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Hats and more hats! Every week sees | new styles exhibited, new materials and new colors until the average brain grows fairly dizzy trying to decide upon which really is the smartest and most desirable model to choose. It is acknowledged that the hat is all important in a woman's outfit, and there must be a suitable hat for each and every occasion if a strict adherence to the laws of fashion be contemplated, and each and every hat must be becoming and distinctive. With these rules to follow it can readily be understood that too much time and thought cannot be expended in quest of fashionable headgear.

The models are so varied this year that it is more confusing than usual to select just what is wanted. One moment large hats are declared absolutely the one and only style; the next moment the small hat is firmly stated to be the correct fashion, and there are so many of medium size, neither large nor small, that are extreemly attractive and very smart. The pieturesque style is much in evidence, and while the fashion is a furs. dangerous one for the majority of women to follow blindly it is often most satisfactory because it can be so distinctive and original. A soft mob cap side is a favorite model, one that hitherto has been associated more with fashions for children, but now is chosen for grown women. There are some faces to which this hat is extremely becoming; to others it is grotesque and most unbe-

coming. Large hats are more often on the picture order, but all large hats are not picture hats. At the moment the large hats are considered smartest for the afternoon and evening, while the small and medium size are relegated to the more severe styles of dress. For the theatre hat, one to be worn in a box at the theatre, the large hat continues to be the prime favorite and is trimmed with ostrich plumes of the most costly description, aigrettes or some strange fantasy, as it is termed, of feathers or aigrettes. The shaded ostrich plumes are the most fashionable this winter, and the colorings are exquisitely beautiful. Black shading to gray and white, two or three tones of blue or purple, all shading to very light, are put on black velvet hats both of large and small size. The posing of the feathers calls for the taste and skill of an expert, and whether the hat be large or small it can be becoming or the reverse, entirely as the feathers are arranged.

Beautiful Feathers Used. The feathers used are all most perfect

and are extremely expensive. Aigrettes are also to be counted among the expensive trimmings, but in both instances there is at least the satisfaction that the money expended "shows." It is not only a question of line, but beauty of workmanship as well as the quality of the feathers. Strange and weird feathers, plumes

and stiff wings are to be noticed in this winter's millinery. The most learned ornithologist would have a task beyond his powers to name any bird on which such feathers grew, such startling combination of color and design and such quantities of feathers as are used to trim the simplest of hats. Two and three spread out as large as turkey wings encircle small turbans and toques or are massed together at the side of a medium size soft velvet turban. Long stiff quills, black and white, made of velvet, vioth and a few real feathers, me most effective, and are used in the hats made of cloth and satin, or satin and velvet, and the willow feathers, so exquisite in detail and coloring and so becomingly soft and graceful, trim the velvet hats of medium size. A charming model of a rather stiff black velvet hat of medium size with brim turned up at one side is trimmed with a cluster of short willow feathers in bright emerald green. The contrast of the feathers and the making of those various hats, soft hat is so marked that it would excite attention at once, and then the hat is so becoming it is not to be wondered at that it is a most popular model.

Flowers and Fur.

Flowers and fur are two most fashionable trimmings this winter and are used separately and together. The flowers are most effective in coloring and of the fienst workmanship. The silk and velvet flowers are aspecially noticeable and the colors most unusual. The rather flat low crowned hat of velvet and of beaver and velvet combined is very smart with the wreath of flowers around the crown, and the lack of height in the trimming and hat gives a certain air of distinction and individuality that the more eccentric shapes often lack. One point about these bats which

makes them peroved by those to whom they are becoming is that they are not becoming to many faces and never are dangerously popular in consequence. They are most deceptive in appearance, for only the initiated can recognize at a glance the master hand in their manu-So, while seemingly simple, they require to be most carefully made, therwise they lack style and are any thing but smart. Made in colored velvet to match the gown with which it is to be worn, this hat affords a fine opportunity to carry out any scheme of one color or a color contrast, the flowers of different shades and of velvet and silk showing to the best possible advanage against the velvet.

This being a winter when fur is supremely fashionable, of course fur hats and hats trimmed with fur are most ocular. The fur on the hat should match the muff and neck piece, but there are many hats trimmed with sable, skunk or fox that are quite complete in themselves and which will be worn with other

#### PRACTICAL DRESS HINTS.

To look well gowned with the smallest expenditure of money, time and thought of velvet with an inside pleating of fine lack, a twist of satin ribbon around the crown and a bunch of tiny silk roses by when she can go about looking shabby and unfashionably gowned, deluding erself in the belief that no one notices the weman who is inconspicuously dressed, for shabby, old-fashioned clothes are now conspicuous.

It is not necessary to accumulate a lot of clothes to attain the desired result. Of course variety is delightful, and to have just the right gown for every occasion means a serenity of poise that man, mere man, cannot realize; but as that state of bliss is known only to the favored few, the next best is to have the half dozen gowns of the winter outfit "just right."

A clever scheme has lately been thought out by which one gown can, by the addition of an unlined overdress, be quite transformed. To start with, there a gown of satin, perfectly made and perfectly fitted, trimmed with a broad band of Persian material or rich cmbroidery. This gown is perfect in every detail and suitable for evening. An overdress of dark blue chiffon cioth, with lace yoke and cuffs worn over the satin, transforms it into a luncheon or bridge gown. An overdress of chiffon velvet transforms it again into an elaborate street or reception gown. With the chiffon the entire satin gown is covered, the embroidery on the skirt showing through the chiffon, and, by the way, marquisette or any heavy net can be substituted for the chiffon if desired.

This is a winter when the prevailing fashions make such a scheme practical. for the tunic overdress is very smart and the velvet showing the deep hand of embroidery at the bottom of the skirt is most effective. There will be urged many objections to this most unusual idea, but to the woman who can buy but one thorough gown it is certain to appeal. Both the chiffon and the velvet overdress can be made with the aid of a good pattern and elever seamstress in the house. Then there are endless possibilities for carrying out color schemes. The contrast of the satin and chiffon and the embroidery all can be worked out to be effective and distinctive.

A. T. ASHMORE.

#### RATINE IS USED FOR EVERYTHING.

Ratine, which has so taken hold of the affections of the modiste for the moment, is of such peculiar suppleness and lightness of texture that, not only has it already become popular for costumes and coats, but as also being most successfully adapted by the milliners for of crown and nondescript in shape, which are supposed to be specially sacred to the sportswoman.

Still newer are the complete sets in ratine, destined to take the place of the long black stoles that are now almost obsolete.

# Ratine Sets.

A very attractive set of this kind consists of a stole of leaf-green ratine, with wide strappings of meloskin, drawn together at the ends, under motifs of gray silk embroidery, and finished with long tassels of gray silk cord. The leafgreen muff is strapped in the same way with soft gray fur, and trimmed with gray satin ribbon, while the toque has a ratine crown and a moleskin brim, finished on one side with a cluster of metallic gray and silver rose, with lenf

One With Fur

These sets consist of swathed turba toques, or wide-brimmed hats, acco to the shape most becoming to the wearer, long stoles to niatch, amply wide, so that they can be draped in fichu folds round the shoulders, and big pillow muffs, arranged in various shapes and caught up with huge choux of soft satin ribbon.

#### COLOR FINENESS.

There's gray. And there's coral. Tan is not dead.

Browns are revived. Rich Empire green is here Powder pink is the loveliest hue. Flame and vermillion are both reviv-

Blues include cobalt, kingfisher, royal and gentian.

Green in serpent and in pale lime is much liked. Purples are favored, especially in the

deep plum shades. And with every costume there's the smartening touch of black.

#### BLOUSE BEAUTY.

Magyar Pattern is Now Very Much Improved in Shape.

The high skirt cut "en Princesse" ren ders the blouse again possible, and there are many charming models to choose from. The Magyar blouse is still in favor, but the much improved, and no longer does one see the unsightly bagginess under the arm; groups of small tucks on the shoulder do away with the flat look at the top of arm that was neither becoming nor beautiful, and tucks or bands of embroidery are also used to simulate a box-pleat down the front, and so obviate the wide, flat look so trying to most figures.

A chiffon blouse, in the new shaded effeets, to tone with one's skirt is a very useful possession, and its charm is enhanced by the addition of a collar and cuffs of dull gold lace in which have been woven strands of silk of the same color as the chiffon, or which have had inset small medallions of hand-painted

A pretty notion for a guimpe, to relieve the sombreness of a dark cloth gown, is to have strips of point d'esprit and old, mellow-loowing lace. The most popular shape for the guimpe is oblong, and the hard line of the dark cloth on the lace is softened by a tiny frill of the old lace. Round the base of the collar a narrow strip of black velvet, with a beautiful slide of quaint design, adds that little distinctive touch which makes a toilette, however simple, notable.

#### A VELVET JABOT

And a Weird Way to Wear a Chantill Veil.

Among the little items of dress that so rapidly follow one another in Paris that no day seems to pass without a discovery being made, a new jabot deserves a mention. It is a parti-colored affair, and is composed of two materials -velvet and mousseline. Black velvet and white mousseline are

well liked together. Paris is also said to be wearing the veil draped with a certain piquancy halfway over the front of the hat, so that one eye is covered, while the other remains uncovered, after which it is knotted on the summit of the chapeau and has a long end gracefully disposed and draped over the back of the brim.

# TRIMMING TIP.

Lightness of weight may be said to be the leading feature of all the bead embroideries of the hour, otherwise it would be impossible to employ as background the soft chiffon and net that appear as though they can scarcely support their own weight apart from these rich embroideries. A bold gold silk embroidery is much in request both for dresses and mantles, an embroidery that is quite ecclesiastical in character, both in point of design and workmanship. and consequently suggestive of a wealth of time and patience having been expended in its execution.

# FOR THE INVALID.

A tiny table. A bureau clock. Lots of fresh air. A pretty chintz bag. Dishes appetizingly served. Lemonade in a dainty pitcher.

Some reading matter to her taste. Only quiet and sympathetic people Tiny electric flashlight to keep under

the pillow. A ribbon attached to the extra comforter at the foot of the bed.

# MODISHNESS OF TO-DAY.

A turn of mind, finds it amusing to watch the ebb and flow of fashion's tide. bringing up one forgotten scheme after another. Our friend the sturdy polo cloth, has found its counterpart in the material of the moment in Paris for smart walking dresses. Naturally enough, it requires a new name to suit its new dignity, and is known to the world of fashion as ratine. It is, besides, offered in two varieties, of which one is smoother and finer than the other, and closely resembling whipcord, while the second and prime favorite is rough.

The Rough and the Smooth. There are thus two currents in au-

tumn materials, which makes us all look like attenuated spectres of our former selves, and the rough thick ones. fact reality, and promise more comfort and warmth than elegance. Both, however, in the hands of the grand faiseur are distinctly smart, and have a eachet which pleases the eye, and both have as general manager and overseer of the besides wearing qualities which are undeniable.

Astrakhan-Like Material.

Another curly material which has been "discovered" this season, and to which the Paris conturiere is devoted, is a thick cloth resembling astrakhan, which is dyed in all the deeper colorings of the year. This astrakhan cloth is very handsome in a deep, rich blue in conjunction with some lighter, smoother fabrie. It has the advantage of com-



COAT FOR ROUGH WEATHER.

A ver y smart and comfortable coat for travelling and for rough weather is shown in this eketch. It is made of coarse heavy cloth, and trimmed with stitched straps of the same material o of suede. If straps are of the same material

the collar and cuff insets are of velvet. If straps are made of suede, the collar and cuffs are also of suede. Owing to the fact that the coat

fastens to one side with a plastron front, it is a particularly comfortable garment. posing a really warm and practical toilette for the cold weather, and should be extremely popular. As a rule, it

forms a deep border to the dress, composing a really warm and practical toilette for the cold weather, and should be extremely popular. As a rule, it forms deep border to the dress, coming well up above the knees or even rising high enough to meet the basque of a threequarter coat made of the same curly ma-

#### Color Favorites.

In addition to "gros bleu," a good chestnut brown is one of the chosen colors of the couturiere in this conneccolor of a ripe plum—which is very effective when the astrakhan cloth is les, the Hudson Bay, and Arctic Circle, judiciously combined with a smoother cloth.

Red is a great favorite this season The brunette is rejoicing in the vogue which is bringing one of her good colors to the fore. For a number of the new costumes, old red-a kind of sun-baked. red-brick shade-makes some very pret ty, attractive schemes, but where her velvet gowns are concerned, she goes a step further.

Hardly ever have the velvets been richer in coloring and more beautiful

than they are this year. The reds are like the pomegranate and rose and crimson which are to be seen in the old, old pictures of Venetian beauties. During great banquets at the palaces of the doges, the marble floors might have been swept by just such velvets as are now to be seen in Parisian drawing rooms. Brocade is, be sides, coming back to favor, and many of these are wonderfully embossed with gold and silver and work with jeweled embroideries.

They are good to look at and to think of, but they by no means suit any but well-furnished purses.

Black satin tailor-mades are among the very finest and smartest, and with a touch of ermine the effect is mar-

velously fine. While most of the fashions suggest made-overs and patched-ups there never was a time when more skill had to be employed in the combining and patch-

Marjorie Manners.

# FREAKISHNESS AND FUR FINERY

ing.

The combination of two, three, and lately. even four furs on one garment is feature of this year's fashion. It used to be considered bad taste, or, at the best. rather ostentatious to have any mix ture of furs at all, but we have many ways left behind the limits of good taste, which not only our mothers but even our elder sisters would have been horrified to pass.

Worth holds it a heresy to put la and fur together; saying that each beautiful enough to stand alone.

# THE COUNTESS TOLSTOI.

And the widow of one of the world's greatest thinkers. Sofia Andrecona Baer was her maider name, and she is the daughter of a noted German physician.

young woman of 19 when she was married in 1862. She is now 67. A somewhat restless, dissipated man of the world, and a very great literary light, Count Tolstoi was attracted by

She was a vivacious, rosy-cheeked

her freshness and charm. Of a thrifty, practical nature, she wok charge of the books and cash and acced estate of her husband.

This was much needed in the home of a man whose mind was most of the time wrestling with conflicting ideals and given to creative, imaginative work. Few mothers of large families have found time as has Countes Tolstoi to

has often sat up till past midnight correcting and reading manuscripts.

help in her husband's literary labors. She

said to have been the severest critic of

Six Tolstoi boys and three girls have grown to maturity, all married and in homes of their own, and the countess had her way in their training, which was done by tutors and governesses in the usual way.

The countess, much as she sympathized with her husband's religious ideas, did not rearrange her life as he did in 1881, when he became a convert to Christian socialism, assuming the simple garb and life of the barefooted peasant. Strong as Count Tolstoi was in his

convictions, it is significant that he never felt that he could force his wife and children to his way of thinking. At Yasnaya Polyana, it was the fashion for every one to go his own way-"the

Tolstoi style," it is facetiously called. Much of Count Tolstoi's good health in age was due to the constant and un-remitting attention of the good countess. She had cared for him like a trained nurse, made his clothes with her own hands and had never been away from him for a long period. In his works are clearly reflected the long list of joys which she had brought him and the quiet hapiness of the home background which had helped to make him strong and great.

#### THE MAN WHO GAVE A LANGUAGE TO THE CHIPPEWAY

I already knew something of the Cree syllabic invented by the Reverend James Evans, Methodist missionary on Lake Winnipeg in the '40's; but Cree is a much less complex language, only thirty-six characters are needed and the symposing the whole population of Great Britain stood at equal distances from one another all over the land surface of Great Britain, each would be \$5 yards from his next neighbor. The greatest enemy of English telegraph poles is the woodpecker, whose search for the numerous insects which lineabit the wood often leaves the poles literally honeycombed. thirty-six characters are needed, and these are so simple that an intelligent Cree can learn to write his own language in one day.

While crude and inconcise, it-way so logical and simple that in a few years

the missionary had taught practically the whole Cree nation to read and write their own language. And Lord Dufferin, when the matter came before him, during his Northwest tour, said enthusiastically: "There have been buried in Westminster Abbey, with national honors, many men whose claims to fame britain to Iceland, thence to Greenland.

"Who invented this?"

"I don't know for sure. It is in general use." "Was it a native idea?" "Oh, no; some white man made it."

"Where? Here or in the South?" "It came originally from the Crees, as near as we can tell.' 'Was it a Cree or a missionary that

first thought of it?" "I believe it was a missionary." "Frankly, now, wasn't it invented in 1840 by Rev. James Evans, Methodist missionary to the Crees on Lake Win-

Oh, how he hated to admit it, but he was too honest to deny it.

"Yes, it seems to me it was some name like that. 'Je ne sais pas.'" Reader, take a map of North America, tion, while there is, besides, a purple | a large one, and mark off the vase area | get stick most in our memories. - Mr. E.

bounded by the Saskatchewan, the Rock and realize that in this region, as large as Continental Europe, outside of Russia and Spain, one simple, earnest man, inspired by the love of Him who alone is perfect love, invented and popularized a method of writing, that in a few years— inless than a generation, indeed
—has turned the whole native population from ignorant illiterates to a peo ple who are proud to read and write their own language. This, I take it, is one of the greatest feats of a civilizer. From "The Land of the Caribou," by Ernest Thompson Seton, in the Decem ber (Christmas) Scribner.

# BRITISH LABOR NOTES.

Clare railway strike collapsing, and many men have gone back to work. The Liverpool carters' strike has been settled, and the men have resumed work. The directors of the Birley East Pit have decided to close Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, which will necessitate the stoppage of 517 underground workers and 83 top men.

The strike of 150 boys employed at the Chilton Colliery, Durham, which brought about the general stoppage of the pit, at which 1.300 hands are employed, is ended.

The strike in the Wigan coalfield, affeeting 4,000 miners, was settled on Wednesday at a conference between representatives of the management and Mr. Stephen Walsh. M.P., and other Labor officials. The trouble arcse over the employment of non-unionists, and the basis of the settlement is that nonunionists shall join the Miners' Federation. Work will be resumed immed-

# ANVIL SPARKS.

A man can doubt the truth until he will actually believe it a lie. When a man's sins find him out only his best friends try to find him in. About the best that can be said of some people is that nothing can be said

about them-either good or bad. Many a working man would get more good out of his Sundays if he did not draw his Saturday night's pay until Monday morning. The man who forgets to be thankful

on Thanksgiving Day may be the very man who has been getting more than his share out of all the other days .- W. J. B., in the Christian Herad.

# £3,171,000 PROFIT IN A YEAR.

The annual profit statement of the great J. & P. Coats Company, the sewing cotton business, deals, as usual, with colossal figures. The net profits for the past year were £3,171,000, which, compared with these of the three preceding years as follows:

1910 .... £3,171,000 1909 . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,917,667 1908 . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,701,698 1907 . . . . . . . . . . 3,056,125 The reserve funds of the company are

enormous. Last year the general and dividend reserve amounted to £5,900,000 and now a further £175,000 is added. John W. Smith, 68 years old, a negro

who was once a slave and whose lifelong ambition has been to learn to read and write, has started to the school for Her frankness, sincerity and god and write, has started to the school for judgment have been great helps to him; negro children at Kansas City, Kan. He she ably held her own in matters on says he has given his children a good edwhich their views differed, and she is ucation and now it is his turn.

# Science Notes

Over six inilion acres of land are under tobacco cultivation throughout the world. In Norway, people who rae not vaccin-ated are not allowed to vote at an elect-

The game of billiards was introduced into England at the close of the sixteenth century.

Since 1992 there have been forty-five deaths due to balloons, steerable and non-steerable.

steerable.
It is estimated that over 1000 aeropianes are being built in England at the present moment.
Paulhan, the hero of the Lendon-to-Manchester flight, has been created a Clievalier of the Legion of Honor.
At Knegworth, Leicestershire, a bird has built its nest in the side pocket of a scarcerow.

scarecrow.
If 33 pounds' pull will move a wagon

If 33 pounds' pull will move a wagon over wood pavement, a pull of 147 pounds will be needed to move the same vehicle over a newly-graveled road.

At Blackpool, on July 28, Grahame-White assembled his Farman aeroplane in 1 hour. 45 minutes, thus achieving what is probably a record.

The largest living bird in the world is tic ostrich. The average ostrich stands

the ostrich. The average ostrich stands eight feet high and weighs over 300 Palm trees have the largest leaves. The Inaja palm of the Amazon country has leaves which reach a length or from 10 to 12 feet.

rarely writing more than 2000 words in a day. All her work is done in the morn-

Westminster Abbey, with national non-ors, many men whose claims to fame were far less than those of this dovoted missionary, the man who taught a whole nation to read and write."

The plan would to be to go from North Britain to Iceland, thence to Greenland, and thence to Labrador.

For the purpose of making the tele-phone booth really sound proof, a German inventor lines it with tin. It seems that the lining in every way is most effi-cient. The result is that a German pub-lication now advises all architects to lication now advises all architects to use either tin or aluminum in the walls of houses generally to deaden sound.

In some parts of Switzerland it is said that cheeses form family heirlooms which are sometimes handed down from one generation to another. At Les Grmonts, in the canton of Vaud, it is Ormonts, in the canton of Vaud, it is customary to make special cheeses for certain family feasts. They are tagged with explanatory labels and eaten several years later at other feasts, or even at funerals. Recently at Les Ormonts, in a concealed shelter, there was discovered a cheese, dating from 1785. It was as hard as a rock, and had to be

# was as hard as a rock, and had to be cut with a saw. It is reported to have tasted good. PRESS, PULPIT, AND PLATFOM.

Children sometimes fill you with anxiety; but mostly with joy.-Judge Willis, at Southwark. The things that we would like to for-

I. Baines, at Gloucester. Every day the sun's diameter shrinks about sixteen inches, said Sir Robert Ball, lecturing at Caxton Hall.

The wages of clerks, their position, and their official housing are among the gravest of England's social scandals,-Sir George Kekewich, at the Memorial Hall. The poet is the man who can see the

beauty of the simple folk through the stains of toil and the most workaday costume.-Mr. C. Benson, in the "Church Family Newspaper." As a general rule if people think they have heart disease, they have not got it, and when people are quite sure they

haven't got it there is just a possibility that they have. Dr. Gervis, at Brigh-It has been said by a cynic that the prison population consists of two classes -those who ought never to have been sent there and those who ought never to be let out .- Mr. W. P. Byles, M.P., at

Cheetham Hill. There is a great cry in London just now for bridges. We want bridges of human sympathy and religious interest stretching from Kensington to Old Kent road, and from Bromley and Beckenham to Bermondsev.-Rev. T. Davies, at the Congregational Union.

# A HUMAN VACUUM CLEANER.

Long before the introduction of the

vacuum eleaner, Amanda had achieved. by sheer persistence of arm, the energetic wielding of broom and brush, the precise results accommished by this exellent invention. Her hasband whomsically complains that the house is always in process of renovation, and seldom in a condition which can be considered comfortable and livable; but he is a mere man, and little can be expected of him. Of course, Amanda is ill from time to time, usually as the result of doing more than she ought. She has headtches, backaches and nerves that are on edge. Her sons slip out of the house in the evening because they prefer to be where they are not reproved if they draw a chair from its place, or leave a newspaper on the floor. Her daughters enjoy visiting much more than staying at home, and her maid seldom remain longer than a week or two. She had the teen successive maids in a single setson. Somehow Amanda's economics in the line of good housekeeping have a serew loose. She observed one day that she sincerely sympathized with the woman who liked to have her house perfectly ordered and who then wished that she could take her family and live in the barn, so that the house need not be disturbed .- Margaret E. Sangster, in the

# A THANKSGIVING GLIMPSE.

Christian Herald.

(Rose C. Webb in the Christian Herald.) Thanksgiving Day! what rapture thrills The heart of every blessed boy Who, knowing not life's cares nor ills, Its pleasures truly can enjoy! What glimpses through the pantry door

He gets! -no nearer dare he stand; Tis from afar with longings sore. He views the wealth of promised land; With what glad eagerness he waits

The approaching feast, the gladsome Of elattering tongues and clattering

When all that festive board surround?