# POTTERY THE THING NOW

## Many Novelties, Odd in Design and in Coloring.

New York women are buying pottery among which are the cockatoo and par-rot. ray of pottery in the stores is larger than it has ever been. Fine china and porcelains are for the moment passed by and the crowd showers adjectives and dollars on pottery one-quarter the price

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This is as true of the rich as of the well to do, and simply because pottery is in fashion. In some homes Dresden and Sevres brice-brac has been shoved aside to make room for queer-looking vases and ornaments of substantial pottery, and for no better reason than that the latter are novelties.

In one big downtown wholesale concern, where more than two hundred samples of imported china, porcelains and pottery are displayed the space occupied by pottery just now is as large again as it was two years ago, and the same is true of the department stores. Unusually attractive designs as well as comparatively low prices have a good deal to do with the increased vogue of pottery.

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Perhaps the most popular examples of pottery come from Germany and Austria. The purchaser who is puzzled at the array and doubtful what to ask for may mention Teplitz ware or Dux ware, half a dozen different factories being reeted in the one and nearly as many for the other. There are many examples of both, but roughly speaking they may be divided into the dull finish and the

or both our roughly speaking they may be divided into the dull finish and the glaze finish, the latter perhaps in the dead just now when shoppers have Christmas presents in mind, because it has more novelties.

As to designs, animals and fruit lead in small places as well as large, not flat drawings, but animals in miniature and whole fruits applied on the vase, or urn, or basket, or tray, or whatever the piece happens to be. A vase of the dull finish is mottled cream and gold is decorated with a berry design painted in heliotrope. An obloing piece about 12 by 7 inches and 8 inches high intended for a fernery or fruit dish, and of glaze finish in a shaded green design, has a or a fernery or fruit dish, and of glaze inish in a shaded green design, has a order composed entirely of small round erries massed together to form a thick

border composed entirely of small round berries massed together to form a thick rope or roll.

A tall vase in rustic green finish is decorated with a trailing cluster of pink roses and green leaves, which looks as if it had tumbled out of the vase and been caught at the rim. Another vase has a cluster of red grapes of natural size and color resting on, the side of it. Still others have clusters of cherries or plums and green leaves of natural size and color applied to a rustic surface.

A variation of the Teplitz ware is finished to look like old ivory, and in this there are animal pieces like the antiques of India and Egypt and baskets of many sizes decorated with fruits. It is the latter perhaps which particularly arrest the woman shopper's attention.

The design in most of them is a high square shape and the weave is a duplicate of a common basket weave done in old ivory. The large clusters of purple grapes hanging on the sides look natural enough to pick and eat.

Apropos of the fruit designs some of the most pleasing are seen in Italian ware of high glaze finish. For example, one represents three small fancy baskets with upright handles suspended from one bar which is run through the handles. The piece is about 12 inches long and 9 or 10 inches high. The decorations, on a shaded green and brown leaf surface, are clusters of large pink and white cherries.

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se shapes and oblong baskets with These snapes and oblong baskets without handles, and tall handled French
looking baskets of the same ware and
similarly decorated, are now used for
the dining table when filled with fruit.
There are other designs in the form of
jardineres and ferneries also for the
rable.

Some of the best of the inexpensive animal pieces come from the Dux factories. One variety, which includes groups of hounds, of Arabian steeds, of elephants and other animals, in twos and threes and single figures, is finished in soft, dull tint, a cross between a cream and gray. These are remarkably attractive and cost only a fox dollars.

In Rudolstadt ware are animal novelties suitable for use as well as ornament. There is for example a card tray or pin tray of white and gold, at one side of which sit two miniature cats in gray and white, their heads close together. On me of the best of the inexpensive

white, their heads close together. On the edge of a shallow, round flower vase are perched a couple of doves. A trio of chickens ornaments another style

A novelty in pottery and also in china is plaques in wood finish ornamented with figures and scenes from the nursery rlymes and from history, and also with sporting and hunting scenes. Other vari-eties combine a wood and a regulation chiese finish and also a plain percelain

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Patina is the name given to a soft gray pottery touched up with green traceries and small segments of dull red in a conventional pattern, which suggests the Orient and which is shown in vases of antique shape, big and little. Although this ware in appearance suggests the rare and costly, a vase eight inches high costs only \$\forall 0 or \$\forall 4\$.

A Swedish pottery called Rorstrand, which is one of the newest in this market, is a study in quiet grays and ecrus, and creams on a pearl white, a pure white or a cream white ground, the very best of the designs consisting simply of conventionalized leaf studies. This ware costs more than some of the others mentioned.

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America has put on the market a pot-tery which attracts because of the odd shapes of the jars, urns and vases and the variegated greens which are its dis-tinguishing mark. It can be had only in green, and it is sold at prices a little in advance of some of the European pot-

teries.

Another variety of American pottery shows marine views in impressionist style, deep old red being used a good deal in conjunction with greens and yellows. Small tea sets, tall jars, short jars, umbrelal holders, candlesticks, loving cups, punch and salad bowls and jardinieres and palm pots are all to be had in plain tints touched up with a red or yellow ship traversing a pale green ocean. The afternoon tea sets in this ware are particularly attractive.

### COWS NEED CONSTITUTIONAL VIGOR.

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This is the element that produces endurance under great strain of any sort—in the race horse under the strain of terrific speed, in the milch cow under the strain of enormous production. Under the strain of a severe climate it is called hardiness. The presence or absence of this element is especially manifest in the growth and development of the young of the different breeds. Of the one they live and grow without special care or attention: of the other they perish easily if they do not have the best of care. The difference is simply in constitutional vigor or vital force born in the calves of thes one and not in the calves of the other. The difference continues throughout the lives of these animals. It may not be manifested so conspicuously in after-life, yet it affects all their relations to their food, care and productions. In what does it consist? Is it in possessing what is sometimes called the nervous temperament? Not infrequently we find the offspring of breeds that lay especial claim to this temperament, especially lacking in the ability to live and rapidly develop without special care. It is a secret force hidden in the race, in the breed and in the animal. Perhaps it may be properly called the vital temperament. The bulls of the Holstein-Friesian breed possess this vital force or temperament more strongly than those of any other improved dairy breed. The breeders in Holland and Friesland have always avoided in and-in breeding. In proof that this breed has maintained a high standard of vital force we point to its use in almost every climate, including that of Northern Russia nearly up to the Arctic Circle. It scalves are raised without difficulty. Taken from their dams at three days old, and reasonably fed on skim milk and a little oil meal, they grow like weeds. Given plenty of food, no matter if most of it is roughage, they develop rapidly. The

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# The Daily Fashion Hint.



Suit of tobacco-brown velvet. Collar and cuffs are trimmed with silk soutache braid color of the velvet. Velvet suits with long coats are among the prettiest costumes of the season.

# ONE OF NATURE'S WONDERS

### This, Sure Enough, Is' the Cocoanut Tree.

"A wonder for sure is the cocoanut tree," said a man familiar with the tree, its fruit and its manufactured products. "Its native home is India, from which originally its seed was carried by ocean currents to islands of the sea and to nore or less distant mainlands, whence by yet other currents or perhaps by the hands of man it was carried on still further until the cocoanut tree had come to be found in tropical and subtropical climes all around the globe.

"The cocoanut thrives best in lands along the margin of the cea; it likes the sait water. Plant a cocoanut back of a fence or a stone wall and it will grow up straight until it has come to the highly the state of the feach that the nuts drop from the tree at night.

"In many places in which it is found."

and in distant isolated salt water surrounded islands or cays the cocoanut may be their only source of supply of fresh water. The occoanut tree is practically hollow inside, and through this porous interior, almost as freely as it could be pumped up through a pumplog, it draws up water for its own sustenance and growth, and from this it fills with distilled water the fruit on the tree, for the milk so-called in the cocoanut is practically drinking water, with very little other matter. And so in some places the cocoanut supplies all the fresh water obtainable as it may as well the food—surely a wonderful and beneficent tree.

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"Coming back to the general subject, we find that the manufactured products of this wonderful tree are now in common use throughout the civilized world. To bring it right close it may be that when you go home to-night you will wipe the mud off your shoes on a doormat made of its fibre, and if you should take a nap before dinner you will lie down, it may be, on a lounge whose stuffing contains more or less of the same material.

"The oil with which you dress your

same material.

"The oil with which you dress your salad may be cocoanut oil, and for dessert you may have cocoanut pie. In the kitchen you might find scrubbing brushes made of cocoanut fibre, and likewise brooms. The uses of the cocoanut are various.

various.

"For many years, in fact since 'way back, coconnuts have been imported in some numbers, and they were to be found for sale in grocery stores and elsewhere, as they still are, and children used to buy them and take them home and bore a hole through the eyes and pour the milk out into a teacup and drink that, and then father to break the cacanut we a hatchet, and then they'd cat the w. a hatchet, and then they'd eat the meat, as children still do.

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The number of the cocoanuts imported for such and other retail demands is considerable, but still it isn't a drop in the bucket to the number now imported for manufacturing uses.

"Without stopping to look up the figures exactly, I should say that there are now imported to New York about thirty million cocoanuts annually, some of these from wild or natural growth trees, and some from planted and cultivated trees, for the cocoanut is now cultivated; and it might be mentioned in passing that a cocoanut plantation is called a cocoanut walk.

"Of this enormous importation of cocoanuts, by far the greater proportion goes the manufacturers, and the greater share of this to the manufacturers of prepared cocoanut for domestic and other cocking uses. Formerly the housewife who wanted to use cocoanut for pies or cakes or puddings used to grate it hered! Now the yest majority of all

wife who wanted to use cocoanut for pies or cakes or puddings used to grate it herself. Now the vast majority of all users of cocoanut buy the manufactured product all ready prepared for use, and the manufacture of this is a trade in which many people find employment. "Cocoanuts to be used in making prepared cocoanut are put, a lot of them together, into iron crates, in which they are subjected to a steam bath. This swells the outside shell a little, and at the same time contracts the meat within and tends to separate it or make it easier to separate from the shell. "From the steam bath the nuts go to the man who opens them; sometimes in

"From the steam bath the nuts go to the man who opens them; sometimes in the steam bath the shells of the nuts, or some of them, may crack, which facilitates by so much the work of the opener. "Father used to crack the cocoanut with a hatchet. The professional coconnut opener uses an implement that is much like a solid steel oyster knife, having at one end the henvy iron handle and at the other end the blade. With the heavy end of this the opener taps the cocoanut and cracks the shell and takes it off, or if any or all of it still adhere to the meat he pries it off with the knife end of the implement, leaving the round globe of cocoanut meat unbroken, but still covered with its familiar brown outer skin.

"In these days there are men who work regularly at cocoanut opening just as they might at any other employment, though one somewhat unusual feature of the cocoanut openings' work is that they begin it at 2 a, m.; this so that sufficient stock may be prepared daily in advance for the other workers to begin on. An expert cocoanut opener can open 2,000 nuts a day.

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"The shells removed, other workers take the whole nut meats and spoke-shave off that brown outer skin, and then the white round globe of ecocanut meat is put into a machine and quartered. In these quarter sections the meat is increased for the rejection of puts and

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### WATT-KNOTT.

They Had What-Not Chat Over the Telephone.

"Are you there?"
"Yee."
"Who are you, please?"
"What is your name, please?"
"Watt's my name is Watt."
"Yes; what is your name?"
"I say my name is Watt."
"Oh, well: I'm coming to see you."
"All right; are you Jones?"
"No; I'm Knott."
"Who are you, then, please?"
"I'm Knott."

"Who are you, then, please?"
"Tm Knott."
"Will you tell me your name, please?"
"Will Knott."
"Why won't you!"

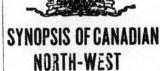
"I say my name is William Knott."
"Oh, I beg your pardon."
"Then you will be in if I come round,
Watt?"

Watt:"
"Certainly, Knott."
Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not.

### Fifty Miles by Wireless Telephone.

Another wireless telephonic feat has just been accomplished by the Amalgamated Radio Telegraph Company, of Berlin, Germany. Perfect communication was obtained over 50 miles on land between the company's lawpratory, near Berlin, and a small station at Jutenbog. This feat is regarded as all the more remarkable, since the whole city, with its multitude of disquieting influences, intervened. It is said that this long-distance communication without wires was achieved by using the underfed and continuous waves generated by the continuous waves generated by the Poulsen system, and that questions and answers were exchanged without inter-

Germany ships 29,000,000 feathers to England in the course of a year for millinery purposes.



**Homestead Regulations** 

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An application for cancellation must be
made in person. The applicant must be eliber for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received
from an individual unti! that application has
been disposed of.

Where as our cancellation proceedings, the
applicant for cancellation will be entitled to
prior right of entry.

Applicant for cancellation must state in
what particular the homesteader is in default.

the vicinity of his homestead. Joint owner-ship in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eight (86) acres in exteat, in the vicinity of the homestead, or which the such homestead in the properties of the con-such homestead in the work residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

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(i) The term "vicinit;" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measure of the description of the descript

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an an-nual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,60 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ion shall be collected on the mer-chantable coal mined.

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QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

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other resquirements, purchase the land at 11 other resquirements, purchase the land at 11 The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales. Placer mining claims generally are 109 feet square; entrance fee, 35; renewable vearls.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five inlies each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

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### TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

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1.40 a. m.—For Toronto, Lindsay, Boboayroon, Peterboro, Tweed, Kingston, Ottawa,
Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, St. John, N.
B., Halifax, N. S., and all points in Maritime
Provinces and New England States. Tottenham, Beeton, Alliston, Orajghurs, Bala and
the Muskoka Lakes.

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11.25 p. m.—For Toronto.

12.25 p. m.—For Toronto. Fort William,
Winnipeg, and all points in the Northwest
and British Columbia.

3.10 p. m.—For Toronto. Myrtia, Lindsay,
Bobcaygeon, Peterboro, Tweed, Brampton,
Pergus, Elora, Orangwille, Owen Sound,
Arthur, Mount Forest, Harriston, Wingham,
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and intermediate stations.

5.05 p. m.—For Toronto.

8.15 p. m.—Golily for Toronto, Peterboro,
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Winnipeg, Canadian Northwest, Kootcony, and British Columbia points.

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### Wonderful Fish.

A Scottish laird was telling at the dinner table of a fine fish he caught, "How heavy was the fish I took last week?" he asked, turning to took last week?" he asked, turning to his servant. "Weel," replied Sandy, "it was twal" pund at breakfast, it had gotten tae achteen at dinner-time, and it was sax-and-twenty when ye sat down to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added—"I've been tell-ing lees a' my life to please the shooters, but I'm no' going to tell lees noo in my old age to please the fushers!"

