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"A Number of Things."

•• VY/ILL you give me some 'pointers' on what constitutes 'style' in dress?" I asked a woman who is known as a "good dresser," the

other day.

She pondered a moment. Then she laughed.—She has a very infectious

"Well," she said, "it takes in just about everything.'

"For instance?"

"Shoes and gloves.—If they aren't nice and in good order they spoil every-thing. Of course skirts are very important; they mustn't have a tail at the back, and they mustn't poke up in front. They have to be even all around, and they have to be just the right length for the wearer; a Floradora dip isn't exactly stylish. Then there's the hat. It must be the right size for the face, and it mustn't be loaded with trimming; it is the lines that count in a hat as well as in a coat or dress." "I've always thought," I remarked,

"that millinery stores should have ful! length mirrors.

"Of course they should," she agreed. "I wouldn't buy a hat unless I could see the whole of me. You can't get the proportion any other way. . Of course, she continued, "the way you wear your hat counts for a lot. It should go well down on the head and must be put on right. If there's one thing I hate it is to see a hat put on the back of the head so that the brim sticks up in front; it

has such an *inquiring* look." I laughed, for the word seemed to express the idea exactly. "A sort of 'shot at and missed' effect," I said, rather

slangily. "You just have to consider the effect of *everything*," she went on. Of course I think 'lines' count for more than anything else. If you get the very lines that suit you it's wise to stick to them."

''*You* always wear straight lines,' I remarked.

"Yes, they suit me better. They suit most people better. Of course, well-defined waists and puffed or frilly skirts look all right for party dresses. A big floppy hat looks very well with them at a garden party-if one is young enough to wear it.

"We're threatened with pinched-in

"We're threatened with pinched-in waists, big sleeves and long skirts," I said, ruefully, "Ralph Breed has decreed it." "Threatened''s the word. I hope they'll not get a hold here; sometimes New York refuses Paris styles. For my own part, if I made the fashions I'd have straight-line effects for all business and day war, and let people business and day wear, and let people wear just what they chose for evening-'trains' if they liked." I nodded, while she stitched laboriously

at a bit of lace she was fashioning into a

"Well, what about color?" I pursued, thinking of this letter to the Ingle Nook FOUNDED 1864

EALLY it is a rather good thing that the fall Exhibitions have become to so large an extent, an advertising medium for the manufacturing plants You can get almost anything there, from a cup of excellent coffee (in an advertising booth, of course!) to a tractor for your farm, and, by going about enough with your eyes open, you find things that you did not know were manufactured at all, or knew of, at least in a hazy way. It's a good chance, too, to compare different kinds of machinery, etc., and see the best of its kind, for every manufacturer puts his "best foot forward" at the Fairs.

at the Fairs. I was very much interested in a pipeless furnace—a thing I had never even heard of before; and Dorothea was interested in a combination steam cooker to such an extent that she bought one. In it, over one flame, you can cook a roast, potatoes and another vegetable, and a pudding. The flavors don't mingle, and a whistle blows 20 minutes before the cooker requires more water. It seems to me that it would be a fine thing to have along with a coal-oil stove, it would be such a saving on the coal-oil.

The fireless cooker, too, is an excellent thing to have if one wants to save fuel. There were splendid ones at the Exhib-tions this fall, -neat in appearance, and effective as cookers.

If I were keeping house I should certainly want one, or both, of these contrivances. They save fuel in summer, and in winter also if there is a furnace in one's house which is depended upon for heating. * * * *

T Guelph, in August, one of the lecturers asked if anyone knew of a community church. One or two did. It seemed that community cha are, as yet, like the proverbial "hen's teeth," few and far between.

But the idea of a community church is in the air.

Wasn't it rather remarkable that the Anglican bishops at the Lambeth Conference, some weeks ago, came out strongly for church unity?-the Anglian bishops, mind you!-And so many people have considered the Anglican church to be the most conservative, the hardest to move in any such step as this.

This afternoon (Sept. 21st) I read the reports of the comments of several Toronto clergymen on this action of the Lambeth Conference. Said Canon Plumptre, of St. James Cathedral; "There is no exclusiveness in Christ, and from now on we want to fight side by side to bring the kingdom of God."

This is the noble talk, and, so far as it is general, it promises to be effective,-for by "Kingdom of God" what is meant but "righteousness," or "rightness," right here among us all? Sometimes we lose sight of the real meaning of these ecclesiastical phrases because we are so used to them.

I read, also, this afternoon, a report of Lord Desborough's address at the opening session of the Ninth Congress of the Charles of the Destrict the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, held in Convocation Hall of Toronto University, last Satùrday, (Sept. 18). "We are informed", said he, "and this is a matter of high importance, that out of the War Cabinet an Imperial Cabinet is to be formed and Mr. Lloyd Cabinet is to be formed, and Mr. Lloyd George has stated that a Conference will more precise what form this Imperial Cabinet shall So it appears that the Community spirit—which, after all, is merely a coming together spirit—is creeping, not only into the Churches, but into Government also. Not so very long ago we Colonials were "only Colonials" to the people over there in Great Britain; now they are recognizing us as on an equal footing with themselves. And the coming-together spirit is bound to go yet further. The poor, battered League of Nations does not look very effective yet. It is a long way from being the "Parliament of Man" which Tennyson's prophetic eye saw ahead in the vista of the future. But it is a step: "Great things from small it is a step; "Great things from small beginnings rise." The "Parliament of Man" is bound to come, sooner or later. It must have been a great sight to see the delegates from Poland and Lithuania — warring nations — shaking hands, the other day in the Council Room of the League of Nations at Paris. They had just agreed to suspend warfare



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"Oh," she said, "you can't go very far astray if you choose good material and a quiet 'lady-like' color. All the browns are good-and they're the top of fashion this fall. The grays are good, if they suit the complexion; so is taupe. Navy blue is always safe— I think I like midnight blue better; and black looks very stylish on some people. Prune is a good color, especially for elderly women. Then, for evening wear, you can have as 'Squawy' a color as you like. Cream, vellow, rose, bright blue, paddy greenanything goes for evening as long as it is dainty in material, suits one's complexion (and age) and is prettily made.

"Do you think a hat should always match a coat or suit in color?"

'Not always. Of course a brown suit or coat always seems to need brown hat and brown shoes. A taupe suit looks well with a taupe hat faced with rose. But a black hat goes very nicely with a navy or gray suit or coat. You just have to look in the mirror and see what it says.'

There! I have told you every word this "good dresser" said-and so that's done.