At the top or at the bot-tom of all illusions, I set the cheat which still leads us to work and live for appearances, ir spite of our conviit is what we really are that avails with friends, with strangers, and with fate or

# Woman's Home Companion for Decem-

The artistic features of this are striking. A full page painting of the Madonna by Louise Cox, a delightful full-page Child Painting in colors by Jessie Wilcox Smith, two pages of profusely illustrated humorous verse by James Whitcomb Kiley, and an amusing story in pictures, "Their Christmas Visit ruptcy to that opal, and he intended neither to suffer such misfortune again nor to allow any other one to do so by inheriting or buying that the strated property.

in this issue by Myra Kelly, Zona Gale, Hulbert Footner and John D. Barry. There is a serial by Katharine Holland Brown, and a detective story by Anna Katharine Green, which proves once more this went. which proves once more this writ-er's genius for novel and intricate

The glamor that surrounds The glamor that surrounds all queens is particularly strong about the supposedly romantic Queen of Italy. That glamor fades away before the trenchant pen of Kellogg Durland, who calls her the most under the plague, which made havec in Vernard and the plague, which made havec in Vernard and the plague, which made have in Vernard and the plague which made have and the plague which which was a plague which which which which which which which was a plague which which which which which was a plague which which all

Cincinnati is a happy city—accord-ag to the Woman's Home Coming to the ing to the Woman's Home Companion. Investigators have gone there to live, and they tell in this Christmas issue why Cincinnati is a fine American city. This is the second of a series of articles on American city in the conditions of the condition erican cities, and is in vivid trast to last month's article Pittsburg.

Abbott has a Christmas talk, and there are more of Edward Everett Hale's delightful Reminis-

ences.

-This issue is essentially a Christmas one, and is filled with new ideas for Chtistmas presents, Christmas embroidery, Christmas decorations, Christmas festivities and Christmas cooking.

The regular departments appear appear as usual but most of these explains.

as usual, but most of these are big ger than in any other month.

Few people know how useful bran Few people know how useful bran is for cleaning. For painted and varnished woodwork it is invaluable, removing the dirt without destroying the finish. Colored goods, which usually fade when washed, will not lose color if washed in bran water. It is excellert as a scalp cleaner, and is good for the hair, making it glossy. Used instead of soap, it softens and whitens the hands. To prepare bran water, fill a small bag—an ordinary salt bag is excellent for this purpose—with bran, place it in a pail pose—with bran, place it in a pail and cover with boiling water and it is ready for use:

### Treating Sweater Necks.

If the neck of a sweater becomes stretched too wide from wearing, do not sew up or cut out any of it; simply dip neck part in clean warm water, wring out lightly, and hang up to dry. The neck will, when dry, have resumed its original shape and size. Women's Home Communication and size—Woman's Home Companio

## If Tired Out Take the Sleep Cure.

Lack of sleep is responsible for half the ill-health and the fashionable nervous ailments of the present day. Most people are too busy to sleep. They work or play or rush after pleasure when they ought to be in bed.

The working woman is as great The working woman is as great an offender as her fashionable sister. Keen on her work, over-anxious about the future, she is too apt to neglect her health in the present. She may overwork and undersleep for a time, but insomnia is inevitable, in the case of the high-live frame, regreat trace of the highly-strung, nervous type of

She begins by sleeping badly, worrying over little things she goes to bed at night; soon the habit of insomnia is tablished, and it may persist months or years if neglected in the

early stages.

Business men are also sufferers

Business men are also sufferers from hervousness and insomnia.

So, if you are beginning to sleep badly, take heed before the tendency develops into habit. Ask yourself if you have deliberately tried to curtail your hours of sleep. Make up your mind to turn over a new leaf. See that you get nine or ten hours' rest in bed every night. Go to bed at ten and rise shortly before eight, and train yourself to sleep all the time.

Sleep, even more than food, is essential to health, ard, when the mind is overstrained, sleep is the only medicine which will do permanent good. Are you tired and

fagged and inclined to worry? Try

lagged and inclined to worry? Try
ten hours in bed every night for a
week, and a short rest after—the
midday meal.

Have you been overdoing it? Are
you run down and seedy, and generally out of sorts? Try a day in
bed once a week, and you will feel
and love a different seems of the seed of th wait till you are a wreck sleeplessness before following

#### Superstitions about the Opal

There is one superstition of wide

much of a reason as you ever find for a belief like this, because reason and superstition are hopelessly at odds.
Two or three centuries ago

nice.
It was noticed by some observant persons in the city that when a vic-tim was at the point of death, his opal.if he wore one brightened, while after death it became dull. As this accession of brilliance implied sort of malignant purpose or intelligence in the stone, it was with the death of its owner

It never occurred to the scientists of that time to turn the incident around the other way, and see if the patient had anything to with the opal. But that was the way of it. The heightened stone to become more brilliant, and the chill and damp afterwards dulled it.

stone is affected by heat-that some specimens are-hence have a fear that has affected source of wealth and a measure human happiness; for does the man live who ought not to rej in the personal adornment of opal?

One of the most amount in the

One of the most amusing instances One of the most amusing instances of a belief in wrong things is reported from New York, where a min took an opal to a jeweller and asked him to sell it, as he had nothing but bad luck since he owned it, his business ventures having failed, his children suffered illness, and everything he bouched going wrong. everything he touched going wrong generally

The jeweller found the gem to be an imitation. Its falsity must have been obvious to everybody except the victim, because the opal is the one stone that has never been even passably imitated.

The women who are the most cheerful, the most even-tempered, the most ready to do a service, and the most healthy, are intelligent and industrious women who have found in a methodical activity the secret of never-losing a moment, and of thus conciliating their duties towards God, towards their family, towards the world, and towards towards themselves.

### Ten Good Rules.

The following ten rules, says French medical authority, must observed by all who want good health

ll work.

1.—Rise early, retire early, and ll your day with work.

2.—Water and bread maintain life;

pure air and sunshine are indispen-sable to health.

3.—Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longovity.
4.—Cleanliness prevents rust; the best-cared-for machines last the

5.—Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep sof-

and strengthens; too much sleep soitens and enfeebles.

6.—To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.

7.—A clean and cheerful house

makes a happy home. 8.—The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads the dissipation, and dissipation the dissipation the dissipation the dissipation to the dissipation that the dissipation the dissipation the dissipation to the dissipation to the dissipation that the dissipation that the dissipation that the distinct the distinct the distinct that the dis

vice.

9.—Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.

10.—Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pick-axe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.

#### The Slim Figure Again.

rne slim silhouette for another season—that is the latest Paris edict says the Woman's Home Companion for December. The big, famous cou-turières to-day are the for December. The big, famous couturières to-day are tyrannical only about this one thing. They insist upon designing their most effective gowns for only the slim, svelte figure. The large woman with broad hips, full bust and proportionately large waist is apparently regarded too impossible to consider. In, all other ways, these Parisian arbitettof fashion are becoming less and less rigid in their dress edicts and this season, more than ever before, the costumes displayed show an infinite variety of styles.

On a number of points, however.

On a number of points, however, the largest establishments all agree. For instance, shoulders are still narrow, skirts are round in length and fall straight in line. Sleeves long and narrow for the street, long and narrow for the both elbow lengths and long indoor wear. The transparent in not so much seen. Waists sleeve is not so much seen. Waists definitely define the normal waist-If there is any deviation from it is the waistline raised a rather than lowered. Draperies they are the more fashionable. Coats are seen in all lengths. Drecoll favors the short suit-coat. Separate coats are invariably long.

#### Oysters -- Three Ways.

Oyster Toast-Take eighteen oysters, chop fine, put in a granite stew pan with one-half pint of cream or rich milk. When boiling add two or three well-beaten eggs, when a little thicker than rich cream spread on nicely toasted and well-buttered slices of bread. Season

buttered sinces of bread. Season with salt and white pepper., Oyster Salad—Parboil the oysters in their own liquor, drain them dry cut in small bits, mix them with cut in small bits, mix them with chopped lettuce and oysters, put the yolks in a dish, add yolks of two raw eggs, with a spoon mash cooked and raw eggs, then pour in enough olive oil to make a stiff paste, then add mustard; pepper, salt and lemon juice to taste. Beat the whites to a stiff froth and stir in dressing. Mix all together and lave dish dressed with letture. in dressing. have dish have dish dressed with leaves and fill.

Creamed Oysters .- A pint of cream. twenty-five oysters. a small piece of onion, a very small piece of mace, a tablespoonful of flour, and nace, a tablespoonful of flou salt and pepper to taste: let cream, with the onion and come to a boil; mix flour with a little cold milk or cream, and stir into the boiling cream; let the oysters come to a boil in their own ters come to a boil in their own liquor, and skim carefully; drain off all the liquor and turn the oys ters into the cream; skim out mace and onions, and serve

### Unconscious Influence

A little boy, who had been somewhat spoiled at home, began to attend a kindergarten school. After a few days his mother noted with pleasure a change in his manners, an increasing gentleness in speech and behavior. She quietly remark-ed one day:

ed one day:
"Miss Brown has been teaching
you politeness, I see."
"Why, mother," said the child, she never says a word about

"She doesn't. I'm surprised."
"No, she doesn't say a word. She
just walks around. But we feel as

polite-as anything. One of the most striking peculiarities of personal influence is that it is often unconscious. Not when you are trying to make a good imyou are trying to make a good impression, to set a good example, to say a word that should be said in the best way and to fit the audience are you most successful in accomplishing your purpose. The influence that emanates from you when you are simply going about your work without a thought beyond the task of the hour, when you are off guard and are merely showing your inward life by outward acts, as automatically as the heart sends the blood to the head, hands and feet is the influence that helps or hurts in your home, classroom or hurts in your home, classroom business office.

### Things Good to Know

You may cure a wasp sting by rubbing the place with a slice of raw onion.

Dulled patent leather shoes may be brightened and cleaned with spirits of turpentine.

Shaving magnesia is a good sub-

Shaving magnesia is a good stitute for talcum powder, as it harmless and does not adhere the skin.

If a little carbonate of soda lemixed in the water the flower placed in it will keep for two

Rubbing the shoes frequently with a little vaseline will make them last much longer and keep them black and soft.

A rose potpourri may be made by padking fresh rose petals between alternate layers of salt and keeping the jar covered six months.

The skin of a boiled egg, moistened and applied to a boil, will cause suppuration and relieve soreness in a few hours. It is excellent for styes.

To remove rust from steel make a

cellent for styes.

To remove rust from steel make a paste pf fine emery powder and kerosene, rub on and let stand a little while. Then polish vigorously with a rag dipped in oil.

Never wear one pair of shoes day after day. Two pairs of shoes worn alternately, will last longer than three pairs worn one after the other until worn out. Try it.

If the hands are starned with her-

If the hands are starned with berries or from cleaning the various summer vegetable, rub them thoroughly with ripe tomatoes before using soap or anything that will tend to set the color.

Colored cotton fabrics will not fade by subsequent washing. if prefade by subsequent washing, if previously placed in boiling water to which has been added three gills of sult to every four quarts of water. Let stand until cold.

Camphorated chalk is one of the best things for cleaning and rejuvenating white shoes. The preparation should be thoroughly mixed with a sufficient quantity of milk and applied to the shoes with a flannel cloth.

As a sanitary precaution in all basins and tubs, especially those connecting with or near the sleeping apartments, the opening into the waste pipe should be kept closed at night and fresh water should be left standing in the basin.

A soft flannel cloth, dipped warm soap suds and then into whiting, will remove all grease and dirt from oil paint in half the time required by the old-time method, and will not in the least injure even the most delicate colors.

Any ordinary window can be made

Any ordinary window can be made opaque easily at a triffing cost. Dissolve in a little quantity of hot water as much epsom salt as the water will take up. Then paint this solution over the inside of the glass. When it is dry it will resemble

# What is Worn in London

If there is one season of the year more exclusively devoted to bridge than another, it is the winter, when the short afternoons drive one in-doors early and leave one with se-veral hours on hand to get through before dinner.

Next in importance to learning the game properly before being the vehicle of bringing loss of temper to one's friends and acquaintances, one's friends and acquaintances, is the choice of a suitable dress; and as bridge bulks so largely in the foreground of our days and nights at present, it is appropriate that a description of a bridge tunic should be given this week, which can certainly claim novelty and originality as well as beauty as its distinguishing characteristics. It is called a coat, but it is far more of a tunic, for its chief feature is that it has coat, but it is far more of a tu for its chief feature is that it no opening in front or back, is passed over the wearer's head like South American poncho. a South American points. It is made of fine black. Ninon de soic, reaching a little below the knee-line, in front, and a little longer at the back. It is slightly shaped to the back. It is slightly shaped to figure at the back and sides in bodice part, but otherwise h bodice part, but otherwise hangs free below the V-shaped opening, which is outlined by a band of jet that crosses to meet the continuation of the jet line coming from the back, the junction being made 'ow down below the hips and the lines continuing to the edge of the tunic, which is cut shorter than the front and back panels, and is finished with a deep jet fringe. A beautiful raised floral design, executed in jet, adorns the bottom of the front and back panels of the tunic and also hangs adorns the octom of the tunic and also the bodice part, ending in points at the waist where the jet bands cross at the V; and the same jet em-broidery appears on the upper part of the tucked sleeves, which are of the tucked sleeves, which are finished below the elbow with a row finished below the elbow with a row of jet, fitting close to the arm, so that there should be nothing to sweep cards or markers off the table. The long diagonal lines of jet have a wonderfully graceful and un-

common effect and help. common effect and help, with the letembroidery and fringe, to keep the
loose thin garment in place—and
make it hang properly. This
black
transparent tunic could be worn
over any dress, and would certainly
be found a most useful and lovely
adjunct to any satin evening dress
the street of the same colors which is not. In adjunct to any satin evening diess in white or colors which is not in its first wouth, while it would be equally effective over a gown of black satin, noire or velvet. This would also look charming in white or pale colored ninon, with silver or pale colored ninon, with silver passemeterie and embroideries; but for all-round adaptability and use-fulness the model in black and jet is most to be recommended. One great charm about a bridge coat is that it allows of almost as much individual treatment as

much individual treatment as a much individual treatment as a tea-gown. It may be long, loose and treatsparent, as the "poncho" model: it may be in lace, heavy as guipure, light as Limerick or Valenciennes: the riding coat of Louis XV., with full skirts and gigantic pocket-flaps may be revived in all its sumptuousness, or it may shrink to the bolero of the Spanish matador and yet find favor. The bridge coat is above the law of Fashion, as is the properly understood teats.

coat is above the law of Fashion, as is the properly understood tengown. All that is required of it is that it should suit its wearer, add to the picturesqueness of the gathering, and have no elbow ruffles or other innedments which can get in the way of the came. Some of the new soft broades that are among the lovely new materials of the season will make the most lovely bridge coats; and even more strik.

The crestville Chronicle of Tennessee.

"The editor wrote at the head of the editorial page:

"Poultry taken in exchange for subscriptions and advertising."

"And in the paper the note appeared as 'Poetry taken in exchange."

"The only person that profited by this error was the office boy. He for the next fortnight sold a

ing in effect for this purpose would be the embossed velvets with floral be the embossed velvets with floral designs on satin grounds. The rage for striped patterns, which is one of the features of this season's fashions, should also help the secker after novelty in bridge coats; and some beautiful bridge coats; and some beautiful effects are seen wrought with Stripes of velvet-embossed ribbons and autures are least

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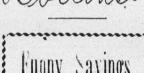
bossed ribbons and guipure or k
insertions in semi-fitting mode
The shot chiffons and the shot fects given by using two thicknesses of chiffon of contrasting yet har-monizing colors are most effective in these garments which should always have a personal and original note if possible. At this time of year a touch of fur is charming on a bridge coat, even if it be made of the flimstest chiffon, lace or ninon; out it must be remembered that the flimsier the material chosen the hear

rier must be the embroideries or trimmings, which are needed to give the required weight. Fingerwidth bands of fur give a sumptuous finish to the brocades and velocity must mark markers. vets mentioned above, and many a fur collarette or muff which are no

fur collarette or muff which are no longer presentable can be cut up into finger-width band which will have a most decorative and respectable appearance on a bridge jacket. The women who is clever with her fingers and gifted with a little imagination ought to be able to turn out a series of bridge coats and tunies for her winter campaign at a comparatively small cost. Suppose one has at evening gown of

pose one has an evening gown brown satin from last year or year before, during both of which periods brown was a very fashionable color for evening wear. She cannot wear the dress in its original style any longer; but if she tooisthis sketch of a bridge tunic and carried it out in tangerine ninon. looked out some old pelerine of sable or mink to cut into strips which would replace the crossing bands of jet in the original, and replaced the jet embroidery with passementeric motifs, in topazes and turquoises, year before, during both of

motifs in topazes and turquoises would not the last state of that brown satin, believelled and be-fur be far superior to its first?



Mother—You were a long time in the conservatory with Mr. Willing last night, my child. What was go-

Daughter—Did you ever sit in the

naughter—Did you ever sit in the conservatory with papa before you married him?

Mother—I suppose I did.
Daughter—Well, mama, it's the same old world.

ACCORDING TO SIZE.

Effie was giving a birthday party and during the merry games the child's mother asked her if she was happy.

all my life," replied Effic joyfully
"I really couldn't be any happier
'less I was bigger."

A FRIEND IN NEED.

Automobilist (to another who has broken down)—"Can I be of any assistance to you?"

broken down)—"Can I be of any assistance to you?"

The Afflicted One (under the machine)—"Yes, sir. That fady you see is my wife. I'll be obliged if you will kindly answer her questions and keep her amused while I am fixing this infernal machine."

Clyde Fitch was discussing in his beautiful New York house typogra-phical errors, of which his famous scrap-books offer many amusing ex-

amples.
"A horrible typographical error,"
said Mr. Fitch, "appeared last sum
mer in the Crestville Chronicle o

quarter's worth of paper from the waste basket every day."

A member of a school board was visiting a public school not long-ago when he encountered a boy in the hall. at are you studying, my the visitor asked.

boy?" the visitor asked.
"Arithmetic and geography." answered the boy. "And what are you learning in arithmetic?"

arithmetic?"

The boy thought for a minute, then he replied, "Guzinta."

"Guzinta?" said the surprised official. "What is that?"

"Why, don't you know?" said the boy. "Two guzinta four, three guzinta six, four guzinta eight, five guzinta ten."

## WHEN TEMPUS DIDN'T FUGIT.

Little Helen, during the very years of her life, had never been separated from her elder sister night or day for more than a few minutes at a time; but at last the time came when the sister went away for a whole day. The child tried every game and occupation that she knew of, and a new one or two suggested by her mother, but they all palled.

Finally she gave up and stood and looked sadly out of the wine.

Finally she gave up and stood and looked sadly out of the winand looked sadly out of the win-dow. Then she sighed deeply and said: "It's still the same old day, isn't it, mother?"—Woman's Home Companion for December.

# GRAND NEWS FOR WOMEN

Mrs. E. P. Richards Tells How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Her.

After Suffering for Twenty-eight Years From Pains and Weakness and Sleeplessness-Dodd's Kidney Pills the Only Medicine She Wants.

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she suffered from that Edizabeth P. Richards of this place. For years she suffered from that terrible weakness and those agoniz-ing pains so many women know. She has found relief in Dodd's Kid-ney Pills and she wants all sufer-

ney Fills and she wants all suffring women to know it.

"For twenty-eight years," says
Mrs. Richards, "I suffered from
Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble and
Neuralgia. I got so weak I could
not do my housework. Sleep was
out of the question except for a few
minutes at a time. My back ached out of the question except for a few minutes at a time. My back ached so I could not sleep. I tried all kinds of medicine and had come to the conclusion that there was no cure for me, when reading advertisements led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I now sleep well and rise refreshed every morning. Dodd's Kidney Pills are all the medicine I want."

neys will never know the pains weakness that make life has worth living. Dodd's Kidney weakness that make life worth living. Dodd's Kidney always make healthy Kidneys.

### An Historic Bell.

Few persons suspect that in the cathedral church of Notre Dame, Parathedral church of Notre Dame, With ris, is a bell contemporaneous wit Joan of Arc-"the blessed bell

ris, is a bell contemporaneous with Joan of Arc—"the blessed bell' which sounded the tocsin when the maid of Lorraine appeared in August, 1429, and Paris tras beseiged by the English.

This historic bell, referred to by Victor Hugo in his "Notre Dame de Paris," was given to the cathedral in 1400 by Jean de Montaign. It was refounded in 1686, and then rebaptised under the name of Fammanuel Louise Theresa of Austria.

So, if this bell is not the same bell which the heroine of Domremy heard, nevertheless the same metal vibrates to-day at the great religious ceremonice of the metropolitan church.

church.

In view of later events it seems rather more than coincidence that when all the other bells of Notre Dame were destroved by the revolutionists Joan's bell should have been spared.

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