# WOMAN'S WOR

. . . BY OUR OWN REPORTER. . Sungay, and specimens that sat tri- of its original flower forms. umphantly on the heads of as many ladies, I think the palm for beauty and refined taste should, in all fairness, be awarded to the bonnets, for the hats are conspicuously vulgar with their wild riot of color and extravagance of floral

garniture. One would think that packages of mixed flower seeds had been spilled into tiny baskets of fancy straw, and germinconditions, grew luxuriantly and were set in the milliners' windows, where their blossoms quickly expanded in variegated splendor, and then baskets and bloom were ready to be poised on the heads of the docile maids and matrons of fashion. A little careful pruning would not injure these "hanging gardens" in the least, and would certainly improve the appear-

ance of their wearers. The fresh, new beauty of earth and sky will not be appreciated this spring, for our poor tortured eyes will have become so weary of these monstrous comhinations of color in spring millinery, that they will droop languidly and gladly seek the gray dust as a more refreshing and restiul vision than green grass or azure skies.

Since the churches have been invaded by these

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it is a trying ordeal for a woman to keep her mind in a prayerful attitude with a wide expanse of aggressive head dresses tantalizingly nodding their artificial blossoms before her.

There are many who believe that the

designers had not a single new idea for the new spring milliners - and this would not be much wonder, for the everchanging styles that are at all times so varied, make demands that are sufficient to exhaust the most resourceful mindsand quable to construct anything unique they gust looked about them in desperation and seeing a great number of shallow pasteboard boxes tilled with artificial flowers, they recklessly spilled them all or r the shapes at hand, and sent the results out into the world as new styles.

There is no use grambling about the marter amess we are skillful enough to maniformine our own bat; if not, we most submit to the inevitable and meesly how our heads before the milliner in readiness for the elaborate grown she choeses to place upon our looks, whether we enjoy the ceremony

List year we heard enthusiastic and gashing misses describe their new head year, the hats can talk for themselves

## Shopping.

in the stores for inspection distracts the within it merely reveals the view average buyer and makes selection a brough a blue mist. precarious and complicated venture that to bring it to perfection. The woman of the wall pap rs. with a slender purse finds many difficulies in her way; and early in the season she begins to seriously consider her in tended purchases from many points of view, striving to combine judiciously utility and beauty, as well as general appropriateness, in the materials she selects. Her wealthier eister is burdened with the ambition to secure something tint will surpass in beauty and style the selections of her friends.

One usually starts out on a purchasing expedition with a detailed picture of the entire outfit fixed in one's mind and a rigid determination to procure the ma terials and trimmings that will give the picture substantial form. We reach the counter and enquire for a particular tex tile of a shade, but before the obliging salesman has returned with a web-not ractly what we want-curious eyes have been wandering over new and ur thoughtof materials, and the picture in the imagination that was the outcome of weeks of careful consideration becomes blurred, and melts away, and we have, no longer, choice. But the snave and persuasive salesman, pitying our dilemma, hastens to our relief, and with a surprising impurifility points out the merits of each nuttern that has detained our eye; and after a brief period of vacillation, we re-8 dve to purchase something entirely unlike our preconceived pattern but which eventually proves as pleasing and sitisfactory, and has the additional ad-"mtage of novelty-for what we wear for weeks in our minds must necessarily lose a little of its freshness before it reaches reality.

New Gowne.

Neutral tints are in high favor for costumes, but in all cases they are brightened with elaborate garnitures of bright silk or velvet, chisson, lace, jewelled trimmings in combinations that are ex-

tremely pretty as well as unique.
Soft, delicate shades of gray, brightened with rose, cardinal, mauve or cerise trimming, blended with white or cream lace and chiffon, are chosen for elegant sum mer dresses. Brown in all its shades from the palest ecru to the sombre wood tints is also popular when relieved with bright decorations.

The Eton Jacket remains a favorite; and this season's models are distin-guished by extended fronts and an abbreviated back that permits the fancy

belt to be seen.
One lovely dress pattern displayed recently was of silk and wool in green and purple shades, so interwoven that no distinct partern could be traced, but yet it surgested the idea of a great bunch of purple parsies, with their own green

THE Easter bonnet and the Easter | leaves and stems, crushed through a HE Easter bonnet and the loom and appearing again pressed and hat made their formal début last blen ed into a beautiful green and pur-Sunday, and after a critical survey of ple fabric that still retained a semblance

Some of the new tailor costumes have bolero fronts and narrow postilion backs. The vest beneath is a fitted blouse of fancy silk laid in soft folds across the front or else tucked to form a deep yoke. Beautifully curving revers and sharply

notched fronts are features of the elegant Louis coat basques made by Rauchnitz,

Mayer and Felix

The crossed or surpliced blouse will be highly favored in making up toilets of sting under exceptionally advantageous rosebud organdies, striped muslins, printed lawns, soft India mulls, and similar diaphanous stuffs. On some models the folds end at the waist under

In other cases the folds terminate in long scarf ends that are variously adjusted at the side, or often they are car ried to the back and loosely tied like the scarf ends of a Marie Antoinette tichu.

#### Dainty Neckwear

The neck and shoulders receive the fullest attention in the new modes, and every sort of pretty material is abundantly used to beautify this portion of the costume

All the picturesque collars worn by stately dames of long ago are remodelled for present use, and the Medici, Queen Bess, Josephine and other styles of neckwear are in vogue, as well as an endless array of ruffs, bows, frills, ruches, plain and turned-over linen collars, ties, scarfs, lichus, etc., that may be purchased ready for wear in the stores, or made up at home by next and skilful fingers.

A double ruche of black net and an inner one of white is shown among these

The stock collar of black silk with a narrow turn-over collar of white finen is very fashionable, and considered quite court when the ends of the sick are br ught round and tied in a bow in front.

Ribbon hows are fixed in all positions about the neck of dressy gowns and full ruches of chill in or lace nosile at the back of the neck.

#### Win on Draperies

The prettiest bangings that can be chosen for window draperies or portions are the livery head curtains that are it w manufactured. They are cool and cl so and give a charming effect when care fully disposed. New York decorator care new employing them avisaly, and they are in many instances used as serveres when the strands are closely placer and | t | guart against it with the atmost a beautiful design worked through the arrangement of the bends.

One of these bead curtains so used is thus described by a writ r in the NY. gear as "too lovely for anything," and Post: From a French window w.s superceet dreams." They are alent this pended a portion of blue beads. Pale blue up near the pole, but a rich dork Nevertheless, there is a muttered verdict | blue near the bottom, while across this that designates them as "floral night- azure background a flight of swits or that designates them as "Horat right mares." Time alone can subdue them; swallows wing their way. Such a por meanwhile, let us consider the subject of the solid to the mistakes and fallares of the my first attack and on getting better I was then confined present at a sitting of parliament, the horse for three months. This was well, my dear madam, I'll see if I can my first attack and on getting better I sints of bamboo introduced, and while | it shuts out a view of the interior com-The endless variety of fabrics laid out | pletely from a person outside, to one

White muslins are not now so generrequires claborate preparatory study. ally employed in summer cottages, their shopping is gradually becoming a fine place being taken by pretty gazes and art; and requires constant cultivation | pictured moslins imitating the pattern

# Frills of Fashion.

Belts of bias black sitk are very be-

convirg to slender figures. Hats and shoes are dipped in the rainbows this year, and the latter will add green and purple to the vivid tints we have already seen.

Black groundines are again in favor, as are all other dia; home as muterians. Black and white strip d silk make some of the most stylish blows a

Tacks are the favorite decoration on light materials, and even velvet and other heavy goods will soon be subjected

to the same freatment. Violets are everywhere, but notedy objects to them.

English tailor made coats have no gathers at the top of the steeve. Many of the new skirts are shirted up in a cord at the waist and give a turi-

effect around the hips. The "Sunburst" we hear of, but yo we have not seen. The reason appears a fixed standard or model to guide our to be a desire to preserve for the present the secret of its successful making.

## WOMAN IN FINLAND.

It is always a surprise to find that remote countries are not only on a level with us, but often in advance of us, along important lines of development. For instance, Finland makes a very remarkableshowing in the development of higher education for women. Two societies, according to a recent summary of the situation in the "Nation," have been formed for the purpose of improving the condition of women. For more than a quarter of a century the gymnasia, or secondary schools, have been open to both sexes, and at present from forty to sixty girls pass the final examination every year. There are now more than two hundred women attending the different courses of lectures at the Uni versity of Helsingfors, and fifteen years ago the degree of M.A. was conterred for the first time upon a woman. For some time past a woman has

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been one of the leading physicians of the town. So far the women of Finland have not developed any notable literary talent, but they are showing great taste for art, and it is said that more than forty per cent. of the persons represented in the art exhibition held at Helsingfors last spring were women. The women in Finland vote in local and communal affairs, and are eligible to office as members of school boards and as directors of charitable institutions and alms houses of all kinds. They are

also largely employed in the public service, more than one thousand women finding positions in post offices, cuilway and telegraph offices and other depart ments. It is said that at least three thousand are engaged in banking and commercial houses, and that more than one-third of these are either part owners or independent managers of the business in which they are engaged.

### THE HABIT OF SIGHING.

rarper's, is the person that is always sighing. The last sound heard at night, and the first to greet us in the morning, with no end of repetition during the day. is a long-drawn, sob like respiration outburns. a fancy belt with a handsome buckle, or is a long-drawn, sob like respiration. A else a girdle made to match the dress genuine outburst of grief that would spend itself, and be over, would be far iess wearing for the one compelled to listen to it, just as a good stiff blast is more easily borne than the weary wind that hour after hour moans and soughs. or a pouring rain than a continuous drizzle. Even though there may be adequate cause for sighing, it is vastly better, as a rule, to smile-better for us and for all with whom we come in con tac: -for the sighing is a species of selfindulgence that soon becomes automatic, and long after the cause has ceased to exist the sigher keeps on sighing from

sheer force of habit. The man that diffuses gladness is a much truer philan:hr pist than he who scarters g dd and silver for his fellowmen to wrangle over.

"She always brings sunshine with her," was the comment of a dear old lady in speaking of a young girl who was in the habit of running in to see her. And there is nothing else one can bring to the aged that so helps to lift the weight

of years.
A merry heart doeth good like a m slicine," and a sunny presence will carry better cheer into a sick room than the choicest of from and jelly.

Sight are no less contagious than sm 1/8, and unless a determined effort is male by some one in we cheerfully dispower to habited sigher will in time demoranze on entire ferrily.

Old people often sigh from physical weat case and tith such we can be rement. But north quair they had begun In time they might have headed off the n int, and saved the imposing of this tex on the sympathics or their riends. It is a habit to which ald age his a positiar tendency, and it is hower tinge of us who have reached life's meridian erre. It comes upon us so smallfully, act there are semundly so many

thin, so to make as sign. We sic over the tasks that were ence a positione, and so add to our weirin sa; we look into our mirrors at a sign for our ost youth, forgetting that every signhe pe to silver the hair and deep nothe wrinkles-forgetting, too, that we shall they have reached the find where there is no more sighing, and that we shall ing me for that disease until about the shortly overtake them.

"Haugh that I may not weep," said Byron; and for most of us there are days when the tear-lie so near the surface tent it would be infinitely engine to weep than tolaugh, By let us laugh if we can there is so not hold a row and sighing a the world, and so many of our fellowtravellers are so sore y in need of cheering. B sides, a radiant, heart-telt smile will make the plainest of faces beautiful.

# REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Love is like a beetsteak. It may not taste as good, but it's best for the health to take it und rdone.

A women always has a tender feeling for a men who says she isn't looking woll and he is afraid she is working to

Who na behy eries in a street ear, if a woman is c rrying to all the women around look mad; is a man has it, they look sorry and sympa etzing

Men juden other men's religion by their polices; women judge men's politics by their religion. Most me at disk they know something

till they get in rind. Then they find their wife does and they didn't. Life is a good of Alike a meal in a restaurant; the dishes you call for are generally just the ones that aren't on the

# BEAUTY IN MATURITY.

The physical beauty of women should last, growing more and more mellow until the end. That the beauty of women, like that of men, should be determined from the standpoint of advancing maturity cannot be disputed. It is absurd to claim that the ripe, rich beauty of 40 is less attractive than the budding maturity of sweet 16. When women hve in harmony with nature's laws each stage of life has its own charm. The fullness of beauty does not reach its zenith under the age of 35 or 40. Helen of Troy comes upon the stage at the age of 40. Aspasia was 36 when married to Pericles, and she was a brilliant figure 30 years thereafter. Cleopatra was past 30 years when she met Antony. Diane de Poictiers was 36 when she won the heart of Henry II. The King was half her age but his devotion never changed. Anne of Austria was 38 when described as the most beautiful woman in Europe. Mme. de Maintenon was 43

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when united to Louis, and Catherine of Russia was 33 when she seized the throne she occupied for thirty-live years. Mlle. Mar was most beautiful at 45, and Mme. Recamier between the ages of 35 and 55. The most lasting and intense passion is not inspired by two decade beauties. The old saw about sweet sixteeen is exploded by the truer knowledge that the nighest beauty does not dwell in immaturity. For beauty does not mean alone the fashion of form and coloring as found in the waxen doll. The dew of youth and a complexion of roses are admirable for that period, but a woman's best and richest years are from 36 to 40. It is an arrant error for any woman to regard

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the following statement, which can be latter; Mrs. Quiddles Oh, I goess his confirmed by any number of witnesses in this action of the country. I hast oegan to complain about five years ago. I had then been working in a lish smanly, and was wet almost the whole time, my first attack and on getting better i get you an order for the gallery. Mrs. commenced work again the first of the Shah work together a resord; 'we righter to deliving February and continued at it iden't by I can't go into the stulls or the friends that have possed beyond our until the next January when I took a ken unmindful in our s lifetimes that much worse attack. The dectors pronen ced it rhoumatism and after treat-



first of May, they discovered that my trouble was cisease of the hip joint, and advise I to go to an in spital. I went to Toronto and stayed in the hospital five weeks wel tacu returned home. I, howver, did not recover, and was compelled bring the following summer to go back. the hospitat, where I remained three mentis getting worse all the time. I has told I could not be cared and when left I was only able to walk by the aid derated s. I then come home and was not there for g before I was taken to my ord. I continued in this state until January following, when I was advised by several friends to try Dr. Williams Pink Pills. I took their advice and before I had limished the fifth box. I began to improve, and by the time I had completed a dozen box s I was able to walk with a crutches, and have never used them since. I was able to do light work in a short time and in January last (1897) I commence! working in the woods and have no trouble from the hip unless overexerted During the last three years I have spent \$300.00 in doctors' bills and medi ines, trying everything recom mended, but without any good results until I took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, to which I owe my restored condition, as the doctors gave up all hopes of ever seeing me out of bed alive and well. I may say that before I began taking Pink Pills during my bad attack I put in many a night so had that I never expected to be alive in the morning.
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meat very fine. Preserved ginger, cut in thin slices, is

a nice variation for sandwiches, Wormwood boiled in vinegar and applied as hot as can be borne on a sprain or bruise is an invaluable remedy. The affected member should afterward be rolled in thunnel to retain the heat.

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ome of John He went out early this but the case gar of the gales through I morning, we care it is 'most dark, and I. Richard B. Collins, hereby make Relate (1988) (really have fears for his safety's oil rent; but I'm atraid he's fallen of the beastly thing and broken ] his log. - Boston Transcript.

> Mr. Pampeus, M.P. You'd like to be dress-circle I plant goat all.-Tit Bits.

Robert -So you were not necepted by Miss Vellin. What did she say? Did she tell you now sudden it was? Richard On, dear, no 'She's literary, you know. She merely replied that she was very sorry, but I was not available.—Boston Tra script.

Mrs Hashcroft—Is there too much seasoning in the turkey, Mr. Billings? Billings -- No; I should say there is too little turkey in the seasoning.



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