THE COLORS TO WEAR.

HOW TO STUDY THE HAIR. EYES [Correspondents seeking information in this department should address their queries to "Astra," Progress, St. John.] AND COMPLEXION.

And Get Shades that Are Becoming to Blondes, Demi-Blondes, Brunettes, and All the Other Types of Beauty-Something that Women Should Know.

Colors that can be becomingly worn is a subject that is receiving much attention from women wno wish to dress in good taste. If there were only the seven primary colours to select from the subject would require little study, for a woman could easily find her most becoming color, or colors; but when she is confronted with the bewildering array of shades, to say nothing about the combinations, evolved from these colors, the task becomes a perfrom these colors, the task becomes a perplexing and complicated one; and only patience and a thorough knowledge of coltonial to find a short quotation like that. I canors, will extricate her in safety from the

confusing array. subject should, in the first place, study her whether she would be called a coloriess, yellow, warm or demi-blonde, or a pale, sallow, warm or demi-brunette; then, what colors are the most becoming to her type. A colorless blonde, a women with flaxen

hair, light, pale, eyes and colorless comexion, that is, a women who lacks color in every respect, absolutely requires the warm shades of pink and rich, deep reds. While she can wear nearly any shade becoming to blondes, these warm shades increase her color, bring out the blueness in her eyes and glints of gold in her hair and are really her most becoming shades. She should carefully avoid all dull colors or very light shades, which, while worn by many blondes with more color, must not be included in her list; they will rob her of every vestage of color, giving her a faded

"washed-out" look. The yellow blonde has golden brown hair, blue eyes and a pure white skin, with tints of pink underneath in cheeks and chin. The possessor of these is a true blonde, and will find navy and a bluet-blue, Lincolngreen, mode, heliotrope, tans, old-rose, wood-browns, white, the deeper shades of gray, Rembrandt-red and a clear scarlet her most becoming colors. Mind, I leave out pale blue, which, though dedicated to blondes, is now considered one of her most unbecoming shades; lavender is preferable, and can, with clear yellow and the delicate shades of Nile or sea-foam green,

latter are universally becoming.

as audacious as she likes, wearing any

and eyes, and reddish complexion, is engagement scarcely affects them. favored almost as much, though, if her color is very deep, she might avoid the warm reds, deep pinks and purplish-reds. These colors have a tendency to heighten her color, which, of the two, needs toning down, and the cold colors, like drab, gray, tan, heliotrope, brown, blue, etc., will most effectually do this.

The sallow brunette, dark hair and eyes and sallow skin, will find the dark, rich reds, deep pinks, navy-blue, Lincolngreen, rich, warm browns, and heliotropes very becoming; but she must look out for old gold, orange, tan, dull-red or blue, pale pink, blue or green, and olive-

The woman with a sallow or bilious comand hair, must avoid these colors, as they will change her complexion to a deep jaundice yellow. A woman with a muddy complexion, regardless of her eyes and hair, should make her choice from the dark, rich reds, wood or warm browns, clear scarlet, ecru, mode navy-blue and deeper shades of gray. Black, though generally thought to be universally becoming, should not be worn by those with either complexion, only when necessary. Neither is white very becoming to them, though it is preferable to black or any color that shows even a hint

A demi-blonde proper is one having golden- brown hair, clear, fair complexion and dark eyes; a demi-brunette, one with dark hair, fair or olive complexion and light eyes. Those with light or medium light brown or chestnut hair and dark eyes, are also called demi-blondes, and those with dark or medium-dark brown or chestnut hair and light eyes, demi-brunettes. Either can wear any shade given for her type, and oftentimes any shade she fancies. Her guide must be her complexion, and she will do well to remember the few hints just given for different complexions; that is, that cold colors, also simple, even austere styles, are commended to young women with brilliant complexions; that she who lacks color requires all the enlivening that warm, rich colors give; and that she with a sallow or muddy complexion might better avoid cold and yellow shades, and seek to improve her looks with the rosy tint thrown

by warm, deep colors. plentifully sprinkled with gray, will find the sombre, inconspicious shades not only feel very proud indeed if I thought so; a cularly fine in tone and are giving every for the about the sombre, inconspicious shades not only feel very proud indeed if I thought so; a must be her guide, if she wishes to wear places. (1) I am often tempted to believe recent exhibiton, received three diplomas light or bright colors.—The Housekeeper. in the doctrine, but then I am very hetro- on their organ and piano exhibtor.

ASTRA'S" TALKS WITH GIRLS.

MARIAN ERLE, St. John .- I am glad you made up your mind to write, because your letter was a real pleasure to me, and your appreciative words about my column, were very gratifying. I must agree with you about some of the questions asked, and occasionally I am obliged to seem a punishment. It seems to me that it would little ill-natured, but if I do not maintain my own dignity I cannot expect anyone character if he saved all man-else to do it for me. I did not find any kind; but then you know we can evidence of either pedantry, or self-satisfaction about your letter, and I know it is you asked about, and am sorry to say, I have failed to find it; it is so very difficult rs, will extricate her in safety from the onfusing array.

The woman who would understand this that "striving for a shadow" that you speak of! Do you remember the old song, hair, eyes and complexion, and decide "Drifting?" Well, two lines of that song to some compensation, even if it is only express my life:

"Vainly I've grasped for sunbeams, Shadows are all I hold."

I hope when I die that I will be buried somewhere out of reach of any shadow, so the sun will always shine, at least upon my grave. Write again I shall always be glad to hear from you.

PRUDIE AND JUDY, St. John.—I am sorry that I cannot find the verse for you, but if I ever come across it, I will give you the author. In last week's answers the name of the celebrated French marschal the use of K. D. C .-- the Greatest Cure of should read Seule not Scule as the types

SNIP-SNAP, St. John.—Nothing that I really know of, and have tried, is so good for the hair as the red oxide of mercury ointment that I have recommended so often, one grain of the mercury in an ounce of vaseline, rubbed well into the scalp, two or three times a week, I believe it will bring a fresh crop of hair on an old fashioned hair trunk. But if you prefer a liquid try one teaspoonful of powdered camphor, and one ounce of borax, with a quart of boiling soft water poured over them, strain, and bottle, and rub frequently into the scalp. No, I should be inclined to consider her little better than an enemy.

VISITOR, St. John-Do you know that your question is a little difficult to answer? I have known cases where two people were be safely worn by many blondes. Neither engaged for some time, and after discovering that they were unsuited to each other, much color, and, of the two, they require they parted in perfect harmony and friendsomething that will increase and bring out ship, each stipulating that the other should what little they have, rather than take that retain all the presents which had been given little from them. They will even find gray | during the engagement, except, of course more becoming with a dash of pink or old- the ring, which would always have painful acclamation been acknowledge the king of rose near the face; while a vest of red associations. You know the character medicines. Dyspepsia cured or money cloth on a green, navy-blue or black gown of the presents exchanged between enwill make it particularly becoming to them, gaged people, has changed very much or any woman with a colorless or sallow of late years, and it is nothing unusual now for a girl to give her lover The warm blonde is the woman with red a dressing gown, slippers, or smok- Howson. or auburn hair, light or medium-light eyes and rosy-red complexion. She can safely wear any color given for blondes, but the proper for him to offer her a seakskin muff, light blues, and pinks and reds. Cold or gauntlets. Now, it would be manifestly colors should be given the preference, for, as a rule, her color needs toning down. bad form for these young people to return each other partly worn clothes; so they Black, by many, is called "her color," also must perforce keep such offerings, even the ambers and warm, or red browns; the after the tie between them is broken; but after the tie between them is broken; but as though she was going to the grave. yet it is the general custom to return all Your Dr. William Pink Pills completely The pale brunette, with dark hair and gifts, chiefly, I think, because lovers usually eyes and clear white complexion, is the part in anger and bitterness of spirit. So, most favored type of all. She can be just you see, you will have to use your own judgment. Any little offerings which were exchanged before the engagement might The warm brunette, she with dark hair be kept, I think, since the breaking of the It Contained the Best Pianos and Organs

BUTTERFLY, St. John .- Not the same Butterfly, who first wrote to me, I think. You have expressed it to perfection. It does require a lot of "courage" to tackle such a variety of questions each week. It is a very common thing for a young man to linger for a few moments at the door after walking home with a young lady, and it is only necessary to remark that it is either too late, or too cold, for you to stand outside, and he will take the hint. (2) The gentleman is supposed always to walk on the outside, no matter whether there are two ladies or only one. (3) You merely ask me "who Godferry" you do not even ask who he is. If you mean who "Geoffrey" is, he is my husband, and that plexion, no matter what color are her eyes is why "so many speak about him." "Butterfly is a very pretty name, and your writing is very pretty also. But my dear child you must not spell it with two t's.

MOTHER HUBBARD, Fredericton -I cannot possibly explain the phenomenon about your hair, and can only suggest that you wash it but once a week, or even once a fortnight, and put a little borax in the water, the yolk of an egg well beaten and thoroughly mixed in the water, is also an excellent thing. I think the most useful book of Chiromancy that you could get would be Dick's Mysteries of the Hand, or Palmistry made easy, which you can obtain from the Occult Publishing Company, 152 Boylston street, Boston, and which will cost you 50 cents: Thank you for the compliment, but you are really mistaken about Geoffrey, I assure you he does appreciate me very much indeed, but he knows I am able to take care of myselt, and that I am fond of my work, and he believes that a woman has just as much right to her career as a man, so he lets me do pretty much as I like. We understand each other perfectly, and get along better than most married people. How do you know, since you have never seen me? You might not have fallen a victim at all. The pup is getting too big to hug, though he still tries to climb into my lap and wonders why it is too small. Your letter was not at all too long, and was a very pleasant

Will ME ONE please overlook the fact of her name masquerading as Me-ow.

RACHEL .-- Do you know that you could The woman with white hair, or hair not have said anything kinder, or that in by Miller Bros of the city, who are the

dox. I do not believe in eternal punishment or hell, and I believe with Canon Farrar that we can never read the bible rightly until three words are expunged from it, "hell," "damnation," and "eternal," because I love our Heavenly Father too dearly to insult Him, the All Merciful, by believing Him to be less merciful than His own weak creatures, punishment. It seems to me that it would be far more in accordance with His only grope along in the half-light, seeing now as in a glass darkly, and happy are they who walk by the clear lamp of faith. ness you long for. (2) I do not see how he could possibly be displeased; he would be very foolish if he were. (3) Yes, I really think he would have excellent ground for teeling very much slighted, and greatly hurt. You should have included him. To do otherwise was, in my opinion, a direct slight; and, I think, he is entitled an apology.

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The monthly concerts at the school for the blied have been resumed. The first of these took place on Wednesday afternoon in the assembly hall of the institution. The visitors were conducted to different parts of the buildings, and were loud in their praises of the arrangement of the music rooms. Through the plate glass doors of each of these rooms a pupil could be seen practising upon one of the new Evans Bros. or Karn pianos recently put

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From Arthur Harvey, Esq., Toronto, Canada.—
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