OUR CUBAN SISTER.

HER LIFE STILL RESTRICTED BY OLD SPANISH CUSTOMS.

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Her Loves and Hatreds Intense-She Is Carofully Watched Over Ly Her Parents Or Chaperone-Passionately Fond of Musig-Her Patriotism.

The American girl has adopted three new sisters, concerning whom we have all heard more or less. An interesting group they make-the daughter of long suffering Cuba, and her dark-skinned sisters from the wide Pacific! Which will prove herself the most worthy in the new era about to open up for each of them?

We expect to find the Cuban girl very Spanish in her testes and inclinations-and we are not mistaken. Though the Cuban nature is derived from a mixed source, the Spanish blood is the strongest, and we find the Cuban woman characterized by the self-same traits as mark the Spaniard. Her loves and hatreds are intense, and there is the same fondness for such brutal amusements as the bull-fight.

The Cuban woman is quite mature at an early age; when young she is considered very beautiful, possessing the soft, winsome becuty of Southern climes; indeed, at any age the Cuban. woman may be called good-looking, for she possesses that charming trait of never looking really old; rarely is she wrinkled and ugly.

With large dark eyes, a round face, crowned with r wealth of jet-black hair, a complexion clear as amber, the skin being of that soft velvety tex\*ure. and having the appearance of a rich. healthy tan, the Cuban girl is certainly "good to look upon." ('an we wonder that the young Cuban soldiers fought so bravely and so well with such an inspiration!

The Cuban girl is happy and contented, though her life is simple and uneventful and it must at times be somewhat monotonous; for, like the woman of Spain, she has been hemmed in by customs which should have perished back in the middle ages. With



## LEATHER NECKTIES. They Look Very Much Like a Balt for Bolly's Waist.

Although the sign on the card reads 'Leather Neckties'' there is nothing about these natty little affairs to suggest a tie. On the contrary, they look very much like a leather belt for dolly's waist. They are, in fact, minature belts, made on exactly the same style, with the harness buckles and side straps complete. They are of black patent leather, the buckles covered with the same, or of white morocco finish, with nickel buckle. They match the waist belts in every particular, and might be called a neck belt with propriety.

They are as narrow as the narrowest string ties, and extremely neat in appearance. They never come untied, and do not need to be pinned to keep the bow straight. They always "stay put," as the saying goes. The only danger is that my lady will not be satisfied with this neat little arrangement, but will want to make a change soon for a wider and heavier affair, which will eventually lead to her appropriating her cherished Fido's collar.

Political Liberty to Women. During the annual meeting of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, held in Brooklyn, Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, chairman of the Committee of Organization, N. A. W. S. A., said to a reporter that England was getting far ahead of America in the extension of political liberty to women.

"The Parliament of England," she said, "has just conferred municipal suffrage upon single women and widows of Ireland, upon substantially the same terms as men. Municipal suffrage was granted to the women of England in 1869, and was so successful in its operation that in 1881 it was extended to the women of Scotland. Now, after 29 years of satisfactory experience in England and 17 years in Scotland, it is extended to the women of Ireland. Full suffrage, including the Parliamentary vote, was conferred upon the women of the Isle of Man in 1880, to the women of New Zealand in 1893, and in 1894 the same privilege was extended to the women of South Australla

#### My Lady's Gorgeous Slipper.

My lady's slipper sees a very radical change. It is no more plain and unadorned, no longer does a simple little bow or unobtrusive rosette ornament it. Instead, the slipper is now a very gorgeous affair. It glistens, both over the hand. by sunlight and the gleam of gas or electricity, for it is a jeweled slipper, | tained by combinations in a waist of



May Manton's Hints Regarding Seasonable

Toilettes. A charming combination is here represented in steel grey and white broadcloth decorated with black guipure lace and narrow black satin ribbon "frizzed on." The yoke and standing collar of white cloth is overlaid with black guipure lace applique to match decorating the fronts, back and sleeves. The fashionable fronts are cut low and crossed in "Indor" style, just enough fulness being collected by gathers at the waist to pouch becomingly over the telt. Glove-fitted lin-



ings that close in centre front support the deep yoke that is included in the right shoulder arm, and closes with the standing collar over on the left shoulder. The over fronts lap to the left and close invisibly with the shaped belt. Over the reamless back that is smooth at the top a rounded yoke facing is applied, the fulness at the lower edge being laid in overlapping plaits at the centre.

A novel feature is the smooth round bertha of white cloth that outlines the yoke edge with narrow black "frizzed" ribbon and the shaped beit that lengthens the waist line.

The stylish sleeves are shaped with two seams, the upper portions beirg adjusted by gathers and tacking over the fitted lining to form a puff at the top. At the wrists a narrow pointed cuff is joined that flares downward

Very satisfactory results are ob-

# STRANGE FREAKS OF WOMEN Famining Ecoentricity in Connection With

portions of her usily attire. When

asked to give a reason for ner eccentri-

city, she could only say that it made

Many other freaks of feminine ec-

centricity in connection with dress

might be cited, but it would be dimoult

to instance anything more absurd than

the crase in France some quarter of a

century ago for using snakes and in-

The Princesse de la Tour d'Auvergne

used to keep a little live anake in her

pocket, and in spite of the entreaties

of her husband and her friends would

inaist upon having it for a companion

Mme. Musand wore a small viper an

her neck amid her splendid diamonds,

and when she appeared in the box at

the opera every glass in the house was

levelled at her as she sat scintillating

with diamonds and with the dark coll

of the reptile's body setting of the

Later on the Comtesse de Villeneuve

for several months wore on her neck

a beautiful scarabee beetle. It was

gold chain, which allowed the insect to

White Is the Favorite.

bright color is seen, white is prime fa-

vorite both for separate skirts and for

waists. The former are for the most

part of pique and the favorite modes

are the circular flounce and some tail-

or style, but bodices are infinite in

their variety. For morning and gener-

al utility wear pique, linen lawn,

dimity, cheviot and lightest, thinnest

fiannel are all worn, but for afternoon

and evening occasions slik is freely

used. The simpler shirt waists are of

either taffeta or India; blouse bodices

of brocade are worn and in the more

elaborate styles lace, mousseline and

Liberty silk as well as taffets com-

bined with antin or embroidered and

embellished with gold. A striking

model sent over from the other side

blouses slightly at the front, but fits

smoothly at the back. The material,

which is softest cream in tone, is the

new silk known as "taffets ideal," but

the shallow round yoke is embroidered

Notwithstanding the fact that much

run about on the lady's shoulder.

sects as tollet adornments.

at public functions.

whiteness of ler neck,

her uncomfortable to do otherwise.

AN AMERICAN GIRL'S IMPRESSION OF Wenning Amuster. The story is told of a lady of respec-

table position who ordered her apparel ieon at a Sham Battlo-Her Profile Very in such a way that it never could be Sweet and Girlish and Her Manuer said of her that the wore a pair of Winning-Her High Office Does Not anything. She wore stockings of dif-Seem to Have Spailed Her. ferent hues, and in the same way in-Here is an extract from a letter writtroduced strong contrasts into other

THE YOUNG MONARCH.

ten by an American girl, which throws a novel side light on the personality of Queen Wilhelmiua:-"A few days ago we went out on the dunes to see a sham battle Letween troops that were camped there. Just as the excitement was beginning we heard wild cheers and saw galloping zeross the heather a party of horsemen headed by a little figure in a white habit on a smart brown horse. It was the Queen, who had ridden over from her palace to review the regiment, just to get fito practice, I suppose, for the unusual amount of it she will have to go

through with during the coronation. "We were almost within touch of her for more than an hour. She is ery plain, though her profile is sweet and girlish, but she has the figure of a rather stout woman of forty, and it was not improved by the white duck habit which looked very smart at a distance, but which was fearfully 'home-made' on a closer inspection. "We were sorry she looked so stolid,

not to say bored, while her soldiers were charging around in a broiling sun just to please her. This is criticism of her as a Queen, and 'the divinity that doth hedge a King' performs the same kind office for her, so I suppose I may be considered very impertinent indeed.

"But when I ceased looking at her as a Queen and thought of her as a girl of less than eighteen, with all the responsibilities of a Kingdom on her shoulders, hedged about with conven-



To Clean Figs Las Before fine isces are immersed naphtha or bentine or even sicehol for this, too, will clean them, although is takes longer, they should be based with a fine needle and thread on a ple of very thin muslin or old lines. So of the most expert professional classic ers still use the powdered French shall to cleanse these valuable poissessions The lace is mickly sprinkled on hoth aldes with the chalk and spread on a thick sheet of writing paper, sovered with a second sheet and placed ander a heavy press for severel days. In most households the unabringed distionary is considered the requisits weight. When the lace is taken out. it is lightly shaken to dust of the powder, and its soil will be found to have gone with it.

Just as Good as It Looks.

An exceptionally pretty selad, looking almost too dainty to out, was this furnished lately by a cooking school graduate for her test dinner. It was down in the menu as a "bird's past tethered to a ring by a very slender Isalad," and the depresatory remark adfered by one of the invited guests that "It seemed almost like robbing a bird's nest." was most natural. The where heart leaves of lettice were mind at simulate the nests, several of them being curled about to make the little hollow. In such of these were placed five little speckled eges made of crease. cheese rolled into shape, then sprinkled French dressing which was "to animate the whole," in Sidney Smith's transfer ant words, was ennuingly hidden away under the leaves of the dalaty perta-

> Pinallill. One-half bushal green tomatee Cup wit. Three quarts onlong. Three good pints green poppers, Three is blespoons ground ginger. Two tablespoons whole cloves, Two tablespoons whole sloves. Due-ball out measured seed. One oup prown wither. About the duarts vinesar. Chops tomantoes, salt, let stand

night; drain of. Chop ontons green peppers, then put in ins Sprinkle your spice, put allaphi cloves in bag, with vinages and

few exceptions, she is convent-bred and the education given by the gentle nuns though it cannot be said to be very broad, is nevertheless good. She, of course, studies English, and there is the usual music, French and Latin.

Very rarely is the Cuban woman seen in the daytime, and when she does appear it is never alone. Accommanied by her parents or husband or a watchful chaperon, there is small chance for the Cuban girl to indulge in even the most harmless flirtation. In fact, there are very few amusements which she is permitted to enjoy.

As she is passionately fond of music. one of her chief pleasures in Havana is to go to the park every evening, where a band concert is almost always given. There are dances, of course, at certain seasons of the year, and here the Cuban girl is very much in evidence, but of the delights of out-ofdoor sports, which form so gro ta part of the life of the present athletic American girl, she knows very little. With the freedom of Cube, old customs may pass away, and the Cuban girl take on athletic attainments, for she is certain- |ing shades. ly not wanting in pirit or an ability to share in man's privileges and work, as the many stories of the women's heroism, during Cuba's long struggle, go to prove. In patriotism, she is. indeed, the equal of her American sister.

Wedding Months.

There is a popular idea that June is that the young woman who loves romance and wishes fortune to smile upon her nuptials in every way must unromantic fact, however, shows that of before, has come into fashion-the the three most popular marriage neck. months are October, November and December. Fifty years' records show this to be true, and also demonstrates the fac. that the most unpopular months for marriage are January, February and March.

Kansas Women In Office.

Kansas has mor women in public office than any other State in the Union. Twenty per cent. of the county superintendents of education, five county registrars of deeds and a State librarian are women. Then there are a few mayors, several police magistrates, city marshals and police officers who are among the fairer and supposedly weaker sex.

High Collats Injurious. Medical examiners say that the high collars so much worn by both men and women are productive of direful physical results. The head is thus thrown forward to relieve the back of the neck, and this narrows the chest and decreases the lung space.

Pattl's First Appearance. It was in Cuba that Adelina Patti sangefor the first time in public, when she was 14 years old. It was at a concert, and her success was complete.

and, oftener than otherwise, ly jeweled.

The style is to have these slipper jewels match the pin or necklace you are wearing, both in the gems themselves and in the setting. When fantastic and curious designs are worn. in oddly finished gold, the effect is exceedingly picturesque and attractive. Rhinestones are to be favorite slipper ornaments, diamonds being, of course, too valuable to be allowed to twinkle careleasiv on one's feet.

The ornament most admired will be a gold or jeweled buckle, either large or small. This will rest upon a bow or rosette of satin, and will be of many quaint and odd designs.

#### Fashion Echoes.

Women are adopting pajamas right along. Those who have tried them say that their name is solid comfort.

Leather belts of all sorts are supplanting the jeweled girdles used so much to brigten winter costumes. Enameled link cuff buttons set with the semi-precious stones are among the

newest. Not only is there the rumor of hair nets coming in again, but they are once in a while in evidence. Sashes lavishly bedecked with spangles have the true Parisian touch and are made in ribbon in all the even-

Jackets promise to be very dressy, and black and white is a favorite combination.

#### A Watch in Her Neck.

It will now become necessary to revise the "Guide to Highway Robbery." The petty thief who steals along the street with his sharp eye fixed on the dainty and valuable little watches that the favorite month for weddings, and rich women carry has a new trick to learn. The watch on the front of the waist is no longer before his eyes. Nor has it a little watch pocket of its own. choose this of all months. Cold and A brand new repository, never heard

> The why and wherefore of this new fad cannot be discovered. But the girls are doing it, and they claim it is cheviot, mohair, etamine and all wide the safest and best way of carrying a watch yet devised. Of course they ought to know.

### The Feminine Observer.

#### Lots of men can trace their marriage

to an unfortunate love affair. No girl ever fools a man by kinking up the short hair at the back of her neck with a hot iron. Men probably stand hearing the women talk so much about the neighbors because they are afraid if they don't they would talk about the taxes.

A girl always knows that the men know why she liked to see a football game, but she won't ever admit that It's so.

#### As to the Babies.

Never feed a baby simply to keep it miet.

Four hours between meals is a good ule for babies.

The frequent feeding of infants is often the cause of their stomach derangements.

Weigh the baby once a week. If ha does not show an increase in weight each week something is wrong.

contrast with the waist. Turquoise blue with black in silk or velvet, oleander pink silk with olive broadcloth and dark red satin with soft grey green poplin are new and artistic combinations in coloring that unite with black or cream guipure now so fashionable. To make this waist for a lady of medium size will require 2 yards of material 44 inches wide.

#### Ladies' New Three Pleas Skirt.

As broadcloth and other fabrics of wide width is the vogue for autumn and winter wear, the three piece skirt as here presented is the favorite model. It combines grace of form and style in outline with economy of material and her, for there seems much that is pacan be decorated in various ways, cross [thetic in it all." bands as here shown being best for tall and lengthwise for short figures. two wide circular portions that meet in a seam at centre back.

The fulness at the top is laid in two



centre but gathers can be employed if so preferred. Small darts fit the top smoothly over the hips, the graceful flare to the foot resulting from the shaping that accords with the newest mode.

Cloth, serge, camel's-hair, crepon, novelty fabrics will give satisfaction when developed by the mode; braid, ribbon or bias bands of the material providing suitable decoration.

A skirt of black nuns veiling, henrietta, cashmere or drap-d-ete trimmed with bands of crepe or dupp ribbon silk in this style will be very appropriate for mourning.

The skirt measures four yards at the foot in the middle size. To make this skirt for a lady of medium size will require 3% yards of material 44 inches wide.

### A New Color.

The color of the paint on battleships has suggested a new tint to the silk manufacturers, and for the fall trade we will have dress goods, ribbons and other stuffs in a snade hat will be called battle drab. It is a lead color.

Warm weather frequently depresses a man while it exhilarates a woman. The world would be infinitely brighter if the crickets were out of it.

No man was ever so much in love that he couldn't eat his dinner-provided it was a good one.

QUEEN WILHELMINA. tionalities enough to drive her mad forced to go about reviewing troops. paying and receiving state visits and all the rest of it when she would rather be with her horses and her dogs and her books-then she became a more interesting, more sympathetic figure. Indeed, I could almost feel sorry for

What She Migh Have Lost. The narrow front gore is set between She screamed in terror when ner purse Was snatched from out her jewelod

> hand. And hurled a modest semi-curse Toward the ficeing, cold brigand; And when the copper caught the thief She seized the purse with anxious

air. And breathed a sigh of sweet relief To find her treasures all were there,

> A penciled note Her fellow wrote, A sugar plum, A wad of gum, A hair-pin (bent), A copper cent, button-hook With broken crook, A safety pin. A curling tin,

bore

While on a shopping tour, to see The many pretty things which she Would love to buy if she but had The cash, and with a smile so glad it almost made the copper sneeze

She thanked him, and with sprightly 6256 fripped on to seek another store Or two where she could shop some

# Memory Rings.

more.

Memory rings are the latest. They ire designed especially for the use of the absent-minded woman, and for the nan who ties bits of string around his inger to remind himself of his wife's theatre ticket, of his sister's bicycle amp or of his engagement to take Miss smith to the Wagnerian recital.

In appearance the memory ring drongly resembles its first cousin, the tey ring. It is made of gold or silver, and its usual form is a circle about three ipches in circumference.

For every item that one wishes to emember, a charm is placed on the ring.

Tiny silver pigs, turtles, cats and rabbits, frogs and lizards, an elephant loiding a wee green enameled shamtook in its trunk, silver sleighbells. tolden lours-de-lis and ministure ooks, bird oages and flags, all standpr dangle for something which the eory ring's owner particularly THE ROLLONG TON THE

with unternishable gold thread, the tiny revers are edged with gold cordand the long sleeyes are finished with narrow roll-over ouns which match the yoke and the straight high collar that completes the neck.

Marriage in Swedom. It is said that there is no place in the world where the existence of civilisation is recognized that the maidens of the land onjoy so much innocent Fond mothers, in order to relief freedom as do the girls of Sweden. On the other hand, the wives are peculiarly devoted and sedate and it is of --Iten a source of wonder to travelers how full of mischief and teasing while unmarried, settles down to the duties of fort. her home with such case and quickness, Among the lower classes one of the most cherished customs is that of the

A SWADIER BAIDE

A Product from Youngh Sid Here is an effective message Heying a shild that has we moreal of 2000 "down far It has long been the Cashion Lo.

suffering youngster on the bi out productar any engedia ti "poor daritage," Monid of following simple methods wein hands of the ohild and hold all i In a perpendicular position. The a the young woman, who is brimming sequent widening of the sheet will once remove the cause of the disease

> A Preserving Blat. To provent Jara from breaking a a towel in cold water, place on it y far and fill to its odge with he fruit.

Next screw on the power plosely? When filled wash say preset may be on the outside of the turn it upplice down. In this way it will guild be he jar is str-tight.

The regimental isoners one line & Gosts or so of their regularity standled to sail of United Status troubs, They trouble they did service as mur in times of peace they lived his muartors at the army poets, aug ously dubbed "Songauda row."

To Remove Halis Fruit and wine status are rel at once by stretching the statuse over a basin and rubbing with alle pouring bolling water over it bold stain is no longer visible. It the has become dry use sparingly husband is married. This garment is emon. The article must be the y ringed or the fabric will such

band in the old, yellowed shirt which Against Inten These are the nights when it she made for him half a century before. mother will book very journed patid who plays past bis bed Sari of Englister not are control passed in level and the sour beneficial change for the lit

> Shread several alless of p beef with butter as you wou over with a laver of milled. little black pepper and a people of chaster and a manny diminutil in chilling

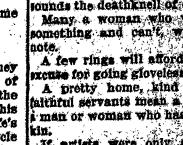
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fin: If artists were only able to copy

> from the trolley car becomes simost as fascinating as the same of croquet. to the suburban dweller who thinks that to be helpful he has to squeeze a woman's arm when she descends from the car step

Not Always Se photograph, Miss Lily



Reflections of a Bachelon. Why is it that matrimony so often sounds the deathknell of congeniality Many a woman who wants to say something and can't, writes a little A few rings will afford a woman an excuse for going gloveless all her days.

betrothed girl making with her own

fingers the snowy shirt in which her-

sacredly kept and not infrequently

does the aged wife robe her dead hus-

A pretty home, kind friends, and faithful servants mean a great deal to man or woman who has lost all near

some of the moonlight capers shown on summer evenings their fortunes would be made. The habit of watching who alights . It is a terrifically offensive conductor

的专用的复数形式 "Tell me about your graduating class "Well, all those homely girls stands ing up at the back are the smart ones; all those pretty girls sitting down in tront are the silly ones."

A nowder rag. A sachet bag. These were the treasures which she fround with her from store to store

