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history collections of moths, butterflies, birds, reptiles, shells, etc., and the work of school-children in penmanship, mapdrawing, color work, clay modelling, etc. Did you notice the cut paper work and the modelling in plasticine done by the "wee little ones"? And were you thinking (if you had children at home) that here were some fine suggestions for rainy-day "busy work"? The cases of doll's clothes, beautifully done by little hands, were also very suggestive of the value of such training. Assuredly these little seamstresses will find comparatively easy the making of their own and others' clothes when they have such work to do.

A department of apparent interest to many was the room devoted to contagious diseases and care of children, with instructions in regard to combating diphtheria, tuberculosis, etc. Everywhere were placards proclaiming the dangers of impure milk, of the house-fly, the common "roller" towel, and all such agents in the spreading of disease.

Last, but not least, was a very fine exhibit from the Ontario Agricultural College, showing collections of weeds and their seeds, comparative tubes filled with grain to different heights to show the results of tillage, different times of seeding, the use of fertilizers, and so forth. We recommend farm folk who attend future Exhibitions to set aside a goodly share of time to be spent in this department.

The woman's work was about the same as usual—the same tatting, crochet embroidery, and what-not displays, the same rows of tempting fruit and pickle bottles, and toothsome pastry that looks sadly dilapidated each year before the Fair is ever. The showing of women's work on the whole, however, did not look so extensive as in the old Women's Building, but no doubt the more scattered arrangement of the new annex produced the illusion. An interesting feature was the facsimile of the Royal Regalia-Crowns, royal sceptre, staff of St. Edward, the orb, and Prince of Wales coronet-in a ,arge glass case at the top of the stairs. Among the fancy-work, nothing especially new was noted but the extensive showing of the new beaded

The Manufacturers' Building is always an especial favorite with the women, for here are shown all the very "latest" things in house-furnishings, furs, gowns, pianos, and odds and ends for the home. The Eaton, Simpson and Murray Kay displays, as usual, were the biggest magnets. Among the gowns, the prevalence of velvet and jet was very marked, also the favor shown to the surplice draping across the front of waists. On the long coats the collars were very broad, extending to the shoulders, and then tapering to the waist. On practically all of the figures the hair was parted, then drawn loosely over the ears and arranged low at the back.

The furnished rooms were, of course, at all times thronged with women bent on studying color schemes. Attractive indeed was the Murray Kay dining-room, with brown as the leading tone,—fumed oak furniture, wall paper in brown and dull gilt, with wooden panels and plain brown rug. The drawing-room of the suite, on the other hand, fled far from Puritan tones. Cream and old rose were here combined to form a very fairy-like place, with dull gold paper, flowered hangings, and dull gilt chairs with flowered upholstery.

The bedroom, whose furnishings have been sold to Her Excellency the Countess Grey, was also very light and dainty in tone, the furniture all being enamelled in ivory white, with dull gilt touches, the wall paper striped in delicate tints of old rose and ivory white, the rug also old rose. A feature of this room was the "twin-bed" idea, with the cane work that is now so popular, across the entire oot-boards, to break the heavy effect

that solid wood might have.

In the Eaton rooms a more dignified effect was sought throughout. The dining-room here had panelled walls, with hangings of green velvet; the rug was green with a border in reds; the furniture fumed oak. . . The drawing-room was more unique, with walls of grayish-fawn and old gold, almost plain rug of same peculiar tint of fawn, enlivened by a molar bear rug, curtains of old rose

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and fawn, a large harp in the background, mahogany furniture, quaint oldfashioned pictures, and a gilt chinacabinet with a marble top. . bedroom of the suite was rather unusual in coloring,—the wall in a whitish stripe, with border of pale heliotrope flowers, plain dull green rug, mahogany furniture with chintz upholstery all flowered with little purplish roses, four-poster bed with flowered valances to match. . . But the library was, perhaps, the choicest room of all. Did you notice the concealed lights sending a soft glow from behind the book-cases? And did you not rather like the warm raspberry tones of rug, upholstery and hangings? But one picture was in this room, hanging over the mantel, but it was a study from a famous master-a Franz Hals, I fancy. A piano, too, was in this room, and some pieces of armor which might have