

WOMAN and HER WORK.

I think I mentioned Christmas presents as the subject for our consideration this week, girls; and so before I go any further just let me say this—that in my opinion we are often very foolish about our choice of presents, and too much

some article of personal finery, some little ornament for her house, or even a new pinafore or a doll for one of her children. I have a good many of us would share her opinions on that subject and therefore it is our choice of presents, and too much



WALKING AND HOME COSTUMES.

At the right is a blue serge gown with plaid silk vest under a blouse bodice. The central figure is a snuff brown cloth dress trimmed with bias flat bands of the same on skirt and bodice. The dress on the left is of heavy tufted cheviot. The cap is of black cloth lined with brocade and having a wide fur collar with revers.

a mistaken idea that we must give our friends and relatives something that will be appropriate to their occupation in life, something which they can make use of in their profession or business, and which we imagine they really need. Whereas in reality a greater mistake could scarcely be made! Who would care very much to be presented on Christmas morning with a new set of the tools which he uses every day in his chosen work? Imagine the feelings of a dentist whose wife had expended much care, thought and cash in procuring him one of the best and newest instruments for extracting molars, and laid it beside his plate as a loving surprise for him on the great festival! and just try to imagine how a carpenter would feel if some misguided friend presented him with an improved plane as a Christmas gift. Suppose anyone should send their washerwoman a daintily pointed and

into the selection of our Christmas presents, and try to do as we would be done by. For instance, if your father, brother or sweetheart should happen to be a clergyman, girls, don't give him either a sermon case or an inkstand for his study table at Christmas unless you are perfectly sure that he needs one or the other, and would really prefer it to anything else! Ten chances to one he would much prefer half a dozen nice handkerchiefs, or a big bottle of good eau de cologne. Many men who despise "perfume" are very fond of cologne, lavender water, or Florida water. Again, if your husband is a physician and has happened to hear him say he has broken his pocket thermometer and must get a new one as soon as he can afford a good one, it will probably be a very pleasant surprise if you present him with a little thermometer in a pretty gold case, at Christmas, but don't, I beg of

about in of an evening ten times better. If your sweetheart is a young lawyer, don't, I beg of you, waste your money on an elegant trifles in the shape of an inkstand for his office desk, under the mistaken idea that you will be giving him something not only really useful, but so appropriate to his profession. The poor soul would much rather "forget the shop" and have a bit of your own work, always supposing you take care to give him something he can use. A bureau scarf, a mantle drapery for his room, or a pair of pillow shams to decorate his bachelor apartment will naturally be of about as much use to him as the ornamental collar and bell we attach to the neck of our cat in misdirected kindness.

He does not want the inkstand because he has several battered and dirty inkwells on his desk which suit him much better than your pretty toy could do, and pillow shams and draperies are not in his line, so he does not know what to do with them, but if you will make him a good large case to keep his neckties in, so he will know where to look for a fresh clean one when he wants it, I am sure he will be truly grateful, especially if the case is substantial, solid and well stiffened with thick cardboard, has inside straps to hold the ties and nearly an inch of hinge room at the back, to prevent it from gaping open when filled with ties. The old flimsy waddy, abominations are happily quite out of style, and a very good thing too, because they never held a necktie in their lives, they only emptied them out the moment they were lifted up.

Above all girls, if your sweetheart or brother happens to be an editor, or a literary man, don't make the mistake of thinking you must give him something which shall be a perpetual reminder of his occupation in life; he does not want a gold



NEW MANTLES AND CAPES.

The center figures represent the front and back of the Cameron cape to be made of rough surfaced goods, lined with plaid silk and with a plaid lining in the hood. The right hand figure shows a mantle fitting in the back and with a fur stole collar. That on the left is of velvet or plush trimmed with rich passementerie.

pen or a dainty waste paper basket, he sees enough of pens and too much of waste paper baskets to make either of them seem desirable as gifts; but he would probably like a pretty leather card case, or two or three white silk neckties. I know quite well that men are not supposed to care for anything in the shape of fancy work, but I think that is a great mistake, as there are many articles of the fancy work family which are really useful to them. For instance one man told me that he never knew what it was to have any comfort with his handkerchiefs until his lady love gave him a handkerchief case. "I don't have to hunt through two or three bureau drawers now, every time I want a clean handkerchief," he said, "I know just where to put my hand on one in the dark, and I always fill my case as soon as my laundry is brought home."

Speaking of laundry reminds me that a laundry bag, not too ornamental, and legibly worked with the owner's name, is another gift that a man always welcomes, while a dress shirt shield is both useful and ornamental, and only the other day a man told me that a shirt case, a local habitation for his best shirts, was a real boon to any unfortunate bachelor who was away from all his feminine belongings, and had no kind hand to put away his shirts in a clean and secure corner of his drawer, where they would not get crumpled.

I am afraid I have exhausted all the space at my disposal this week in talking about Christmas presents for the lords of creation and left the ladies out in the cold, but after all it is the masculine presents that trouble us, not the feminine, and once we have our "men folks" provided for, in that respect it is comparatively easy to select those for

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our own sex, so I will defer our Christmas boxes until the next chapter.

Fried Indian Muffins.

Ingredients.—One pint of Indian meal, one pint of boiling water, two eggs, a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of sugar, a large tablespoonful of flour. For breakfast pour the water, which must be boiling in the evening on the meal, salt and sugar. Beat smooth, and set away in a cool place. In the morning add the well beaten eggs, and the flour. Dip a tablespoon in cold milk, fill it with batter and slide off into deep fat made boiling hot as for frying doughnuts. Fry ten minutes. Serve with syrup.

Baked Indian Pudding.

The Thanksgiving pudding was oftener the baked Indian pudding beloved of all New Englanders, than the plum pudding. The recipe was to boil a quart of milk and turn it on a pint of sifted Indian meal stirring in well so as to scald the meal, then mix two tablespoonfuls of wheat flour with a pint of milk. Turn it on the Indian meal. Mix the whole well together. When lukewarm add three beaten eggs, three table-



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Sweet Marlborough Pie.

Procure sweet, mellow apples, pare and grate them. To a pint of the grated pulp put a pint of milk, a couple of eggs, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter, the grated peel of a lemon, and a half a wineglass of brandy. Sweeten to the taste with rice brown sugar—the eggs should be beaten to a froth. Then the sugar stirred into them, and mixed with the rest of the ingredients. Bake pies in deep plate without upper crust.

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A Compliment.

A little five-year-old in Edinburgh evidently appreciates her mother because she is her mamma, but the sentiment is not unshared with self-appreciation. "Mamma," she said, the other day at the table, "guess what a lady said about you at Maggie's party last night." "What was it, dear?" "She said you was the sweetest little girl's mamma in Scotland."

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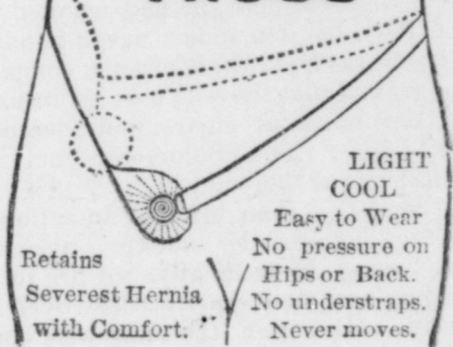
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A VERY ELEGANT GOWN.

The figure represented is of mode grosgrain silk, the skirt plain but trimmed with pointed laps of rich green plush. The corsage is laque shape in the back, cut in points in front and draped with the silk. Over this are shoulder straps. The sleeves are balloon puffs, with silk forearms. This model was varied in another instance by employing two shades of brown velvet as trimming.

decorated wash tub, and an electro-plated washboard for Christmas, do you think that honest tradeswoman would be grateful? I trow not; she could not use the tub or the board either, because they were too fine for service, and I am sure they would be utterly valueless as ornaments. She would have infinitely preferred

you, go and buy him an elaborately bound note book with a gold pencil attached, in which to keep a list of his patients! He probably has more note books than he knows what to do with and they are all really serviceable, while yours is only good to look at, and he would like a comfortable smoking jacket to lounge