

LADIES' DEPT.

SAVING TIME.

It is remarkable how much more work some people will accomplish within a given time than others, and appear to a casual observer to be doing less, because so calm and quiet in their movements. Those who hurry, and fume, and fret, seldom accomplish great results, although they succeed in wearing themselves out and making it uncomfortable for those with whom they come in daily contact. Some housekeepers will move about their daily tasks so quietly; will have their work so systematized; will take no unnecessary movements, and yet, to the surprise of the casual observer, their meals will be ready promptly, their work done up in a short time, and they will be seated with book or sewing in hand, with no appearance of weariness or exhaustion.

The *Rural World* says there are a great many housekeepers who do not know the value of saving steps, either for themselves or others; that is, making ten steps do all the work of twenty. They will make a half-dozen separate journeys for as many different articles, when one would have answered every purpose. For instance, in getting dinner, some women will make a separate journey to the cellar for potatoes, meat and bread. Now, once going would do every bit as well, and save a dozen aches and pains. If you are going for potatoes, take along a knife and cut the meat you are going to want, and a plate for the bread, and save yourself or some one else the task of going again within twenty minutes.

In setting the table observe the same rule. Notice and see what articles you can carry conveniently at the same time. You can as easily carry plates, saucers and cups at once, as you can to go three times. If you pass the wood pile, stop and take a few sticks with you. In short, keep your eyes open to this one idea for a few days. You will see a hundred ways in which steps can be saved, and your own strength be kept for other duties. Another thing is to take the easiest way every time. It pays in the long run.

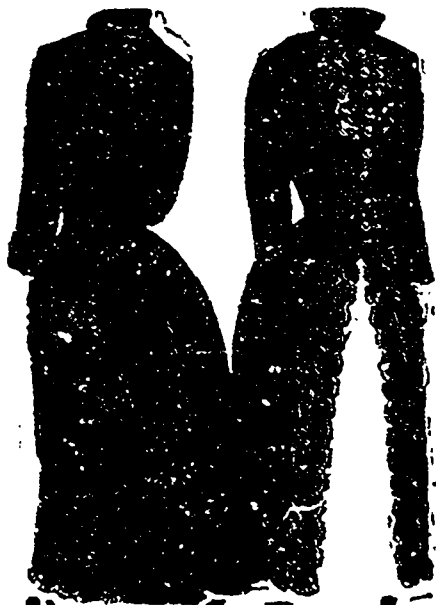
No woman has strength that she can afford to lose. And don't crowd the work of a week into one day. We are apt to act as if "to-day" was the last day we were ever going to have in which to do anything. Nine women out of ten waste more strength, and time too, in the end—for poor, tired humanity has got to rest sometime—by rushing headlong into their work. They give themselves no time for rest of body or soul, and sooner or later they must break down under the heavy burden of daily duties. Small tasks in themselves, perhaps, but the more wearing and galling for their very minuteness and seeming needlessness. *Rural Home*

FASHIONABLE HARMONY.

The author of "Camps in the Caribbees," while in the Caribbean woods, unexpectedly beheld a vision of loveliness seldom vouchsafed to dwellers in the icy North. "Close at hand, within two feet of me, sat a tiny humming-bird on a downy rest. Fearlessly it glanced at me with its bright black eyes, and curiously it followed my every motion with its shapely little head. A buzzing of wings attracted my attention, and I beheld the mate of the one on the nest darting at me with unmistakable fury, his glittering crest erected, and anger shooting from his eyes. Verily, had it's diminutive body been in proportion to his heart, I should have been destroyed. Satisfied that he could not drive me away by darting at my eyes, he rested a moment on a twig near the nest, where he was at once joined by



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No. 3009.—Lady's Redingote. The pattern of this garment is cut in five sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure. 6 1/2 yards material, 24 inches wide, 5 yards trimming, and 12 buttons. Price 25 cents, any size.

his mate, who endeavored by caresses to soothe his ruffled temper, and to assure him that my intention towards them was not evil. Touched to the heart by this exhibition of love and trust, I would not have harmed these little innocents for a fortune. Exposed for a moment were two tiny eggs, white as snow, and small as seed pearl."

Now, look about you in church, and ask what that charming lady with the humming-bird in her hat would have done had she been there. She would have caught the little breeding mother-bird and have choked it to death. She would have taken advantage of the chivalry and heroism of the little husband, to catch him as he charged down upon her and wring his soldierly neck. Then she would have robbed the nest, blown the specks of gold out of the pearly eggs, skinned the two little birds, and put the whole on her hat! no she could not be such a savage as that, but she has—and worse! She has paid a savage Carib or Brazilian not only for doing so, but also for skinning the birds alive; for that is exactly what they do in order to preserve and enhance the brilliancy of the plumage. Don't be too hard upon her. She has not seen it in that light before. We will warrant that she will buy no more humming-birds for her hat.—*Home Guardian*.

Small mantles find most favor.

Surplice necks remain in vogue.

Pongee never goes out of fashion.

Changeable silks combine four colors.

Black lace has quite regained its old time popularity.

Bronze kid is in favor again for house shoes and for slippers.

Terra cotta silk kid gloves with silk stockings of the same shade are now worn.

Ficelle or Medici lace is the coming novelty for trimming dresses and bonnets.

Low sandaled shoes are reinstated in favor for ball dress, and they look well on well formed feet.

The sleeves of dresses are now made to fit the arm so tightly that the wrists of gloves are worn over them.

Some of the newest paniers on imported dresses are formed of great pleats that stand out as if they were wired.

India pongee is the foundation for much decorative needlework for covering bureaus and buffets, and for table covers.

A lady says: "If you want to know how to tell the most stylish dress, just get in a crowd and mark the one all the women turn up their noses at."

BRACE UP—Your system for work. ZOREA, the new Dystipsia and Liver remedy, attends strictly to business in correcting the Stomach, Liver, and Kidneys. Sample bottles, 10 cents; large bottles, 75 cents.

During the examination of a witness as to the locality of the stairs in a house, the counsel asked him, "Which way did the stairs run?" The witness, who, by the way, was a noted wag, replied that "one way they ran up, but the other way they ran down." The learned counsel winked both eyes, and then took a look at the ceiling.

An American who had been to Europe was telling a friend about his trip across the Atlantic, and how, on the 23th of the month, they encountered a swarm of locusts, which carried away every stitch of canvas off the ship. The listener looked thoughtful for a moment, and then—