WOMAN and HER WORK.

flee away, not to the uttermost ends of the earth exactly, but to some far distant city, at Christmas time, and purchase the few as far away from the said friends as possi- | Net that it makes the least difference in

I think if I could afford it that I would | and goes home feeling almost as proud as you felt yourself.

On Christmas morning you each present the other with the same thing, and worst souvenirs I intended giving my friends, of all each knows exactly what the gift cost.



TWO HANDSOME HOUSE COWNS.

The elegant house gown on the right is of rough Himalaya stuff bound with fur and with waist of velvet to match. That on the left shows a dark gray cloth gown with facings of maize peau de soie, with silver braiding. The buttons are of

tending the selection of Christmas presents | depend on the price that is paid for it, but in the city in which one lives, and one of still there is an uncomfortable feeling about them is the danger of duplication. You it. And that is another serious drawback see a charming little piece of china, a love- to buying one's present in the very bosom ly calendar, or some pretty book, and with of one's family, as it were; everyone knows out pausing to think that the dealer has a so exactly what everything costs that the good many more of the same pattern ready price of a present might almost as well be to produce the moment the one in the show written on the back. We are all case is sold, you secure your prize with all looking for some suitable presents, at the possible haste, and have it sent home, or same time; we make a tour of the shops perhaps you are so afraid of some mistake and unfortunately everything is likely to being made, and the precious purchase be- be marked so plainly with the price, that ing lost, that you carry it tenderly home even when you do not buy, you can scarceyourself, as I often do; and you feel so ly help knowing what it costs, and even if pleased with yourself, that you are quite | the price mark is private there is sure to inclined to be haughty over your own good | be a polite clerk at hand to translate it for

beautiful, she at once pounces upon the present it to someone with quite a grand

ble! There fare decided drawbacks at | reality, since the value of a gift does not

you; so like love, and a cough, it cannot Ten minutes later your most intimate be concealed. It really is very annoying friend walks into the same shop, and hav- to see some pretty thing which looks as if ing an equally cultivated sense of the it cost a dollar and a half at least, and



IDINNER OR DANCING COWNS.

The gown on the right is of rose pink faille with three piece skirt, the whole trimmed with flat insertion and ribbon. Honiton lace forms the bertha. That on the left is of maize taffeta frosted with white, bound with skunk fur on the bottom and sleeve caps. Point lace bertha, three piece skirt.

umphantly carrying the twin of that pretty | nothing in this world is really hid. thing, but it does cross her mind that it is I begin to be of the opinion that the cusjust what you would like; so she buys it, tom of marking the price of an article in

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duplicate of your choice, which has jut | air and then feel with a sudden flash of inbeen dusted carefully and exposed in a spiration that she has seen it before, and prominent position in the window or show knows the retail price was thirty five cents. case. Quite naturally it never strikes her After it has happened a few times you that you have only just left the shop, tri- begin to agree with Emerson, and think

legible figures is really a most reprehensible one! In fact I have been convinced of it ever since I bought a prayer book for which anyone would have thought I had paid a dollar, and left the actual pri e, 35 cents, clearly written on the fly leaf! I colors or pretending that the book cost more than it really did, but there was something so "bludgeon pointed," Osear Wilde would say so absolutely brutal, in the appearance of that cold cruel announcement "price 35 cts." which stood out in bold relief on the clean page, that I almost made up my mind to tell everybody exactly what their present cost, in future, and have no misunderstanding on the subject, and nothing to dread in the

There are people who make it sort of a rule of their lives, to examine every article in the fancy shops, at Christmas, and they have an unpleasant habit cf committing the prices to memory, and pouring out whole volumes of undesirable

shape of unexpected discoveries.

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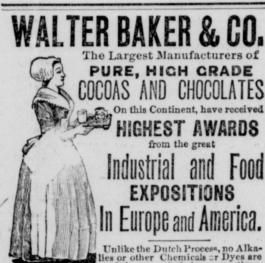
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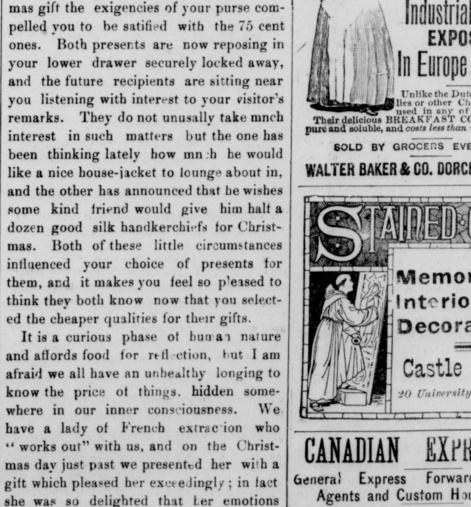
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of human nature all the same, even if it was