The Scrap Bag-

French style is proverbial, but this year

it seems especially marked, on account of

The difference is so pronounced, and yet

so indefinable, between the way a French

woman puts on her clothes, dresses her

hair and wears her hats and the way the

rest of womankind do all that, that it is

best way to see bona fide French "chic" in

this country is to meet one of the big French steamers on its arrival, for it is

then that the newly arrived actresses,

travelling countesses and fashionable

dressmakers put on their best apparel and

have their hair coiffed in the very latest

style to make a good impression on land-

ing in the new El Dorado of their hopes.

found on a French steamer, and his ser-

vices, after the first land is sighted, are re-

quired to wave and puff out the hair of

many a fair customer after the most ap-

proved method. A funny experience was

who, anxious to impress her family, had

had her hair dressed in the very newest

of her cabin, which had been opened to let

in the land breezes, she received the full

shock of a wave which surged up from a

passing steamer, destroying utterly her

lovely fluffy crimps and making her look,

as she described herself, "like a drowned

Ladies' Dress Sleeve.

the outside is one that will commend it-

being highly decorative, it saves waste and

seam. The seam upon the outside is in

ing of black velvet, but braid, ribbon, lace,

elbow and the puff is especially bouffant.

puff below. It is particularly adapted for

graduated bands of jet passementerie.

A dainty decoration is effected by encir-

cling the sleeves with rows of jet inter-

The Water Tree.

the French Academy of Science the re-

sults of an experiment made by M. Max-

1me Lecomte in Congo upon a tree of the

genus Musenga. Upon making incisions

longing to the same natural order, whose

soft and porous wood discharged, when

wounded, a very large quantity of a pure

and tasteless fluid, which was quite whole-

natives. This plant was named by Dr.

Wallich the water vine, and has been

placed in the genus Phytocrene, which

signifies "plant fountain." These plants

form a remarkable exception to the usual

character of the order, which embraces

species that produce a milky juice-such,

for example, as the celebrated cow tree, or

Palo de Vaca, of South America, which

yields a copious supply of a rich and

wholesome milk, as good as that of the

Why Emperors Avoid Mayence.

At the last review at Mayence, the Em-

peror is reported to have said to the offi-

cers: "Do not forget that we must be

strong in order to maintain peace, and

that the stronger we are the more respect

will others have for us." It has been re-

marked that the Emperor has not entered the town of Mayence itself, although he

has been repeatedly and even this week,

close to it. A local newspaper tells the

of Mayence Cathedral there is a sculptur-

ed hand, which is raised as if in the act of

taking an oath. When the Emperor

Francis of Austria was still German Em-

peror, he visited Mayence, and was so hos-

pitably received by the clergy that he sol-

emply promised, and took an oath, that

that German Emperor who from that day

came first to Mayence and spent the night

there, must pay for the building of the

two towers on the cathedral. As a sign of

the promise the hand was carved in the

night there since that time," said the

story, "and you will see that the present

Emperor will not stay here any more than his grandfather did."

The Kaiser's Wardrobe.

Emperor William was kept on such an ex-

ceedingly short allowance by his parents

that he was frequently to be seen with

clothes that betrayed the trace not only of mending, but of actual patching. To-day

his suits exceed 1,000 in number, com-

prising military and naval uniforms of

every kind, riding, driving, hunting,

sleighing and tennis costumes, besides any

number of ordinary civilian suits, the lat-ter being mostly of London make. The

underclothing is kept in stock of twelve

dozens for each article, and is mostly

made of silk; embroidered with the im-

perial crown and initials. All these clothes

demand the constant attention of five

men, and an entire suit of apartments

lined with presses, on the third story of

the palace at Berlin is devoted to their

Prior to his succession to the throne

"And no Emperor has spent the

Our Berlin correspondent telegraphs:

cow, and used for the same puprose.

some, and was ured as a beverage by the

sected by bands of ribbon.

ladies with long slender arms.

top of the arm's-eye.

rat" on her arrival at the dock.

that of a recently returned American girl,

A good hair dresser is always to be

Having safely passed the florist's (without so much as a glance out of the corner of my eye to see whether violets | the very decided changes in hair and hats. were in, and resisted the seduction of an ice cream soda in winter weather, by remembering that the fizz part is made of ground up tombstones anyhow, and only lingered the tiniest little fraction of a second before the photograph man's plate glass to see if any of my friends had been getting "took" lately, and endeavored not to flatten my nose against the jeweler's window, where all the lovely little boxes and stick pins and silver-backed combs are commencing to gather for Christmas trees, I began to think I should be able to accomplish a certain delicate errand of mild expostulation and gentle inquiry to the butcher's with which I was entrusted, and be back home again so as to escape the midday rush. But on drawing near the corner of Dundas and Richmond, a vociferous cheering and loud yells began to rend the air, and then a procession of young men, headed by a hurdy-gurdy, rounded the corner, and everybody ran out, and the cars stopped, and I made for the friendly shelter of the "Advertiser," round the corner, just as fast as I knew how, for "A Bread Riot" was first thought that suggested itself to me, and very naturally, too. People ought always wear their best going-tomeeting coats when they march in procession and yell, so that people will know what kind of one it is. But when the hurdy-gurdy struck up and it turned out to be "only the medical students," why, I felt disappointed. A Bread Riot would have been so much more exciting. I like medical students, their chief beauty (everything has a beauty of its own, even a medical student) being that things are never dull where they are. Liveliness is the spice of life, and most of the people in this world are too mopy and staid and repressed to suit my taste. Now, the medical student may have his faultsin fact, I know people who think he has a good many-but his meanest enemy cannot accuse him of being staid or quiet or repressed. No! He will stand forth from charges like these, with unblemished character, and vindicate his assailed reputation in the topmost gallery of the next political meeting, which is where I most enjoy

Everybody who went to the Marine Band said "I'd go to see that show again." It was a stunning fine concert, they say, and though the house was half empty the musicians played away with all the cheerfulness and liveliness imaginable. You see, a millionaire is backing them up, and the effect of being backed up by a millionaire is to make you lively and in jumping good spirits. Besides, this is only an advertising tour to make themselves known, so they don't expect bumper houses just yet awhile.

THAT BOY FROM TOWN. They's the 'fraidest boy at Himrod's

Come up to visit Jakey; I had to laugh right in his face, He looks so skairt and shaky.

We call his "Slim," because, you see, He's slender, like a willow: ef he should tackle me I'd brain him with a pillow.

Don't look like he could do the things What we boys does so handy: He goes to Sunday school and sings Soft songs-the city dandy!

We're goin' to pester him and make Some fun about his mother: He'll just be nuts for me and Jake In one way and another.

. Some boys is . deceivin' chaps; My legs feel awful shaky, And seems my head got half the raps That ruffian aimed at Jakey.

But Jake's front teeth is swallered too His nose bled on his jacket, And both his eyes were black and blue When he got through the racket.

And so I say that boy from town Ain't fit to have no fun with: I'll cut him dead and turn him down-That sort of boys I'm done with. -Judge.

The persistency with which children see some other moral in a fable than the one which is intended that they shall see is often distressing, and sometimes really instructive, to their elders. A mother had recited to her little boy the story of the wolf and the lamb, and followed it up with the remark: "And now, you see, Willy, that the lamb would not have been eaten by the wolf if he had been good and sen-

"Yes, I understand, mamma," said Willy, "if the lamb had been good and sensible, we should have had him to

A delicate consideration for the elephant.-Considerate Little Girl-Please. Mr. Keeper, will it hurt him if I give him a currant out of my bun?"

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

The working capital of life is energy; and energy in its supremest form is love.—Lilian Whiting.

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Pickles. White and Graham:
Bread. Raspberry Float. Wafers.:
SUPPER—Cream Toast. Chipped:
Dried Beef. Graham Bread and:
Dried Beef. Marmalada Cook-Butter. Peach Marmalade. Cook-

jes. Tea. POTATO SOUP.

Four large potatoes; one onion: boil in two quarts of water until seft. Press through a sieve, and add one pint of sweet milk; one tablespoon butter, a little salt, and:

A breakfast with all the elements : that stimulate and nourish the body has its moral as well as physical

Knocked Off the 1896 Assessment by the Court of Revision.

impossible to describe it. Perhaps the The City Gas Company Secures a Reduction of \$20,000.

> Three Other Large Assessments Considerably Reduced.

> The Appeals Entertained and Those Dismissed-Rapid Business Working of the Court - Chairman Armstrong Gives an Oyster Supper,

The court of revision on the assessment of 1896 gave decision last night mode. Standing afterward at the porthole in the 110 appeals entered against the assessment, and reduced the total amount of the roll over \$67,000. The entire list was gone over in two hours and a half, the five members of the court working with the greatest har-W. Armstrong was in the chair, the other members present being Ald. Car-The unique arangement of the seam on rothers, J. W. Jones, O. E. Brener and H. Dreaney, City Clerk Kingston, Assessment Commissioner Grant and Asself to the majority of women, as while sessors Toll and Westcott. The principal reductions which went to make awkward patching of the material. The sleeve is adjusted upon a plain foundation up the \$67,000 were those of the Bell Telephone Company, \$20,000; Edward Adams & Co., \$12,000; Bell Telephone Company, \$7,500, and the Consolidated lining fitted with two seams, and the silk is included with the lining in the front Plate Glass Trust, \$10,000. The City Gas Company had been assessed for \$70,000 on mains and \$20,000 on income, this instance finished with a narrow cordjet, etc., are equally pretty for outlining but a valuation of the mains had been The smooth adjustment about the placed by an expert at \$57,000. On acwrist and forearm is carried to above the count of the reduced price of gas, Mr. Duffield, the president of the company, The fulness is adjusted in shirring on the had estimated a drop in the income of fully \$7,000, and both these figures were adopted by the court with very little Serge, cashmere, henrietta, fayetta, nun's discussion. "I have always found Mr. veiling, silk, satin or velvet will develop Duffield a very liberal man to deal with," said Assessment Commissioner this mode well and it may be made of the same material as the basque or a contrast-Grant, when the appeal came up. The sleeves display the fashionable slop-

"Yes," said Ald. Jones; "we would be hitting the company very hard to ing effect on the shoulders and the bouffant keep their assessment so high. London is getting the cheapest illuminatdressy wear and is specially becoming to ing gas on the continent." And \$13,000 was knocked of mains and \$7,000 off income. The question of

the legality of the assessment was re-served pending the decision of the courts in the appeal of the Toronto Gas The Consolidated Plate Glass Trust was assessed for \$20,000 on personal property, but it was claimed to be very

excessive, and was reduced \$10,000. The case of the Bell Telephone Company was rather interesting. The company was assessed for \$5,000 on income and \$10,000 on poles and wires, but Manager Brown protested on the ground that when the last agreement was made the corporation's telephones were granted at an annual fee of \$20 each on condition that the company's A dainty dress was recently shown with assessment of \$5,000 would not be ina sleeve of this design of shell-pink satin, creased. The arrangement was only the puff overlaid with black mousseline verbal, and was not inserted in the de soie, accordion pleated, and the sleeve agreement. This is the first year the trimmed from the wrist to the puff with poles and wires have been assessed, Mr. Grant taxing them because other cities have done so. As a settlement of the matter, the court decided to increase the income to \$7,500 and knock off the assessment on personal prop-

The reduction of \$12,000 in the \$20,000 M. Ducharte recently made known to personal assessment of Edward Adams & Co. was made on a declaration that businss had been taken over by Screaton & Turnbull, and a lighter stock carried.

in the trunk of it and placing a pail at the OTHER REDUCTIONS. The other reductions made by the court were: foot of the tree, more than ten quarts of pure water collected in thirteen hours. M. O'Hearn-\$200 personal. Reduced The gorillas, it seems, are in the habit of

slaking their thirst at these hidden foun-I. N. Cassidy-\$1,000 income. Reductains, and regulate the flow of liquid at ed \$300. will by pulling off different-sized branches. James Connor-\$1,500 personal. Re-Many years ago Dr. Wallich found in the duced \$900. province of Martaban, Africa, a plant be-

John Richards-\$6,200 on house and lot. Reduced \$200. London Life Insurance Company-\$15,000 on income. Reduced \$2,500 on the statement of the manager that the net

receipts of the company last year were \$10,776 35. Lewis Clarke-\$1,350 on four houses at the corner of Elizabeth street and

Dufferin avenue. Reduced \$150. Alex. McLean-\$300 on income. Re-

Matilda Major-\$2,600 on five houses in the southern end of the city. Re-Henry Bruce-\$450 on house on Wa-

terloo street. Reduced \$50. George D. Cameron—\$5,000 on personal property. Reduced \$1,000. Richard Stevens-\$3,685 on 7 1-2 acre of land near the northern limits of the city. Reduced \$685. George Oliver—\$15.300 on the old Boys' College grounds. Reduced \$300. Wm. Crosbie—\$1,450 on two houses

on South street. Reduced \$100. Wm. Crosbie-\$150 on house and lot on Nelson street. Reduced \$50. Louisa Wennesheimer-\$2,700 on Wel-

lington, Simcoe and William street properties. Reduced \$200. Charles W. Ellis-\$1,900 on property at corner of Talbot and Maple streets Reduced \$100. following story of explanation: On a wall James Charles-\$700 on two house

on Waterloo street south. . Reduced Robert Robertson-\$300 income. Reduced \$100. Cleghorn estate-\$9,000 on Dundas

street warehouse. Reduced \$1,000. Cleghorn estate—\$8,400 on homestead, corner of Dufferin avenue and Colborne street. Reduced \$900. Charles Depper-\$5,000 on property at the corner of Adelaide street and the Hamilton road. Reduced \$1,500.

Walter Wigmore-\$1,600 on house on Dundas street, near Wellington. Reduced \$200. Wm. Gartley-\$2,700 on eight houses on the west side of Thames street, between King and York. Reduced \$200. Thomas Kinchella-\$1,200 on South street house. Reduced \$200.

Alfred Anundson-\$1,100 on South street property. Reduced \$50. Levi Lewis—\$3,400 on 7 acres west of the Wharncliffe road, South London. Reduced \$400. J. Branton—\$2,950 on four houses on Maitland street south. Reduced \$400. John Moore-\$1,250 on Simcoe street property. Reduced \$200.

Alex. Harvey-\$2,800 on King street property, near Clarence. Reduced \$300. E. B. Smith-\$4,000 on Elmwood avenue residence. Reduced \$1,000. Johanna Purdom-\$1,500 on home stead. Reduced \$100. Thomas A. Rowat-\$2,500 on resi-

dence. Reduced \$100. Maurice Baldwin—\$600 on Bathurst street lot. Reduced \$200. \$1,400 on house at corner of Queen's avenue and Adelaide. Reduced \$100.

Renwick estate-\$1,050 on Trafalgar

treet property. Reduced \$450. Guardian Insurance Company—\$500. Struck off.

London and Lancashire Insurance Company-\$6,100 on income. Struck off. S. Fletcher-\$300 income. Reduced George Dowling-\$300 income. Reduced \$150.

Struck off. Henrietta Brown-\$6,200 on property at the corner of King and Maitland streets. Reduced \$200. Glass estate—\$4,500 on the residence of the late Sheriff Glass an Colborne street. Reduced \$500.

Thomas Isherwood-\$300 income.

Mrs. Linfoot-\$800 on Horton street house. Reduced \$50.

Mrs. M. Tytler—\$2,200 on two houses on west side of the Wortley road and

adjoining Grand Trunk track. Reduced \$200. Thomas Hallam-Income. Reduced

W. J. Turner and Lou Hambly—Stat-ute labor. Struck off. ASSESSMENTS CONFIRMED.

The court could not see its way clear to reduce the assessments in the

following appeals: Murray Anderson, \$7,000 on property at Dundas and Adelaide streets, now used as a place of worship; R. G. Barratt, \$600 on realty; Robert McFalls, \$1,800 on house on west side of Ridour street; D. M. Cameron, \$1,500 income; Chorazin Lodge, I. O. O. F., \$2,300 on two lots at corner of Rectory and Dundas streets; Hugh Wallace, statute labor; John Christie, \$500 on personal property; Daniel Campbell, statute labor; M. J. Kent, \$2,650 on part of the Partridge estate; L. E. Taylor, \$5,000 on the Salvation Army mony and being of the one mind on Shelter; Wm. Kelly, \$1,300 on Bruce almost every appeal heard. Ald. Geo. street property; Thos. A. Hall, \$800 on Thames street house and lot; Alex. Hamilton, \$500 on personal; W. A. Hunter, \$700 on Rectory street house; Duncan Campbell, \$900 on eighteen lots on North Colborne street; J. D. O'Neil, income; Taylor estate, \$6,000 on 22 acres in South London; Frank Adams, \$2,000 on King street residence; M. Baldwin, \$1,400 on Queen's avenue residence and \$1,300 on William street lot; John A. Grant, \$1,500 on seven acres in the north end of the city; Wm. Bowman, \$7,000 personal; Renwick estate, on a number of properties in Nos. 2 and 4 wards; Western Canada Oil Lands Company, \$6,365 on Nightingale avenue property; T. C. Thornhill, \$1,300 on Talbot street store; Massey Company, of Toronto, \$1,000 on Bathurst street storehouse.

The assessment of John E. Fleming of \$300 on Dundas street west lot was willingly increased \$100 at Mr. Fleming's request. The case of the Sun, Standard and Guardian Insurance Companies, who are assessed at \$5,000 each on income, and the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, assessed for \$3,000, were referred to the chairman and assessment commissioner to see what arrangement can be arrived at.

On the completion of the business. Ald. Armstrong invited the members of the court and city officials to the Albion Restaurant, where oysters and other refreshments were served. Ald. Armstrong's health was heartily drunk, and No. 4 ward's representative was declared "a jolly good fellow." An impromptu programme of speeches was carried out, in which the harmonious working of the court and the ability of its chairman and exchairman (Ald. Jones) were freely commented upon.

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