



FIGS. 30—31.—No. 4555.—LADIES' POLONAISE. PRICE 30 CENTS.

Quantity of Material (21 inches wide) for 30, 32 inches, 7 1-4 yards; 34, 36 inches, 7 1-2 yards; 38 inches, 8 yards; 40 inches, 9 yards.

Quantity of Material (42 inches wide) for 30, 32 inches, 3 1-4 yards; 34, 36 inches, 3 3-4 yards; 38 inches, 4 yards; 40 inches, 4 yards.

If made of materials illustrated, 6 3-4 yards of 21-inch brocaded silk and 1 1-4 yards of light silk will be required to make the medium size.

No. 4153.—LADIES' ACCORDION PLEATED SKIRT. PRICE. 30 CENTS.

This design cuts from 20 to 30 inches waist measure, and the quantity of material required for each size, of 21-inch goods, 11 3-4 yards, or 42-inch goods, 5 7-8 yards. Cambric for underskirt, 5 yards.

#### The Chief End of Woman.

Periodical literature for women concerns itself so largely with her new successes in the business world; is so taken up with chronicling her achievements in commerce, in literature, and in art, that the casual reader might be persuaded to believe the good, old-fashioned occupation of motherhood had fallen into disrepute. Surely whatsoever the female hand finds to do, let it be done with all the might and skill possible; but let the woman not forget in her new delight in the discovery of the wide range of her powers the dignity and majesty of her ancient and primal mission. Let her remember that in all ages she has stood at the altar of life, the high-priestess of humanity; that in the face of all accusations of weakness and inferiority she has gone with dumb lips and brave eyes again and again into the shadow of death to make her sacrifice for the race; and that in these later days of knowledge, biologists, after profound study of the phenomena of being, announce that it is she who is the trunk of the tree of life, and the males but a subsidiary force in the world of genesis. The scientific data from which such conclusions have been drawn have not been entirely hidden from popular apprehension, for certain facts of heritage are matters of proverbial acceptance. The sons of great men are rarely great. Great men have nearly always mothers of powerful character and mind. The dignity, freedom, and strength of a nation are usually in direct proportion to the liberty and dignity of its women, and so on, with like facts all tending to the same conclusion. It

No. 4553.—LADIES' ROUND WAIST. PRICE 20 CEN

Quantity of Material (21 inches wide) for 30 inches, 3 1-4 yards; 32 inches, 3 1-4 yards; 34 inches, 3 1-2 yards; 36 inches, 3 1-2 yards; 38 inches, 3 3-4 yards; 40 inches, 4 yards.

Quantity of Material (42 inches wide) for 30 inches, 1 5-8 yards; 32 inches, 1 5-8 yards; 34 inches, 1 3-4 yards; 36 inches, 1 3-4 yards; 38 inches, 1 7-8 yards; 40 inches, 2 yards.

Velvet, 1-4 of a yard.

No. 4552.—LADIES' TRIMMED SKIRT. PRICE 30 CENTS.

This design cuts from 22 to 32 inches waist measure, and the quantity of material required for each size, of 21-inch goods, 15 yards, or 42-inch goods, 7 1-2 yards.

is undoubtedly proven that in America, where the women are famous for their originality and the freedom of their intelligence, the men are noted for the highest development of the same qualities, and the nation moves with prodigious strides toward the full perfection of existence. Let the brilliant works of women be glorified, and cried upon the housetops with trumpets of silver; but let it not be imagined that these works are the end for which she lives, admirable as they may be in themselves. Her real mission is greater and wider than all this, and these pictures, books, scientific discoveries, learning, and commercial successes are but the means by which she works toward the lifting of the whole race. Motherhood grows more glorious with every step she takes upward in the scale of being, and her offspring, like the whelps of the lioness, shall be brought forth heirs of her own kingdom of power and dominion. Since she has caught up the torch of wisdom and learning, ages of darkness are no longer possible. Men of all races may be destroyed and obliterated by lower forces, but woman is eternal. War and barbarian influx pass by and spare her, and whatever social or political convulsion may attack our present civilization, it cannot be wholly destroyed, like those of old time, since of this one woman holds the secret.—[Harper's Bazaar.

Nevertheless, of all the stupidities of which man is capable, marriage is that which I would soonest advise him to commit; it is at least the only one that he cannot commit every day.—[A. Dumas, fils.



FIG. 60.—No. 4560.—GIRLS' COAT. PRICE 20 CENTS.

Quantity of Material (42 inches wide) for 3 years, 2 1-2 yards; 4 years, 2 7-8 yards; 5 years, 3 1-4 yards; 6 years, 3 3-8 yards; 7 years, 3 1-2 yards; 8 years, 3 7-8 yards; 9 years, 4 1-4 yards; 10 years, 4 1-2 yards.

Quantity of Material (54 inches wide) for 3 years, 2 1-8 yards; 4 years, 2 3-8 yards; 5 years, 2 5-8 yards; 6 years, 2 7-8 yards; 7 years, 3 yards; 8 years, 3 1-4 yards; 9 years, 3 5-8 yards; 10 years, 4 yards.

If velvet is used for yoke, 1-2 yard will be required

#### The Oldest Girl.

There is a certain ring of pride in a man's voice when he introduces one of his own friends by saying: "This is my oldest girl." It's a ring that comes from satisfaction. He has found that that oldest girl of his has known how to make all life pleasanter in the household, and there is nothing which delights him so much as for her to have some sort of an entertainment where the other girls and the young men are asked. Then he thinks they see just what his oldest girl is. She knows how to make this formal party a very pleasant one; she hasn't got the room so crowded with decorated scrap-basket, paper flowers, ribbon-trimmed chairs and untidy tidies as to interpose a screen between everybody; but she has it looking well furnished, homelike and cheerful. The lamp shades are as bright as only glasses can be, and you know whose busy hands keeps them in order all the year round. On the table are the illustrated papers, some photographs and some books. Not stiffly piled, but laid about carelessly that they may be picked up and talked about. Some pretty pictures stand on top of the piano, and there is a vase filled with flowers, so that the shyest girl in the world doesn't mind going back there to play for everybody because her face is hidden. Your oldest girl is considerate. Then the pleasant little break comes when the light cake, the daintily-cut sandwiches, the chocolate in its thin cups, and the lemonade in its small glasses are served. Your oldest girl and the other girls arranged all this, and then, so that there might be no confusion, had plates and napkins piled on the table, and, in addition to your own one obliging maid, got in her sister for the evening, so everybody was served. She had hard work to convince the maid that all the ladies were not to be attended to first, but at last she did make her understand that each group was to be served, and so the chatter and the talk was not stopped. She got whoever she could to play something pleasant on the piano, but she didn't encourage classical music. When it came to a question of singing she preferred that whoever could would give them dainty little ballads, and eventually the evening was wound up with a song familiar to them all; and everybody, old and young, joined in the chorus. You're right. Say it with pride always. Look at her lovingly and appreciate at her full worth "your oldest girl."

#### Their Use.

"I wonder what those sledge-hammers and saws are for?" remarked Mrs. Meddergrass to her husband, pointing to the framed assortment of tools in the forward end of the car.

"They are to break up the sandwiches the trainboy sells," replied Meddergrass, who had travelled.