worn with stock and cuffs of ecru lace bound with brown velvet, but the design suits all the season's silks, wools, linen and

nor dropped out of sight, as is usually the case. Fine deep chenille fringe outlining a very shallow shaped yoke is becoming to very good figures.

Simple looking, but far from cheap or easy to make, is a gown copied from one Lady Sybil Primrose wore at the coming-of-age ball Lord Rosebery recently gave his son. It is of cream-white accented chiffon, the skirt in sun-ray effect, bordered with ruche-like frillings and falling from a perfectly fitting yoke of the loveliest duchesse lace.

White cloth gowns are very smart, and for the moment what is known as champagne-colored cloth, somewhat darker than ivory white, is the favorite color, trimmed with lace and embroidery of the same color or with a touch of pale blue to make it more becoming.

The separate waist, that most useful and practical garment which is so often prophesied to be going out of fashion, and which each succeeding season takes a new lease of life, appears in an



FASHIONABLE BLOUSE WAIST AND THREE-PIECE SKIRT.

cotton fabrics equally well. Plain collar and cuffs can be substituted for the lace when the material requires such treatment and the lining can be used or omitted at will.

The fitted lining extends to the waist line only and is closed at the centre front, but separately from the outside. The waist itself consists of the back and fronts, both of which are arranged in gathers at the waist line. The back is drawn down smoothly, but the fronts blouse slightly over the belt.

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endless variety of designs. It is once again the most noticeable of all the new styles. Quite apparent is the shirt waist influence upon the waists. These, while quite too elaborate to be rightly called shirt waists, are like them in being made without lining or bones, and with a certain simplicity of pattern. All white materials are fashionable again, and especially the wash materials that even now are to be had in such fascinating patterns with open-work or lace medallions all woven with the fabric.

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POWER OF THE RESERVE, Immense Amounts of Money are Controlled by the Companies.

Probably very few people who live and work outside the money markets have ever paused to consider the tremendous monetary force wielded by the insurance companies of the United States. The amount of money that these concerns handle is enormous.

George H. Vanderbilt has just added to his estate at Asheville, N. C., a small tract of land for which he paid the owner, a negro named Joshua Moore, \$2,250. The land would have been dear at \$50, but the negro refused to sell at a less price than the amount he finally received.

The Bank of England began operations on January 1, 1896, at Grocers hall, Poultry. In 1894 it stopped payment altogether for a time. In 1745 it had to pay claims in sixpences in order to keep afloat.

Advertisement for 'Weak?' medicine, featuring a testimonial from Mrs. J. W. Fiala and a list of ailments treated.

Advertisement for 'DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY' medicine, claiming quick relief and cure for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'Khartoum's Paper', a newspaper published in Khartoum, Sudan.

Advertisement for 'FETTER'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION', a medicine for lung ailments, with a testimonial from Mrs. Wilmers.