## The Scrap Bag\_

on us once more! I suppose we must either, when a Mother Hubbard wrapper make up our minds for a surfeit of Christmas mush and miserable little "Sukeys" done up in mufflers, sniffling and stretching forth the everlasting red mitten to receive an enormous much comfort and pleasure women had in turkey, very fat, at the hands of the kind old gentleman who resembles Santa Claus in looks so strongly that he has all the babies crying after him. I have counted ten already in the different illustrated papers, and it is only somewhere about the first of December! Three long weeks yet to be endured, and yards and yards of the usual unending Christmas panorama! Of a truth it is becoming very unsafe and very unprofitable to go prowling aimlessly about in the various periodicals and daily newspapers, something like going to catch crabs in one's bare feet, as you are liable at any moment to be caught hold of by a crazy story and severely bored before you can recollect yourself. The very best precaution to take against such a contingency is to place notes of warning in your mind under certain titles and headings, which will presently become very familiar, and one of many on the weary list is, "It was just on the verge of Christmas! Without the air smote sharp and chill, and yet a joyous note was in the air-subdued excitement, expectation, in the face of every passer-by. But in the home of the widow McGurdy no joy has found its way-only gloom." You know the rest!

It doesn't make a woman happy to nave the prettiest gown in London, for there is all Detroit, only 120 miles

It doesn't make a dog happy to get the moon when he barks for it; nor a baby a revolver when he cries for it.

It doesn't make a man happy to have his name in the newspapers every day.

Some young married people submit the following luring "husband-and-wife questions" to the editor of the Outlook. Let us hear what he has to say. First, the question:

"Dear Outlook,-Some young married people desire me to submit the following questions to you: 2. Should a husband leave his wife without an escort at an evening company and wait upon another lady to supper. Yours, X."

Ans.-1. It is quite possible for a husband to be placed in such a position that for a little time he may be forced to see his wife unattended, while he is obliged to show attentions to another lady. He cannot be guilty of rudeness to the lady in his charge for the moment in order that his wife may not be in the position of a wallflower. He | the back, and the front and side breadths naturally, if a gentleman, would take his wife under his own care at the earliest moment. You doubtless will remember the story of the groom who was known in western parlance to be "handy with the shooting-irons." His bride was let severely alone. He took his place in the center of the room and demanded to know why she was not asked to dance, and he handled the "shooting-irons" so significantly that the bride's invitations to dance were so many that she cried for mercy. It It is Like a Pretty Little Silk-Enveloped is a difficult point to discuss, but it is true that when a husband and wife become guests their personal relation is subordinated to the social one. To attract attention by too great devotion is as vulgar as to be oblivious to each other's presence or pleasure."

"We remember one evening," says a writer in the London Spectator, "an Englishman expressing, more forcibly than politely, his abhorrence of the Japanese custom of eating raw fish. It was said in the presence of Mr. Iwakura, the son of the Japanese minister, and then resident at Balliol College, Oxford. Expressions of disgust were being fluently uttered when Iwakura interrupted the speaker. 'By the way, what shall we have for supper? Wouldn't you like a few oysters? I don't eat them myself but'-the rest was lost in laughter."-Youth's Com-

Lady Mary, in the "Glass of Fashion." tells how one Sunday morning at Sandringham Church, many years ago, when the Princess of Wales' children were all tiny, she remembers wondering why little Princess Victoria smiled all over her face and blushed violently as she turned to glance at her brothers and sisters when the first bars of "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" were heard from the organ. I learnt afterwards that this was the Princess' favorite hymn, and that the Sandringham vicar, knowing how she loved it, had chosen to give it as a reward for her having perfectly learnt a Scripture

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSE-

Those there are whose hearts have a look southward, and are open to the whole noon of nature; be thou of such.-Bailey.

BREAKFAST - Oranges. Mush. Browned Hash. White Bread. Cookies. Coffee. DINNER-Scallop of Mutton, Sweet Potatoes. Canned Corn. Macaroni : Croquettes. Celery. Tomato : Pickles. Apple Jelly. Cottage Pudding. LUNCH-Oyster Crackers and Milk.

Bread and Butter. Maple Syrup. Good health may be largely due to good living; by selecting the : foods which best supply the vari- : ous principles we need.

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And now the Christmas season is up- There was a time, and not so long ago was always part of a woman's wardrobe. Not, it must be confessed, for wear, excepting in her bed room; but it was such a comfortable garment that every woman. rich and poor, fell victim to it. It is said that some men out West, finding how these gowns, tried to invent one for men's use and called it a Father Hubbard. The report says that the attempt was a dire failure, and that it had its effect on the decline of the Mother Hubbards as well, and that now few, if any are to be seen.

As long as the world goes round wrappers and house gowns will be necessary to the peace of mind-and body-or every well-regulated woman. There is a time for everything, we are told in Holy Writ. and certainly there is a time for wearing



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loose flowing garments. Two times are in the early morning and in the late afternoon, after a hard day's work visiting or shopping.

A wrapper and curl papers at breakfast -they are always spoken of together-are, it must be confessed, exceedingly untidy and unbecoming. But there is absolutely no need for either one, any more than there is any occasion for donning a tight fitting, heavy gown the first thing in the day.

There are many styles of fancy wrappers quite admissible at the breakfast table, while the fancy matinees are quite as becoming and smart as any costume a woman may wear. But they must be made and fitted carefully, so that they bear little resemblance to the shapeless gowns that were called wrappers, and which where only suited to bedroom wear The morning wrapper of the present day is cut on the lines of a Princess dress, but has generally a narrow Watteau plait at the back, and the fronts are either fitted or hang loose, as the wearer's taste dic-

A matinee consists really of skirt and sacque, the latter quite loose from the shoulders. The skirt is comparatively scant-4 yards in the trim when dress skirts mesure 6 and 8-but is so trimmed with flounces and ruffles that its narrowtrimmed with a ruffle edged with lace; no flounce, but several small ruffles; a deep flounce ruffle over a narrow ruffle and caught up at intervals with rosettes of narrow ribbon-all are fashionable. The skirt is short, the same length all around, and must not touch the ground even at would look too scant were it not that the sacque is made quite long, sometimes to the top of the flounce. The loose sacque has sometimes a Watteau plait at the back and a jacket effect in front, with rows and rows of lace put on in jabot effect on a waistcoat. Lace by the way, is the integral point with these matinees, but not necessarily expensive lace. The imitation Valenciennes and all the lighter laces are used, about 2 inches wide.

#### HER WINTER UMBRELLA.

The dainty parasols, with their billows of chiffon and lace and quaint Dresden figures, which made a most effective background for the summer girl, and incidentally kept off the sunbeams, have been carefully wrapped in tissue paper and laid away, and now, says the New York Sun, she begins to think of a new umbrella to shield her from the winter rains. A radical change has taken place in umbrellas since the close-roll became popular, and no wonder, for nothing is uglier and more uncomfortable to carry than a heavy, clumsy unmbrella. The close roll has a solid steel rod, and the frame interlocks when it closes, so that the most inexperienced person can wrap the silk very close without trouble. The close-roll has done another thing; it has created a demand for higher-priced umbrellas. The woman who used to be content with an umbrella marked "special at \$1.98 to-day only" will not even glance at such a sign nowadays, but goes straight to the umbrella department, asks for a close-roll, and willingly pays \$5 for it.

With a woman the handle of an umbrella is the most important part, and this fall the favorite material in handles is burnt or plain ivory with deposited or applied silver. The handle, to be stylish, no matter whether it is in plain natural wood or the finest ivory that ever came from elephant, must be without hook or crook. It must be absolutely straight. Pearl and silver are also a fashionable combination, but are not considered so well as the burnt ivory, which takes a very rich golden brown when submitted to heat. When the silk used with such a handle is of golden-brown taffets the combination is irresistible, judging from the number carried by the swagger-looking women. Umbrellas with such handles sell at \$15 re-

Dresden handles, that came so high and were such a rage two years ago, are away down in price, and all because they are no longer the correct thing. They are pretty, however, and many people who do not try to keep up with the styles in such things buy them. For those who wear mourning the shell handle is the thing, and is very handsome, both plain and carved. The average price of a shell-handled umbrella is \$20, and if a melancholy lady wishes to brighten the handle a little with her monogram in small sterling silver or gold, she must give up several dollars more. The natural wood handles are always in great demand, for they are always in good

Most women have an idea that twilled silk wears better than anything else, but this is not true. A fine quality of taffeta stands more hot suns and storms than any other silk and is the highest in favor. Blue is the favorite color just now, but brown bids fair to push it to the wall and the dark greens and reds are also coming to the front. Of course, black is the stand-

PAPIER MACHE PRESENTS.

Simple Methods of Applying This Ready Made Carving.

Papier mache is a compound of paper and glue worked into a pulp. While soft it is pressed into molds. The molded beadings, "pearls," "buds," wreaths, ribbons or rosettes are at first pliable and easily manipulated. They become hard on exposure to the air. The dry papier mache ornaments may be obtained and art materials.

tion they may fancy or which the article to be enriched may demand.

The method of applying this ready chariots of fire round about Elisha." made carving is very simple. The water may be kept hot.

will conveniently hold. In a few minutes they will become soft and pliable. These softened ornaments should be kept in the pan while working and taken Elisha. quickly from it as used.

working object, whatever it may be, as to insure the accurate placing of each. Now, with a pair of tweezers take one water and place it carefully in position,



pressing it firmly but gently down with the soft wad of cotton, at the same time with armed threats, I have to tell being careful not to mar or efface the

it firmly to the object being decorated, as the heated and softened glue in the it when dry and hard.

wood, stone, marble or glass, also heavy uished commanders, and resources incardboard, and even to such fabrics as velour or velvet, but the beginner is velour or velvet, but the beginner is Nothing against immensity. likely to get the best results in using wooden articles as the basis of decora-

When the applied ornaments are dry, the work may be finished in various ornaments may be finished with stain the box. If this staining is carefully fect of the most delicate oak carving.

If you make your box of whitewood, give the box and the ornaments also and the gangrened wounds, and the two coats of white or ivory tinted paint exhausting hunger, and the long march, and finish with a light coat of white varnish over all.

gold if you like. The prepared gold sha." paint is easier to use and looks well for acle. The world never saw his like, and probably never will see his like gilding may be over or under the var- was let down a divine interposition.

Christmas Gifts For the Servant.

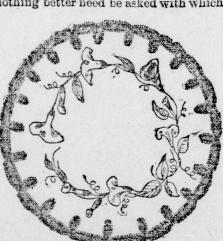
Christmas as she is all the rest of the it was not wealth against poverty, it year. If she decides to remain through the festive season, then it is necessary that her magnanimity be fittingly rewarded. She must have a present. If she keeps her kitchen neat and

cheerful, it may encourage her to have a rush rocking chair added to its furni- in armed indignation. ture. If she seems to take any pride in come but extermination? her own room, a dainty bureau set will please her, or a set of bookshelves, if she happens to own any books, will de- strength and a determination that the

The material for a dress, aprons, handkerchiefs, gloves or mittens, a Jackson met, and Nathaniel Lyon and brooch, some linen cuffs and collars- Sydney Johnson rode in from North almost any little personal belonging—and South, and Grant and Lee, the will make her feel that the family has two thunderbolts of battle, clashed? Yet, we are a nation, and yet we are her interest at heart.

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Dainty linen embroideries are always good and are always welcome. Every woman who has a house, or indeed every woman who has a room, can find a use for all she is so lucky as to possess, and nothing better need be asked with which



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to start the Christmas list. This new combination is if possible even levelier than the familiar bits of work that have gone before. It consists of an edge of Honiton lace and finely embroidered flowers worked in wash silks in the natural colors. The center doily is round and the wreath is composed of morning glories worked in old pink, but squares, ovals and any flower you prefer can be made after the same general plan.

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### Preaching to Politicians.

Dr. Talmage Descants on the Glory of His Native Country

And Her Possibilities for Good-Christian Advice to Her Rulers and Citizens.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.-As today of dealers in cabinet makers' supplies the Congress of the United States assembled, and many of the members Most of the ornaments used in the were present at the delivery of this making of large or small designs come in sections and of several sizes, also in most appropriate theme, showing that in all their work they might realize the powers of darkness been so determined to win this continent as now. What a jewel it is—a jewel carved in relief, the cameo of this planet? A consome cases graduated, thus giving the in all their work they might realize home decorators ample opportunity to that God has always been on the side carry out almost any scheme of decora- of this nation. Text: II. Kings, vi., 17: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw; and behold, this continent of North and South Amthe mountain was full of horses and erica—one hundred millions, and room

"working tools" are a pan of hot wathe representatives of all sections of and all fruits. Who shall have
the representatives of all sections of and all fruits. Who shall have
this beloved land. Let us welcome this hemisphere, Christ or Satan? Who cotton. If a large object is to be deco- them with prayers and benedictions. A shall have the shore of her inland seas, rated, it may be found convenient to nobler group of men never entered the silver of her Nevadas, the gold of work by a stove, where the pan of hot Washington, than those who will to- her Colorados, the telescopes of her morrow take their places in the Sen- observatories, the brain of her univerate Chamber and the House of Rep- sities, the wheat of her prairies, the Having decided on the design and selected the papier mache ornaments, drop or leave their families at tht home- ocean beaches, and all the moral and lected the papier mache ornaments, drop or leave their lamines at the home ocean beaches, and an the moral and stead far away, may the blessing of temporal and spiritual and everlasting the Eternal God be upon them. I propose to show you and show them, all human computation? You and I will have a specific to the propose to show you and show them. so far as I may now reach their ear, decide that, or help to decide it, by or tomorrow their eye through the conscientious vote, by earnest prayer, printing press, that God will be with by maintenance of Christian instituthem to help them, as in the text he

As it cost England many regiments It is best, of course, to have the de- and two million dollars a year to keep sign lightly sketched directly upon the Safely a troublesome captive at St. Helena, so the King of Syria sends out a whole army to capture one minthe position of the ornaments must be ister of religion-perhaps 50,000 mendecided before beginning to apply them, to take Elisha. But Elisha was not to insure the accurate placing of each. the mountains all around full of sup-Now, with a pair of tweezers take one ernatural forces, and he knew that piece at a time directly from the hot if there were 50,000 Syrians against him, there were 100,000 angels for him. Horses of fire harnessed to charlots of fire, and drivers of fire pulling reins of fire on bits of fire, and warriors of fire with brandished swords of fire and the brilliance of that morning sunrise was eclipsed by the galloping splendors of the celestial cavalcade. "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and behold the mountain was full of horses and charlots of fire round about Elisha." I speak of the upper forces of the text that are to fight on our side as a nation. If all the low levels are filled

You will notice that the Divine equipage is always represented as a contour or delicate modeling of the orament.

enthralments have been through
This is all that is necessary to secure scorching agonies and red disasters. The American revolution started from the pen of James Hancock, in Inde-pendence Hall, in 1776. The colonies, composition adheres closely, and noth- without ships, without ammunition, ing short of a hard blow will dislodge without guns, without trained war-it when dry and hard. riors, without money, without prestige. On the other side the mightiest nation Papier mache ornaments may be applied to almost any material, such as grandest navies, and the most disting-

generals, and through the jealousies at small successes, and through the winters which surpassed all predecessors ways. If, for instance, you have deco- in depths of snow and horror of conrated a glovebox of walnut or oak, the gealment. What decided the contest in our favor? The upper forces, the upper armies. The green and white to closely imitate the natural wood of mountains of New England, the Highlands along the Hudson, the mountains done, the raised work will have the ef-fect of the most delicate oak carring were full of reinforcements which the young man Washington saw by faith and his men endured the frozen feet because "the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and behold, the mountains were full of horses You can "pick out" the design in and chariots of fire round about Eli-Washington himself was a mirawhile, but for durability and real rich- again, because there probably never ness of effect gold leaf is best. The will be another such exigency. He

He was from God direct. Then, in 1861, when our civil war opened, many at the north and at the South pronounced it national suicide. "The girl" is as much of a problem at It was not courage against cowardice, was not large States against States, It was heroism against heroism, it was the resources of many generations against the resources of generations, it was the prayer of the North against the prayer of the South, it was one half of the nation in armed wrath, meeting the other half of the nation What could

> As the years passed on and the scroll of carnage unrolled, there came out from both sides a heroism, and a world had never seen marshaled. And what but extermination could come when Philip Sheridan and Stonewall at peace. Earthly courage did not decide the conflict. The upper forces of

Again, the horses and charlots of God came to the rescue of this nation in 1876, at the close of a Presidentia election, famous for ferocity. Some said Mr. Tilden was elected; others said Mr. Hayes was elected; and how near we came to universal massacre, some of us guesss, but God only knew. I ascribe our escape not to the honesty and righteousness of infuriated politicians, but I ascribe it to the upper forces of the text. Chariots of mercy rolled in. In the awful excitement at the massacre of Lincoln, when there was a prospect that greater slaughter open upon this nation, hushed the tempest. In the awful excitement at the time of Garfield's assassination, God put his foot on the neck of the cyclone. To prove God is on the side of this nation, I argue from the last eight or nine great tional harvests, and from the national health of the last quarter of a century, epidemics very exceptional, from the spreading of the Church of God, and from the country blossoming with asylums and reformatory inwhich promises that this whole land is to be a paradise, where God shall

God will save this nation through an aroused moral sentiment. There has never been so much discussion of morals and immorals. Men. whether or not they acknowledge what is right, think what is right. We have men who have their hands in the public treasury the most of their lifetime. stealing all they could lay their hands on, discoursing eloquently about dis-honesty in public servants; and men with two or three families of their own, preachig eloquently about the beauties of the Seventh Commandment. Nothing but Christianity will ever

stop such a flood of indecency. The Christian religion will speak after

or every four years, must be rebuked by that religion which speaks from its two great mountains, from the one mountain intoning the command,"Thou

shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and from the other mount making plea for kindness and blessing rather than cursing. Yes, we are going to have a national religion. The Christian religion is coming to take possession of every ballot box, of every school house, of every home, of every valley, of every mountain, of every acre of our national domain. Never since, according to John Mil-

ton, when "Satan was hurled headlong flaming from the ethereal skies in hideous ruin and combustion down," have tinent 10,500 miles long, and 17,000,000 square miles, and all of it but oneseventh capable of rich cultivation. One hundred millions of population on The American Congress is assembling. Arriving, or already arrived are all precious woods, and all grains tions, by support of great philanthrofilled the mountains with help for pies, by putting body, mind and soul Elisha. and national movements.

One of the seven wonders of the world was the white marble watch tower of Pharos of Egypt. Sostratus, the architect and sculptor, after building that watch tower, cut his name in it. Then he covered it with plaster, and to please the king, he put the monarch's name on the outside of the plastering; and the storms beat and the seas dashed in their fury, and they washed off the plastering, and they washed it out, and they washed it down, but the name of Sostratus was deep cut in the imperishable rock. So across the face of this nation there have been a great many names written, across our finances, across our religions, names worthy of remembrance, names written on the architecture of our churches and our schools and our asylums and our homes of mercy; but God is the architect of this continent, and he was the sculptor of all its grandeurs; and long after-through the wash of the ages and the tempests of centuries-all other names shall be obliterated, the divine signature and divine name will be brighter and brighter as the millenniums go by, and the world shall see that the God who made this continent has redeemed it by his grace from all its sorrows and from all its crimes. We may not have our name, like the

name of Sostratus, cut in imperishable rock and conspicuous for centuries, but we shall be remembered in a better place than that, even in the heart of him who came to redeem us and redeem the world, and our names will be seen close to the signature of his wound, for, as today he throws out his arms to us, he says: "Behold, I have graven thee on the palms of my hand." By the mightiest of all agencies, the potency of prayer, I beg you seek our Chase & Sanborn's



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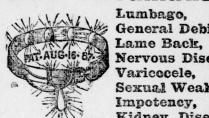
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awhile. The billingsgate and low scandal through which we wade every year, Woods' Fair, 176 and 1761 Dundas Street.