

A CYNICAL FRAGMENT.

BY FRED LUCCA SQUIRE. In the silence of the midnight...

SOMETHING SUITABLE.

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"Here is your invitation at last, Margaret!" Mrs. Darton exclaimed...

"Margaret looked from these things to her silent, troubled mother...

"But, my dear child, you are so poorly provided for such a visit," sighed Mrs. Darton.

"I don't think you need say that, my dear," her mother made answer.

"If Aunt Bessie is going to be a fairy godmother to the boys, I shall love her dearly."

"I forgot to look for a postscript. Oh, here it is! Listen to it."

whilst I am in a flutter of expectation... Margaret went away, to be conveyed to Brighton...

"I don't understand it at all," sighed Mrs. Darton, in confidence to her sympathizing elder daughter.

"A rich widow, who had discarded her crape when she landed, and is evidently not in the habit of denying herself any luxury!"

"Do not I know that, and writhe at the thought of displaying my poverty to my rich relatives?"

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"Why, what does this mean, child? Are you ill? No, your skin is not feverish."

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WHAT FASHION ORDERS.

THE LATEST DESIGNS FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER WEAR.

Some Lovely Gowns, and How They Are Made—Accordion Skirts in Demand—Gay and Handsome Tennis Costumes—Tea Gowns—Vacation Suits for Children.

HE minds of most women just now are fixed upon the summer outfit to be worn during the impending vacation at the mountains, the sea-shore or in camping out.

White skirts are considered vulgar for traveling. An hour's wear soils them and the lace and embroidery which they are trimmed becomes frayed and ragged, and consequently untidy.

As well look for a needle in a bundle of hay as for a small article lost in the city of New York. Of course every well-conducted railway or carrying company has an office in which articles found in their vehicles are stored for reclamation.

The proper materials for traveling dresses are camelotte, a light-weight camel's hair, closer and smoother than the old fabric; ladies' cloth, also light-weight, manufactured for the spring and early summer trade, and fine French flannels.

A gray camelotte had a box-plaited skirt with a band of light Persian embroidery at the left side extending the entire length from belt to hem.

Another was of light-weight ladies' cloth, also gray, which seems to be the favorite color, possibly because it does not show the dirt.

A dark green camelotte had a round skirt, with a band of fawn-colored applique four inches above the hem, and a plain basque with applique cuffs and vest.

One that would especially commend itself to a brunette, but which no blonde should underrate to wear, was of fine fawn-colored broadcloth, with a plain, box-plaited skirt.

shoulder down the front and across the bottom of the panels, which were lined with fawn-colored faille.



LAWN TENNIS.

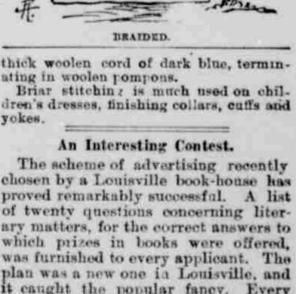
unknown reason, has not been generally adopted in the West. They are particularly convenient for boating and walking.

Tennis costumes are rarer than ever, if that were possible. One shown was of cardinal French flannel.

Ten gowns for summer wear are of challis and India silk; one, of white challis with a blue flower and brown vine and leaves, and a front of pale-blue surah.

One of black cashmere had a full front of black and white figured India silk shirred at the neck; the close standing collar was of the cashmere.

The vacation suits for children are extremely pretty, cardinal or navy blue and white flannel being the colors and material which lead.



DRABDED.

thick woolen cord of dark blue, terminating in woolen pompons. Briar stitching is much used on children's dresses, finishing collars, cuffs and yokes.

And can't get trustful!