

**Just So.**  
It is only in Philadelphia that enough brotherly love prevails to make a grocer tell his customers what he sells them. Everywhere else we eat what is set before us, and ask no questions, believing that where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise about it as it is in the hash. The honest Philadelphia grocer says: "If I had my just deserts I would be in the penitentiary for selling adulterated groceries. So would every other retail grocer. I don't think one-fifth of the stock I sell is what I represent it to be. Take cod fish. Mine is either hake or haddock, and I sell it for 8 cents. Real codfish cost 2 1/2 cents a pound, wholesale. I sell a brand of tomato catsup for 5 cents a bottle, and four-fifths of it is pumpkin. My stale cake is all taken back by the manufacturer, who makes them over again into fresh ones. Take those cheap ginger snaps. There is not a speck of ginger in them. The manufacturer couldn't afford to put ginger in them at the price. Cayenne pepper is used to give them that sharp flavor." And the repentant grocer paused to sell a customer two pounds of coffee, which probably wasn't coffee at all.

**Man as an Individual.**  
Theories are automatic machines which allow for no vagaries; but humanity in its physical, mental and moral nature is ever a variable and uncertain quantity, and he will have greatest success either as physician, teacher or spiritual guide who treats the human material upon which he works as individual units, and not as a grand whole; whose theories are the result of his experience, and who recognizes the truth that man as a sum is made up of man as many units, each differing in its exponent of power.—*Womankind.*

**Cheap Wheels.**  
The bicycle manufacturers have a formidable rival, now that the sewing machine companies are going into the manufacture of wheels. It is said that these new wheels will be put on the market at \$25 apiece, and that they will be strictly first class in every respect. The price of wheels have hitherto put them out of the reach of poor people, and this cut will bring this popular and healthful sport in the reach of everybody.

**A Mrs. Monroe Doctrine.**  
Some one has discovered the fact that there is also a "Mrs. Monroe doctrine." When Mrs. Monroe was in the white house she set the precedent of steadfastly declining to return social calls. At first her attitude occasioned a great stir, but she finally won, and to this day the wife of the president returns no social calls.

**One on Mr. Chaffie.**  
Mr. Chaffie—What are you howling about, Johnnie? Johnnie—Mamma gave me a licking, and said I was a b—b—b—boy. Mr. Chaffie—She is right about it; that's just what you are. Johnnie—And—just—she—she said I'd g—g—grow up to be just such another worthless scamp as my father.—*Texas Sifter, Dallas.*

It is understood that Mr. Belmont, who is wealthy and proud, will ask his wife not to claim the \$22,000 per year alimony she is entitled to draw from her Vanderbilt husband. Professionals, managers of charitable enterprises may persuade her to accept the boodle, which she does not need, and turn it over to them.

Only two people can sit with any comfort under the light of a red lamp shade.

An air of secret sorrow is very becoming to a girl, as long as she really has no secret sorrow.

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**THE GIRL** who can neither afford a sealskin coat nor a chinilla cape because of their tremendous cost—consoles herself very well indeed with one of the lovely velvet coats, of which there are such a variety. A very girlish jacket of black velvet is cut in the Norfolk style and falls below the waist to a depth of several inches. It fits the graceful form easily, without being at all snug, and has broad box plaited down both back and front. The front of the coat is cut away to display a smoothly fitted vest of heavy white satin, fastened under the left side with invisible hooks and eyes. A broad sailor collar of white satin, overlaid with costly point de Venise lace, finishes the shoulders prettily. A belt of stiffened velvet encircles the waist, drawing the slight fullness in gracefully to the form. The cost of a velvet coat is more than one would imagine at



**A WINTER BELLE.**

first thought until one goes on a hunting expedition through the shops in search of one and finds the prices ranging from \$50 to \$75 for the cheapest.

Some very fetching cloth coats are being put up for sale in a few of the most exclusive shops, mostly of light, pale tan, in heavy melton, with trimmings of Russian sable, silver fox or beaver. They are in the refter form and are extremely short, with cute little ripples at the back, made so stiff that flattening is impossible. There is a broad collar of the same all down the front, giving it the effect of being fur lined. A coat of this sort cannot be had for less than \$40, but they are well worth the price, because they do look so very easy and so very becoming.—*Chicago Chronicle.*

**Wearing Bloomers.**  
A bicycle club of girls are anxious to know if bloomers are to be worn next season, and if they are approved by the best authorities. Answer—It is very evident, girls, that you are not regular readers, else you would have been rooted and grounded, as it were, in the latest ideas on bloomers. It is perfectly safe to say that the time is not far distant when women will find their cheeks getting red when they recall the spectacle they have made of themselves by going out wheeling in bloomers. They are merely a craze, and one that is without sense or reason. Thousands of women have never worn them, and for this they will probably be very thankful. As to the authorities that approve of them, that is a matter of opinion. Many very excellent women wear them, but that proves nothing. The bloomer fad is dying out, and a not very lingering death either. Wear moderately short skirts and gaiters, girls, and let bloomers severely alone. One of the best styles is a skirt just to the instep in front and almost touching the ground at the back. When you mount, see that the back seam of the skirt comes exactly over the middle of the saddle. This prevents showing the ankles at the back, and gives a much more graceful and stylish effect than a very short skirt. It is safe and comfortable and becoming, and this cannot be said of all costume.—*New York Ledger.*

**Robed Like a Queen of Old.**

The fashionable woman fairly revels in luxury this season, for all the modes are decidedly luxurious, and very poorly suited to slim purses. Velvets and furs, furs and velvets seem to be the beginning and end of fashion's dilemmas, and oh, such costly furs! Ermine never was cheap, possibly because it is the fur of royalty, possibly because of its own worth—but it was always beautiful, and is so now, a fact most women realize and utilize to the best of their ability, says a Chicago paper.

An altogether charming cape, with long stole ends, is among the fur wraps of one of Chicago's beauties, and a regal appearance she makes in its snowy beauty. The body of the cape is of rich olive green velvet, extremely full, and edged broadly with a rich embroidery placed flatly on it. Over this flutters a deep butterfly cape of ermine, with a jaunty collar standing up about the face. One end of the cape is drawn over the bust, surplice fashion, or, rather, in the style of the favorite schias, and from the waist fall two long tails of the fur, finished with a row of tails. A dainty ermine muff completes the set. Richly brocaded satin, with a peachy pink groundwork, lines the garment throughout, while the same shade of pink is seen in the smart head-dress of roses, topped off by a single black plume. So many fetching affairs are made for theater wear, in which ermine is combined. One very pretty one, and one easily copied, has for a foundation an ermine collar with a small head and tail. Full jabots of webby lace



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were arranged softly at the front; in the folds were nestled snugly bunches of pale pink roses with foliage. The muff was a bewilderment of lace, chiffon, ermine and posies, but all so artistically arranged as to call forth small shrieks and exclamations of highest approval from feminine friends. The groundwork of white silk has soft folds of white chiffon, seemingly thrown on, and held in place at the ends by bands of ermine and tufts of roses. A frill

of lace bordered each side, and a huge silver chain held the dainty thing about the shoulders.

**Timely Recipes.**  
Clara Cole—Clean brass frames with a slice of lemon; rub it over the spots, and when dry apply a little Spanish whitening to brighten the brass.  
Elizabeth A.—Finger bowls are set on plates with small doilies under them; they may be white or colored glass, and the doilies any style desired.  
Drop Cakes—Beat half a pound of butter and a pound of sugar together, sift in a quart of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, add six beaten eggs and a cupful of milk, stir, and drop off the spoon on buttered paper, and bake in a very hot oven. The batter should be very thick.

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"Doctor," said a Dallas invalid to his physician, "I feel strong enough today to take a glass of wine." "You do, eh? Well, let me tell you, I'd prefer that you felt strong enough not to take one."—*Texas Sifter.*

**A New Scheme.**  
Representative Pugh, of Kentucky, has prepared a bill to permit cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants to obtain postage stamps of special design. The bill provides that such cities may petition and obtain from the postoffice authorities stamps of special design, commemorating the history of the city or the memory of some deceased inhabitant. Mr. Pugh thinks that these stamps will meet a long-felt want, and that if they are once tried will be sure to stick. It is a great scheme. Hereafter the man who endears himself to his fellow-townsmen by making a fortune will stand in with the boys and get his picture put on the postage stamp, instead of giving a school or college to bear his name. The old stamps that bore the pictures of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln and other national heroes seemed to get there all right, and unprogressive people don't see the necessity of swapping them off for the likenesses of jay congressmen or rich speculators. That kind of a stamp will be liked by all thoughtful people.

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