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The Star and the Wave. Afar on the ocean a billow was borne—
A waif of the wind and the sea.
A star up in heaven shone brightly at morn—
A spark of eternity.

And the beautiful star layed the wave from And paled in its mute despair; But the wave on its bosom caught up the star And died as it held it there. Albert Bigelow Pame in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

FASHION ODDS AND ENDS

relation wear, good dresses of sink of velvet, or of any handsome material, should be arranged to answer either for day or evening wear, particularly if the wearer goes out much. In town the dress should be used for theatres, concerts, and for small dinners, or for dining at any of the feshionable hotels; and for those who For winter wear, good dresses of silk or dances of the small and early type at

neighboring houses. Black silk is perhaps the most useful of all, but any dark velveteen or silk may be arranged to serve the double purpose. For ladies of middle age, who require only a small opening in the front of the neck, a removable plastron to fasten behind, and fitted with the ordinary high collar, is preferable, and the join across the front can now be devised under a strap or band in Breton style, or with the vest of crossed ered applique gimp or guipure.

Cuffs to correspond with the plastron may also be made removable by setting troublesome to make, and if the services

The top is also outlined with folded rib

ate corselet and top. There can be many variations as to color and material, such as a silk corselet and

The trimming of the skirt must in some form correspond with the top; and suppostop trimmed with jet, the skirt may be

During the sales, which in January and February are very general, short lengths of silk and surah may be bought very cheaply, and two and three-quarters to three yards of the narrow width will be ample to make a low top, or three and ahalf to four yards for a high one, with very wide fashionable sleeves. Pale blue and chartreuse greens, pink, peach and heliotrope, and any soft tone of yellow are all good shades for a black gown, while many of these shades may also be used with gowns of dark color, either in silk or Vel-Vel.

throat by a slender gold chain or black ribbon, and it is very strange to observe that the "latest novelty" in trinkets conject special study. I have suffered more sists of precisely similar little lockets, or less for thirty years from dyspepsia, but which, though occasionally worn as a charm on bracelet or watch-chain, are really intended to be worn in the old-fash-ioned manner round the neck. These damost every patent remedy I read of, but hearts dispute the honors with the small golden bells introduced of late by fair Queen Marguerite of Italy. Somehow they seem to suggest to me a certain lady, famed in nursery lore, who rode to Banbury Cross with rings on her flugers and bells on her toes. Then the interlaced heart brooches of aquamarlaes, encircled with pearls of turquoise, brooches and lockets bearing a geminative the appaint of the Piak Pills. She had known Mr. Marbury and knew that his case was bona fide. I thought it useless to continue, but at the urgent solicitations of my friends did so, and by the time I was through with the third box I began to fell a benefit from them. This gave me hope which did not again waver, as I found myself steadily growing better, and bells on her toes. Then the interlaced heart brooches of aquamarlaes, encircled with pearls of turquoise, best remedy that has yet been discovered, and lockets bearing a geminative the quaint old. which, though occasionally worn as a during the past year my distress and suffercrystal lockets, in short, anything resembling the trinkets worn at the end of the last fering from this terrible disease, Another and begining of the present century, are in lady in this town has been cured by a packthe higest favor, and any treasures trans age of K. D. C. My faith is growing mitted to us by our great-grandmothers, and hitherto hidden away slightingly as of all that you claim for it, and I pray that little value, may once more be brought to God will bless you in your good work."

light, and worn with pride and propriety. Naturally, the miniature cases contain ing some beloved portrait are seen on every side. They are usually constructed to

stand open on a table, and to close for carrying in the pocket when desired.

There are fashions in note-paper as in everything else, and every woman of re-I Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

finement is punctilious concerning her A stationery. The very newest at present is that termed the "Rocaille," resembling in appearance the dainty painted parchment so much in vogue during the eighteenth THE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF A WELLcentury, as it is of a delicate creamy table appointments, and happy indeed are those who possess a store of beautiful ancorroding the gilt lining—a decidedly good idea. Bohemian glass is once again n vogue, and it must be confessed that it lends a wonderfully brilliant effect to a dinner-table; indeed, the rich-hued crystal

HOME DECORATION.

Cosy Corners. There is no more artistic, useful or com-

the fashionable hotels; and for those who must be erected; in fact, the "skeleton" of reside in the country, or at least spend the the seat. This should be two feet wide, winter there, small dinner parties, with one foot high, and the length arranged to perhaps a long, cold drive intervening, or fit the corner for which it is intended. entertainments at village reading-rooms, Four feet each way is a very favorite size; have to be considered, with occasional but all angles will not accommodate this, and it is quite permissible for the seat to be longer at one side than the other. It in which the seat is erected. Two supports at the angle, and two at each end are sufficient. The framework completed, the seat must be formed of stout webbing, obainable at any upholsterer's or furnishing ironmonger's, tacked securely at each side, and interlaced like the slats of a bedstead; then with a strip of wood nailed on the folds of silk, and the plastron of silk cov- wall two and a half feet above the seat, the framework is complete.

The cushions are certainly somewhat them on a lining which at the top is two of a working upholsteress can be requisi-or three inches longer than the cuffs, and tioned, so much the better. The seat must if the sleeve is brought well below the elbow, this cuff is simply slipped under the sleeve and tacked into position, and appears a legitimate portion of the bodice. For young people a separate top is adror young people a separate top is advisable, as this affords more relief in color, and gives a dressier effect.

The "squab" must be stitched through with an upholsterer's needle and twine at regular him, and that the doctors could give him Taking black faille for our model, a intervals, and the twine lightly tied and cut no ease. One doctor from the United very simple style is a new high corselet, at each stitching; brown holland or calico with deep point at back and front, and a short waist, finished with folds of ribbon.

Intervals, and the twine lightly fied and cut states had told him positively that there does well for the first covering. Next, the short waist, finished with folds of ribbon. Cushion for the back is make in precisely could set him free from his agony. Mr cushion for the back is make in precisely the same manner; it must fit the angle of bon, and may lace up either at front or the wall, and reach from the strip of wood back. The point is fastened to the bodice beneath the bow, and the effect is more that of a complete bedice than of a separtion the wall, and reach from the same of nailed upon the seat. Now a panel of leather paper—ivory and gold—is attached to the wall above the wooden strip, and at the top and bottom of this those pretty white wood china rails can be fixed, and must, of course, be first enamelled. Aspisilk high top, with the ribbon in moire or nall's ivory bath enamel does best for the velvet; or the corselet and ribbon may purpose. A nice long-shaped corcorrespond, and even the high day top be of violet or green silk, to afford a contrast in color; or a pretty change would be to in color; or a pretty change would be to "corner" will form the apex, and the "corner" will then be assuming quite an in color; or a pretty change would be to have the top of black surah, figured with rose or heliotrope, and slightly trimmed to be done is to pat the final covering on to be done is to put the final covering on the cushions; one of the cheap and beautiful tapestries or damasks should be used in preference to cretonne, which soils so ing relevet ribbon to be used, and the high easily. The cushions should be again "buttoned," this time with the proper but-tons, made of little wooden moulds sold outlined with a band of velvet, headed by by narrow jet or finished with a little frill of velvet, and a band either of jet or velvet or a cascade ruche of alternate velvet velvet velvet or a cascade ruche of alternate velvet velve Bias ruches of Vel-Vel do not take a vast amount of material, and are very dressy, and being heavy, make the skirt hang more gracefully. The same corselet may be worn with an evening top—this of some protty bright chiral and are very dressy, and being heavy with an evening top—this of some protty bright chiral and with be worn with an evening top—this of some protty bright chiral and are very dressy, and being heavy, make the skirt hang edged with a rather heavy fringe, conceals the trouble originated through my wash-ing some there ing some there in cold water the preceding some there is no characteristic forms and brass ing some through my wash-ing some there is no characteristic forms and brass ing some through my wash-ing some throug be worn with an evening top—this of some pretty, bright china arranged on the salmon-pink surah, with a berthe frill of shelves and bracket, and a couple of nice black lace; and if this color is repeated in square down cushions, with printed velvet the fan and bandeau for the hair, and in covers and silk frills, the corner will hosiery and shoes, it renders the black gown smart enough for a Cinderella dance, while black shoes, hose and gloves will be more suitable for theatres and simil r functions.

The top is arranged on a shaped lining, which does not reach to the waist, and the surah is simply fulled or pleated on to it, the top bound or hermodeless.

The top bound or hermodeless and simil related to the curtain of silk, gradually grew worse, the pairs went into a gradually grew worse, the pairs went into a gradually grew worse, the pairs went into a smaller ones, using the adhesive as already my back and at times my agony was almost unbearable. I had tried all homestate to the waist, and the into a brass socket attached to the wall, and the top hound or hermodeless are very easily adjusted. Printed volvetors the top bound or hemmed over with surah. The pouffed sleeves consist of one and a balf widths of velvet, gathered top and bottom to a fitted sleeve lining, and if the gloves are not worn very long, the pouff may be finished by a frill of lace to match plush panel may be substituted for the paper During the sales, which in January and one, with a fold of plush arranged for the

silk or Vel-Vel.

Ostrich feather fans will always remain in favor with those lucky folk who are able to afford them.

No doubt we all know some dear oldworld dame who has always, within our recollection, worn a tiny heart-shaped gold locket suspended round her comfortable throat by a slender gold chain or black acted wisely and in the best, interests of ceptible benefit, and I felt so weak in this way that I got discouraged and lost all hope of ever getting better.

Rev. John B. Armstrong, Orillia, Ont.—

'Of all diseases that afflict humanity none in my judgment is more general, more distressing and more to be dreaded than the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and Mr. Eastman, of Smithville, advised that they be given took them, but felt no good results. I took still another box and still no perturbation to the confortable age of suicides are committed. You have those the properties of the confortable and lost all hope of ever getting better.

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SHE WAS, TOO. They said she looked good enough to cat, And in this they didn't lie, For it is a fact that the maiden sweet, Could eat a whole minoe pie. later on.

TO-DO FARMER.

tique silver; though, for the benefit of the less fortunate, in may be noted that perfect productions of old silver designs are to be found at all the leading silversmiths. The large beaker-shaped salt-cellars, for instance, are now being used again; but those of modern manufacture are supplied with of modern manufacture are supplied with of modern manufacture are supplied with of modern manufacture are supplied without leaving any personal cleanlines results without leaving any personal cleanlines results from faking Hood's Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold only in boxes bearing the itrm's trade mark and wrapper, at 50cts. a bex, or six boxes for \$2.50. Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are never sold in bulk, is the time to take it. 'Hills are green far afar" as a term of their minds without leaving any per-manent impression. Not so with local affairs. When anything startling occurs in our midst, affecting people whom we all know well, every one is interested, ing to defraud you and should be avoided. and all are anxious and even eager for is absolutely necessary to exhibit the beauties of snowy naper, and glistening silver to the very best advantage. the most minute details. For some months past there have been published in the columns of the Independent, from time to time, accounts of remarkable cures made by that now justly famous medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Possibly some of our readers have looked upon some of the accounts How to Utilise Christmas and New as describing these cures highly improbable, if not impossible. And yet this should not be the case, for they are all vouched for by respectable newspapers. who could have no object in stating other than the facts, and who would be discredited by their own readers were they to do so. However, seeing is believing, and Mr. Ezra Merritt, or South Grimsby, stands forth to-day as living testimony to the wonderful curative powers of this not at all over-estimated medicide—Dr. Williams' all agreed that each year these delightful Pink Pills. Having heard that a most re- souvenirs improve in artistic merit. Time all depends on the size and shape of the corner and the general aspect of the room case of Mr. Merritt, the editor of the In. dependent, with that desire possess- to the nursery, where their outrageous ed by most newspaper men for verifying things coming under their notice, resolved to investigate the case and satisfy himself as to the truth of the story. truth of the story. Some days ago he drove over to Smithville, and at once called ter fate. And it is not at all a difficult task upon Mr. D. W. Eastman, druggist. a to turn these cards to good account; instraightforward business man whose word deed, the actual outfit necessary for the is as good as his bond with all who know pastime (and a particularly pleasant pashim. Mr. Eastman stated that he knew of the case of Mr. Merritt, and considered it Here is our outfit:a most remarkable one. Mr. Palmer Merritt had come to him one day and asked Merritt further told Mr. Eastman that his brother wished to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and asked him if he thought it would be any use. Mr. Eastman that his believe, and a thousand and one other adviced by the state of the advised him to try them, as wonderful cures had been worked by their use. Mr.

Merritt acted on his advice and continued The editor then drove over to see Mr. Merritt, and found that gentieman sound and hearty, looking over his cattle in his farmyard. Mr Ezra Merritt is a well-to-do wish. Now select a large card for farmer, owning two fine farms about 3½ the centre-piece. The tinted pictures issued with the Christmas periodicals of South Grimsby. When the newspaper-man told the object of his visit Mr. Merritt expressed his willingness to give him the fullest particulars of his case, and we cannot do better than give it in his own words:
"The first time I was troubled," said Mr.
Merritt, "was on July 1st, 1891. We comstayed so long that when I came out my legs were numb, but I did not feel any bad results until July as I have said. I a piece of No. 2. This will remove all gradually grew worse until I could scarce- the excrescences, and it is worth while ly do anything. I kept on trying to work but it was a terrible struggle, and the way I suffered was something awful. Every joint in my body was stiff and intensely painful. As time passed on I table. Then place round it a circle of

consulted a doctor, but his medicine had each other. To obviate this, cut off with no effect. At the time of the Smithville a keen-edged penknife the angle that my head, and my sufferings were some- with a large book or a volume of music. thing terrible. About dark the pain would start about my ear, and work up until it reached the crown of my head. As morning came on the pain in my head would subside, but the pains in the rest of sized. This is done with the assistance of Nilson with the assistance of my body never left me, and at last I grew a little of Nelson's gelatine dissolved in so bad that when I would lie on my back I could not get up to save my life without assistance. Although I had not lost my appetite I became weak, so bad that though I could walk around I could not stoop to lift a pound. I became so with this solution. Allow it to dry weak in this way that I got discouraged naturally: artificial heat of any kind must weak in this way that I got discouraged naturally; artificial heat of any kind must ceptible benefit, and I felt so weak and discouraged that I decided not to take ed with the help of these cards. The treatany more. At this time a lady from ment is almost identical. Great care must Hamilton came to visit at our place and be again exercised in order that the surface she strongly advised me to continue using is perfectly smooth. A dado three feet in the Pink Pills. She had known Mr. Mar-height, bordered with a suitable edging, to

Returning to Smithville the editor again

than marvellous of which we may speak infinitely more pleasing if but a few cards

such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partially drape the object to be decorated partial paralysis, locomotor staxia, St. with some art fabric; the result has but to century, as it is of a delicate creamy shade, with a soft-tinted damask design on the surface. Sealing-wax and seals are gradually coming more into use, and certainly, when an elegant that is selected, give a charming final to the exterior of a feminine epistle. Nor is it only in personal matters that old fashions are revived. In every branch of interior decorative art the same thing is to be observed. More especially is it the case with table appointments and happy indeed are in all cases arising from mental worry, How often we hear the expression over-work or excesses of any nature.

or by the dozen or hundred, nor in any form except in packages bearng the company's trade mark, and any dealer who offers substitutes in any other form is try-

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Year's Cards.

With the festive season party, one is apt to inquire what is the ultimate fate of the millions of Christmas and New Year's cards which have been used?

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Emery cloth, Nos. 1 and 2. A reliable adhesive. Water colors. Varnish. Gold paint.

Burnisher. T-square, compasses, penknife and

With these articles, and a supply of cards, let us turn our attention to the work shelves, and a thousand and one other objects may each, in turn, receive attention.

Let us, for example, first select our piano-back. Carefully detach it from the instrument, and stretch tightly across the the use of Pink Pills until he is now a well frame a sheet of calico of the same dimen-man and sound as ever. frame a sheet of calico of the same dimen-sions; it is of the utmost importance that this should be quite flat, and there should Merritt, and found that gentleman sound hearty, looking over his cattle in his will not be so pleasing as one might answer this purpose admirably; select either a landscape or a head study. This must be carefully trimmed with a sharp penknife, and then secured to the canvas

or calico already referred to by a good octagonal shape is to be preferred to the circular, as it is difficult to make the cards

Pink Pills that saved me when all else had failed, and I have no objections whatever to having the story of my cure being published, as it may be the means of helping some other sufferer back to health and strength and gladness." Mr. Merritt further said that he had now no fear of a hard day's work, and has not had the slightest return of the pains or the stiffness in the joints.

Returning to Smithville the editor again ment displayed! As a rule, we get an

Returning to Smithville the editor again called upon Mr. Eastman and was informed by that gentleman that his sales of Pink Pills were something enormous, Mr. Merritt's cure having something to do with the increase in sales lately. There are other cases also in this vicinity little less it will be found that the result is

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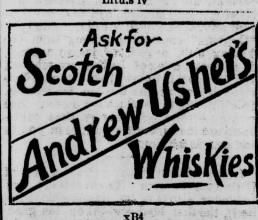
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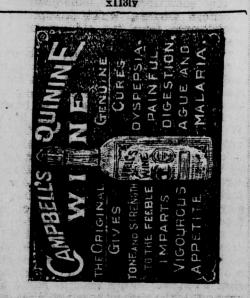
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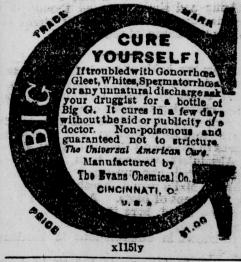
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