THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

Informal Matinees—Dress Reform— How To Get On in the World— Women as Architects—Toothsome Dishes—Latest Style in Riding

A Charming Matinee.

A mong the social functions most popular in Newport this summer are the musical Mondays of a certain fashionable woman. These are informal matiness of the most delightful character. The hostess is at home from 11 o'clock until 1, and there is sure to be something exceedingly good in the way of music to hear. The house is surrounded by an unusually wide veranda, and there is a broad, almost square hall running through the house, with quaint old Dutch doors divided into upper and lower halves, opening on to the back and front lawns. This hall is a bright, quaintly furnished place made gay with Japanese sorcens and bits of rich silk draperies. The portieres are all looped up over the doors leading finto the different rooms, thus throwing open all the lower portion of the house, but the music is given in the hall, where the piano is placed at one end with violin and a harp. Rows of folding chairs fill up the rest of the space. The daughter of the house, who is an excellent musician herself, has that department in charge, and the programme is always filled up in advance. Friends are enlisted who are glad to suppy their quota to the general amusement, and the music, both vocal and instrumental, is generally of a high order. The hostess receives her guests in a simple toilet of gingham or sheer white musin, and the guests are, as a rule, in strict morning costume, very often a plain ging ham gown and garden hat making up the toilet of the ladies. Between the moreaux there is a general conversation, and after the programme has been gone through the guests break up in groups, and exchange greetings until their carriages drive up to take them away. At 1 o'clock they have all departed excepting those who took part in the concert. These remain to luncheon, which is usually a very elaborate affair at 2 o'clock. No refreshments are served to the general guests, the hours 11 to 1 making it unnecessary. These Mondays are to be continued for six weeks, and haw thus far been a great success.—[Art Euterchange

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1. First, that compression of the waist is inconsistent with the maximum of health and strength.

2. The limbs, both arms and legs, should have the freest play that is consistent with the accepted principles of woman's dress.

3. That clothing should by its lightness and convenient mode of support make the smallest demand on the muscular strength, and thus leave the individual free to employ her physical forces in work more useful and interesting than that of simply carrying her clothes.

There is nothing startling or new in the above. Thousands of women in this country have held the above views for years, and have worked faithfully to reform their friends. The worst enemies the dress reform movement has had to meet with have been its own advocates—women who went to the other extreme and made a god of comfort, and looked upon those who attempted to combine grace and comfort as weak, and those who clung to corset aid and other misappliances of the dressmaker's art as wicked. We have gained a step at least; women are learning that lack of proportion is the fact that is to be concealed if concealment is necessary, not size, and so the tightened waist secured at The deliber double in liquid and provided in the security of the contract of the security of the security of the contract of the security of t

Woman Architects.

Says an exchange: About the broadest, richest field for reminine talent in this country is offered in the architect's profession. It presents countless advantages and scarcely a single disability to the sex. In facility and skill in the use of pencils women are ready rivals of men, and yet for lack of proper direction they fritter away their abilities in decorating china tea cups, with a lot of other trumpery, while the masculine artist sets himself to making his art pay.

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J. Pickering Putnam, a Boston architect. in his contribution to the American Archi-tect on "Architecture Under Nationalism" speaks of the loss to the art from the fact that women, as a rule, do not share in its that women, as a rule, do not share in its practice. These views are held by the Il-lustrated American, which thinks that the broadest, richest field for feminine talent in broadest, richest field for feminine talent in this country "is offered in the architect's profession. There is small doubt that if a draughtswoman, one who has studied the primary and immediate degrees thoroughly, should apprentice herself to one of the many firms established throughout the country, she would in time stand just as good a chance as any male employe of win-ning promotion and financial distinction."

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Tittle-Tattle.

The Empress of Russia is so thin and haggard that the friends who have not seen her within a few years do not recognize her.

The Queen of England's ladies-in-waiting only receive \$1,500 a year, and they are expected to wear a new costume every time they appear at dinner.

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