INTERESTS HOME

Conducted by HELENE.

is nothing nicer or better than trip over the mountain. The paths no slush as yet, and the rarified air invigorates after breathing the dust, setting it will be necessary to walk laden atmosphere of the city. Pos sibly snowshoeing is the pleasantest way to accomplish the trip, but no one need hesitate to undertake it who, for one reason or another, do not take kindly to snowshoes, as simply walking across is a delight in The slide is always an at traction, more especially on a Sa turday afternoon; then, skiing also comes in for its share of interest; and on the whole a few hours spent on old Mount Royal is not time lost. Far from it. Apart from the healthful pleasure the tramp may be, it is so good to get away from the noisy bustle of the city at its feet and to feel the freedom of the wilds while within hailing distance of habitation. The pines seem to be the only things which have not submitted to the stern edict. Their green is so remarkable just now, when every thing else is buried 'neath its winter mantle. And yet it is such a little while until we will walk through green glades thickly strewn with ar abundance of wild flowers, and there will be no thought of the moonlight tramp on snowshoes because there will-be a present surfeit of delight which only for the sheltering snow would not then be ours.

. . . FASHIONS.

The wave of brown, in every shade, that has overwhelmed us, irrespe tive of sex or age, is happily receding, and the wise ones who foresaw its popularity and passed it by whe ordering clothes at the beginning of the season, are now rejoicing over their sagacity. Nevertheless, brow always has been, and always will be a favorite color, and, after this present furor for it, will re-establish it self on its old-time basis.

A sectional shirred skirt is made of willow green veiling, the tucks sim ply stitched, but can be reproduced in a variety of materials. The skirt is made in three sections joined be neath frills formed by gathering the upper edges of the two lower ones. The upper section is shirred to form a hip voke, the centre one for its cnflounce shirred for several rows at its upper edge and laid in tucks at

In Paris the women do not follow in sheep fashion a certain color or style, as they do in this country, consequently there is always with them a touch of originality is even the plainest gown. So many fascinating colors are

killed by their own popularity that it is always safe to be a little conservative in choosing a gown or hat that one must wear a whole season Of course the woman of unlimited means may throw aside a thing that fortunate sister the wiser plan is to wait to choose the color of her gown and when in doubt take black. A New York woman who goes to

England every little while for idea and Scotch terriers for her kennels has introduced a new departure in women's footgear. She got the suggestion from some of the smart wo men in London, and then insisted upon her New York shoemaker adopt In less than a month nearly every up-to-date dealer and make in Manhattan was making money out of it. This is her explanation:

'When women put on a tan walk ing shoe and every smartly-dressed an wears tan boots and very short skirts this year-and then puts on a black rubber over the russet her feet look abnormal. This is es pecially emphasized where extension soles and instep skirts are worn.

"Now, our foggy city sisters are rather cleverer at these things than we Americans, and some time discovered that a tan rubbe could be made as well as black ones set shoe made the foot look for dzes smaller and a whole lot dres

If we are to credit all the res

For those who enjoy walking there | Possibly the most noticeable thing among the new importations is unanimity with which milliners have posed the bulk of the trimming upon beaten, the snow is firm, there is the backs of the hats. If these straw really show which way the tide is around the summer girl in order to enjoy her millinery thoroughly Moreover, a large number of the mo dels, one might say without exagger ation a majority of them, are tilted forward over the face in a fashion distinctly saucy, and the trimming is massed under the brim or against the brim and hair at the back. turally, many of the brims are turn ed up sharply and the trimming built up against them. It sounds rather dreadful, and in a good many cases it looks very much as i sounds, and the hat angle would be hopelessly unbecoming to the average woman; but on the other hand some of the new models are very

> The lingerie hats deserve specia mention, and the singerie hat of the coming summer does not mean meretions. The broderie Anglais fad has invaded the millinery world and this openwork or evelet embroidery is the basis of some of the most delightful summer hats.

The wide brim which droops all around save at the one point, is faced with corded shirrings of cream net. There is too a wide brimmed, high-crowned hat of this embroidered linen, whose drooping brim is escalloped and buttonholed on the edge and is faced with many little frills of Valenciennes. tanding frills of Valenciennes surround the crown, and on the front of the hat, falling forward over the brim and backward over the crown, is big, loose bunch of wonderfully na tural white and lavender lilacs.

. . . TIMELY HINTS.

A length of cretonne laid over the pillows is one woman's solution of day bed dressing in these days who fashion has declared pillow shame quite passe. . Of course a spread of cretonne to match goes without say

ticks are to grow yellow or discolored just where the head rests. A way to avoid this is to keep old pillowcases for tick covers und the outside pillow slips.

Bronze lamps or chandeliers should never be wiped with a damp cloth or the bronzing will wear off. A fea ther duster only should be used.

A saturated solution of borax an water, rubbed on with a sponge then followed by clear water, wil remove glaze, the result of wear from black goods.

The musty taste and smell may removed from a metal teapot that has not been used for some time by putting in a red-hot cinder and let ting it remain until it is cold

To keep cheese moist and prevent its molding, wrap it in a cloth wet with cider vinegar

Sweet oil and putty powder, followed by soap and water, are that could be desired to clean brass and copper.

Before frying bacon soak it water for three or four minutes. This will prevent the fat from running and will make the bacon go further One ingenious woman hangs pretty china plates on the wall by the following method: Three or four large dress hooks were slipped over the edge of each plate. Wrapping cord was then run across the back of the plate from book to book, fastened ecurely in the centre with a loop to hang the plate up by. White hooks being used, they were scarcely no ticeable when the plates were hung.

For some cleaning purposes materials are commonplace articles to be found in every household. cut raw potato may be turned to good account when you get mud stains on your black dress. mud should be allowed to dry before making any attempt to remove it.

Then brush off as thoroughly as possible, and if any stains remain rub the cut surface of a raw potato over

the spots.
Wooden picture frames, whether polisher oak, walnut or any other polished wood, may be improved greatly by being rubbed over with a mixture of turpentine and linseed oil. The pro-portion is one tablespoonful of tur-pentine to three of linseed oil. Ap-ply with a small piece of cloth or flannel and rub until quite dry. Table linen to look its best must

weathed as white as snow and ironwhile very wet with irons not lough to scorch. The froning must be kept up until the linen is perfectly dry, first on the wrong side to bring out the pattern and then the reverse to acquire a polish. Fine damask should never be starched.

warm water and ammonia, used for freshening carpets, add a tablespoon and the result he still more satisfactory than usual To remove grease spots from silk moisten the spot with chloroforn and rub with a cloth till dry. + + +

RECIPES.

A delicious way to prepare salmon can of salmon, remove all skin and bones and mince the fish finely. Stir one tablespoonful of melted into one cupful of bread crumbs, add two beaten eggs, one teaspoonful of salt and a little pepper, then fish, and mix all thoroughly. Turn the mixture into a buttered mold, cover, stand it in a pan of hot water and bake one hour, replenishing the water as it boils away. Cook gether one tablespoonful of butter and flour, season with pepper and salt. add slowly one and one-half of sweet milk, stir until cupful mooth and thick, place on the back of the stove and cook ten minutes then add one beaten egg and the oi ly the shirred baby hat in its varia-liftom the salmon, cook one minute longer and take at once from Unmold the fish on a platter, sprinkle with finely-chopped parsley, pour the sauce around it and serve.

Ham Patties-One pint cooked han chopped fine, mix with an equal amount of bread crumbs wet with milk fill this into buttered gen pans break one egg on top of each sprinkle with bits of butter and pepper, bake until brown.

Potato Puffs-Add to two teacups scold mashed potatoes, one half cup milla pinch salt, tablespoon butter two tablespoons flour, and two eggs beaten to a froth. Mix thoroughly put into a buttered pudding dish spread the top with butter, and bake a golden brown. The success of the puff depends upon having the egg beaten exceedingly light.

Small bits of cold meat, or a cerful of canned peas, left from din ner, make a heartier dish of the breakfast omelet, by adding when the eggs are set in the pan, and there folding over. Let the mistress daily inspect her pantry shelves and ice ox, if she is conscientious in he endeavor to administer wisely well the affairs of her household

One girl who was obliged to think of dishes which an invalid sister might partake of arranged prunes in such a way that the voted it a delicious dessert. soaked the prunes in water until they were plump and full. Then sh piled them in a dish and poured whipped cream over them. Some times a few almond meats added with excellent result.

The juice of canned fruit may make thickened with a little corn starch may be served warm with hot steam ed or baked puddings. A rich fruit syrup is, like honey, a delicious accompaniment to hot griddle cakes and waffles.

"MOTHER."

There is no title more beautiful The good woman glories in it and fits herself to be worthy of the name in every sense Willingly she goes down into the valley of the shadow of death that she may rise almost glorified in her new honor. Unfortunately there are many erring, selfish mothers, as well as good one ver have been mothers. The woma who accepts the crown of mother should discharge her dutie faithfully, even though they involve Reverence would be th sacrifice. natural possession of every child is the paren's were worthy of the re-spect of their children. Parents may ther their children respect them or not-that the achievement is no worth the effort which it costs -but it matters to the children Their own well-being demands tha As binding as this duty should be considered by parents, equally so is their own old age. Parents should not, when the evening of life comes he dependent on their children, thus interfeding with the responsibilities those children must naturally have assumed. It should be the duty and privilege of a mother to teach

GRACE OF WOMEN

han beauty. certain fine self-possession, an which reposes on its own sensation and derives pleasure from all arou it, that is more irresistible than any other attraction. There is an air of languid enjoyment in such persons, "in their eyes, in arms, and their hands and which robs us of ourselver faces, and draws us by a secret sympathy toward them. Their minds are shrine where pleasure reposes. Their smile diffuses a sensation like breath of spring. Petrarch's cription of Laura answers to character, which is indeed the Italian character. Titian's pictures are full of it; they seem sustained by sentiment or as if the persons who painted sat to music.

. . Those who knit and crochet know the trouble caused by the ball of yarn or floss falling and rolling easily obviated if the yarn is wo so that it can be used from the in side of the ball instead of in ordinary way. Unrolling from outside is the cause of the ball's rolling propensities. First wind the wool or silk six or eight time over the outstretched fingers of th left hand, giving as great a length as possible to the windings and keeping in mind the fact that these wind ings are to be pulled from the centre when the ball is finished. With thes first windings always protruding a the top and bottom, proceed as us al, winding very loosely. When the skein is wound the outside is tucked in securely, and the first is pulled out. After once using and experiencing the satisfaction of a nonroll ing ball the knitter will never back to the old method of working from the outside.

WHITTIER AND HIS ADMIRERS. Few poets had more admirers among women than Whittier had and this admiration frequently tool personal form. One day his sister in her slow, Quaker fashion, we describing these eruptions. "Thee Greenleaf spends in trying to los hese people on the streets. Some times he comes home and says: 'Well sister. I had hard work to lose him out I have lost him !" To this Whittier pathetically added, "But can never lose her.

IF YOU WOULD BE POPULAR We know two women. One of them care of her horse besides. She is happy and singing all the day long. The keyboard of her life sounds whining note. It is a pleasure to he with her, a good, wholesome tonic to watch her. other woman is so situated

that she does not have to work. Nothing to do but amuse herself. She no zest in life, no interest in anything. She is a bunch of selfishness and whines at everything. Whining has become such a habit with her that her most casual remark tinged with a whine. She is miser able herself and makes everybody else in her presence miserable. is a weakling, a parasite, a a heavy weight on somebody all the

it will stop the development and growth of your body. row and shrink your mind. It drive away your friends; it will make you unpopular.

AVOID RASH JUDGMENTS

We must always interpret in best sense we can what we see our neighbors do; and in doubtful things we must persuade ourselves that but that it is our imperfection that causes such thoughts, in order avoid rash judgments on the actions of others, which is a very dangerou evil and to be detested above things.-St. Francis de Sales.

GOOD ADVICE

In an admirable sermon delivered by Rev. Father Lawton, S.J., a umont, Texas, the following prac-

tical suggestions were made : "Keep off the tables of your home poisonous product of a prurient age, on whose pages are to be found ro-mances reeking with maudlin senti ment, glowing with sensuous descrip tions and illustrated with picture that would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the decent, self-re-specting paganism. Teach your daughters to look for higher ideals of womanhood than those to be found in the vapid pages of the so-ciety novel; teach them the rare, the almost forgotten art of making home happy and attractive for those who dwell therein; teach them to be an-gels of light in their own homes

A conference of the directors of the transatlantic steamship lines in L don agreed to increase the cabin

Mr. Balfour announced in the House of Commons on Monday that Mr. Wyndham, the chief secretary of Ire land, had resigned.

President Roosevelt's inauguration on Saturday is declared to have been the most brilliant and imposing inauguration ever witnessed While studying in preparation for

his first Communion, Joseph Asselin, eleven years of age, died suddenly in the parish church of Longueuil Tuesday.

The Parliamentary press gallery held its annual dinner on Saturda night. The function was one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

The Government has refused to en tertain the offer made by the Dominion Steamship Co. for the carrying of the Canadian mails to and from the British Isles.

Mrs. Leland Stanford, widow senator Stanford, founder of Leland University at Palo Alto, California was poisoned last Thursday by trychnine, and died in great agony. The rumors concerning the separa

tion of the Montreal and Quebe val Universities are unfounded, ac ording to a cablegram to the vice ector from His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi. The management of the City and

Savings Bank have under District consideration the reconstruction their premises on St. James street, or maybe the erection of an entirely new building. The House of Commons Railwa

Committee on Friday reported a bill giving the Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Ship Canal seven years extension of time to complete their proposed work. Some fifteen hundred British immi

grants passed through the city on Monday on their way to the North west. They are a fine looking lot of people, and number many mechanics mong them. The Rev. Father Lacombe, the ve

teran missionary, left Winnipeg on Thursday last for this city, to pronote a plan to locate two thou halfbreeds in a colony a hundred and twenty miles north-east of Edmon

The householder of Montreal face to face with the prospect of an almost immediate appreciable addition to his bread bill, for the bakers of the city are about to increase the cost of the 21 lb. loaf from 9 to 10 cents.

On motion of Senator Spooner, the privileges of the floor of the American Senate were extended on Friday Hon. Raoul Dandurand night to Speaker of the Canadian Senate, and Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who were present in the gallery.

Judge Winchester, the royal nissioner, appointed to investigate the alleged employment of aliens in connection with the surveys of the Frand Trunk Pacific Railway, reports that he finds that no effort is made to procure Canadian engineers, and | nulled it himself and instituted the that discrimination is shown in favor of those from the United States.

The business of the Fairbanks in Canada has been purchased by Mr. Henry J. Fuller, and in the very near future the new Canadian Fairbanks Co., Ltd., as it is called, will build a large plant in the city for the manufacture of the Fairbanks chinery and railway and mill supplies which have heretofore been imported.

About five hundred Russian Jews ave arrived in the city in groups during the last week. It was cided at first to keep the bulk of the party at Halifax till spring, but a change was made, and the Jewish people of Montreal will be respon sible for the keep of the whole per until such can be absorbed. Each immigrant has a certain sum of mo

The C.P.R. were given an exter sion of time to build the eight oranch lines in Manitoba and the Cerritories that parliament authorize ed five sessions ago. There was a protest against another extension of time to build the Napinka branch, in time to build the Napinka branch, East Assiniboia. Mr. Drinkwat for the Company, however, promis that all the branches would started within two years and finis d within five years



THE IRISH MARTYRS.

The Holy Father received in private audience recently the Postulator (Monsignor Murphy, of the Irish College) and the Vice-Postulator (Very, Rev. J. S. Commee, S.J.) in the cause of the Irish martyrs.

Since the Pope came to know of the judicial proceedings taken in be half of even a group of the men and women who gave their lives for the faith in the 16th and 17th centuries in Ireland, His Holiness has shown a special interest in the case, and being informed that Father Con mee had just brought to Rome Acta of inquiry held in the Dublin Diocesan Court, he very willingly granted an audience to him and the Postulator. Father Conmee told the Pope of

the steadiness and vigor with which the inquiry had been prosecuted-a steadiness and vigor which had enabled the Court, presided over by the Archbishop of Dublin, within the space of one year to collect and to tabulate evidence regarding one hundred and sixty-five individuals-evidence given by witnesses who had to be sought out with discriminating care, evidence drawn =from regions as remote as Australia. The Pope listened with pleasure and admiration; then, speaking with great emphasis, he said:—"We must now see that the Sacred Congregation of Rites does its part. I will speak to the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation; I will speak to the Promotor Fidei. Monsignor Verdi: I will impress on both of them that the cause of the Irish Martyrs is one in which I take a special personal in terest, and that it is my desire that the proceedings in Rome shall be conducted with energy and with despatch." His Holiness also noted how fitting it was that Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli should be the Cardinal Ponente in the case, adding that His Eminence's heart would no cessarily be in any work affecting the honor of Ireland.

Why the Church Annuls Marriage.

Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, S.J., of New York, lectured on divorce the other night before a large audience in Loyola College Hall, Baltimore. Among other things Father Camp-

bell said : "The assertion made at a mass meeting of Episcopalians of New York by Dr. Silas B. McBee, editor of The Churchman, that the Catholic Church could afford no help against divorce because it had introduced a thing more dreadful-the annulment of marriage by the Popeomes with very poor judgment or poor memory from one whose whole church was built on a marriage an-nulment. The Pope had refused the annulment of the marriage of Henry VIII. with Katherine. It transcended his power. Whereupon Henry an-Church of England.

"If there lever was an occasi when the Pope ought to have yielded The northern nations it was then. of Europe had revolted against the Church; discontent was seething the rest, when the king, who just been named Defender of Catholic Faith, announced his intertion to drag England into the sch Though the Pope was advised that he could do so by bishops, univ ties and theologians, and urged to it by every motive of public policy, he refused, and England was ever lost to the Church. disclaiming against annulments parriage, Anglicans should be partial to them. "To say that Catholic annula

dreadful than divorces to claim that they have done me harm, in the United States, for stance, than the 60,000 divorces last year, or the 700,000 in thirt four years, not to speak of the re of the world. But as nobody h eard of anything like a corresp ng 60,000 or 700,000 anni he statement cannot be taken

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE

Report for the week ending Se ay, 4th March, 1905: The following people had a nis deging and breakfast: Irish, reach, 178; English, 28; other

Dear Boys and Girls : I would like to see eve letters. This is C Glad to hear from Write soon again D. is quite an old friend nie was very thoughtful I hope her cold Mary E. is a new contri hope she will keep her pr write a long letter next est regards to all my litt Your loving frien AUNT I

near Aunt Beckey : We receive the True Wit fond of reading the little you, and would like to mine in print. I am nine I go to school every day near my home. I am in reader, and I study Cate graphy, Sacred Histo History of Canada. My name is Miss Katie Henne like her very much. I ha tle brothers, one older younger than myself.

Good-bye from Your loving niece

West Frampton, Que. Dear Aunt Beclev :

sister. Santa Claus brou

dolly, oranges, candy. I

you a longer one the

This is my first letter. the True Witness and I li the letters in it. As the so few I thought I would I am nine years old and ge every day, as my home is school. I am in the fifth like my teacher very well. a town and my father is and makes good trade. I will be all for the first ti

Your loving frien Hudson, Mass.

. . . Dear Aunt Beckey : I was sorry to see only

letter in the corner this suppose you have received nd letter. This is my t and I am interested very writing. I am getting o school. My sister Winnie to school when the weath She has a cold, this week not go. She is longing to write to you, and sends was seven the 24th of She is in the first book every fine evening after cla Thursdays with my little Johnny and Ernest, John years. He is handy. He m They sleds and toy carts. brothers. Ernest is my s to bed at 7 o'clock in wir

Your loving nephe HAR West Frampton, Que.

Dear Aunt Becky:
As I have not written while I thought I would let you know that I am started to write last week not find any news. It is a around here this winter. storms nearly every second the roads are awful bad day with my two brothers sisters, and we had to turn drifts. My grandma has h sick, but she is up around go to school every day. Va a little village with hills or d our school is on one of I have a little brother four

and he likes to snowshoe v Now, dear Aunt Becky, I ho my letter in print. As news I will close, saying good-b WASHING Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.

(Glad to hear again for Washington.

A GENTLEMAN.

Let no boy think he can gentleman by the clothes the horse he rides, the trots after him, the horse in or the money he specine one or all of these things one or all of these things of yet every boy may be a g He may wear an old h clothes, live in a poor spend but little money.

By 5eing true, manly and ay being civil and cour