

# HEARTH & HOME



DESIGNS FOR BOUDOIR GOWN AND COFFEE COATS. No. 1. Underdress of pleated chiffon, with robe of broché satin trimmed with lace sash, etc. of white satin ribbon. No. 2. Soft white satin coat, with guipure collar edged with black satin; chiffon trim; lace ornaments. No. 3. Coat of pink crepe de sole, with sleeves and collar of ivory tulle; dart; lace flounce and insertion.

## JOUR DE L'AN IN PARIS.

CUSTOMS BELONGING TO THE NEW YEAR SEASON—LACE COLLECTING A FAD—RECEPTION GOWNS.

Paris, December 28, 1900.

Paris is slowly filling up with people who are anxious to enjoy the short but gay social season ushered in by the Jour de l'An. This is brought to a close in early February, when the gay world hurries away to the Riviera.

In France Christmas belongs to the children. New Year's Day is the important celebration, and is far more social than a family event. It really marks the beginning of the social year, for it is the custom here for a hostess to send her visiting card to every person of her acquaintance whom she wishes to keep on her visiting list. The first week of the new year the posts are simply loaded with these small cards, which, curiously enough, it seems quite proper to include in unsealed envelopes, rather indicative of that spirit of economy which seems to pervade all classes in France.

The Jour de l'An is a season not particularly beloved by the young bachelor whose social position is rather stronger than his purse, for it is the day when the latter is sadly depleted to pay for the entertainments he has enjoyed, and in a country where every one has ancestors, a bargain at an auction sale seems to give one even greater distinction than an inherited collection. But, as one noted collector says, "It is not the quantity of lace that counts, but the quality of the collection."

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## Reception Invitations

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Finest workmanship—correct styles  
Menus and Dinner Cards  
Designs which are original.

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talking. Then I found that if I thought of anything but the boxes I couldn't paste so fast, and so I stopped thinking. There's nothing allowed here but boxes! When a man or woman is compelled to stop talking and thinking, in order to keep a starvation existence, it is a very interesting thing for the Nation, concluded the lecturer. "The children in France are not likely to do good work for the State."

## WOMEN TEACHERS CRITICISED

PROFESSOR CHARLES DE GARMO'S STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE LESS COMPETENT THAN MEN STARTS A DISCUSSION AMONG EDUCATORS.

The recent statement by Professor Charles De Garmo, of Cornell, that women as teachers are less competent than men has raised much discussion among educators. In a speech before the Associated Academic Principals of this State, at Syracuse last week, he said that the increased employment of female teachers in the grammar schools and academies is responsible for a lower standard of education than is desirable, and that well qualified men teachers are being driven out of the profession by improperly prepared women, who are willing to work for a mere pittance, upon which no self-respecting man can live and support a family. In order to maintain a respectably high standard of male teachers, he asserted, must be required in the schools, and a more rigid training for women must be demanded.

When seen by a Tribune reporter yesterday, Dr. Thomas Hunter, president of the Normal College, said: "With regard to the statement of Professor De Garmo, it is unfortunately too true. For one thing, a teacher who once said, 'When a man goes to the case of a few women of rare ability, to teach boys who have passed the age of thirteen or fourteen years. They are much better, as a rule, under the charge of thoroughly qualified men teachers, for the reason that this is the unruly age of the boy, when he needs the strong hand of a man to govern him.'"

"It is also unfortunately true that able men are driven out of the profession on account of the small compensation and the meagre opportunities for advancement. What the professor said about the need of the rigid training of women teachers meets my hearty approval. In his annual report for 1900, which is to be issued soon, Dr. Hunter says: 'Every year, in every report, in every address, in season and out of season, I have advocated the higher education of teachers, and condemned the mechanical practice work in training schools based on a low order of mental training. The machine teacher may seem superior for a few weeks to the educated teacher, but before the expiration of three months the latter will far excel the former, because she will bring to bear on the government and the matter of her class the resources, the flexibility, the versatility and the adaptation of means to ends—all the result of better mental discipline. With the former teaching is a trade, with the latter a profession. The

perforated over a foundation of old rose panne, a heavy white cord making a medley about the perforations. In places the perforations are filled in by puffed pieces of white tulle, which give a pretty clouded effect in the bright sun. The basque is made with a belt and tiny hip pieces, which are perforated and embroidered, the same pattern extending upon the bodice, stimulating the idea of a corset. The basque opens to show a vest and choker of gold cloth covered with a white tulle that is embroidered with white cord and dark red stones. A panne gown in deep yellow is very handsome with a trimming of white lace run through with narrow black velvet ribbon. This has a gold belt and the hem of the skirt is finished with a line of sable. There are many handsome gowns of the various black stuffs that are in the market. A black 'matinee' once said, "When a man goes to the case of a few women of rare ability, to teach boys who have passed the age of thirteen or fourteen years. They are much better, as a rule, under the charge of thoroughly qualified men teachers, for the reason that this is the unruly age of the boy, when he needs the strong hand of a man to govern him."

## ETHICS OF SHOPPING.

THE "CHRONIC SHOPPER" WHO IS UNSELFISH UPHELD BY MRS. FREDERICK NATHAN.

Shopping is not the least interesting of the common occupations of women, and yet by many reformers it is claimed to be in such a "demoralized condition" that leading club women have lately taken up the subject for agitation.

Judge Thomas Hunter once said, "When a man goes shopping it is to buy something he needs right off, but when a woman shops she buys things that she is sure she will want in the future." Aside from this class, however, there is the impatient shopper, who finds it a bore, and who puts it off until she has a long list of necessities which demand attention. Then there is the "chronic shopper," who regularly tours the shops, buys but little, but claims that she enjoys seeing the pretty things even if she can't purchase. This shopper never takes herself seriously, and she is generally thoughtless and selfish.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the Consumers' League of this city, was interviewed on the matter and gave her views to a reporter for the Tribune yesterday.

"I look upon shopping in itself," said Mrs. Nathan, "as a harmless diversion. The shop to an ordinary woman is like the club or a saloon to a man. She often resorts to it to get away from an unpleasant environment. This, of course, is the woman who is not attracted to libraries or picture galleries for diversion, nor the resourceful woman. The proprietors themselves do not object to the 'chronic shopper,' and they claim always that it is a pleasure to show goods, for frequently the shopper becomes a buyer in spite of herself. I, for one, approve of the chronic shopper, for the more she sees the more she is able to select. It is necessary, mark you, I think she should confine her tourings to such seasons of the year when the stores are crowded, and she should never ask to be shown goods near closing time. 'It used to be the custom,' continued Mrs. Nathan, "for women to shop every day; but nowadays the average woman is too busy, and, in fact, she need not do it at all, for now there are professional purchasers, who will attend to it and charge nothing for their services. 'I consider that every purchaser should feel it her religious duty to buy in such ways as to further the welfare of those who make and sell the goods she buys. Women, however, are in relation to the welfare of the community in which they live, and that they owe as much to the welfare of the community as they do to their own. No one willingly would care to buy stolen goods, and in the same way, it is not to be expected that they would avoid smuggled goods, and so our consciences must be aroused to our duties. How few of us realize that every time we spend money we are actually helping to make something for or good or evil? If one buys a trashy, vulgar book, another is put in to take its place, and so on, thus disseminating low literature. There are entirely too many careless buyers. 'Then, too, I believe that no woman should enter a shop to purchase after 5 o'clock in the day. 'But would not that seriously interfere with the woman who is employed, and whose working day perhaps ends at 4 o'clock?' Mrs. Nathan was asked. 'No, for, as a rule, a woman who is employed can get an hour or so off occasionally for shopping. If no one would buy after 5 o'clock the employees would be able to get away by 5 o'clock. Theoretically the shops close at 6, but it is 7 and after when the employees leave for home, and this necessitates their working seventy hours or more a week. The law requires that women under twenty-one and boys under sixteen shall work but sixty hours a week, excepting during the holiday season, but this is violated all the time, and really this is the worst of it. The ethics of shopping, I fear, are in a very demoralized condition.'

## AN INDUSTRIAL PROBLEM.

In a lecture recently given on "Plato's Republic," the speaker related a pathetic incident, to illustrate present industrial conditions. "In talking with a woman at work in a box factory I asked her," said the lecturer, "if she did not find some congenial companionship among the one hundred women at work, to compensate for the monotonous toil. She answered that there was no time. 'When I first came to work I used to talk a little, but I found that the others did not like it, because it hindered their work, and I found I couldn't do so many boxes, either. So I stopped

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

### TURTLES AT THE AQUARIUM.

In the Aquarium down on Battery Park there are to be found a great many turtles of different species. One of the most interesting is Emanuel, a big green turtle, which was named by Mr. Spencer, the superintendent, after Emanuel Laguno, a skipper of a well known Pacific schooner. The turtle was caught off the west coast of Borneo, and it took several long voyages with the skipper, becoming unusually tame, going about the deck of the schooner when and where it pleased. A few years ago Emanuel was presented to the Aquarium in this city, and at that time there was no warm water for the tanks in winter, so the turtle was kept up in the laboratory, where he could keep himself warm by the steam radiator.

Emanuel became very friendly with Mr. Spencer, and would stretch up his neck to have his throat scratched. Now Emanuel is in the big pool downstairs, and a few days ago a couple of finely shaped sea-turtles arrived from Cedar Keys, Fla., and were so similar in size, color and habits as to be called the "Heavenly Twins." But the likeness is so great that which one is Castor and which is Pollux none but the officials can tell. Now, Emanuel is intelligent and proud, and, having had the pool so long to himself, did not like the idea of any intruders. But while he was too well bred a turtle to show any symptoms of "fight" to his new companions, he soon gave them to understand that he would allow no familiarity, and that they must keep their distance, and so they are satisfied to watch him as he patrols the opposite side of the pool.

The snapping turtles, however, are not so peaceable always, and a short time ago two were placed together in the same tank, one being from New Jersey and the other from Long Island, and before many hours they were locked in deadly combat, one having the other by the throat in a bulldog grip. It took the attendants some time to separate them, and now the larger one is "hid up," or hibernating for the winter, only eating at intervals. He tasted no food for fourteen months, Mr. Spencer says, the first time he broke his fast being two consecutive days in last October. He is fed on raw liver and fish, but he likes frogs best, and when he is at home he will make journeys on the land and catch small chickens and turkeys for his dinner. He will grow to weigh fifteen or twenty pounds.

Many of the young readers of the Children's Corner already know that turtles belong to the



## WHO CAN WRITE A STORY ABOUT THIS PICTURE?

demand is now for highly educated teachers, and, realizing this fact, the faculty of the Normal College have established post-graduate courses leading to degrees, for the benefit of normal graduates, who, for one reason or another, are obliged to take the shorter course. These lectures and lessons are gratuitous."

Dr. C. H. J. Douglas, principal of the annex of the De Witt Clinton High School, in West Forty-sixth-st., when seen by a Tribune reporter yesterday, said:

"From what I have read of the speech of Professor De Garmo he appears to have seen unfortunately in his statement of the case. If, instead of saying that well qualified male teachers are driven out of the profession by improperly prepared women, he had said that some poorly qualified male teachers have without doubt been driven out of the profession by better prepared women, I think he would have made a more accurate statement of the case. Again, instead of saying that a respectably high standard is to be maintained only by the employment of more male teachers and a more rigid training for the women, he had said that it is to be maintained only by paying such salaries as will attract to the profession only well trained men and women he would have covered the case much better. In my judgment, it is true, however, that the best results in secondary teaching are secured only when a certain proportion of male teachers are employed. As a rule, in difficult cases men teachers succeed better than women, and women above thirteen or fourteen years. But a good woman teacher is infinitely better in all cases than a mediocre man. Taking the body of teachers as they are, I believe it is still unfortunately true that there are more poorly qualified women than men. Perhaps the small salaries for which women not having families to support are able to work does not admit of their obtaining the college education, the number of colleges admitting women is still much smaller in proportion than those for men. For teaching, the best results are obtained from a general college education plus training and pedagogy, all the best colleges now offering excellent courses in the latter."

## MEMORIAL MEETING FOR MRS. WOOD.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Staten Island on last Wednesday took the form of a memorial to Mrs. Wilbur Flske Wood, former president of the club, whose death occurred on the previous Friday. Many spoke in the afternoon of Mrs. Wood's kindly spirit, her tact, her ability and her unflinching faithfulness and consideration for others. After some appropriate music, rendered by one of Mrs. Wood's friends, the meeting closed with the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Wilbur Flske Wood, our former president, thrice elected to the office, the Woman's Club of Staten Island has lost an irreparable loss. One who was our leader in all good words and works, wise in counsel, discreet in action, tactful in manner, unflinching in conduct, pure in heart, strenuous in endeavor, has fallen in the noonday of her life from our midst, and the place she has left behind her is a void which will never be filled with the light of her beautiful life as left desolate.

Resolved, That as members of this club we mourn the loss of Mrs. Wood from earth, of a spirit whose superior powers were all directed toward the advancement of the social and intellectual life, she so keenly enjoyed, of the works of beneficence which she deeply loved, and of the spiritual aspirations which were the basis of all her endeavor. Resolved, That we dwell with deep sensibility on her courage and patience through months of physical infirmity and distress, and are touched to the heart by the cheerfulness and trustfulness which she displayed to the very last of her painful days. Resolved, That we draw therefrom lessons of spiritual endeavor that will be of permanent value to ourselves and to those with whom we spend our lives. Resolved, That the club records with earnestness its profound obligations to Mrs. Wood for the atmosphere of kindness and mutual regard which she diffused, for her influence in raising the standard of the club work in all its forms, and for her courage and nobility and unflinching consideration.

reptiles, and are cousins to all snakes, big and little. Most of them are harmless. The handsomest of all the turtles at the Aquarium is the "hawkshell," so called from the hawklike shape of its back. This turtle is valuable for the plates or scales which cover its shell, and which are used to make the tortoiseshell articles so popular. When the turtle reaches a weight of one hundred pounds the plates are of suitable size and thickness for market.

The softshell turtle is an interesting specimen, and is a mossy green in color, with darker spots, and a long, pointed nose. The outer edge of the shell is like thick rubber or cartilage. This species is found in the north central part of the United States, where it is considered a delicate article of food.

The box turtle is the kind which children are generally familiar with, and which is frequently found in a corner of the garden. It is called the box turtle because it has the power of inclosing the head and limbs within the shell.

The largest of all turtles to be seen at the Aquarium is the "loggerhead," which has been christened "General Shafter." He is several feet in length to the tip of his tail, and has a huge head,

large eyes and powerful jaws. He can take a large conch shell, in which is the live conch, and crush it as easily as you would a peanut shell. He weighs nearly one hundred pounds, and is mottled yellow in color, just like a tortoiseshell cat. Hardly a day passes at the Aquarium without a visit from some person of prominence, and yesterday there was a party of grand opera artists, headed by M. Pol Plançon, who was particularly interested in Shafter, but the loggerhead seemed perfectly indifferent to his distinguished admirer.

## DESIGN OF THE THIMBLE TO BE PRESENTED AS A WEDDING GIFT TO QUEEN WILHELMINA BY PAUL KRUEGER.

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THE NEW SHOES.  
You'd know by the way she goes creaking about, Peering down from all possible views, At that little feet thrust complacently out, That Polly has on her new shoes.

They are neat, they are gay, they are buttoned up And they're lined in a brilliant blue tint; They are bright as the stars twinkling up in the sky, Or a penny just out of the mint.

But it isn't for that she's so happy and proud, It's she's almost unable to speak; It's because they give out such a charmingly loud— Such a perfectly beautiful squeak.— (Emma A. Opper.

## PUZZLES.

JUMBLED NAMES OF BIRDS.  
L a w w s o l  
R o w p s o r  
R o s k t  
H u b i c f i n a l  
Y a n a r a c  
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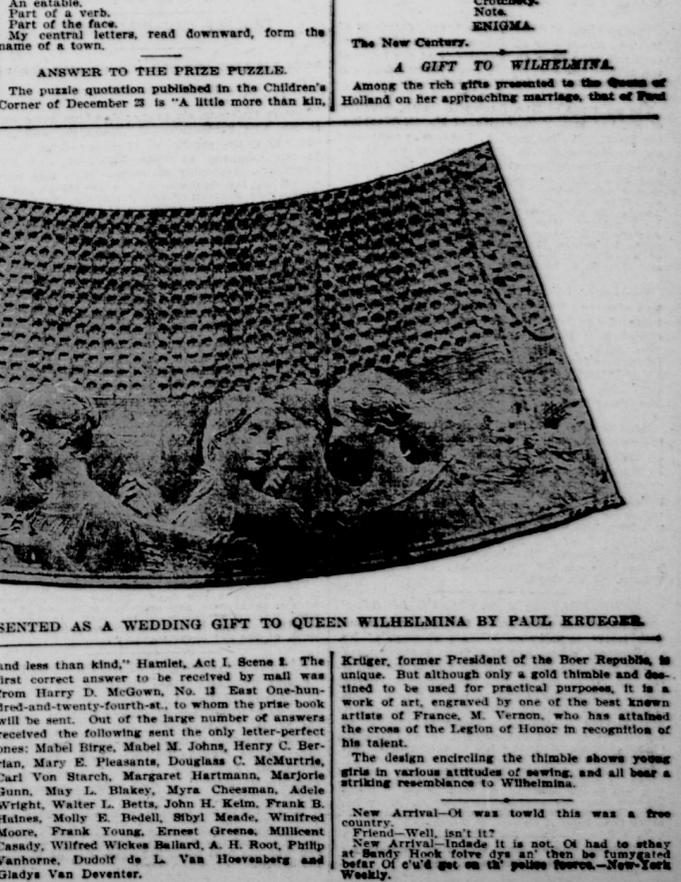
MESOSTICH.  
Frozen water.  
A human being.  
An insect.  
Part of a verb.  
A useful article.  
Part of the body.  
To flow.  
An estate.  
Part of a verb.  
Part of the face.  
My central letters, read downward, form the name of a town.

ANSWER TO THE PRIZE PUZZLE.  
The puzzle quotation published in the Children's Corner of December 23 is "A little more than kin,

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.  
December 23.  
Reheated words: State, late, ate, at.  
Enigma: Silk-worm.  
These were correctly answered by Louise T. Wooltje and Helen L. Bigelow.

December 31.  
Trifle-rifle.  
Geographical puzzle: Florence, Cologne, Newfoundland, Lyons, Canary.  
MUSICAL PUZZLE.  
Quaver.  
Sharp.  
Tone.  
G-clef.  
Flat.  
Time.  
Bass.  
Note.  
Crotchety.  
Flat.  
Bar.  
Flat.  
Sharp.  
Tribble.  
Bar.  
Rest.  
Crotchety.  
Note.  
ENIGMA.  
The New Century.

A GIFT TO WILHELMINA.  
Among the rich gifts presented to the Queen of Holland on her approaching marriage, that of Paul



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