PROMENADE TOILETTE.

Quite Smart is the Appearance Made in

This Simple Winter Costume. Smart indeed are the promenade toilettes of winter. The waist of one recently seen was executed in heavy tan broadcloth. It completely covered the hips and rounded off at the front precisely after the style of a man's cutaway. The sleeves were tight-fitting finished around the wrists with bands



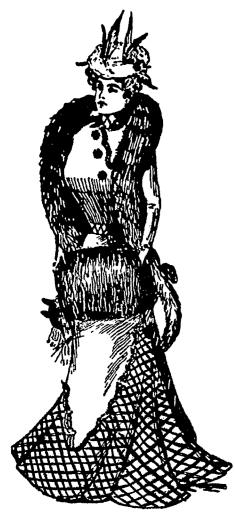
of black velvet. The belt and collar were also of velvet. Broad lapels of broadcloth embroidered in black silk it so. braid trimmed the front.

The skirt of this costume was of dark green and cardinal plaid with a box-like figure of light brown between each square. It fitted closely over the hips and was made without trimming of any kind.

. A tan velvet toque with black crown and white pigeon was also worn.

In Gray Brondeloth.

The sketch shows a delightful little street frock of princess build. The waist is double breasted and embroid-



IN GRAY BROADCLOTH. ered along the border of the rounded

tabs. Huge neck boa and "grandmother" muff.

Lavender Redivivus.

Old-fashioned lavender perfume has come back to favor among the many other revivals of nearly a century ago. It appears in the list of French extracts and sachets, and its delicate fragrance exhales from the petals of choice Parisian-made artificial flowers. The color of the lavender is agreeable to many people who do not like other perfumes. In imagination it is always associated with freshness, sweetness and housewifely daintiness. Poets have sung the praise of lavender, and in general estimation the odorous greyblue-tinted spike ranks next only to the regal rose and the modest violet.

To Mend Waterproof Cloth.

Mackintoshes, which with autumnal rains become necessities, may be mended when torn in the following manner: Dissolve some Discoss of pure india rubber in naphtha to create a stiff paste: choose a piece of stuff as much like the waterproof material as possible, and apply some of the coment to it and to the torn edges of the mackintosh. Then bring the torn parts over the new material to form a patch and place a weight over the part until the cement is quite set and firm.

Throat Culture.

The throat should be round, full and pillar-like, and nothing will give those qualities so quickly as the daily exercise of rolling the head completely around, several times in one direction and an equal number in the opposite way. This exercise fills out the hotlews like magic and strengthens the muscles es weil.

THE WOMAN OF TACT.

he Numerous Ways in Which She Makes Herself Leved.

She had been talking pleasantly to two or three women. She had made her good-byes all cheerful and bright, and, after she had disappeared, one woman turned to another and said, in a tone that was scoffing: "She is a thorough woman of tact." Now, in this case, the woman who had said none but pleasant words, who, by a bright story, had prevented the discussion of a perty scandal, was a woman who was as brave-hearted as any that ever lived, and who bore, not only her own, but the birdens of a good many other people, yet she saw no reason why she should inflict her troubles on her friends, or why she should not be in its best sense a woman of tact.

A woman of tact is one who feels that the story told to hurt your feelings is essentially bad form, and inconsiderate of the feelings of others.

A woman of tact is the one who is courteous to old people, who laughs with the young, and who makes herself agreeable to all women in all conditions of life.

A woman of tact is one who makes her good-morning a pleasant greeting, her visit a bright spot in the day, and her good-bye a hope that she may come again.

A woman of tact is one who does not gauge people by their clothes, or their riches, but who condemns bad manners.

A wom an of tact is one who is courteous under all circumstances and in every condition in which she may be placed. She is the woman who can receive the unwelcome guest with a smile so bright and a handshake so cordial, that in trying to make the welcome seem real it becomes so. A woman of act is one whose love for humanity is aond only in her life's devotion, and se watchword is unselfishness in thought and action. By making self last it finally becomes natural to have

Making a Corner Sofa.

With little expense a pretty corner sofa may be made for a sitting or drawing-room. The platform, one foot in height, may be made by any amateur carpenter. Upon this is fitted a mattress or cushion which may then be covered as elaborately or as simply as desired, the same scheme being carried



A CORNER SOFA

out in the curtain at the back, which should be lined with a plain color. The looping is done by drawing the fulness through brass curtain rings, the last on either side being finished with an ornament such as a Japanese fan, or any other effective bit of color. Piled up with cushions this makes a charming piece of furniture.

Tes by Courtesy.

Every one is a ware that much of the tea we drink is tea in name only, so much is it adulterated. But there are many beverages called teas which are not fraudulent manufactures, though they are called by the name of the delicious Chinese leaves. In Mauritius, for example, they make tea of the leaves of an orchid.

In Peru, they drink mate, a tea made from a native species of holly.

The Abyssinians make tea from the leaves of the catha edulis, which has such stimulating qualities that to chew a single leaf will produce all the effects of a strong cup of coffee. It is most valuable to travelers.

The Tasmanians are said to be the lucky owners of no fewer than 100 kinds of leaves from which tea can be made, while the Tonkinese have tea from berries, leaves, woods and barks of trees.

In Sumatra coffee leaves are put in the teapot and the result is said to be

The Stamese Bridegroom. Every Siamese girl who reaches a certain age without marrying is ticketed and labeled and placed in a privileged class, under the special care of the king, who binds himself to find a husband for them all. His method is delightfully simple. A prisoner in any of the Siamete jails may gain his pardon and release by marrying one of the ineligible class. Whether he is already married or not is not of great consequence, for in Siam it is not necessary to draw the line at one wife.

Might Be Adopted Here. There are curious customs in some parts of the Middle Empire, as China is called. Young girls who are marrisgeable wear their hair in a long plait down their back, while in this a red ribbon is interwoven. This can only be worm by one who is unmarried and is not bound by marriage engagements.

His Unfortunate Argument. She-After all, you must admit that women are better than men.

He-Oh, I don't know. The Bible doesn't say knything about seven de. vils being cast out of a man. She-No, of course not; he has every one of them yet.

Proper Perivation. Gooseberry fool is a corruption of goeseberry feule-milled or present

PRETTY SCREENS.

HOW TO BUILD A USEFUL BIT OF FURNITURE WITH LITTLE OUTLAY.

Japanese and Chinese Screens Cam B Purchased at Very Reasonable Prices, But They Can Be Made Home at Much Loss Expense.

The screens that come from Japan and China are best for the moderate purse. They can be purchased at reasonable prices in almost every town and city in the country. Or screen at still less expense may be made at

First determine upon the size of the screen, the height of the nanels, their width, and whether two, three or four shall be used. A screen of good pro-

or, better still, make it yourself if you are clever at such work. It is a sim-



SCREEN MADE OF BLUE DENIM.

outside pieces and two cross pieces are to double minutes, minutes, and secretarized to brace the frame and make onds. it taut and firm. Once the frame is completed the rest is easy.

Now stretch over the frame some figured burlap, that can be secured at the get themselves as to throw brick batt low cost of 121/2 cents a yard. Choose this for the face of the screen. Place the frame upon the floor. Tack the gree." It consists of two heavy planks edge of the burlap to the top plece of the frame, and stretch tightly and tack to the lower pieces and sides. In doing this the edge of the burlan should be drawn over the corner of the wood, so that when the back is covered in the way all the surface is smooth except the rim of the screen. This rim is then treated by a covering of gimp or braid, or a narrow piece of burlap, hemmed and bound. Fasten it on with brass-headed tacks, and the panel is completed. Light brass hinges join the panels, and the screen is ready for

Many other cheap fabrics may be used to cover these screens, Figured burlaps, blue denira, creton, or in expensive tapestries all make admirable surfaces. They can sometimes be combined with good results. Thus a screen may be faced with denim and the reverse covered with creton, or the panels may be divided—the upper half covered with tapestry and the lower half was tied to a stout post, and above his cocke. He is introved by his wife, with some good tone of burlaps; or head hung a big placard in tea-chest some Mania and Michael, and our days the three panels may be covered with the three panels may be covered with different fabrics. Should the screen be intended for use in a bedroom it all day, before being removed to prison can be made to serve a double purpose for other punishment. by covering but one side with burlan or denim. The cross pieces should be three or four in number, and the frame generally strengthened a little, when,



SCREEN FOR A FIREPLACE,

presto, the reverse side of the screen becomes a wardrobe and towel rack. By fastening hooks in the top strip of the screen dresses can be hung upon it, and towels, stockings, etc., can be placed on the cross pieces. There is really no end to the uses to which screens may be put, and their manufacture is so simple and so inexpensive that every ingenious woman may pos-

Tolstoi's Wife His Business Manage Tolstoi leaves all practical matters relating to his publications to his wife,

She supervises the printing, attends to the correspondence and reads the proofs. She has brought out two complete editions of his works, one in a sumptuous form, the other a cheap edition for the public. Their text is identical, but the edition de luxe has a number of portraits of the author, some of which cannot be obtained else. where.

American Women.

Women are keenly competing with men in art and professional life in America, as is shown by recent statisties. In the United States there are 4,000 actresses and 35,000 women vocalists and instrumentalists; 11,000 are professional artists, 890 fournalists and 2,860 who are engaged in literary work of one kind or another. The number of wemon who are dramatic authors or the defical managers is 600. on and dislects.

THE CHINESE CALENDAR

Some Queer Divisions of Time, and Names Applied to Them.

The Chinese do not compute their time by centuries but by periods of sixty years (luck shiapsix wood); each year in this space of time has its own mape, partly relating to the five elements adopted by the Chinese sages, vis) wood, fire, earth, scineral and water partly connected with denominations of live creatures, such as rat, cattle, tiger, hare, etc. From the combination of these two factors into a double word results, at the same time, whether the year is a lucky or an unlucky one. If, for instance, wood and entile meet in the name of the year, this signifies a good crop; fire and tiger prophesy a year of war. The year 1897 bore the name of dingh-dan-fre and foul-and signifies a year of peace. portion is one formed of three pancls. The Chinese attach great value to five and one-half feet high by two feet in width.

Have a frame made by the carpenter, whether the name of the year implies tuck or had luck. The divisions of the year is a two-fold one, it being divided into twelve months and twenty four semi-months. The latter hear the signs of the old Chinese zodiac, and are called rain water, vernal equition, pure light, rain for the fruit, morning finish of summer, little rainy season, seed of the aerbs, summer solstice, commencement of the heat, great heat, sign of autumn, end of the heat, white dew, etc. Like us the Chinese have four seasons (mun). The months have alternately twenty-nine (weak months) and thirty days (strong months); frequently leap months are introduced for the sake of equalization. According to the Chinese calendar, there are also two kinds of weeks, some of ten days and others of fifteen days, so that a month is divided into two or three weeks. The first days of the months are designated by numbers, but the first day is also called that of the wessel and the last one that of return, every day of the full moon being styled the day of hope. The night is taken at seven hours, the day at live. The counting of the twelve hours each equal to two of ours, commences at 11 o'clock at night.

ple matter to form the skeleton of also designated by animal names; thus strips of light pine from an inch to an the midnight hour is called the hour of inch and a half in thickness. Only the the rat, while the midday hour is that

> A Humorous Chinese Punishment. For ignorant subjects who so far for at the christians in the treaty ports Chinese mandarins have a humorous punishment, which is called the real



CANGUA PHNISHMENT.

ded together with a hole between them lust big enough for a man's neck. It was recently used in Pekin. Each man posed "for attacking Europeans," Thus ticketed the prisoners remained

Tenderest Part of the Page.

Nine out of ten persons, if asked what is the most sensitive part of the ody, will reply the tip of the tongue. polishing billiard balls or any other the holding with specialism. substances that require a very high in Una. legree of smothness, invariably use ie cheekbone as their touchstone for letecting any roughness.

An ivory article that may feel perectly smoth if rubbed gently against the chin or touched with the tip of the tongue will often fee quite appreciably Millamis A. Croffy of Batevia, apost rough when applied to the cheekbone. Chrisimas vita lipparints on Hugh street. Professional boxers, who ought to know which is the most sensitive part of the face, before a fight invariably rub well into the skin around the cheekbone a solution of alum and water for the purpose of hardening their most vulnerable part

Value of Street Sweepings. Street sweepings to the estimated amount of three million tons are collected every year in the cities of the United States. Most of this material is either used for "filling" or thrown away; but the Department of Agriculture learns that in some places farmers secure the sweepings for fertilizing purposes, and that the farmers in such cases, with few exceptions, report excellent results. Since the disposition of such refuse is sometimes a serious problem, the fact seems to be worth consideration on the part of town and country alike. One of our worst faults as a people, is a per-cistent disregard of the truth that to prevent waste in all such ways is to increase wealth

Making Wood Fireproof. A cheap method of making wood fireproof, so far as its bursting into fiames from a heat which ordinarily causes fires, has been discovered and the secret made known to painters. The method consists in priming the woodwork of buildings with clicote of sods. This stuff file in the pores. After the colors are applied another coat of clicote or soda is given instead of varnish. The effect is exactly the same, but cilcote of soda resists fire.

Advertise on the Currency The latest development of the art of dvertisement has not appeared in imerica, as we might have expected. rut in Sweden. The advertisers have ectually captured the backs of the swedish national bank note.

There are over 6,000 known language

DOORSAN HAWS

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poleman and impressive service was attended by a large congregation which filed the fourch to its unscat capacity. The start were besustially and actistically transact the sensitivity and activities a veribable bower of beauty and light. The crib, represented for the first time in Original Very and activity pictured the source and light. The crib, represented for the first time in Original Very and the sense and the sense are 1800 years ago. The passis, directly the organist, Miss O Hander, was rendered by the choir in a manner appropriate to the occasion, and the senson, which was full of impiriting thought for all present was presched by the passor Rev.

[Joseph Headrick.

The Misses Handely entertained a small.

The Hisses Happilly entertained a small party of Irlends at its last Monday evening. A number of the young friends of Geneviere McLaughlin ipent a very pleasant evening at her house Christmes eve.

Mrs. M. Dongherly and children of Ithacs, are spending the holiday manor at the borne of Mrs. Dougherty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bemard McGreghan are visiting in Canandalqua. Mrs. Katherine Boyd in the guest of hes daughter, Mrs. M. Guery of Ithaca.

Frank Pitapatrick spent Christmas at his bone to Genera Joseph McLaughlin of Rochester is visit. ing his parents in town. Mier Ella Fehan of Westport is bemefor

the holiday warration. The following Oridians were guests of friends and relatives in town Christman: Missee Mary Reflecty, Mary McDonald, B, Farrell, Kate Fiscalmanent and Mf, and Mn. Charles Van Hoston, all of Ithmas; Miss Elle Flynn of Geneva, James Jeffrey of Buffalo: Patrick Savage of Waterley and William Flynn of Emira. Bacuritte.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCarthy an plece spent Sunday at Pholps. Misses Lizzie Farrell and Anna Dallor General were the guests of relatives here last

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and family of Canandligus spent Christman here, the guesta of the Jaller's parents. Miss Mary Classey spent the first of the

week at farming ton. Plater McQuillian, who is bean for

Mrs. Farrell is visibility febrade at Wish Mrs. Daviel Show sport the first of the resk at Palmyrs, the room of her name Mine Margaret Phippe sterned to Rock ester after a week's visit with her m

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man with his father be Lime. Miss Mary Grace of Limi over Christman. Miss Kra Walsh, who is

Michael Byrne of Buleto, it

Series Fills.

John O'Conmot of Eastern, Penn., is her tailing his parents

Edward McArdie is house from the University at Buffalo, for the holidays.

Miss Cotolia Crame of Batavia, apoint Christman with her posents on Ovid street. Min Maggie MeGaire of Rephester, spending hir vacation with her Maynird most Rer, Pather Margan of Her York Will guest of his moster on Killer street.

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