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LADIES' SLIGHTLY TRAINED CIRCULAR BELL SKIRT (PERFORATED FOR ROUND LENGTH, AND SEWED TO A BODICE HAVING SUSPENSERS.)
(For Illustrations see Page 503.)

No. 4241.—This stylish walking-skirt is shown worn with a blouse at figures Nos. 503 R and 506 R in this magazine.

Mixed suiting was here chosen for making the skirt, which is in circular bell style and has bias back edges that meet in a center seam beneath fan-plaits; the plaits flare in graceful fashion to the edge of the slight train, and a placket is made above the seam. The sheath-like adjustment at the front and sides of the skirt is accomplished by three darts at each side of the center, and the skirt is shaped at the top to accommodate a bodice adjusted by center and side front seams and under-arm and side-back gores, and closed invisibly at the center of the back, the left side being provided with an underlap, which is extended to form an underlap for the skirt. The lower edge of the bodice shapes a decided point at the center of the front and back, and the side-back gores are extended at the top to form suspenders, the ends of which are tacked beneath the top of the bodice back of the side-front seams. The upper edge of the bodice is finished with machine-stitching, which is continued along the edges of the suspenders; and the bottom of the skirt is deeply underfaced, the top of the underfacing being held in place with three rows of machine-stitching. If a skirt of round length be preferred, perforations in the pattern indicate where it may be shortened.

Skirts of this style are just now very fashionable, and they usually accompany a Surah, China silk or wash silk blouse or shirt-waist. Cloth, flannel, serge and other seasonable woollens in solid colors are best adapted to the mode, and rows of braid or feather-stitching or a bias band of the material may be applied for a foot trimming.

We have pattern No. 4241 in nine sizes for ladies from twenty to thirty-six inches, waist measure. To make the skirt for a lady of medium size, requires six yards and a-half of material twenty-two inches wide, or three yards and a-half forty-four or fifty inches wide. Price of pattern, 1s. 6d. or 35 cents.

NOTES FOR DECEMBER.

Toilet-covers of darned net will make very dainty Christmas presents. This net closely imitates the Breton lace so eagerly sought by travellers in the quaint old province of Brittany. The

covers are finished with a narrow purled edging, which may be purchased at any fancy shop; but in genuine Breton lace a tiny scroll or wandering thread is run so close to the edge that further completion is unnecessary.

Lace-making is one of the latest enthusiasms of tasteful women, and the work is as fascinating as its results are artistically valuable. Our recent publication on the subject brings a clear and concise knowledge of the art within easy reach of everyone.

The process of making darned net is as follows: First trace the desired pattern very clearly with ink on strong paper; then baste a hobbinet lace upon the paper, and follow the inked lines with a needle threaded with linen floss. Lace made in this way will last a lifetime.

Initials, ciphers, crests, monograms and even entire coats of arms may easily be wrought in darned work; and frequently dates, quotations or personal sentiments will supply the designs for articles intended as holiday or birthday presents.

Great advancement has lately been made in the kindred arts of knitting and crocheting. The patterns now displayed are both original and artistic, and the methods of working have been greatly improved by ingenious experts. The inhabitants of the Shetland Islands are the finest knitters in the world, doing their best work with wool pulled from live Shetland sheep; next to them are the people of Faya, who knit the fine fibres of the aloe.

Feathers are among the most fashionable trimmings now in vogue, and are offered in all sizes and in every variety. Entire sleeves of feathers for coats and wraps are an experiment, the suc-

cess of which is as yet in doubt. The plumes are so ingeniously fastened to the foundation fabric that their stems are completely hidden, the effect resembling that of some fluffy fur.

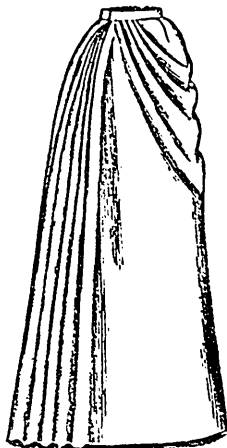
Aqua marinas are fashionable once more. For necklaces they are more beautiful than diamonds. The *aqua marina* closely resembles the sapphire, but is much more effective at night.

For young girls and for women who have not been long in society the most approved house-gown to wear in the evening at home, and also on unceremonious occasions at a friend's house, is made of sheer albatross, nun's-vailing or wool-

len batiste in light colors or white. The dress should be simply designed, that it may be readily laundered at home. There is about these dainty materials an air of refinement and good taste that induces many dressy women to prefer them to China silk, Surah and cashmere.

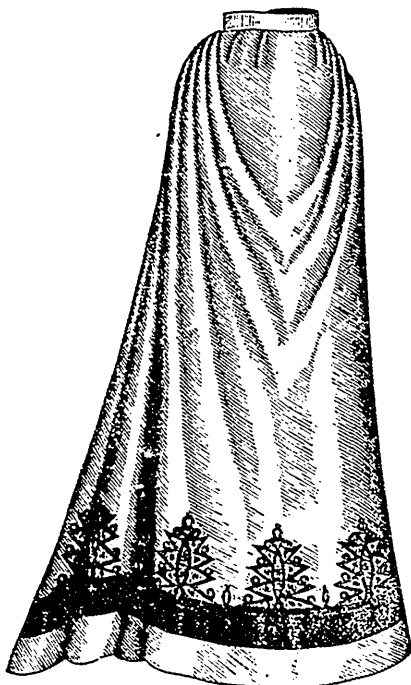
Homespun, chevrot and serge are stylishly chosen for ordinary street wear, while fine French cloth, Bedford cord, velvet, poplin and other rich textures are selected for visiting and luncheon gowns.

As stated last month, gowns of light silver-gray wool goods will be favored by ultra-stylish women when lightening their first mourning; and with them blondes will wear pink roses in corsage and bonnet, while brunettes will very likely choose the "red, red rose."



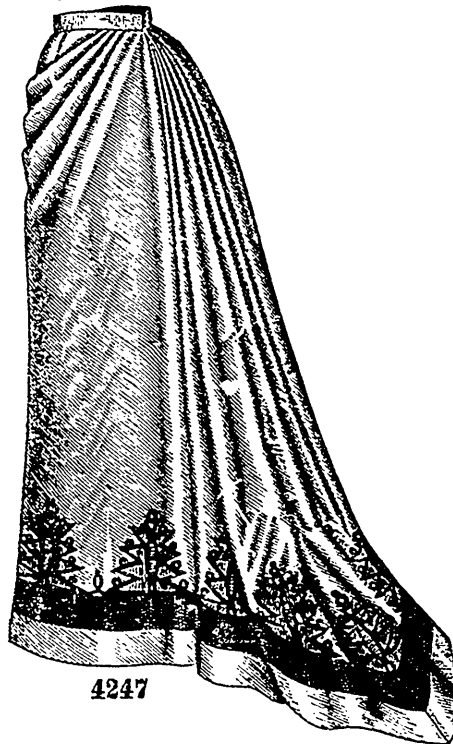
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View, Showing Round Length.



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Side-Front View.



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Side-Back View.

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