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MILITARY COAT.

That there is an undoubted affinity between feminine affections and brass buttons no student of human nature will deny. The military coat is the latest expression thereof and bids fair to become a craze. This one includes



a smart cape and collar and has a fine finish at the neck while its sleeves are big and ample. As shown it is made of dark blue melton with a finish of tailor stitching and brass buttons, but color may correctly be anything preferred so long as the characteristic brass buttons are retained.

The coat is made with fronts, 2 1/2" fronts, underarm gores, back and side backs and is laid in tucks at both front and back that conceal the side-front and side-back seams. The back is fitted and finished with a strap at the waist line but the loose fitting fronts are buttoned over in double-breasted style. The cape is in two portions, so giving unbroken lines at the back and at the neck is a pointed collar shaped to form straps over the shoulders. The sleeves are full, gathered into shaped cuffs. May Mantion

New Sofa Pillows

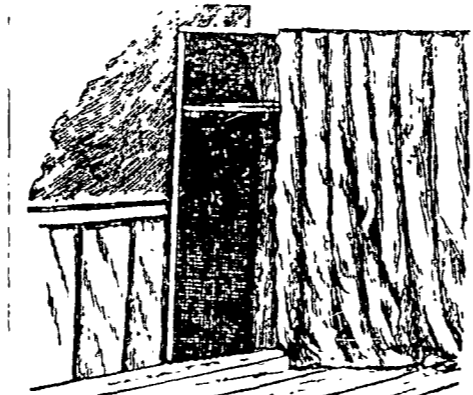
Some of the newest college pillows are made of skins. An especially attractive one of the order was recently fashioned out of a black and white calfskin. The low, domed, skin strips about an eighth of an inch wide being used to form the legend "Yale." The letters were first outlined on the pillow, then the domes, ones were glued on. Such domes were made with an awl at frequent intervals, all of the letters, then little brass caps with nail heads were pushed through the holes and the strips spread in position underneath. Of course this pillow is not especially desirable from the standpoint of comfort, but it is excellent for show.

Calfskin and chariot skin are softer and better adapted to useful pillows, if properly made than other skins. However, those who are so fortunate as to have beautiful skins of any sort in their possession will be able to put them to a new use in this way.

For instance, some men's dens are upholstered with the skins of animals, small heads and tails being suspended from the corners to give finishing touches.

A Substitute for a Closet.

In a bed room which has no closet, a serviceable substitute for one can easily and cheaply be made. Our illustration shows such a one, fitted up by the writer. It extends across one end of the room. We had two boards one foot wide, sawed off in seven feet lengths. A foot from the upper end of each board we had cleats nailed across. These boards were then placed against the side walls at the end of the room. A board was cut exactly as long as the room was wide, and this was placed on the top of the upright boards. Another piece was cut as long as the top board less the thickness of the two upright pieces. This fitted in between the uprights and rested on the



cleats, and fitting snugly. It keeps the end pieces pressed against the wall; therefore no nails or screws are needed to hold the arrangement in place. We have, by this plan a shelf at the top on which to keep boxes and articles which cannot be hung up. Into the bottom of this shelf we screwed hooks on which garments are hung. In this way we avoided damaging the walls by driving in nails or putting on hooks. Then we made a curtain which we tacked to the front of the top board, weighted the bottom of it, so that it hangs in its proper place always, and is not blowing about to admit dust. The curtain might be hung on a pole, but we preferred to fasten it with tacks, because this plan of arranging it made everything snug and dust-tight. It should be full enough to hang gracefully, and if the women of the family have a "knack" that way, they can make it quite as ornamental as anything else the room will be likely to contain.

THE GOSPEL OF PARDON.

How a Man Can Have the Right and Power to Forgive Sin.

In a recent lecture in Brooklyn or "The Gospel Way of Pardon—the Confessional; or, How Can a Man Forgive Sin," Rev. W. A. Courtney of the New York apostolate fathers said in part:

"The beginning, way and end of the Christian Catholic life are to follow and imitate Jesus Christ. Every truth which the Church preaches and every devotion which she permits directs and assists her children to know and love and serve Jesus Christ. The obstacle to this end, the impediment in the way of life, is sin. Sin it is that binds man down to earth and excludes him from heaven. Sin it is that disgraces and degrades man and dishonors God. Sin it is that defaces the beauty of life, shatters the home and sickens the country. Unpardoned sin it is that drags men and women into the depths of hell. Must the sinner walk through life with his sins tied to him? Is there no hope for the abandoned sinner but suicide? Must she ever wear a scarlet letter on her breast? Must he who has sinned depart this life for eternity with no assurance of pardon and with fear and trembling? The prodigal can find a way to return to God, the unfortunate can fling away her sin, the weakling can in spirit touch the healing Christ, the faithful can draw nearer to Christ, the sinner can rise and follow Christ, the sinner can have an assurance of pardon and can depart for eternity in peace and calm, through the sacrament of penance, for Jesus said, 'Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them.'

"Confession is only a part of the sacrament of penance, and not even the most essential part, because the forgiveness of sins does not depend absolutely on the confession of them, but on the hearty and real sorrow and on the firm purpose of amendment which must accompany the confession.

"It is not inconsistent with what we know of God's dealings with man that Christ left His Church an express institution for the canceling of sins, through the application of His redeeming blood.

"Did Jesus Christ give this power to man? After His resurrection from the dead Jesus Christ appeared to the apostles and said to them, 'Peace be to you, as the Father sent Me, I also send you.' When He said this He breathed on them, saying, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost, whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.'

Do Not Miss Your Chance.

"Forty years ago," said an old man to us while walking on the street, "I was offered that lot over there in exchange for a cow. I declined to trade. Now it is worth half a million dollars. I missed my chance."

"When eighteen years of age," said a friend to whom he repented the above, "my father urged me to enter college. I told him I preferred to wait a year. Before twelve months rolled around a combination of circumstances made my going to college impossible, and I was forced to begin life with the most meager mental training. I missed my chance."

Young Christian, God has called you to His service. He has given you a measure of talent and tact. God has also put wayward souls near you who may be won from lives of worldliness and sin. No one has so great influence over them as you have. No one has just such opportunities of leading them aright. But time is passing. Opportunities are passing. Unexpected circumstances may separate you from your friends or your friends may be separated from you. Sickness may come. Death may come. If ever you are to be the means of their salvation you must act at once. A week's delay, a day's delay, an hour's delay, may be fatal. Do not miss your chance.

The Watch His Mother Gave Him.

The timepiece carried by Pope Pius X. is a nickel watch that has no claim to beauty and little intrinsic money value. It is one given the Pope by his mother, when he was a boy, and he has refused to buy it aside for the most costly jeweled watch that gifts can bring or money can buy. The following verses suggested by this little old watch, appeared in the Chicago Record Herald.

Oh, that little nickel watch
Which the Roman Pontiff owns,
With its leather shoestring catch
And its lack of precious stones
With its nickel face of dross
They are jewels in his eyes
Not the dross of a price
Could secure that ancient prize

Once a simple peasant boy
Now the mighty Pope of Rome—
Wore that ordinary nickel toy
In the Vatican of home
And the Holy Father prays,
Though the nickel may be dim,
That it mark the passing days
Until time shall cease for him.

Colored Converts.

Out of ninety colored candidates confirmed by Bishop Farley in the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, New York, on a recent Sunday sixty-one were converts to Catholicism. St. Benedict's is the only Catholic church in New York exclusively for negroes. Its congregation includes all the colored Catholics in Manhattan and many from Brooklyn. One of the largest gatherings that ever filled a parish church in that city witnessed the confirmation. Nearly 8,000 were unable to gain admission.

What We Receive.

We should understand that we have no right to complain if graces or spiritual favors are given more abundantly to others than to ourselves. We receive all we are entitled to and, indeed, immensely more. That others receive even more liberally is not contrary to God's justice, but simply an effect of His mercy, which is, of course, not capricious, but having its reason in His wisdom, which is for us inscrutable.

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