

## COLONIAL HANGINGS.

Quaint Bed Drapery For Your Old Four Poster.

To many Americans there is no style of furnishing which appears so irresistibly as the colonial, and especially is this the case in regard to bedrooms, for, while it is a question sometimes as to the advisability of furnishing a modern living room in the quaint fashion that is not always well adjusted to modern needs, the bedroom furnished in colonial style is always desirable and perfectly convenient, as well as most attractive to look upon.

The old crocheted lace canopies which were among the handwork in which our grandmothers excelled are still packed away in the trunks of many an old house, but those with a taste for the antique in furnishing have long since discovered some of these canopies and put them into use on their four post beds. The art of crocheting these canopies or valances is not a difficult one, and women who are not accustomed to crochet have copied the patterns with great success for use on their four posters. When these valances are used on the four posters spread-crocheted in the same manner is used, both valance and spread giving a border of deep points and an edging of cotton fringe, either the bal or a straight fringe. Around the lower part of the bed, to carry out the antique style in detail, there is a box plaited flounce of white muslin, or this flounce may be gathered. Heavy white linen, such as linen sheets are made of, is also used for this flounce.

## THE DRESSY BLOUSE.

White Brocade Is In the Lead This Season.

The blouses in lace, brocades and chiffons are more than tempting this year. The waists of white brocade are quite the rage, and quite rightly, for they are wonderfully good to look upon. To appear to the best advantage these brocade waists should be



BLOUSE OF NAVY BLUE CHIFFON.

kept simple. They may have the low Robespierre collar or the more recent importation, the Medici collar, which is very stunning softened with frills of lace. The front of the blouse is almost hidden under the billowy frills of lace which form the pointed jabot. The sleeves are long, with the picturesque lace frills falling over the hand. Very often these blouses of white brocade are devoid of any color. Again, the suggestion of color may be introduced ever so slightly in the way of piping or in the buttons. The yellow of amber is sometimes skillfully used in this manner, with the amber buttons as the finishing touch. The blouse illustrated is a dressy affair of navy blue chiffon over old gold satin.

## CLEANING GARBAGE CAN.

Housekeepers Should Insist Upon Attention Being Paid to Refuse.

Housekeepers who bemoan the wearing out of the garbage can, no matter how nonrustable and costly it may be, should see to it that it is kept dry. As this cannot be done without careful disposal of garbage, insist on all the table refuse being drained and put the rest in paper.

Old newspapers kept in a box in the kitchen answer, but cooks may be encouraged to cleanliness by providing them with paper bags made especially for garbage pails of nonabsorbent paper.

Keep the garbage pail dry and you will have no odors, no noxious gases. One housekeeper burns all the garbage she can. Close by the regular can is an old preserving kettle with a round broiler fitting about halfway down it. The garbage is set on the broiler, a few drops of coal oil put on it to burn more easily, the ashes drop into the bottom of the kettle, and a watch is kept that the refuse is not heaped too high so the flames scatter. Whenever a garbage can is emptied the inside should be wiped out with a cloth dipped in kerosene.

## Tub Toys For Baby.

Quite the cutest and most practical ride for the baby that has been

thought of lately is a small, best quality bath sponge, which is at the same time a tub toy. The top is the head of an indestructible celluloid doll, joined to the sponge with a few tiny blue bows and a flailing of blue satin. It is so light that it floats in the water and so is always in reach, and of course it affords unlimited amusement to the child. Any one who has succeeded to amuse a child in its tub and the bath expeditiously will rejoice in this delightfully attractive dory. It may be had for 75 cents.

## VARIETY IN MEALS.

Boarding House Business Good For Women of Executive Ability.

In the Woman's Home Companion a woman writes a most interesting account of her experiences as keeper of a boarding house. She states that where a woman has a very small amount of capital the boarding house business is the best business in the world. Following is a brief extract:

"The actual reason for my success in keeping boarders is this: I have given my boarders clean rooms, good service and excellent homelike meals, well cooked from the best materials and served simply and efficiently.

"Breakfast is from 7 to 8:30. They have their choice of two cooked and one uncooked cereal and the fruits of the season, eggs in every style or chops, hot rolls and coffee. Some take eggs beaten in milk and others hot boiled milk. I take pains to have the tastes of the boarders catered to. That pays.

"Luncheon is from 12 to 1 o'clock. We have a hot entree, a cold meat, preserves and cake, plenty of bread and butter, coffee, tea and iced tea.

"Dinner is from 6 to 7:15. We have soup, one kind of meat, but that superlatively good; two vegetables, a salad and a dessert—not an elaborate menu, but cooked well, daintily served and made of the best materials and the best variety. We once ran forty days without duplicating a dessert. That's why my guests are permanent and paying."

## For the Man's Room.

Among the new leather belongings which are ready for holiday giving are these excellent gifts for a man. One



DESK SCISSORS AND BROOM HOLDER.

is a set of desk scissors and paper cutter in a leather case, and the other is a new whisk broom holder, which is very mannish in style.

## New Beauty Spot Is on the Veil.

The beauty spot veil is the very latest fashion whim. On the length and breadth of a white or flesh tinted shetland silk veil there is just one dot—an appliqued dot of velvet—and when the veil is tied over the hat the dot is made to come in that particular locality where a court plaster beauty spot would ordinarily be worn. This may be at the side of the chin, on the cheek, at one corner of the mouth or in any other piquant and becoming situation.

## TABLE ACCESSORIES.

Napkin Rings Out of Date—Napkin Envelopes In.

Napkin rings are out of date. The time honored ciclet of silver, ivory or carved wood will no longer grace the tables of the truly up to date housekeeper. In their place has appeared the daintiest of table accessories, the napkin envelope.

These dainty receptacles are made of fine linen that matches the centerpieces and doilies used elsewhere on the table.

They are decorated with embroidery, of course, but here there is opportunity for more elaborate work, and different work if you choose. For example, a girl can make her own napkin envelope, embroidered with a pretty spray of her favorite flowers and her monogram or one initial in one corner, and this is a good plan, for then if she goes away from home on a visit it can be taken along to be used by her hostess in place of the usual ring.

You can obtain the pattern by open-

ing an ordinary business envelope six and one-half or seven inches by three and one-half inches wide. Cut the linen according to this pattern and buttonhole the edges, either straight or in shallow scallops. Then stamp the desired design on the plain portion of the linen that corresponds to the side of the envelope which bears the address when sending a letter. You can choose a design of flowers that will allow a blossom or a spray of leaves to be carried over on the flap, or that space may be reserved for the monogram or initial of the owner.

Another method of making the envelope is to cut an oblong piece of linen 10½ by 6½ inches, scallop and buttonhole the edges. From one end measure three and one-half inches and fold the linen over flat, so that it will lie over the other fold, as does the flap of the envelope. This done, the embroidery is worked on the outside of the flap, and the ends of this oblong envelope are caught together with the buttonhole stitch or by narrow ribbon run through small eyelets that have previously been worked.

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Bertha Krupp of Germany now has a fortune estimated at \$70,000,000.

Mrs. R. Douglas-Wise recently celebrated in Philadelphia her hundredth birthday.

Dr. Yamina Sen of China is said to be the first woman admitted to the fellowship of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Mrs. A. M. Ellis has just been chosen mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa. She is said to have an unusual record as a successful business woman.

Mrs. Frederick Holzer of Milwaukee has withdrawn the divorce suit started because her husband shaved off his beard. He has sensibly grown a new one.

Mme. Rachel Vuille of Switzerland was recently admitted to the bar at Geneva amid the cheers of all the lawyers present. Mme. Vuille, who has entered into partnership with an eminent lawyer of Geneva, passed her legal examinations within three years and was graduated with honor.

Teresa Labriola is the first woman lawyer allowed to plead before an Italian court. She made her debut recently before a military court, defending a private who was accused of having slapped the face of his sergeant. She is professor of philosophy in the University of Rome and a leading feminist.

## Sporting Notes.

Of the fifty trotters which entered the 2:10 list in 1911 only five have improved their marks this season in the mile races over the light harness tracks.

The New South Wales and Victorian Rowing associations are endeavoring to induce an English eight oared crew to visit Australia next year to row at Henley on the Yarra, Melbourne, and on the famous Parramatta river.

A fine stadium is to be built for the College of the City of New York. It will have a circular track a fifth of a mile in length, a concrete grand stand with seats for 12,000 spectators and every modern convenience for training purposes.

## Pert Personals.

The czar fears that he will meet with a violent death, and many of his subjects fear that he will not.—Boston Advertiser.

We don't believe the Black Hand ever will get close enough to John D. Rockefeller even to jerk his wig off.—Chicago Tribune.

The case of Charles W. Morse is about as strong an argument against euthanasia as any we can think of just now.—Rochester Herald.

Every now and then something gets into print which creates a suspicion that the queen of England is not a hit with the society journalists.—Washington Star.

## Recent Inventions.

A machine has been invented which will take your picture when you drop a coin in a slot.

A single wheeled road cart that can be taken anywhere that a horse can go maintains its balance by the use of special harness.

A Texas man has invented a very simple but useful tool that will twist tightly together two or more wires when the tool is drawn over them.

For the use of persons who have to move about floors on their knees there has been invented a low stool mounted on casters and with depressions for the knees and receptacles for tools.

## Current Comment.

Higher allowances to deserted wives from deserting husbands? This is the cost of living increased to the poor man!—New York Tribune.

Five hundred students worked their way through Columbia university last year. Really the public ought to discard the idea that a college student

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A Paris scientist predicts that the next generation will contrive to make electricity a substitute for beef. If that happens there will, of course, be an advance in the price of electricity.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## The Royal Box.

The present king of Spain, Alfonso XIII., was born after his father's death.

The czar is insured in an English company for nearly \$5,000,000. The insurance was taken out when he was a boy, and the annual premium of \$80,000 has been paid regularly ever since.

Queen Alexandra and Queen Mary of England are said to be rivals for supremacy, but it is pretty generally conceded that Queen Alexandra has the sympathies of the people, who are much fonder of her than of the colder and more conservative Queen Mary.

## Bumper Crops.

Even the crop reports have gone in for aeronautics.—Washington Post.

"Biggest apple crop reported in years," is good news, but that they are to be cheaper would be better still.—New York American.

The consumer is cheered by the news of a bumper potato crop. But when he looks for lower prices he may hear that farmers are offered so little for their potatoes that they prefer to let them rot rather than gather them.—New York World.

## Cell Sensitive to Light.

A unique electrolytic cell which is sensitive to light was recently described by M. H. Pelabon before the French Academy of Sciences, says the Scientific American. The negative electrode of this cell is pure antimony and the positive electrode an alloy of antimony and selenium. The solution in which the electrodes are immersed consists of trichloride of antimony and L. trichloride acid. If this cell is kept under uniform conditions of temperature and in perfect darkness its voltage remains constant. However should the positive electrode be illuminated the voltage would rise at once nearly 50 per cent. But the cell would not maintain this voltage even though the light were kept steadily shining on the electrode, but would gradually diminish until after a period of about 20 minutes it would reach its initial voltage. Thereafter, should the light be cut off, the voltage would drop at once about 50 per cent below the initial voltage and then would rise slowly to the normal voltage.

## NEW METAL FOR TOOLS.

Stellite Cuts Ordinary Steel With Aparent Ease.

A new metal for tools which will cut and not rust has been obtained by combining chromium and cobalt. Elwood Haynes, the inventor, calls the alloy "stellite." In color it comes between silver and steel and when polished shows a high luster. It is both strong and elastic, forges readily at a red heat and can be bent at a right angle when cold if the dimensions do not exceed one-fourth inch square.

Blades made from the alloy take a fine cutting edge. A kitchen knife blade made from this material was in use for two years without showing the faintest sign of tarnishing. A razor in constant use for the same period showed no signs of wear, though it required more frequent stropping than a razor of steel. A small chisel, one-fourth inch square, cut a twenty penny wire nail in two without marring the edge of the tool.

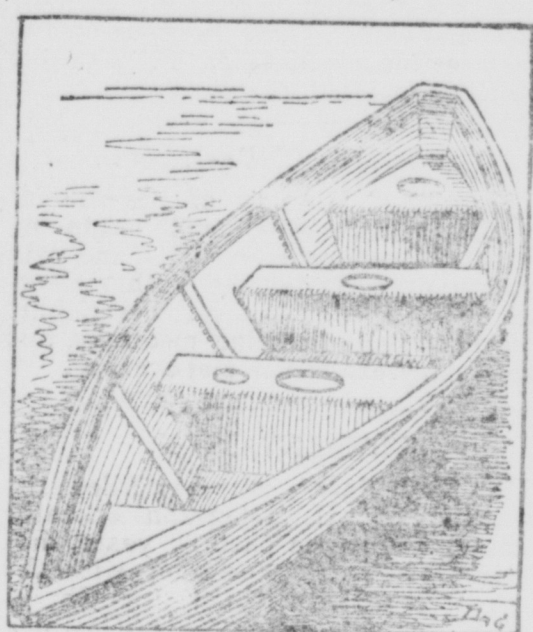
A lathe tool made from it with some modifications was found capable of cutting ordinary steel at a very high rate of speed. In a test made against high speed steel the stellite tool cut a continuous shaving from the bar at the speed of 200 feet per minute, while the high speed alloy steel tools failed almost instantly. The stellite alloy may be made by melting in a furnace of special construction, operated by natural gas.

## NONSINKABLE DORY.

New Fisherman's Boat Provided With Food Storage Tanks.

The new nonsinkable fisherman's dories now coming into use on the Newfoundland fishing banks have several ingenious features, says Popular Mechanics. Four water tight compartments, located under the bow, stern and cross seats, keep the stanch little craft afloat and provide receptacles for the storage of clothing, food and water.

Water tight portholes in the tops of the seats give access to the interior of the tanks. The bow and stern tanks alone are sufficient to keep the dory



NONSINKABLE FISHERMAN'S DORY.

afloat and at the same time provide receptacles for the storage of a limited supply of dry clothing, while one of the cross seat tanks is partially filled with food and the other with water. Most important and ingenious, however, are the portholes which give access to the tanks through the bottom of the boat should it be capsized. These are set in the flat bottom, as shown in one of the illustrations, and unless a sea is continually breaking over the little craft the ports may be unscrewed one at a time and the food, water and clothing reached. The two false keels are provided with handholds as an aid to the men clinging to the bottom.

## Automatic Lifeboat Launcher.

A mechanical device for lowering a lifeboat into the water from a ship and automatically releasing it from the davits has been perfected by Charles Hunt of New York. The apparatus will enable one man to swing a boat from over the deck and lower it into the water. A shaft connecting the two davits insures equal speed in the lowering of both ends of the lifeboat. When passengers have taken their places in the lifeboat one man by turning a wheel can launch the craft in two minutes.

## Paint Sprayer For Stenciling.

For stenciling on plaster, paper, cloth or any material where liquid color is used the paint spray is said to be far superior to the brush in both speed and quality of work accomplished. The modern paint spray is capable of adjustment so fine that paint may be thrown in a line from the smallest stripe to a broad spray for coating surfaces.

## A Remarkable Motor.

A remarkable performance of an electric motor is noted in a recent issue of an electrical paper. The motor was doing service in a mine geared to a pump, and because of the high temperature prevailing at the spot the motor was not enclosed, as motors often are. Last winter the mine was flooded, submerging the pump and the motor to a depth of two feet. As it was necessary to continue the operation of the pump, the motor was not shut down, and for two hours it ran without interruption, though completely submerged, until it had actually pumped itself clear of water. The motor suffered no damage and was stopped only long enough to clean off the dirt and chips around the motor, after which the bearings were oiled, and it was started again. Since then it has been running steadily for an average of twenty hours a day.