"I RATHER LIKE HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN."

## SUGGESTIONS.

**Co-operate in Buying**—If you are like the majority of womankind you will rebel against paying 6c for calico that sells in city stores for 3½c, 6¼c for sugar that is quoted at 5c, 1c each for nutmegs that sell at 50c per lb. Many reason in this wise: I must have the things right now and I haven't the money to pay for them. I will pay as I go along and when I get a little ahead I will order a quantity of the things I need. Have you got that little ahead? When you sell your produce at less than cost of production and buy the necessaries of life, paying for a poor quality the same price that a good quality sells for, just how long do you think you will be in getting that little ahead? In other words, if you have produce that costs 50c per day to produce it, and you sell it for 40c, how long will it be before you mortgage your farm? "But I want to keep up home industry," you say. Ahem! When the grocer wants potatoes, beans or cabbage, does he philanthropically muse over keeping up home industry? No. He steps to the telephone and calls up a dealer, gives his order and pays the cash. Remember this, when he buys anything of an out-of-town concern, he pays cash. When he buys of you, he pays in trade. When he tells you that you should deal with him and keep up home trade, remember that your business is to look out for your own affairs, not his. If he will give you as much for your produce as you would get in an open market, and sell as good quality of goods as you could buy for the same price elsewhere, patronize him. If not, good business sense would say "go elsewhere." Isn't is better to co-operate in buying and selling than to pay such a heavy tax to your merchant for transacting your business for you? Isn't it wiser to go into some organization like the grange, where the state committee has made trade arrangements with firms and deals with them? Isn't it better business to transact your own business than to pay someone else a larger commission both ways for doing it for you? What is the first consideration of a merchant when he buys goods, to get the best article possible, or the one that pays the largest profit? [Mary E. Lee.

**To Stain Horn** in imitation of tortoise shell, mix equal quantities of red lead and quick lime with a solution of potash or very strong soapsuds. Lay it on the horns with a small brush, imitating the mottled effect of shell. Dry and repeat two or three times. Now place the horns in a bath of alum and vinegar, after which wash in clear water, dry with moderate heat and polish with fine sand and emery paper, then with felt or woolen cloth dipped in finely powdered charcoal and water, next with rotten stone, and finish with a rubbing with chamois skin moistened with sweet oil.—[Claribel.

What relation is the door mat to the scraper? A stepfather (step farther).

What is the most suitable dower for a widow? Wi-dower.

Why is a woman churning like a caterpillar? She makes the butter fly.

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7931—LADIES' SHIRT WAIST, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust. Many dainty white waists are shown for dressy occasions, made of all over embroidery, inserted tucking in lace and Hamburg, fine dimities and lawns, with lace stripes and other delicate novelties for summer wear. As illustrated, this shirt waist is mounted on a glove fitted lining of white lawn. This model may also be used for pique, Madras, cotton cheviot or percale, and made without a lining.

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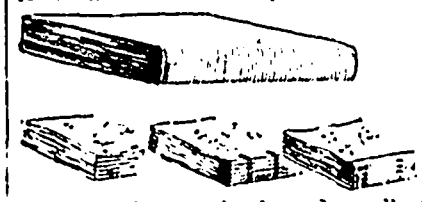

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## OUR PATTERN OFFER (Continued.)

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7923—LADIES' JACKET. 7924—LADIES' EIGHT-GORED SKIRT Jacket 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust. Skirt, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist. This stylish costume is developed in the new shade of gray (gun metal) broadcloth, with trimmings of black taffeta applique. The

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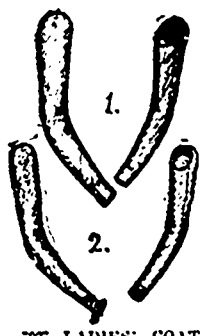

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