Evening dress is brilliant this season.

An extremely pretty example is of white moire with a double puff of gold-

out very effective costume.

## Rabbits for Market.

Bometning About the Molly Cotton-Tail and Its Care.

How a Clover Woman Can Turn Many Honest Pennies Every Year Without Great Outlay of Time or Money Favorable Land for Warren.

A woman who has a farm, or a corner of one, and a taste for raising small fowls and animais can put at least \$500 extra in her pocket every year by the fairly good management of a rabbitry. Until a few years ago rabbits and hares were difficult to purchase in our city markets, for their tender flesh was only slightly relished, and the woods and fields were the only ources whence a supply con drawn; not long ago in England, wever, rabbit farming was tried on



FEEDING HER RABBITS.

a practical plan and has proved so

interest herself in molly cotton tail as sense of the most cautious house a means of livelihood, for if rabbits | keeper bring a small price in the market, pro-perly manipulated they cost an infinitelands, expert assistants and a deep investment, in the process of stocking, are not among the preliminary require-Given any kind of encouragefairly preposterous, and the accommo-Moreover, on the same farm where a and strength. She can even intro-woman is raising fowls, pigeons, small duce a few wild rabbits amon; her fruits, violets or what not, the rabbit culture can come in as a side issue, and the little animals find happy loca acres not quite serviceable for anything else.

### Rabbits for Commerce.

It must be borne in mind, though, and example than one of modest size Again, the fine and delicate breeds, the Angoras and perfectly marked Himaand Patagonians are meant only as pets and for exhibitions, costing m to raise than the price they bring. The rabbit for the pot is the one to be cherished, the one that thrives in a welllocated warren, picks up a great deat of food for himself, fattens easily, produces many and large litters and de not require too tender care. He and his brother, the hardy English hare, are usually grey, the white-tailed descendants from the wild hare and rab-Some are spotted in white, or nicely finished in black markings, are all white or a pretty fawn gray, and the requirements for their protection and abundant breeding are as follows: First, a stretch of well-drained land.

one two or three acres in extent. A half an acre is quite enough for a first year, with only a few rabbits, very title money to invest or time to de-vote to them. In choosing the land, remember a gently sloping hillside, where scrubby little bushes grow, where there is plenty of good grass and the exposure is to the south, are all very essential. Again, rabbits do to \$1 apiece. not thrive on a clay soil, and they utterly abhor pools, marshy spots and never need water. A warren naturally must be very well inclosed in a rabbit-proof fence, that can be of wire, boards or pickets, and in one corner breeding, fattening and winter protec tion. Like the fence, a nice court can erected at small expense, for it really need consist or nothing more than a lean-to, or shanty, inclosed on hutches proper made from drygoods

Stocking the Hutches.

The most important item is to build it proof against rain and cut in the bottom of the front wall and the door a nice arrangement of holes for the bunnies freely to troop in and out. Having inclosed the land and set up a rabbit court the next duty is to find a colony of woolly cotton-tails. Bird made. eight does, are quite enough to experiment with. Try to buy them in ages varying from six to nine months, see that they have bright eyes, fresh, white teeth, and that there full coats, when blown aside show a clear fine skin underneath, and bring them home in a basket.

Prepare for their reception by strewing plenty of sand over the brick floor of the court and thoroughly whitewashing the building inside and out. hutches, though nothing more than big boxes, turned open side down, and ranged against the wall, must have round entrance holes cut in front and half the top lids cut and arranged like trap doors. These last should be leather hinges, so that when a young famiy arrives inside and must observed or attended to, the assistence can all be handed down through without dragging forth or upsetting any of the very tender young

new home introduce them to the court, and every day put green vegetables a little corn about the sanded Leave the big door open for all sunlight end air to enter, but close it over on rainy days, and presently the bunnies, will become charmed with scamper in and out, and so soon as they begin to make the major portion of their meads on the outdoor greenery reduce the supply of food and keep several of the hutches bedded with straw. They will not be long in coming, as a good doe rabbit breeds from four to dight times a year, with five

three months her progeny will be ready for market.

Running a Rabbitry. Now, having fairly started the rabpitry, the duties of keeping it in prim nd profitable working order can easily be fulfilled by a small boy under the direction of a clever woman or by the woman herself, when she comes to reognize that the care of about as great as the care of a chicken yard, wherein there are no costly or delicate breeds. The rabbits, first of all, require their court and hutches kept clean, well whitewashed, frequent fresh bedding supplied and new blood brought into the stock. Twice a week is often enough to clean the court, just as often the fences must be looked to. weazles are the deadly and evervling enemies of the young bunand in winter weather carrots, arnips, pans of bran, moistened with vater, corn and coarse oatmeal are mong the foods rabbits keenly relish or less of this diet they may have their pasturage plentifully, but well-placed warren they chiefly feed themselves.

Profits Generally Large, If for the first year only a few rab-bits are sold off or eaten, by the sec-bits are sold off or eaten, by the second season the warren will be fairly hopping with the gray balls of fur, and their proprietor will have to invest in nets for catching them, and be obliged to look for her market. Her watten will actually be running over, for the ten rabbits, showing an inclination to multiply themselves into 300 or 400 duplicates of the original colony, the time for profits has come. As she probably paid a dollar apiece for each of her beginners, she can bargain to supply her patrons with rabbits weighing from six to seven pounds at 50

cents apiece. After the first year, including cost of feeding, keeping up a warren and wages of a boy, the price of the individual rabbit's rearing will be about 10 cents. It then stands to reason that if she laid out \$25 the first year on her venture, it will not be long before her capital returns with interest. But where to find a market will be the most likely question of the woman who sees a gleam of something good for her in the live stock scheme. First of all, let her establish it in her own neighborhood, and then visit her butchsimple and remunerative an employ-ment that the most promising experi-Contract to supply so many rabbits a ments are being made on this side. Week, and do so with confidence, for Hares and rabbits now decorate the nature somehow has taken molly cotbutchers' stalls along with venison, | ton tail under her special patronage. beef and poultry, and the secret of the | and to one doe as many as ninety bunsteady growth in demand for them is that rabbit's meat is always to be had at a moderate price.

nies can be born in a single year. When well fattened, a 5-months'-old rabbit will weigh as high-as 10 pounds, This last fact need not in the least liscourage a woman who is going to

It is possible to sell as many as eighty rabbits a week from a large, simal sum to raise, and rich bottom well-stocked warren, and from the ands, expert assistants and a deep invender can be raised to keep the rab-bits fat and happy. A woman who owns a warren should visit it once a ment rabbits multiply at a rate that day, see that the nesting has proper not only seems amazing, but often care, and once a year she should sell evening. A couple of outrunners in barbaric trappings crotted in advance dations, food and surveillance they here and there a good buck or cloe, in need can all be simple to a degree. order to keep up her standard of size these Western girls take kindly to all



IN THE HUTCHES. more or less domesticated ones, and a few choice specimens are bred for shows, and to sell as pets at 75 cents

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Mow to Freshen Jet Trimmings-Sand-

wiches Always Fresh. Jet trimmings and passementeries of ten become dull and rusty. They may be cleansed and freshened by wetting with dark red and veiled with mauve diluted with a little water and rubbing all sides with a big sliding door in the passementeries that have become is often only from the carriage to the front, its door well bricked and the browned from wear may be greatly shop door—abound in bright colors. improved by brushing with shoe pol- Brilliant gold or orange velvet is used

When preparing sandwiches for a is introduced between the opening revlarge company they frequently have to be made a number of hours before Of they are needed. If a napkin is play a prominent part in all rinsed in hot water and then put around the sandwiches, which should then be put in a cool place, when used then be put in a cool place, when used then be put in a cool place, when used the sandwiches when used

a colony of woolly cotton-tails. Bird fanciers are always sure to know where fine, healthy stock can be bought, and ten rabbits, two bucks and eight does, are quite enough to experiment and water sponge bath instead of one and water sponge bath instead of one colored velvet, held down by tinsel of clear water. The leaves then are for the daytime. The Arabian bizaars, not so likely to become defaced by whose owners are not destitute of of clear water. withered brown spots, but will keep worldly wisdom, display boleros and glossy and fresh.

> breakfast. If the potatoes are first boiled from ten to fifteen minutes, then taken from the water and put into the heated oven they can be quickly finished, and are as good as when all the cooking is done in the oven.
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> Many of the plaster of paris reproductions of fine statuary are a great place that it belongs right here. It was of old-rose chine silk, with broad was of old-rose velvet and fichu and the cooking rose velvet and fichu and the cooking is done in the oven. addition to a library or sitting room, and familiarize the younger members of the family with some of the best works of ancient sculptors. The glar- fichu covered almost the entire front ing white tint of the plaster may be of the bodice and was made with intoned down by varnishing and then bronzing or by giving them a coat of

A nice flavor may be given to a broiled steak by cutting an onion in halves and rubbing the cut edges over the heated platter intended for the steak.

shellac thinned with varnish. Placed

upon a bracket with a rich dark back-

The platter should contain a little melted butter. When having occasion to hang out clothes in winter where a frost is likely to stiffen them and injure the fabric, this can be obviated by putting a handful of coarse salt in the last rinsing waist in deep angles. The blouse bo-water and letting it dissolve before dice was of the same material, with a putting in the articles under treat-

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In a Southern
Shoulders. The bolero opens upon a blouse of gold mousseline threaded with turquoise. The sleeves are short, met by ong white gloves. The jewels are nearly The Season of Gavety in a Southern

Cairo, Egypt, (Special).—White is the favorite color in Egypt this winter. I am not breaking into mummy cases for fashion hints from the Pharaohs because modern invention is exhausted, but on stating the fact that Cairo has but am stating the fact that Cairo has become without doubt the winter capital of the migratory birds of fashion's world. It is a queer sight, as one crosses the great Nile bridge on the Gizeh road, to see a bicyclist stuck be-tween a string of camels and a long line of donkeys, with a splendidly ap-pointed four-horse coach behind him.



SKETCHED IN CAIRO

front in which crouches a dusky v man whose face is hidden up to the eyes by her long pouch-like black veil but it is just this bizarre mixture of the picturesqueness of oriental savagery and luxuries of a high civilizathat is making Cairo a socia centre outdoing the Riviera.

There was a masked ball at one the great hotels last night at which appeared the girls who sip their 4 clock tea in the tropic gardens of the city or under the awnings of dahabeahs in white blouses and white lace hats so filmy that in any other climate on would consider the skies pretty carefu before putting them on. Cairo it "hardly ever" rains, and gay gowns have no weather prophet for their enemy.

A Beauty in White and Blue. Two such girls whizzed past me in a smart trap just before sunset last the trimmings of orientalism, and to the handsome "sais" particularly. One of these girls I have seen a number of times in quiet, tailor dress in 5th-avenue. In her carriage in Cairo she wore a white cloth skift and white

chiffon blouse, with pointed belt of blue velvet, embroidered with stee Over the blouse was a short zouave of white cloth, with gold embroidery, hav-ing a ruche of blue ribbons at the throat and caught together over the were white cloth caps above the plaited chiffon sleeves. Her hat was of the new white "crocodile" velvet, with a roll of blue velvet under the brim and plumes of the white paradise bird standing erect on one side. A veil of fine blue gauze with black chenille spots kept off the African sun. The sun, it may be said just here

is not hot at this season. The wea-ther is not unlike that of the English summer, calling for thin clothes when the sun is up, but for wraps or ever furs in the evening. The other girl in the carriage carried a grey sllk parasol figured with scarlet and wore a piquant dress in the same colors. The bodice of her gown was a blouse in gray silk. fastening on the left side, and with one corner turned over in a hig revers from the throat and barred with scarlet ribbons. Collar, belt and rosette catch down the revers were of scarlet velvet, while three ribbon bands gave a like touch of color to the skirt's Her toque was of gray velvet

Brilliant Colovs Worn. It is the influence of the native dress. that has helped to make some study of color values so important to successful toilets here. A good deal of gray is used for the sake of coolness, or because it is such a fine background for the laying on of Sevres blue, petunia, or cherry color. is mixed daringly with mauve or helio trope, and I have seen an evening dress of two shades of cerise, bordered tulle. Dresses even for the morning promenade—though it mus be admitted that in Cairo the "promenade constantly on the lapels of bodices of

Of course gold and silver threads broideries, and gold tinsel braid is used not only for belts, but for collars and cuffs, and even for skirt trimmings octhey will be found as fresh as if just casionally. Stuffs interwoven with made zouaves, all of cloth or gold, which Often when most needed it is found certainly have this advantage, that impossible to heat an oven in sufficient they can be worn with a great variety time for baking potatoes for the early of gowns. French women wear them

belt of deep rose velvet and fichu and sleeve of pale yellow chiffon. The numerable small ruffles, that rose and fell with every puff or wind. A broad picture hat of yellow straw was trimmed with old-rose velvet and yellow ground they are exceedingly decora- plumes. The woman who doesn't wear a fichu wears a lace cravat and fas-

tens it with a jeweled pin.

Study in Brown Another costume worn by a pretty French girl was of brown silk, striped diagonally with fine red and yellow lines. The skirt was plain with a seam on the left side of the front to accentuate the meeting of the stripes, which pointed downward from the cross-striping in brown velvet. A deep collar of plain brown silk laid in fine plaits came down over the shoulders, and was finished about the bust and at the throat with a full ruffle. A belt for love.

colored mousseline de soie at the nem. The bodice is a bolero with loops and straps of gold lace held down by buttons. A puffing of mousseline de soie, like that upon the skirt, finishes the Resorted To.

At a recent dance the dress that seemed to excite most attention was of pale pink liberty silk, figured with darker roses. The low, round bodice was framed with a twisted ruche of deep rose velvet, edged with lace. The device was as successful as it was unusual. There was a pointed belt of the same velvet. The lace sleeves were very short, just veiling the tops of the extremely long gloves. A necklace of rose coral was the chief orna-ment, for coral is the latest fad of The Egyptian winter is nearly over, if, indeed, Egypt can be said to have any winter, and in my next I shall be ELLEN OSBORN. able to say something

ÆSTHETIC GOWNS.

A Revival of an Old Freak of Fashion in London Circles.

Aesthetic gowns are once more the rage, and the fashionable maid this spring will adopt artistic designs for all her home dresses. The Liberty Company shop in Lonon is responsible for this new, rather the revival of this old, freak of fashion, and every variety of quaint. gowns is shown by this celebrated firm n its spring displays. There are artistic designs for maid-ens lean and tall, for matrons plump and short, for middle-aged women, for school misses dreaming of their coming

The accompanying illustration shows wo of the prettiest artistic frocks seen in London this season. The short-waisted dress shows a charmingly planned creation of the Empire style, odernized and brought right up to date by adapting the present fashion in sleeves. The material is white liberty silk, fine in texture, and possessing the clinging tendency necessary in aesthetic garb. The yoke, girdle and body of sleeve is of white and gold silk passementerie, edged with metal

gimp. The sleeve trimming is corded silk, lined with gold-colored satin. A stunning frock for the long-waist-ed girl of slender proportions is a study in violet called the "Elaine." The dif-ferent shades of the violet are in combination with silver and violet passe menterie. The short petticoat worn under the skirt proper is of violet vel-vet, the deepest, darkest, richest shade ever seen in the fragrant blossom. The looped and trained skirt is of delicate violet pongee, of the real Indian va-The sleeves, of the same silk, are lined with the palest hue of violet

A pretty substitute for the passemen erie in reproducing this dress would be wreaths of violets for the skirt ng and for neck sleeves and



THE AESTHETIC GOWNS.

miss is fashioned somewhat on the lines of the pretty pictures in Kate Greenway's books. The plain little vaist is short and fastened in the front with stiffly precise bows. skirt is long and full, and the sleeves a single large puff, reaching to the el-bows. A soft, full kerchief, edged with a deep frill, is worn at the throat. This dainty frock is shown in soft berty silk, for which the London shop s most famous of delicate olive kerchief is of India mun and the bows olive velvet.

Red in Millinery, If color can sound the note of the new millinery, red bids fair to reign supreme in this branch of fashion. first display of spring hats and bonnets is always a jumble of startling colors and shapes, altogether discouraging to the women who prefer elegant and not conspicuous headgear, but as the season advances the popiniay style of hat disappears and good taste and moderation have an inning. Just at present red straw, red tulle, and red owers, in more shades than nature can produce, are compined in one hat. Poppies and geraniums have the lead in red blossoms, but there are green silk poppies in pretty, soft shades, with plack centres, which are very effective on a black hat with green ribbon and black tulle or kilted chiffon, which is one of the special features of millin-

Tulle, with narrow satin straw sewn on in many rows, is used for bows, and sequined net will be much employ-Aigrettes of all sorts and kinds re in order, as are black and white aradise plumes, and ostrich feathers Every kind of ornament in gold, pearl, steel, jet and rhine stones will be used, and a great deal of horse hair lace, which is well spangled. Moire, glace, and gauze ribbons, are the special kinds in favor, and white, in ribbon flowers, lace, and tulle, will very much worn when the warm

With most kinds of flowers foliage

vill have a very important place, ar lilies of the valley, sweet peas, Scotch thistles, and both white and colored iolets are choice selections. lowers are to be much worn, and cowslips arranged to stand up in a sort of fringe or comb at the back of the hat are a novel fancy. tilted over the eyes promises to coninue throughout the summer, and certainly the shade given to the eyes is very acceptable even though it is not always becoming. The shapes in hats legion, since so many are made to order out of the pretty soft braids by the milliners to suit the wearer; but the sailor shape, with the plain,

straight brim and medium low crown, Fancy Buttons

The Russian enamel buttons and the amber buttons have not superseded those lovely Louis XV. and Louis XVI. painted China buttons which have perpetuated the faces of some of the many beautiful women period. Gold and tortoise shell but-tons are used on tailor-made gowns.

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### of brown velvet and a brown hat with black feathers completed a very quiet POVERTY OF THE BLOOD

A Trouble That Is Making the Lives of Thousands Miserable.

It Brings in Its Train, Nervousness Pains in the Back and Side, Headache, Heart Palpitation and Results Fatally Where Efficacious Treatment Is Not

From the Sussex, N. B., Record. bundance spend large sums in erect ley in charitable work, and in allevifellows, and for these acts these peo-ple are honored. The person who hav-Miss O'Neil was attacked with anaemic (poverty of the blood) a trouble unfor ortunate sufferers may reap the bene fit of her experience. To a correspond was attacked with a pain in the side ines, but found no relief. In this ap

ere headaches, and was gradually wasting away, until I lost all interestin life. I had tried a number of meding a newspaper I saw a statement of a young lady whose symptoms were almost identical with my own, whose health had been restored through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This statement was so encouraging that I determined that I would try this medicine. In my case, as in that of the young lady whom I had read about, the result was marvelous. in my left side, from which I had suffered so much, disappeared, my nerves were strengthened, my appetite returned, and my whole system seemed to be strengthened and renewed. I am now as well as any member in the family, and have not known what sickness was

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The American fool grasps his friend's hand at the level with his hat, and gently jiggles it.
The politician, just before election on the back, and shakes his hand at the same time. The Gambier Islanders rub noses and if their welcome is very hearty, they each hold their breath for a few seconds, and then give a most alarming sniff thereby showing great pleasure at meeting you.—Harper's Round Table.

done once it will do again.

There are many ways in which people may prove benefactors of the human There are those who of their ing public buildings and beautifying public parks. Others spend their moing the sufferings of less fortunate ing obtained relief from sickness and makes public the means by which nealth was regained, is none the less a oublic benefactor. Among these latter s Miss Elena O'Neil, daughter of Mr. is certain to terminate fatally if not promptly checked, and the blood enriched and renewed. Having discovered remedy that will achieve this happy result. Miss O'Neil is willing that less

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