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NEWEST FASHIONS.
 Never did I see so many things worthy
 of special attention, and never did I
 find the things so cheap. Certainly
 there are dear ones—so dear that one
 scarcely dares to ask the price, for fear
 of falling to the floor in a faint. The
 good, kind husbands are now in the
 best of humor if their preferred candi-
 date has won, and maybe there have
 been a few little bets won, and so, dear
 little wives, let me tell you that this is
 just the time to ask them for a small
 amount of extra cash. It has always
 been understood that the election bets
 are the legitimate spoil of the wives.
 So I hope you have all been able to
 take advantage of the fact and that
 you are prepared to go shopping, and
 this letter is to tell you what to buy if
 you want to be in the front rank of the
 most fashionable. The new cloaks and
 mantles are handsome indeed to look
 at, but the woman of today is too ac-
 tive to be able to get the proper wear
 out of them, for the reason that they
 are so long that they require slow and
 dignified movement, and our women
 are given to swift action and move-
 ment. The cloaks are so long that, as
 a rule, they touch the ground, and,
 hanging open in front, as the most of
 them do, they are greatly in the way.
 No one can get into car, carriage or
 mount the steps of any place with a
 purse in one hand and a parasol in the
 other without peril and also without
 the danger of stumbling. Some of the
 empire coats look more like nightgowns
 than anything, with the only difference
 of material. Covert is seen in very
 many of the newest of these long
 wraps, mostly the cravenetted covert,
 which is waterproof, and they are re-
 ally elegant when seen in repose, but
 not so when the lady is climbing in and
 out of cars and going up stairs.
 The long and splendid velvet cloaks
 and mantles are cut away in front so
 that they are easier managed. Right
 here I wish to say that there seems to
 be a great confusion about the names
 of these long garments, as some are
 called mantles, and perhaps in the next
 store they will be called wraps, opera
 cloaks, and others have still other
 names. But they are all as beautiful
 as if they bore one name only. The
 evening wraps are too magnificent to
 describe. The most superb brocade,
 with real gold thread running through
 it, is used in some of them, and others
 are so covered with lace, beading and
 furs that it is almost impossible to
 say what the foundation is. But the
 chic of all is the square shouldered,
 short box coat, made of the lightest
 beige doeskin cloth or melton or the
 heavy broadcloth made expressly for
 cloaking. Not every one can have the
 automobile necessary to the happiness
 of every one, but all can walk, and that
 is why the short box coat is so very
 fashionable for the smart set. The
 shoulders are fitted with a sort of half
 moon piece of canvas sewed with strips
 of featherbone tape and backed by a

**Tortures
 Endured by the
 Fashionable
 Woman.**

considered ultra elegant in 1900. Her face,
 lest she should see too plainly, is
 shrouded by a transparent piece of
 cloth covered with large dots. Over
 this comes another arrangement of a
 material called chiffon. You will notice
 that her hands are struggling to hold
 a purse, a pocket handkerchief, a
 bunch of flowers, a box of candy and a
 book. Remember also that she has no



INSTRUMENTS OF TORTURE.
 pocket and that she is obliged to hold
 up the train of her skirt. As for her
 waist—
 How could human beings get them-
 selves into such a shape?
 S-sh! Say no more! I will show you
 our most valued antiquity, the only one
 of its kind in existence—a corset. This,
 ladies and gentlemen, was the latest
 thing in 1900. The upper part was
 made of cloth, boned and steeled, but
 from the waist over the hips and in
 some cases reaching almost to the
 knees it was of the strongest elastic
 webbing, which fitted like a coat of
 mail. How one moved, lived, breathed,
 in such an apparatus is a mystery. See,
 the victim was tied in by means
 of these strings and tied in so tightly
 that, incredible as it may seem, these
 ends almost met!
 What could have been the crime for
 which this awful contrivance was a
 punishment?
 Ah, that is buried in the dark past!
 No one has ever told, but there is no
 doubt that it must have been horrible
 beyond degree. MAUD ROBINSON.

MAIDS OF HONOR.
**Duties of the Damsels Who Wait on
 the Queen.**
 Few Americans know anything about
 the duties of a maid of honor—I mean
 a maid of honor to royalty—and the
 prevailing impression among these few
 is that the maids are content to wait
 upon the queen all their lives and bask
 in the sunshine of her royal presence
 without thought of man or marriage—
 in other words, that the maids are old
 maids. The foundation for this popular
 belief no doubt arises from the
 strict rules to which the maids are
 obliged to submit while on duty. Per-
 haps these restrictions are a remnant
 of the old bad days of the Stuarts or
 the vulgar times of the early Hanover-
 ians, but there is no doubt that the
 maids are very sharply looked after.
 No male, not even a male relation, can
 obtain admission to the suite of apart-
 ments allotted to these young ladies.
 However, their month's term of service
 comes only three times a year, so the
 rest of the time they may be as gay as
 they please. Indeed a maid of honor
 has every chance of marrying well, and
 there are only one or two who have
 served more than ten years.
 The salary is \$300, and the duties are
 very light, consisting mainly in wait-
 ing on the queen and seeing to the com-
 fort of royal visitors. No doubt in the
 early days of her majesty's married
 life the maids had a hard time of it,
 when, except by her command, they
 were not allowed to sit in the presence
 of the prince consort or address any re-
 mark to him. Chivalry had so far gone
 that the maids of honor were expected
 to open the door for him, which is sad
 to think of. But the hardest thing the
 queen ever had to do was to get people
 to recognize her husband's position.
 There are eight maids of honor, and,
 although they are not all peers' daugh-
 ters, they have either a peer for grand-
 father or a peeress or a daughter of a
 peer for grandmother. They are all
 entitled to be called "hereditary." It is
 useless to say that the position is ex-
 alted and one eagerly sought after.

Dress Albums.
 London women have a new fad
 which may be imitated in this country,
 the dress album. This consists of a
 large blank book in which are pasted
 pieces of every gown bought by the
 owner, the date of its purchase, the
 first time worn and whatever special
 incidents may be connected with it.
 It might add to the interest to paste
 on the opposite sheet the dressmaker's
 bills, which often show genius of such
 a high inventive order. Anything to
 kill time!

THANKSGIVING CAKE.
**With Maple Sugar Frosting—Some
 Other Delicious Confections.**
 Mix together and beat with the hand
 until perfectly smooth two cups of
 bread dough (ready for shaping into
 loaves), half a cup of butter, two cups
 of sugar, two eggs, one-fourth of a tea-
 spoonful of cloves, half a teaspoonful
 each of cinnamon, mace and nutmeg,
 half a teaspoonful of soda, one cup of
 seeded raisins and one-fourth of a cup
 of sliced citron. Turn into a tube cake
 pan and when light (it should not quite
 dentle in bulk) bake in an oven at a
 temperature a little lower than for
 bread. When cold, pour a maple sugar
 frosting over the cake and decorate
 with pecan or hickory nuts and orna-
 mental frosting. This cake is particu-
 larly good made of entire wheat bread
 dough.
 Maple Sugar Frosting.—Stir a cupful
 of thin cream and two cupfuls (one
 pound) of grated or shaved maple
 sugar over the fire until dissolved,



THANKSGIVING CAKE.
 then cook until the soft ball stage is
 reached without stirring. Remove
 from the fire, set into cold water and
 beat until of consistency to spread.
 Baked Maple Sugar Frosting.—Boil
 two cupfuls of maple sugar prepared
 as above with half a cupful of boil-
 ing water until a soft ball can be
 formed in cold water, then pour in a
 fine stream on to the stiff beaten whites
 of two eggs, beating constantly; return
 to the fire and beat carefully, to avoid
 burning, two or three minutes, then re-
 move and beat occasionally until cold
 and of consistency to spread.
 Mocha Cake.—Bake a sponge cake
 mixture in two round layer cake pans.
 Half a pound each of eggs and sugar
 and the usual proportion of other in-
 gredients will give two layers and a
 dozen lady fingers. Prepare a mocha
 cream and spread smooth between the
 layers and upon the outside of the
 cake. Score the cake in pieces for
 serving. Pipe with the remainder of
 the cream.
 For the mocha cream wash a cup of
 butter, then beat to a cream and add
 slowly enough thick sirup, flavored
 with coffee, to sweeten the mixture to
 taste. To make the sirup cook togeth-
 er a cup of sugar and half a cup of
 clear, strong coffee until a thick sirup
 is formed; cool before using. A cup
 and a half of butter will be needed for
 a large cake with heavy decoration.
 Pound Cake.—Beat one and a half
 pounds of butter to a cream, add grad-
 ually one and a half pounds of sugar,
 then the beaten yolks of ten eggs; add
 alternately one and a half pounds of
 flour sifted with two level teaspoon-
 fuls of baking powder and a scant cup
 of milk and, lastly, the whites of ten
 eggs beaten dry. When putting the
 mixture into the pan, add here and
 there a slice of citron.

A Popular Decorative Idea.
 It has been quite a popular idea of
 late, says Good Housekeeping, in ar-
 tistic effects to use handsome stretches
 of tapestry or brocade for background
 pieces against the wall behind couch
 or sofa. They make a fine show if
 from beauty and harmony of color or
 richness of texture they deserve so
 worthy and conspicuous a place. But
 it must be remembered that such back-
 grounds are to be the setting for liv-
 ing pictures, and it is only fair that
 they should not diminish or detract
 from the pose of the actors. It would
 be the poorest expression of art in the
 home if the personality of the occu-
 pants should not be always at its best
 in its own surroundings.

Sugared Sweet Potatoes.
 Peel cold boiled potatoes cut in two
 lengthwise, place in a dripping pan
 flat side up, sprinkle with salt, pepper
 and granulated sugar quite freely. On
 each piece place a small piece of but-
 ter, and brown in a quick oven.

Latest Millinery.
 Hats dip much over the face, a strik-
 ing but not universally becoming style.
 Fur and lace blend together, and many
 hats and toques will be worn made en-
 tirely of fur.
 Toques formed of inch wide gold
 braid alternating with silver and trim-
 med with light blue panne and sable

Robbers Blew up a Safe.
 Omaha, Tex., Nov. 23.—The store of
 F. W. Farrier, a merchant of this place,
 was entered and the safe blown open
 by burglars. There was about \$570 in
 the safe, which was taken by the rob-
 bers or destroyed by the explosion. The
 excessive use of the explosion, it is
 thought, caused the destruction of the
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AN ELEGANT HAT.
 are singularly dressy. Tricornes and
 adaptations of Napoleonic styles have
 great vogue.
 The very chic hat illustrated is made
 in velvet and chiffon of an elusive tint
 only to be likened to the bloom on a
 ripe plum. The sides are formed of two
 feather pads separated by a French
 buckle, while the dome shaped crown
 is built up in gophered chiffon and cir-
 cles of narrow velvet.

WEALTH OF TEXAS.
 Taxable Values of the State Show
 a Healthy Increase.

BEXAR IN THE LEAD
 The Totals Foot up \$908,200,645, Leav-
 ing Out Liberty County, Which
 Has Not Been Audited Yet.
 the Comptroller Yet.

Austin, Nov. 23.—The taxable values
 of Texas this year amount to \$908,200,
 645. This is shown by the comptroller's
 report who has audited the assessor's tax
 rolls of every county in the state with
 the exception of Liberty county.
 The tax rolls for 1899 showed a total
 of \$922,927,231 and this year \$908,200,645,
 an apparent decrease of \$14,726,586. The
 total for 1899 include \$34,138,079 of fran-
 chises and \$762,630 erroneous assess-
 ments of property of the International
 and Great Northern Railway company.
 The questions involved in the taxing of
 franchises and intangible property is
 pending in the courts in some form or
 other and taxes were not collected on
 the \$38,000,000 of franchises nor on the
 railroad values above mentioned. Thus
 the actual legitimate values of the state
 for 1899 was \$884,026,531 and the rolls
 of this year therefore indicate a net in-
 crease in taxable values of \$24,174,114,
 which is quite a substantial gain and an
 increase of about 2½ per cent.

The historic county of Bexar heads
 the list as the wealthiest county in the
 state and in addition shows the largest
 increase over the previous year.
 Navarro county shows the second
 largest increase and the figures are due
 to the development of the oil fields.
 Anderson is the third county in the
 matter of large increases. The increase
 in that county is due to the assessment
 of property of the International and
 Great Northern Railway company,
 which has been exempt for 25 years.
 Jefferson county shows a handsome
 increase and it is not surprising, because
 of the remarkable growth in wealth and
 population of that section of the state,
 particularly Jefferson county and the
 city of Beaumont. The latter point is
 especially progressive in the lumber and
 rice trade, the latter business growing
 very fast.

The far west keeps in line with the
 eastern portion of the state 900 miles
 away. El Paso county ranks next to
 Jefferson in having a large increase.
 This county and the city of the same
 name have experienced unusual success
 in development.
 A glance at the counties in the black
 belt will show substantial gains in nearly
 every instance.

The decreases are mostly in south and
 west Texas, the flood ravaged counties
 suffering heavily. Fort Bend is the
 largest loser, with Travis a close second.
 The decrease in Travis is the result of a
 reduction of 33½ per cent in Austin
 city values, made necessary by the de-
 struction of the municipal water and
 light plant in the high water of last
 April.
 There are only 41 counties out of a
 total of 242 showing decreases.
 As above stated, the tax rolls of Lib-
 erty county have not been received.
 The value of Liberty county property as
 shown by the 1899 roll was \$3,041,511.

Graders Blown to Pieces.
 Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 23.—While
 hauling out dynamite at a railroad grad-
 ing camp 30 miles west of Cheyenne,
 George Sanders and Patrick McCue
 were blown to pieces and a number of
 other men injured. The explosion de-
 stroyed a locomotive and several cars
 standing on the track near and injured
 the engineer and fireman. Huge rocks
 were thrown a distance of several hun-
 dred yards and a great hole was torn in
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 fine covering of cotton batting, so that
 the boning shall remain invisible, while
 the shoulders become of the required
 squareness, and that is saying much.
 The day of sloping shoulders has gone
 by, and the square shoulders of the
 athlete are the fashionable ones. It
 was impossible to make sloping shoul-
 ders where nature had designed other
 ones, but it is easy with this contriv-
 ance to get the square effect, and then
 all one has to do is to live up to it.
 Very little gold braid or gold cloth
 is now being put on new garments, for,
 no matter how much one pays for it, it
 tarnishes so soon that it is scarcely
 worth while. It costs \$6 to \$8 a yard
 for the cloth, and it is narrow, and
 when one can hardly get a week's good
 wear out of it it is poor value.
 The newest of the shirt waists are so
 pretty that it is no wonder that all the
 women are wild to get one of the clan
 plaid and one of the ridiculous fancy
 handkerchief petticoats. These last
 are of taffeta silk of some kind or other,
 with the regulation number of ruf-
 fles, and above them is a sort of flounce
 made of handkerchief points, with the
 points down. These are the rumbus-
 das, which did not please well in
 waists, and so, as the stock was left
 on the hands of the importers, it seems
 that the petticoat makers thought they
 might be utilized in that way.
 HENRIETTE ROUSSEAU.