

When put on to one of the vorwork bands and gathered in at the knee they would look like this (Fig. 5).



FIG 5

The tunic should be full, very. Buttoned at wrist and throat and reaching just below the knee (Fig. 6).

A wide sash of scarlet or blue would brighten the white dress and be tied in a big bow at the side. All would be surmounted by a woven cap of corresponding colour. Warm stockings would reach the drawers and be suspended to the under-bodice, whilst square-toed, low-heeled pinet shoes would complete the outfit.

What a happy free life our King's daughters would live if thus habited. They could do all their brothers attempt. They would grow as young trees grow.

I have only just touched on the footgear. But perhaps that part of our children's clothing is the most important of all. No stockings grown too small should compress the pink toes; no boot too short. Both stockings and shoes should be changed every evening and clean ones given every twenty-four hours. I



FIG 6

think a preventible hardship is often inflicted on young girls by having to wear heavy boots. We should be careful that they should be watertight, fit easily, and yet be light. Of course for such bottines we shall pay more than for clumsy ones. The price is generally in inverse proportion to the weight. Pinet

boots and shoes seem to be expensive. But they are not so in the long run. Those seemingly delicate brogues are made of the best seasoned and toughened leather, and defy wet and weather.

Stockings in the winter-time should be hand-knit ones. They can always be refooted when necessary, so are really most economical in the end. Never let them be worn when the heel comes under the foot. Much suffering and some deformity may follow the use of such shrunken things. The toes are meant to grasp the ground and greatly assist locomotion. If they are cramped up, they cannot, of course, do this, and are practically useless. Then the child walks on her heels, and her "carriage" is spoiled.

The King's daughters should be taught that dress is quite a secondary consideration. Health and not fashion should be our first consideration. But in the matter of hats and bonnets a little latitude of taste may be allowed. The covering of our heads is to protect and shield. It should therefore be light and warm and ample. If bonneting is preferred, very simple granny bonnets of silk can easily be made at home. Take a piece of buckram or brown paper about three inches wide; cover it with silk and let it frame the sweet face and cover the little ears. Then fold a pointed piece of silk as a crown into it (Fig. 7). The point of the slip will give a nice raised appearance and should come just in the centre of the forehead (Fig. 8).

The bag of silk should be lined with muslin, and the whole fixed on the head with a bow of ribbon tied under the soft chin. Very winsome will look the little face peeping out of this Quaker affair, and it is so soft that no amount of hard usage can hurt it.

The outdoor cloak to match this bonnet should be in the Kate Greenaway style. Made of wincey or serge and trimmed with fur with muff to match, the King's daughter will be able to defy all weather, especially if gaiters be drawn over her shoes and buttoned up to her knee.

I must confess to a serious weakness in the matter of night-gear for our girls. The traditions of our white-robed maidens still linger in my heart and practice. However, under the wide collared cotton dress, a woollen vest with sleeves should be worn in the winter, and if our daughters suffer from cold feet, double lambs-wool night socks are permissible.

If any one is strong-minded enough, however, flannel is the wisest thing for wearing at night, or coloured flannelette garments can be made quite pretty with frills of the same embroidery or torchon lace. Only see to it, that the nightdress is long enough to tuck round the dainty feet when in bed, and to cover them modestly when out of it.

A dressing-gown is a *sine qua non* for our girls. I do not give a pattern—but advise wool in winter and some pretty quaint chintz for summer wear.

Shoes for the bath-room should stand beside



FIG 7

this dressing-gown. They can be made at home of bright-coloured felting to match (Fig. 9).

Cut them after this fashion, join the two strips at the heel. Turn inside out, sew to a felt sole, and return to proper side. A device in silks may be worked on the toe or a rosette of ribbon put there.

These shoes are necessary, as one of the worst things for growing girls is to chill their feet. Standing on bare board or cold oil-cloth has often led to lifelong suffering.

If you follow the simple directions I have given you, I think you will find the King's daughters entrusted to you, if not actually all glorious will be very comfortable within, and in the matter of myrrh, aloes, and cassia, modern equivalents may be found in sachets of sweet scents kept amongst the girls' garments.

It encourages individuality to let each child have her own particular scent. "Sweet violet" for a Violet. Lily of the valley for a Lilian, etc. In such little matters as these a wise mother may much help her daughters in love for the beautiful and good. No tawdry ornaments should ever be allowed the King's daughters. No sham jewellery. No falseness of any sort. The keynote to be struck in



FIG 8



FIG 9

these young lives is sincerity and truth. Fair because the beauty of the Lord their God rests upon them. Well-dressed, because clothed with humility and good works. In the ivory palace of youth we would fain have them as the polished corners of the temple, bright, steadfast and grounded in love.

(To be continued.)

VARIETIES.

NO PIECES SOLD HERE.

Customer: "Do you happen to have any pianoforte pieces?"

New Shopman: "No, ma'am; we only sell whole pianos."

CONCEALING THEIR AGE.—Both men and women want to conceal their age and for much the same reason. Men wish to appear older than they are in order to rule sooner, and women wish to appear younger than they are in order to rule longer.

A RECIPES FOR HAPPINESS.—To demand nothing and to complain of no one is an excellent recipe for happiness.

THE FUTURE.

Visitor: "And what does the little girl think she will be when she gets to be an old woman like her grandmamma?"

Little Girl (tossing her head): "She isn't going to be an old woman. She will be a new woman."

THE NEW NOTICE.

"I understand that you want some painting done."

Editor: "Yes, I wish a notice painted at the foot of the stairs. It is for poets to read after I fire them out; and as they generally alight on their heads you had better paint it like this—"
DO NOT SLAM THE DOOR.

SLAVES IN ENGLAND IN 1771.

In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for November 1771 we find the following paragraph:—

"At a late sale of a gentleman's effects at Richmond a negro boy was put up and sold for £32. A shocking instance in a free country."

There was a growing feeling however against slavery in those days, as is apparent from the comment made by the writer of the paragraph on the sale.

BE CHARITABLE.—The true way to gain influence over our fellows is to have charity towards them. A kind act never stops paying rich dividends.