

else is to be carried, one hand is always monopolized by the dress. If any scrubbing or dirty work is to be done, the dress must be taken care of. Outside of the demands of health, buoyancy and cleanliness, time is too important to spend so much in taking care of the working dress, especially when servant's hire is such an item as it is in this country. Some sort of tunic and trousers, made of warm material, forms a desideratum. Such a dress is also needed for out-door exercise, and for active life in general. Witness the calisthenic exercises of school-girls and mark the painful contortions of those in close waists, with arms tied down, when compared with the ease and grace of those in loose tunics. Is there not inventive power enough in the country to get up some shape or fashion of working dress which will better answer the purpose than the one in present use?

New Employment for Women.

BY MRS. F. D. GAGE.

Oh! dear! cries Mrs. Tiredout, who has had the house work to do for a family of five, baby to tend, and Tommy sick with the measles, and expects every minute that Sarie Jane or Andrew Jackson Tiredout, will be down soon.

"Oh! dear! don't talk about employments, for women. Women have more than they can do now. I only wish I could get time to comb my hair once a day, or look out doors once a week. I don't see what people want to be talking about new employments for women for."

Dear Mrs. Tiredout, you are a little too fast. You don't understand us at all. It is not you we are exactly talking to—though, perhaps, we can contrive a way among these new employments, to even relieve you, and give life a more cheerful and truthful aspect.

We don't believe that the mother of a young child, either before or after its birth, should be so weighed down with care and toil as you are! It is, physiologically, wrong.

Now, Mrs. Tiredout, I want to ask you this plain question—Why don't you keep a girl?

"Can't afford it. Mr. Tiredout works as hard as a man can—he's up early and late, and he says, he can't stand any more expenses; he can't send Tommy to school because he wants him to chore about the farm—and I have to keep Sarie Jane home to help nurse the baby, or I'd never get thro'."

There! I thought so! Now don't you see, you do need some employment; something at which you can earn money. If you could earn three or four dollars a week, you could hire a girl to do your kitchen work; at least, the hardest of it—and lay up a little now and then, to pay for the PRAIRIE FARMER, or some other useful sheet; have a dime to put into the contribution box of a Sunday, &c., &c.

I know there is none, or but little of this manufacturing work carried on in the West. But there will be, one of these days, I hope. Look about you and see, if in the long run, it would not be better to change some of your work for something that is done near you, and thus relieve yourself from such harrassing toil, by trying to do everything in one household. Don't be afraid to do anything profitable that comes to hand. See the fashion, others will follow.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The state of Europe.

Under this head the "North British Review," for May, 1860, has an excellent article, from which we glean a few of the leading facts:—

Of the 30,000,000, the population of