

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

## HINTS ABOUT DRESS SILKS.

Primrose striped with pale green is a favorite in the latest gauzes.

A real Paris novelty is the new silk woven in puffed stripes alternating with flat stripes.

A new heavy silk fabric for walking gowns, in plain and glaze, is known as the "England."

Among the more recently introduced novelties is a variety of honeycomb and basket weaves.

Black satins are seeded with tiny silk spots, and black silk, striped with fine lines of pale blue, attracts attention.

A changeable satin may be combined with mervilleux, in shaded effect, figured with tiny stars in gold applique satin.

Satin finished peau de sole, in two changeable colors, as green and old rose, mauve and Nile, etc., is very effective in combination.

Extra widths in silk goods will be called for to make the new bell skirt. Felix is having special fabrics manufactured for this purpose, and the extra widths will certainly be called for.

Silks in changeable ombre or other fancy effects are striped with heavy lines of satin or crossed in quadrille effects, while glaze, changeable satins show a stripe of white brocade and all-over figures of a color.

The corduroy silks, in various oriental striped effects, and in rich and striking combinations of contrasting colors, are among the real novelties in the dress goods department. Green, gold and roses are favorite colors.

Black satin duchesse and bengaline are looked upon as standard. A charming "harlequin" bengaline shows old rose, ecru, blue, green, yellow and tan in alternate cords; then one of rosewood brown, and then comes a repetition of "harlequin" stripes.

A heavy, glossy satin, figured with little set figures in plain silk which appear to be sunk in the satin surface and display three or four colors on a black or dark marine ground, has been named "Vitruvian." It is especially effective when used in combination with black satin.

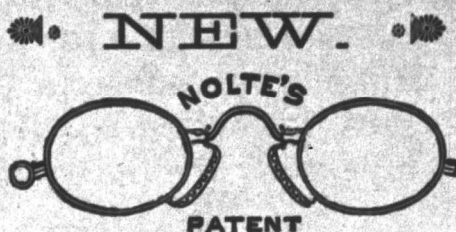
Some magnificent brocades show a shot or changeable ground, having lace effects in a spray, serpentine stripe, set or wavy design, taken from a bit of old lace, while figured empire brocades usually show flowers, leaves and stems scattered sparingly over rich satin grounds.

## THE WIFE IN BUSINESS.

Although the bachelor merchant, perhaps, has an advantage in respect of his cheaper living expenses, yet the prospects of success of the married dealer should, on the average, be more promising, other things being equal, on account of the assistance which the wife can render her husband at critical periods, when accurate judgment is needed to steer a right course, and when two heads should be better than one, says the *Merchants' Review*.

A man's wife often knows better than

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he does about a great many things, and while he need not lower himself in her estimation by admitting her mental superiority, it is sometimes well for him to silently recognize her superior intelligence and profit by it. If he is a wise man, he will not be too ready to come into accord with the opinions of his wife, but will effect a great deal of wisdom of his own, even though he knows he has none. It never increases a wife's respect for her husband to know that he is her inferior in anything, and it certainly does not increase her respect or her affection to have him intimate by word or look that she does not know anything at all. The judgment of the average woman regarding the disbursement of money is often better than that of the average man, particularly when it comes to spending money for domestic purposes. It takes a shrewd tradesman to get over the average sensible woman, while the tradesman finds it easy to work off stale goods on the average man; and the most conceited man might as well acknowledge frankly that his wife can attend to most of the affairs of her own household better than he can attend to them for her. Women very often have the most acute perception regarding business affairs. If men would only "talk business" with their wives, instead of taking it for granted that women "don't understand anything about business," there would probably be fewer failures. Many a successful business man owes his success to the keenness of judgment of a partner whose name does not appear in the firm or over the shop window, and who is not supposed to have any connection with the business, and that partner is his wife, in whom he is wise enough to confide.

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