



LITTLE SPRING MAID.

She Looks Very Stunning in a Coat Made of Cream Silk Cut in the New Diagonal Style.

A very simple but elegant coat for a little girl—one which she can wear all the spring—is made of cream faille, opening at the side. The opening runs



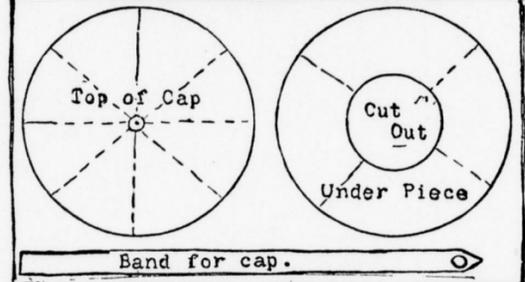
THE LITTLE SPRING MAID.

Diagonally from the shoulder to the foot. It is trimmed with guipure lace with vandykes and ruffles of white satin ribbon. This little trimming is easily put on, as the lace comes in vandykes ready for sewing on, and the ribbon can

PATTERN FOR A BICYCLE HAT.

From It You Can Make One of the Popular "Pudding Bags" to Match Your Outing Gown.

The cycling hat and the hat for golf and all outing wear will be the pudding bag hat. This is cut out of one-half a yard of goods one-half a yard wide. It is so easy to make that you can have one of silk or one of wool, a cap of ladies' cloth and a cap of broadcloth to suit each and every gown.



Cut a wheel of cloth measuring exactly 12 inches across. Cut another wheel of ermine and cut also a third wheel of lining silk. Fasten these three together and you have the top or crown of the pudding bag hat. Repeat the operation for the under part of the hat. Cut a hole in the under one to fit to your head. Sew the upper and lower parts together, and fit the head band to the opening in the hat. A quill is the only trimming you need. Stand smartly at one side.

be purchased all ruffled in any width you please.

Ruffled ribbon is rather expensive, but the purchaser must reflect upon the quantity contained in a yard. In a long run she saves by buying it ruffled.

Her hat is of white straw trimmed with white crepe de chine and a bunch of yellow cowslips. The yellow of the cowslips is a little deeper than the cream of the coat.

Making a Room Homelike. Every room to be successful needs some sort of focus—an open fireplace, a reading table, anything that suggests a drawing together of the room's occupants. Occasionally a house is entered whose mistress boldly banishes the so-called parlor, let it be simply an extension of the library. Books line its walls, a long table with chairs drawn around it is piled with fresh magazines, the latest books and a writing service. All these may be as elegant as one's purse admits, but their presence confers a charm and effect by their suggestion of use, that is not found in the handsomest stretches of upholstery and woodwork.—Housewife.

The Castellane Veil. It you would wear a white veil it must be of the daintiest, most cobwebby lace, with diamond-shaped dots and two or three black spots to give the effect of courtplaster. This is termed the "Castellane veil."

Russia's Golden Scepter. The Russian scepter is of solid gold, three feet long, and contains among its ornaments 263 diamonds, 360 rubies and 15 emeralds.

INVENTIVE WOMEN.

Some Useful and Commercially Important Devices Discovered by Members of the Fair Sex.

It is not generally supposed that many of the labor-saving inventions of the world may be credited to women. The Chinese Empress Tao, for example, worked out useful ideas in her busy brain. She invented the spinning of silk, never dreaming of the immense industry that would grow from her creation. A luxurious woman of Asia discovered the art of roses, and this same woman, Mhearra Misi, invented the ingenious handkerchief, the cashmere shawl. History is silent as to her end. The women who are kept from want by the making of pillow lace have reason to bless the name of Barbara Uttmann, of Saxony. Wood engraving was discovered by the Cunio sisters, two Italian women, and it was the widow of Gen. Nathaniel Greene who made the suggestion of the cotton gin, which was perfected by Eli Whitney. The grandmother of Clara Louise Kellogg invented an attachment to the machinery in looms in mills, and another woman's genius worked out a device for deadening the noise of railway trains. A Miss Knight invented the paper bag, and at once people wondered why so simple a contrivance had never been thought of before.

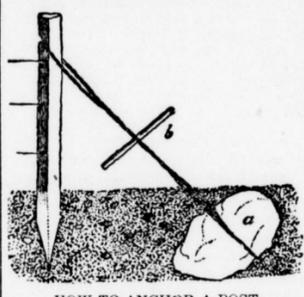
Mme. De Long invented metal-cutting machinery, which has been used in France for some time. This machinery is worked by steam, and from the solid metal cuts out gates and other architectural work without casting. Mme. De Long has cut plates of brass a foot thick into lattice work at a single operation. She has also made picture frames, crests and lace pins, turning them out of the metal fully finished, every operation being performed by the steam-driven machinery. She first conceived the idea of her remarkable apparatus over 20 years since, when a paralysis of the right arm compelled her to give up her trade of jewel worker. She has received many medals from various Paris expositions. The first laureate crown ever offered to a woman has been bestowed upon Mme. De Long by the



STOUT POST ANCHOR.

Just the Thing for Country Places Where Temporary Wire Fences Are Used from Time to Time.

Where temporary wire fences are used to any considerable extent, the corner or end posts may be anchored as shown in the illustration. The large rock, a, is sunk into the ground as deep as the post is placed and the earth is solidly trampled above it. Place the wire around the stone before it is put into the ground, then pass it around



HOW TO ANCHOR A POST.

the top of the post. By using a screw, b, the wire can be tightened if there is any tendency to become loose. To move the fence, loosen the lower strand from the posts. Begin at one end and make a coil about two feet across. Roll this on the ground, crossing and recrossing the strand of wire with the roll, about every foot of length on the strand. The barbs will hold it and keep the roll together. When the roll is as large as is convenient to handle, cut the wire and begin again. When replacing fasten one end to the post where the top wire is to stay and roll along the ground close to the posts. Follow with the second one a little further off and then the third. Experience has proved to me that this is the easiest, quickest and best plan to remove wire fence, as after some practice it can be done quickly.—E. D. Smith, in Orange Judd Farmer.

POULTRY DISEASES.

Quite a Number of Them, Including Roup, Cholera, Influenza and Diphtheria, Are Contagious.

Drs. Smith and Moore, of the bureau of animal industry, Washington, D. C., have made important investigations on the above subject. They find that "black head" in turkeys, diphtheria, cholera and roup in fowls are contagious. They also believe that so-called roup, influenza and sometimes cholera are different stages of the one disease—diphtheria. However this may be, it is stated that diphtheria is infectious, and it may be transmitted to children. Therefore the great importance of separating all sick fowls and confining them to some outbuilding, keeping the children away. Doctoring sick fowls is very unprofitable business, and there is seldom any reason why the fowls should be sick, provided you have done your part. Your part is to keep the roost clean and free from lice. Give clean water daily. Fill up all low places where water is apt to collect and clear away all rubbish—burning it is the proper thing. Furnish good, sharp grit for the fowls, and don't get the poultry so fat that the organs will be so clogged that they cannot perform their normal duties. Make the roost tight and dry and provide convenient dusting places. Make the fowls exercise by scratching in litter. In fact, this last point and clean fresh water will go a long way toward keeping the fowls in good health. There is no kind of stock on the farm that is more healthy than fowls when they have proper care. Too many people try to crowd 100 fowls in too small a house. This not only lessens the number of eggs, but is apt to breed disease as well. The fowls in the center of a crowded perch will get too warm, and therefore colds will follow. A house 20 by 30 feet is not a bit too large for 100 fowls. The proper way is to divide the fowls up into smaller flocks of say 12 to 20 fowls each, and separate them during the cold weather at least.—Agricultural Epitomist.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

The pullet is so called until she is a year old. Never feed sulphur to fowls in damp or rainy weather. Bone meal can usually be fed to growing chickens to advantage. Be sure and provide plenty of shade or fowls during the summer. In quantity of eggs pullets will excel, but not in quality for hatching. The loss of feathers often proceeds from unclean dusting arrangements. When a chicken picks itself frequently it is a good indication that it is lousy. With guineas—to insure fertile eggs—it will be best to keep them in pairs. A good dust bath will help materially in keeping the fowls in a good condition. It is a good plan to dip the eggs in tepid water the day before they are to hatch. Care and cleanliness in feeding fowls will be richly repaid in increased health and thrift. Turkeys are good foragers and will pick up their food from the fields during the summer. Geese are kept largely for the feathers they yield, and if the most is made out of them, care must be taken to pick them regularly.—St. Louis Republic.

Meringue Rice Pudding.

Boil one cup of rice in one quart of milk until it is tender, remove from the fire, and stir in the yolks of three eggs that have been previously beaten; add sugar to suit the taste, a pinch of salt, the grated rind of one lemon and a little of the juice; turn this into a buttered pudding dish; make a meringue of the whites of the eggs by beating them stiff, and add to them four table-spoonfuls of sugar and the remaining juice of the lemon. Put the meringue roughly over the rice mixture and brown it lightly in the oven. This pudding may be served warm or cool. Stirring the yolks of the eggs into the hot rice cooks them sufficiently.—Housewife.

Women as Spies.

Women might serve this government as spies in a great way. That a woman cannot keep a secret herself or let anyone else keep one is not borne out by certain secret archives kept in a large fireproof safe in the war department. One of the most active and reliable union spies in the late war was a woman, who worked successfully for a long period. Eventually, however, she was caught by the enemy and hanged to a tree. Martial law, which states that "the spy is punishable by death by hanging by the neck," has no respect for sex.—N. Y. Herald.

Sondheim's Philanthropy.

"Dot coat is yours for ten dollars, mein friend. Take him along." "How is this, Sondheim? I thought you didn't do business on Saturday. Isn't this your Sunday?" "Mein friend, to sell you a coat like dot for ten dollars was no peensness; dot was sharity."—Judge.

Our American Policy.

The policy of this country regarding foreign complications seems likely to remain conservative. The Monroe doctrine, according to the declaration of our leading politicians, will be sustained, but patience and prudence in official quarters will restrain the exuberance of public opinion. The wisest and most prudent course for the rheumatic and the malarious is to use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures kidney complaint and dyspepsia.

Why He Stood Outside.

Benevolent Old Gent—Boy, why do you stand out there shivering? Why don't you go into the house? "Small Boy—I dare not, sir; father and mother are discussing the question: 'Is marriage a failure?' and mother has got father down and giving it to him. Can't you hear him yelling? You had better move on, guv'nor. When mother gets to arguing she makes things precious warm for us.—Spare Moments.

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Prompt Action.—Minnie—"Papa informed me that he was very much opposed to George." Violet—"And what did you say?" Minnie—"I notified papa that intervention would mean war."—Puck.

The Omaha Exposition of 1898.

Beats the Centennial Exposition which occurred in Philadelphia in 1876 away out of sight and is next to the World's Fair at Chicago in importance to the whole country. All of the States in the Trans-Mississippi region are interested, and our Eastern friends will enjoy a visit to Omaha during the continuance of the Exposition, from June to October, inclusive. Buy your excursion tickets over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. An illustrated folder descriptive of the Exposition will be sent you on receipt of 2-cent stamp for postage. Address Geo. H. Heaford, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Differentiated.—"What is the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?" "An optimist believes in moccasins and a pessimist in hoodlums."—Indianapolis Journal.

Maine, Morro, Matanzas, mule and Manila.

This would seem to be a war of alliteration.—Washington Star.

The Place for Her.—Birdie—"Where do you expect to spend the summer?" Alice—"Right here at home. Since this war broke out, you see, I have learned that most of the gentlemen I know can't possibly get away."—Chicago News.

Might Do Something.—The Constituent—"Are you going to resign an offer your services to the country on the field of battle?" The Constituent—"I'm too old." The Constituent—"Well, the people would think a heap of you if you didn't do nothing more for your country than resign."—Indianapolis Journal.

Talk about patriots. I never saw a more ardent one than Brown.

"Yes, Brown goes to the limit. He kicked his boy last night for insisting that it was Spanish money behind Columbus when he discovered America."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

George, you've been fighting again.

"Well, that's my fault, ma. Me and Jim Sturges have been fighting all term, and I got kind o' tired of it. So yesterday I granted him an armistice." "An armistice? Well, what then?" "Why, Jim jumped on me and licked me just the same."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Caller—"Can I see your typewriter a few minutes?" Business Man—"She's engaged, sir." Caller—"That's all right, sir. I'm the fellow."—Truth.

Here's a Useful Test.—"I'm afraid I am a dreadfully talkative fellow." "What gives you that idea?" "When I come home from any where I never can recall anything that was said except remarks I made myself."—Chicago Daily News.

Improvement.—"Are you getting ahead in your bicycle learning?" said Amy to Mabel. "Getting ahead? I'm doing better than that. That is the positive form, while I have reached the comparative. I often get a header."—Demorest.

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Still Trying. May—They say that Clara considers marriage a failure. Bell—Oh, no! she doesn't; but she has her doubts about engagements.—Puck.

Marriage and Love.

"A man," said the Cumminsville Sage, "marries a woman because he loves her, and a woman loves a man because she wants to marry him."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Evincing Interest.—"Darling, do you think your father is reconciled to our engagement?" "Yes, Arthur; he asked me last night what your name was."—Chicago Record.

Ethics of Friendship.—"How sweet to have a friend whom you can trust!" "Yes, especially if he doesn't ask you to trust him."—Chicago Record.

The gift of silence is often more valuable than the gift of speech.—Ram's Horn.

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