SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

OUR FASHION LETTER

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Did Gowas Made New-Suggestions for Simple Changes in Gowns and Wraps-These Will Freshen Them Up.

For years we have had the expresnon "lace stockings." In the main we meant stockings of silk, fine and patlerned like lace. But the name or the iemand has brought them really of thread lace, inset, into spun sick and lisle thread.

Women who are not of "the profesdon" rather object to the idea of their following the fashions of the stage.



fet it is true that through seeing novelties on the stage we become so accustomed to them that ladies in private life may adopt what seems to them pretty and suitable without fear of being criticised for bizarre dress-Ing.

This has been the experience particularly of the lace stockings, quantities of which luxurieswere sent among holiday gifts.

Do you know a gentlewoman who prides herself upon her pretty footwear, even in the bosom of her family? She has some black lace stockings in her chiffonier-or she wants them.

Those of French make are careful-

is there he such transure box is the iouse, A collar in exact imitation of grandmother's may be bought at any good lace department. Run a broad velve or silk ribbon under the lace bit

and the it low under the throat in a quaint, stiff bow. Nobody questions these times, probably, that very effective beits are broad at the back and sarrow in front; certainly must they be the lat-

ter. A variation of the bodice belt is a fitted piece of black velvet with three strappings of black ribbon. They overlap at the front, and at the back they separate, cross and conclude under jetted buttons.

A popular belt for toning up rather dilapidated light waist is of black satin, dotted with seguins and Suckling under the nouveau art clasp in duil silver enameled with black.

A black frieze frock, made carline in the season, with a train is turned into a walking dress of the latest pattern by a little trouble and some simple materials. The skirt is well stiftened for half a dozen inches above the hem, that it may not hang about the feet unpleasantly. Side pockets are let into the skirt near the belt. They may be used or not, according as the wearer of the dress thinks that a skirt at the same time can keep its shape and hold pocketed articles.

Especial originality is shown in the cut of an Eton coat. A gentle curve is cut across the back; the highest points in it are far toward the front, showing a bodice belt of black silk. Black silk tailor's folds , not milliner's), three of them, follow the lines of the hem of the jacket, ending under black silk covered buttons. The same sort of trimming defines the collarless top of the jacket.

A smart sash of black silk, stitched all over at quarter-inch intervals, is run through openings made in the front of the coat and tled in a jaunty bow. A jaunty stock of stitched black gro grain worn under a white linea band is enough decoration for the neck. The waist under the coat is white corduroy.

For a new hat with the improvised walking costume, there is a marquise shape of shaggy felt, trimmed with nothing but two bands and ends of bias velvet, stitched, and a rhinestone buck le.

Another gown furnished for the gray camel's hair with the inevitable prison brogans, which drowned the It was made with three Carrick The festivities were kept up until the capes. For freshening, the central bar was severed, leaving room for exone is removed and a substitution is it, when the thirty-six emerged, undemade from black and white satin brocaded in Christmas red. A grandfath-



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"Twould be good to ge In a ship of snow On a pionic to the point On a michie to the pole

Where the Ice King has control Twould be good to ge In a ship of shew On a picnic to the pole!

"I'would be fine to sail In an foy gale. Where the Arctic scenis rolls Far-Araway

Over Baffin's bay, On a picate to the pole!

On a pienic to the pole Where the Los King has com What a jey to go In a ship of snew On a picale to the pelet

-Atlanta Constitution, CAPE COD VIKINGS.

words: stands on her guard." Mr. C. F. Switt, proceed,

author of "A History of Old Yarmouth," and a member of the Cape Cod tory which, having in mind the pas-Cod, the Right Arm of Massachusetts." One would have to search far to find more stirring stories of hairbreadth escapes and deeds of heroism than are to be found in this volume. There is

some of these stories. Here, for instance, is an historical occurrence that has within its outline a very good plot. During the year 1775, David Snow and son, aged fifteen years, were fishing back of Cape Cod, when they were taken by a privateer, and carried to Hallsoon gained the confidence of the officers, who granted them many privileges. One day the young man found

tected, from the prison yard. Knocking down the sentinels, they were er's hat also is made from the same soon outside the walls, and directed their steps to Plymouth harbor, fifteen miles distant.

harbor, embarked on a large scow, and was required, before the advent of telewere afloat on the English Channel. graphs, telephones, and fast mails, to With almost superhuman strength they he fun boarded a small vessel, captured it, and and merchant, being so remote from set sail for the coast of France. Upon his owners and employers that it was their arrival they sold their prize, Mr. necessary to rely upon his own judg-Snow and son retaining forty dollars as their share of the proceeds. They developed first-class ability in many then gave themselves up to the French government, were placed on board a riod that the business reputation and nartel, sent to America, and landed in Carolina. The Revolutionary War was still raging, the coast was guarded, and their only hope of getting home was by land, which they accomplished atter weeks of wearlsome travel. Peace had in the meantime been declared. From Boston they took passage in a vessel bound for Provincetown. They continued on a boat their homeward journey. Mr. Snow ascertained where his wife, who had for seven years material, and finished with small cut mourned his as dead, was to be found. steel buttons. Larger buttons of a and presented himself without ceresimilar pattern are placed on the mony. She fell in a swoon, apparently coat. A pretty chemisette of plaited dead, but recovering, walked home The boy, David, had now become a stalwart man; but he, instead of going directly home, went first to a neighbor's, without giving his name. The it. The design is just as good for an quick observation of one of the brighteyed girls of the family penetrated the secret, and she said to her sister, "If bodice, and not a chemisette, is worn that isn't David Snow, it is his ghost." property of the imperial family. David got home before his parents; and met them on the road, where neigh-Spinach green is a color much used bors and friends joyfully welcomed Many Cape men found their way on on here and there after the fashion of board the privateers, writes the author, man for a month. But the fachines polka dots. Worn with a gown of which were so numerous and serviceblack and blouse of white, this color able to the American cause, both in combination has the merit of novelty furnishing supplies and ammunition, and in weakening the commerce of The color is not repeated at the Great Britain. In the two years, from throat in the stock, but is pretty worn 1776 to 1778, nearly eight hundred as a chou in the hair. Green of an prizes were captured, which, with their intense nature is one of the colors cargoes, were worth not less than twenwhich sometimes are owrn successful- ty million dollars. It is stated on atly over the face, but almost never un- thority that during the war two hundred thousand tons of British shipping were captured by our privateers, priucipally manned by fishermen. These crafts did not always escape, and when some pretty uses for old brocades. The taken, their crews were consigned to a punishment only a little worse than sorts of portfolios are others. A card death-imprisonment on board the box is another, and the most attractive Jersey or in the Old Mill. On board the and useful of small bookracks is a Resolution, a privateer taken by a Britfourth. The rage for this sort of use- ish vessel in 1780, were thirteen men ful fancy work came on with full from Truro and Wellfleet, who were sent to the Old Mill Prison. In more than one household there is The records of the towns during the the resolve to send out some of these period of the Revolution ever and anon charming things as valentines to those contain words like these, after the who remembered us and whom we names of citizens: "Died on board of forgot at Christmas. So the sewing Jersey Prison Ship." To those who

motion and to the sick, what we that the positiont halk became a charnal house, a commission to which was like a surface of death. It is not known how many of our mon perished there, as no report of haloes was ever main: enough is associatized to leave a record which can never be afficiel. One of the most remarkable accounts in this volume is that of the advectory

Complete Biography of President Re of Captain Elijah Cobb, of Brewster, who invoked justice of the revolutionany micromont of France. His result had been molecult and its carro appro-priated by the Franch authorities at Brest, and after a struggle he had extracted from the French officials a promise of reparation; but no progress had been made in securing its performance. It was represented to him that the papers in the case had been sent to Parin; and, after securing certified copies thereof, to Paris he went to further prosecute his suit for redress. He arrived in that city in the midst of the bloodlest period of that fearful drama, the recital of which, even now, sends a thrill of horror through the Many people will recall the descrip- civilized world. He was an eye-witnesstion which R. D. Thoreau gave of the to the execution of hundreds of persons great cape of Massachusetts in the by the guillotine, of men, women, "Cape Cod is the bared and priests, and civilians of all ages and bended arm of Massachusetts; the conditions of life. These scenes did shoulder is at Bussard's Bay; the elbow not deter him from his purpose. He or crazy bone at Cape Mallebarre; the found French officials to be tricky and wrist at Truro, and the sandy fist at evasive, and finally they pretended to Provincetown-behind which the State have lost his papers and could not

In this emergency he bethought him of appealing to Robespierre himself. Historical Society, has written a his- who, though hard-hearted and cruel, was not destitute of a sense of justice. sage quoted above, is called "Cape and public honor. In response to an appeal by letter from Captain Cobb. representing himself as an American citizon who had been captured by a French frigate on the high seas, and who desired an interview on business. the material for famous romances in

he received reply, of which the trans-lation run thus: "I will grant Citizen Cobb an Interview to-morrow at ten A. M. Robespierre." Captain Cobb called at the appointed

time. Robespierre's demeanor on this occasion was a model of courtesy and decorum, and he little resembled the far. They were thence transferred to monster he is generally represented in the Old Mill Prison in England. They cotemporary history. He heard Captain Cobb to the end, then conversed with him in very good English, and at the close told him to call at the office a file, and this led to a scheme for re- ' in Rue St. Honorie, tell them who sent covering their liberty. They arranged him there, and direct them, at the risk for a great party and frolic among the of his displeasure, to adjust the busiprisoners; thirty-six of them were en- ness upon which he called. Captain listed in a scheme for escape. With Cobb did so, and at once had his claim "changing of the seasons" is a smoke the fiddling began the double-shuffle of allowed by the obsequois official. Before Captain Cobb left Paris he witgraduated flounce of the cloth gown, noise of the file upon the prison bars. nessed the execution on the guillotine of Robespierre himself.

Captain Cobb was destined to experience other adventures of a thrilling nature before returning home. He was sometime a resident at Hamburg, and during the succeeding war was captured and imprisoned by a British frigite. The shipmaster, in those days, Before daylight they had reached the beside being a thorough mavigator, Whitem Wokinley By MURAT HALSTEAD. Famone Journalles and Abiles Introduction by Senates CHAUKORY M. DEFEW. IN by General C. H. Greevener, Col. A. Halmond and A. J. H

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iv designed to make the such not out of proportion; broad lines narrow as they approach the foot. A beautiful design was of silk, with ppenwork of white lace, applications of plack enterdeux surrounding the inset; and these applications dotted with wee silver sequins.

Rather theatrical stockings, to be sure, but appropriate enough for dinner use with formal tollette, though unsuited for dancing costume.

The entire fronts of two "lace" stockings of spun silk are of such loose spinning that they are compared with mosquito netting. Diamondshaped bars render the material less likely to give way. But such treasares need careful handling.

Did I mention the stockings which are spangled, even many that have duchess lace inset, must be sent to the cleaner, and not by any chance to the laundress.

A silk stocking with a lacey look, though not quite lace as it is usually understood (the entredeux being woven with the lisle material), has five open-work lines running from about the shoe-top to near the toe.

Real thread lace, again, black, is inlet upon a pair of white silk stockings. which further are embroidered in pink and black in snowflake design. The best of these beautiful things Gold spangles or fleurs-de-lis are put are worth half the income of a workdo remarkably good work in imitation of real lace effects.

This is what the French call the "moment du changement de saison," and their method of giving freshness to the toilette by replacing the little things is out own as well. First, there are a few new separate waists to be bought.

One may as well start outright with a white crepe de chine, made prettily with diamonds of tucks and entredeux, the sleeves the decoration. A fresh white waist gives no end of courage to go on with work. It is so pretty to wear to the theatre, now that Christmas is over and one can take an evening in which to enjoy herself.

That done, what about making up the black web lace which has been in the house so long? A pretty model is done over white silk, with edgings of jet, opening over a vest of white chiftoh. The sleeves are only miniatures, showing the upper arm. The three bars of black velvet on the neck make the bodice only half-formal toilette. But a pretty one it is, and, worn with a lace yoke to it, would serve a number of new needs; without the yoke I fancy I see it on some pretty woman who sits in an orchestra chair at the opera. It would be good for the boxes-without the straps.

' A third new blouse is from tearose pink louisine, with applications of black and white velvet, outlined in white.

"A "granny" collar is a handy bit " for touching up a silk waist. Turn the bodice in at the throat (for home wear), and fit around it neatly one of , the old-fashioned collars of Cluny lace. which are to be found in boxes where top shelves are undisturbed except for Mounacles Blake and the set of the set of the set

white chiffon is the other new touch. with her husband. The turban is of gray velvet, with scarlet plumage.

The coatee is not removed when indoors. Another wrap is worn outside outdoor jacket, provided an entire underneath.

now for folded satin or silk belts. them, and distinction.

der and near it.

Out of the holiday season have come "drum" waste basket is one and two force at Christmas.

goes on; fresh resolves and gifts side have read the history of that

clothes.

by side, with new versions of our curses dark.

alice.

to each pint of potatoes, and a little mill on the Long Island shore. chopped parsiey. Roll into croquettes, | It is computed that not less than dip in egg, then in bread crumbs, and eleven hundred American seamen perfry in deep fat.

In Europe the greatest average small pox, and all sorts of infectious consumption of coffee is in Denmask, discuss prevailed insufficiently nourand the least in Russia.

fatal, that perfidious bark, Built in the oclipse and rigged with

'A change from the ordinary way of no further description is required. It frying potatoes which have been prev- was an old sixty-four-gun ship, which iously boiled is obtained by slicing through age had become unfit for acthem evenly and browning the slices upon a griddle or large frying pan as you would pancakes, turning each old, unsightly, rotten hulk. Its dark and filthy appearance perfectly corres-

pond with the death and despair that To well-seasoned mashed potatoes reigned aboard. It was situated about add a little celery, salt and onion three-quarters of a mile to the easttuice. Add the beaten yolk of an egg ward of Brooklyn ferry, near a tide

ished on it. Here were promisciously huddled the well and the sick twalve hundred together at times. Fever, W Poralleo. Tomatical

ment and discretion. These exigencies instancer, and it was during this pesegncity of Cape shipmasters was at the highest point.-True Flag.

World's Rishest linby.

The greatest heiress in the world -is the baby Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the Czar and Czarina of Russia. Already she is one of the richest persons in the world, and what she will Inherit is beyond computation, The Czar's will is the only law in Russia, and he has absolute control of all the money that can be extracted by taxation or otherwise from his vast

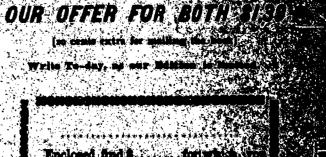
empire. But he has also what is called private property. This consists of the crown domains, including more than a million square miles of cultivated lands and forests, besides gold and othor mines in Siberia, all of which produce a vast revenue. The actual amount of this is unknown, as no reference to the subject is made in the hudget or finance account, the crown domains beind considered the private

The Grant Duchess Olga was born two daughters, the Czar as yet having no sons. The week she was born \$5,-000,000 was settled on her. This sum was invested in British, French and other foreign securities, as the Caar, like other monarchs, is not absolutely certain of the future, and does not wish his family to be in need at any time of the necessaries of life.

The imperial infant has been inundated with costly presents from all the monarchs of the world and from the wealthy noblemen and barbarous chieftains who rule, under the Czar, some of the great countries in his empire. These presents alone are worth millions of dollars.

Her bassinette is studded with presious stones, and she has a doll whose dress is ornamented with priceless emeraids. Every pin ued to fasten her imperial garments is made of pure gold. If the czar shall have no son, it is possible that he will make this little daughter heir to the throne. In any case she will inherit a large share of his incalculable private fortune. Beside her wealth that of a Vanderbilt of a Rockefeller becomes absolutely insigalfcant-New York Journal

Trom an Old Arithmetici Speaking of old-fashioned problems one of our friends of Springfold, Ill. sends three queer. "examples" which appeared in Adams' srithmatic more than eighty years ago. No doubt the boys and girls of those days pussled long and tediously over the kits, cats, sacks and wives, and never stopped to think whether or not a frog could climb a well curb Read over the prob. lems and see if you can answer thema "If a herring and a half cost a penny and a half, what will il pence buy?" "It a frog at the bottom of a well thirty feet deep climbs up three feet. every day and falls back two feet evto climb out of the well?" "As I was going to St. Ives I met sev en wives each wire had seven macks! Anna the state of the second second



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