MISS WHITNEY'S FROCKS.

Also Those of a Variety of Other People.

I suppose the debutante in whom New York society at large will take most interest this winter is Miss Pauline Whitney. The Whitneys are sure to be conspicuous figures under the incoming administration, and Miss Pauline, who is just home from abroad, will attract an uncommon amount of attention.

Why have I lugged this fact in by the ears? Partly because the frocks of a debutante are usually thought worthy of note, and partly also because Miss Whitney's dresses are so quiet and simple and tasteful as to promise an example to extravagant society.

It's all very well to scold about the education of American girls abroad, but, whatever else they learn or don't learn, they find out better taste of manners than to flaunt the streets in

IN A BOX AT THE THEATER.

the loud colors affected by a good many home-bred specimens. Miss Pauline was on Fifth avenue, a block or two below the ex-secretary's house, this morning, in a tailor dress that would serve as a model for an ingenious young girl in search of a winter outfit up with the times but not frantically striving to get ahead of them. Her gown was a grayish green cloth, with plain skirt, flaring slightly and scalloped at the bottom. The scallops were finished with narrow black soutache and above them was a simple pattern of embroidery. Miss Whitney's coat bodice turned back from the shoulders in embroidered revers, which met just far enough above the waist to allow for three buttons. At the waist line the coat was cut off square in Spencer fashion, the long tails starting from under the arms and being lined with shot silk, green, with dull crimson dashes. A plain silk vest was set in between the coat revers. The coat sleeves were so far modified as to puff a little at the shoulders, and embroidered pocket guards, which, however, it would not be safe to assume concealed pockets, were set upon the skirt on either side.

Miss Pauline wore a dark green felt hat with green plumes.

Not at all a sensational outfit! No; but perhaps the better worth describing.

If you won't wrongfully suspect me of a purpose to give this young woman more than her rightful share of free advertising I will add to her street costume the frock she wore at the theater last evening. Her skirt of gray blue bengaline had a narrow black velvet ruffle at the foot, shadowy lines of darker gray and blue blocked it off into indistinct plaids, and across the flowry stripes and bars wandered yet more dimly flower sprays and vines.

A folded black velvet girdle fastened the waist, and over the blouse bodice fell a sleeveless black lace jacket reaching below the hips, rounded away in front and straight behind. Big sleeves with long velvet gauntlets, a velvet collar, high in the throat and fastened with blue ribbons behind,

ON THE STREET IN DECEMBER.

and a black velvet ribbon in the fluffy hair made up as pretty a costume as there was in the audience.

One of the most fashionable establishments in the city has a notable trying-on room. The sanctuary of sanctuaries is small and square and done up at a cost of nobody knows how many thousands in white and gold. It has no outlook to the air, but a great electric chandelier comes down in the middle and the lights burn day and night to illumine the shrine. The pile of the white velvet carpet is so thick that your steps are noiseless, and the most prominent article of furniture is an enormous white mirror.

This room is not used for ordinary fittings, but now and then when a carriage stops at the private entrance and a mistress of money who respects her grand toilet, even in its incompleteness, too profoundly to put it to the inconvenience of packing, comes to it rather than require it to journey to her, there is great hurrying to and fro and a tremendous bustle in the small but luxurious apartment, where the madame of the robes stands waiting in state and ceremony, and where busy slaves of the robes sit cross-legged on the floor like Turks or tailors, because the delicate silks must not be suffered to hang down from chairs.

It was at such a ceremony that I was a witness on Tuesday. A young matron of the One Hundred and Fifty was being fitted to her gown for the Patriarchs' ball. The gown itself was worthy of the function. It was of whipcord silk in a yellowish creamy shade. The skirt was straight, plain, flaring in a train of moderate extent behind and finished simply with five narrow ruffles of antique lace. The low French waist was longer than the empire modes now all but universal, close fitting and trimmed with lace bretelles, which met in a point in front and behind, disappearing under a belt of turquoise passementerie. The sleeves were deep, and very full lace ruffles, with creamy velvet leaves embroidered with turquoise, coming down over them. The dress was simple in effect, but richer than many more elaborate ones.

Even more interesting was another fetched out for me after she of the One Hundred and Fifty had gone away. This second costume was for an older woman, known in society over two continents. It was a purple velvet robe, shaped to the figure in the back, but with a flowing front of paler purple gauze, figured with gold and amethyst. Across the bosom the soft, shimmering stuff was fastened lightly with a big velvet and ribbon bow with long ends. There were full velvet sleeves with gauze under-sleeves.

Children's evening costumes are about as interesting as anything in the dress line to be seen just now. When the little folks come in with the dessert, after dinner, they are frilled and slashed and cut as if for an eighteenth century ball. The sketches are drawn from recent costumes of two little relatives of Mrs Whitelaw Reid. A little maid who was bridesmaid at one of the week's fashionable weddings wore a pink bengaline smock frock, with a hanging pocket and a square collar of coffee colored lace. She had a huge white felt hat, covered with pink velvet bows and white plumes, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

Belonging in the trousseau of a Thanksgiving bride were a few frocks that may have the honor to interest you. One was a short dress in apple green and a bluish brown, with a short coat bodice, a zouave front and a blue cloth waistcoat banded with galon. Another outdoor rig was a blue and fawn-colored tweed frock with a blue and buff wainscoat. For dinner wear was a black silk frock, low cut at the neck and set off with a shoulder fluting lined with pink. Prettier than this was a pink brocade gown with a huge design of poppies; prettier, that is for the

CHILDREN'S EVENING DRESS.

big rosy blonde who is to wear it; not prettier, probably, for any other human being.

Ladies' luncheons are the vogue, and black is the coffee and sweet the biscuits served at them. Mrs. Lorillard gave a pretty one the other day, at which a group of bright-faced girls assisted in black bengaline frocks, with belt bunches of pink and white chrysanthemums. One of the prettiest dresses of the occasion was a pale green brocade, outlined at the bottom by and odd roll of the material. The bodice was embroidered with white jet in corselet fashion, and there were green velvet puffed sleeves.

A graceful gown in black flowered satin had pink and gold shot velvet sleeves, and a dark green bengaline frock had bands of bluish green and black velvet to outline the basque, which has almost hidden under white chysanthemums.

A rich yellow silk was the most gorgeous feature of the dress display, with its brocade of ivy leaves and drapery of ivy green velvet.

At any important first night you get now a big display of theater millinery. A huge soft felt hat in front of me the other evening was all white, to its corded lining and its masses of flat, loose bows. A poke bonnet that might almost, and yet decidedly mightn't, have belonged to a Salvation lass, was in old rose felt with a white tulle frilling inside the brim.

A pretty black felt was curved and dimpled winsomely and trimmed at the side with two long curling feathers and a bow, while round the crown was a twisted black ribbon.

A pink velvet affair worn well back upon the head was lined with black and trimmed with pink chrysanthemums and black plumes.

The girl who wore it wore also a long pink silk evening cloak brocaded with chrysanthemums in black and gotten up with triple shoulder capes edged with sable.

There were two or three women in short Eton jackets all of fur, and one young matron I noticed had an entire dress of uncurled Astrakhan. All sorts of fur appeared on all sorts of gowns, even on the flimsiest one. As last winter so this, ermine is the thing for linings.

Again there is talk of hoopskirts, but it is well not to fret, remembering that always there must be that about which the lips may be kept moving.

And yet crinoline would be no more absurd than street trains.

ELLEN OSBORN.

THIS WAS MANLY SPORT.

Some of the Features Included in the Olympian Games.

The sacred games of Oylmpia were instituted nearly seven centuries before Christ; and an oath, confirmed by sacrifice, was imposed on the athletes before they entered the lists, binding them to play fair and take no fraudulent advantage over the other competitors.

A reference to these national festivals of ancient Greece says Blackwood's Magazine call to mind their extraordinary duration. There is no modern parallel to them in this respect. We reckon our derby, our university boat race, our Eton and Harrow cricket match, to be venerable institutions, but they are very ephemeral observances, in sooth, compared with, say, the Isthmian games, which, founded about B. C. 560, still constituted, three centuries and a half later, a sufficiently important anniversary for Flaminius to select it as the occasion for proclaiming the liberty of Greece in B. C. 196, and, two centuries and a half later still, for Nero to repeat the proclamation in A. D. 67. Such permanence puts to shame the life of a dynasty, and there is certainly no important event in our sporting world which derives its origin from the year 1300.

But there is another remarkable feature about these gatherings, namely, the unchanging character of the performance enacted at them. Assuming the era of Homer to have been five centuries earlier than the inauguration of the Isthmian games, that is, about B. C. 1000, the sports which he enumerates as taking place at the funeral of Patroclus were identical, not only with those of the Olympian, Nemean and Isthmian celebrations, but strangely similar to a programme of the present day. Chariot and footraces, boxing, wrestling and putting the stone are counterparts of competitive exercises of the nineteenth century.

SOME EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Struggling Students in India—Their Knowledge of History.

A writer in the Deccan Budget gives some amusing examples of mistakes made by Indian students in their examination papers. In a historical paper the question was to explain the sentence, "She (Queen Mary) was not only his wife, but his friend." The translator made the passage to run: "She was not only his wife, but the wife of all his friends."

Another student has given an explanation of Salic law which at once accounts for the fact that monarchy has come to an end in France. He defines Salic law as "a law in France by which no man descended from the female sex was to get the French crown."

One student explained that "the habeas corpus act was a very important act passed in 1628. It declared that the bread and wine taken at the Lord's supper is the real blood and body of Christ."

Another who imagined the act of uniformity to be a law said that it meant "that all soldiers should dress alike."

A youthful apostle of celibacy gives the following example of a logical conclusion: "Marriage is a lottery—lotteries are illegal—ergo, marriage is illegal."

The following is a definition given of a sponging-house: "In England there are many people who live by sponging on others, so there are houses in which some who are so lazy to work depend on others."

Another student defined "flunkeyism" as follows: "When printing was introduced in England by Caxton and Mr. Winble, the flunkeyism was introduced—that is a kind of machine for printing."

HOW A BEE FIGHTS.

The Busy Little Toilers Know Well How to Defend Themselves.

An observer writes us, says the Chicago Dispatch, that he is satisfied that there is just as much rivalry between humming birds and bees in their quest for honey as there is between members of the human race in their struggle for the good things of life, and describes a recent quarrel that he saw in a Portland garden, where a humming bird with an angry dash expressed its disapproval of the presence of a big bumblebee in the same tree. The usually pugnacious bee incontinently fled, but he did not leave the tree.

He dashed back and forth among the branches and white blossoms, the humming bird in close pursuit. Where will you find another pair that could dodge and dart equal to these? They were like flashes of light, yet the pursuer followed the track of the pursued, turning when the bee turned. In short, the bird and the bee controlled the movements of their bodies more quickly and more accurately than he could control the movements of his eyes. The chase was all over in half the time it has taken to tell it, but the excitement of a pack of hounds after a fox was no greater. The bee escaped, the bird giving up the whole chase and alighting on a twig. It couldn't have been chasing the bee for food, and there is no possible explanation of its unprovoked attack, except that it wished to have all the honey itself.

A Strange Coincidence.

An ironmaster of Prenzlau, near Potsdam, Germany, was married on the same day as Emperor William II., February 27, 1882. Like the emperor, he has had six boys, whose respective birthdays coincided with the dates on which the young German princes were born. But what is still more curious is that his wife presented him with a girl on exactly the same day as the German empress became the mother of an imperial princess. For once we have a subject agreeing with his sovereign.

A Long Shot.

We learn now that the famous jubilee shot fired from a twenty-two-ton gun in Queen Victoria's jubilee year to ascertain how far a shot could be carried remained in the air sixty-nine and a half seconds, and the highest point reached in its flight of twelve miles was seventeen thousand feet.

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A Curious Rite.

The ceremonies attending the inauguration of new railroads are scarcely similar in the east to those which prevail in America. At the opening of the Jaffa-Jerusalem railway a curious Moslem rite was observed. Three sheep were slaughtered and their blood besprinkled on the rails before the first train was allowed to proceed upon its journey. This superstitious ceremony had for its object the scaring away of evil genii, who would have otherwise exerted a baneful influence upon passengers using the line.

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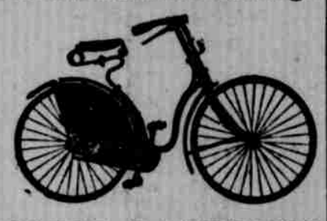

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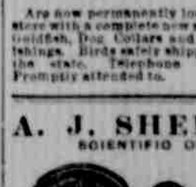

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