WALRY THIS SEASON,

and Crepe Meteor Seen to Load in Popularity for the Aftgreen, Street or House

Truly gorgeous are the fabrics this asson shimmering expanses of richness. There are so many silks-and such different ones! But they are, mearly all, very handsome, so that Milady has wide choice.

For the little afternoon, or street or house gown, charmeuse or crepe meteor seems to have won half place in feminine favor. These two silks look much alike and give the same general effect, being soft and clinging and graceful. The crops meteor is the lighter silk in weight, and is rather more loosely woven than in the charmeuse. It has rather a crepy finish on the back, which the charmeuse, while having the same brilliant and satin-look finish, looks more like cotton on the reverse side and is heavier in weight. Both fabrics make charming gowns and they make just as lovely evening gowns as day frocksbut do not expect them to give unusually long and durable service, for you will be disappointed. They will give good wear-but handle them carefully!

If soft, clinging silks are fashionable crepe de chines always come in fdr a share of appreciation. Some of the weaves this year seem especially lovely, for in addition to the softness they have a beautiful finish and seemingly more luster.

If you see some striking and colorful Roman silks, or rather, Roman striped silks, displayed in the silk shops, be not alarmed. We are not going to wear dresses of them. They serve their purpose best when cut into sash lengths and shapes and are used on black or white or blue gowns -when they are very effective indeed.

It is a pleasure and a surprise to pick up the brocaded satins which promise to be so fashionable, to discover how light in weight and graceful they are. Instead of being the 'stiffas-a-board' type, they are as soft as charmense. And they are so pretty, when made up! The taupe shades which are so modish are particularly pretty for daytime purposes, while there are any number of delicate pinks, blues and yellows of evening gowns,

Exquisite indeed are the velours. Such richness of coloring, such beauty of design—such wonders of weaving one does not marvel that the price per yard of some of the finest is a matter of two figures. There are beautiful ivory white crepes with designs in gray and black velour—these are lovely indeed. And there are broche velours one a delicate green with raised velour designs in gray or deep bine. Still others have threads of gold gleaming through the silken meshes, or great raised designs in gold or allver.

CASE FOR NECKTIES.

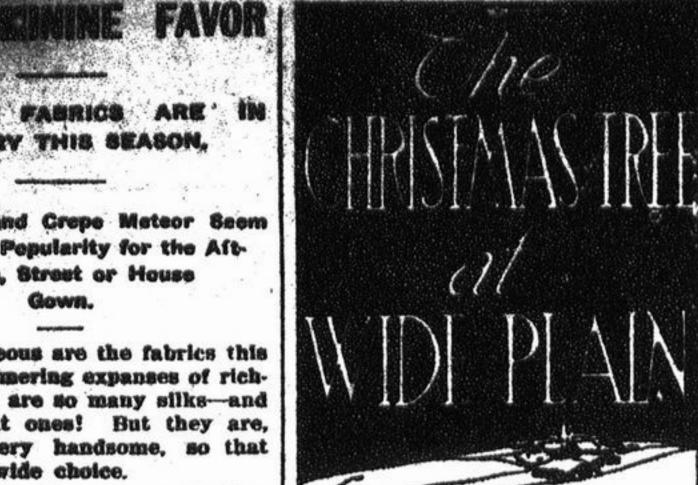


By covering two lengths of cardboard, size 12 inches by 6, a pretty case for neckties can be made. The boards may be covered with linen or satin. I saw a most charming case which was made of white linen. On the cover, a pretty little scene depicting the sea, a mountain and a ship were outlined in stem-stitch. The mountain in pjurple, the sea blue and the ship wilte and brown. Above the word "Ties" was worked in gold thread, and above this was a quaint lesign outlined in purple, blue and

The case was bound in purple ribhon, and there were ribbon strings to the tie when the case was closed. Inide, clastic was stitched in a zig-zag anhion, and the neckties were slipped rough this and held in position.

Correct Hatpins.

Two ill-assorted, ill-selected hatpins destroy the beauty of a hat be then," suggested Luke Morton. medy. The mode at present i-headed pins, and where vith pearls, says the New York n pale gray and faint pink so imitation pearls with a



katchewan. It was so named because it so. It is wide. The town does not cover the entire plain. Far be it from me to convey such an impression, inasmuch as the plain extends east, west, north and south ostensibly as far as there is anything.

D. Nesbit

No doubt somewhere in the distance there are trees, and hills, or something to stop the plain from spreading any further. And some day it is the intention of the Greater Wide

Plain association to have real trees growing in their thriving little city. But just at present they are so busy getting the town established that the trees must wait.

George Freeman was one of the most energetic young men in Wide Plain. He was one of the pioneers. He was almost the Oldest Inhabitant, although he was but twenty-five years of age. You see, George located in Wide Plain when it was practically nothing but width and plain. He foresaw a future for the town, and became its leading dealer in agricultural implements and groceries and hardware and so on. He became the leading dealer, because he was the only

in a few months Wide Plain had a population of 2,500. And so social life became a feature of existence there. Social life requires two factors. One

of them is women. The other is men. You may have thought that one feature would be sociability and the other would be life, but that would be drawing it a bit fine.

Lucy Cleveland was the belle of Wide Plain. She was not the belle because she was the only young woman there, for there were others. Others -young and beautiful, but while some of the others were as young none of them were as beautiful as Lucy.

Consequently Lucy had suitors a plenty. In fact, she had eight suitors, that being the available unmarried portion of the population that she would consider. And she managed to give the eight the impression that she was not considering them very much. George Freeman endeavored to in-

duce her to consider him. George's policy in life was to get what he wanted by one of two methods. One session, the other was to ask for it. Inasmuch as Lucy was not a building site nor a quarter section, he could not claim her by right of discovery. So he had asked her. And she had assured him that while she esteemed him highly she did not see her way to be his. George had not asked her if there was some one else to whom she had pledged her affection or plighted her troth. He did not care. He went on selling agricultural implements and striped overalls and brooms and nails and putty and canned goods and other groceries, whistling little melodies to himself and wondering how Lucy would want their house painted when they got married.

Every now and then he would propose again to Lucy. By every now and then I mean that he would propose, say, once a week. Some weeks he proposed twice. He saw that it pleased Lucy to be proposed to and George was a gentleman who believed in making himself agreeable to a young lady when he was fond of her.

So it came along toward Christmas. "We must have a Christmas tree for the children," Lucy said.

Lucy was teacher in the Wide Plain Sunday School. Her pupils idolized her. George and the other seven suitors had tried to join her class, but she had insisted that they must attend the Bible class for older students, which was presided over by Mrs. Henry Gillup, a most capable married lady, who had brought one husband and six children to help upbuild Wide Plain.

The fact that Lucy had demanded a Christmas tree occasioned many smiles, especially from George's rivals. "A Christmas tree!" laughed William Skidmore. "There isn't a tree for a hundred miles in any direction."

"Let's get one shipped in by freight,

"No time now," Wesley Perkins pointed out. "It's only two days to Christmas."

The seven rivals were not so particular about the tree. Each of them knew that Lacy would be disappointed a bit, but each of them felt that the nate of the gift he had selected for her would help to overcome her disappointment. For, may be had in any event, there was to be a Christ-

unhappy because the dear childre could not have a tree.

"Now, Lucy," he said, "I've arranged it all for you. There'll be a Christmas

"Oh, have you got it? Where is it? didn't know you could get one." "It isn't here yet, but there'll be one Christmas eve. Now, don't ask questions. Mrs. Gillup and I will fix it up all right."

"But I must trim it up." "No. Mrs. Gillup and I have arranged for it all. You are not to worry yourself about anything. Just you gather your class together and be at the church at 8 o'clock that evening. and the tree will be there."

So Lucy, scenting mystery, and too diplomatic to ask anything more, was compelled to content herself with that much information.

Towards dusk of the day before Christmas George was seen carrying several bulky bundles into the church. Mrs. Gillup had spent some time in conference with him that day. The seven rivals had attempted to quiz her, but she would not gratify their curiosity further than to say that there would be a tree. They had asked her-separately-if she would hang their presents for Lucy on the tree, and she had agreed to do so.

She and George, behind the drawn curtains of the church, labored long with curtain poles and string and a profusion of green paper, to say nothing of several bundles of artificial palms and the like, which George had unearthed among his stock.

When the audience was assembled for the Christmas eve exercises Mrs. Gillup slowly drew back a curtain which concealed one corner of the room, and there, with candles glowing and green paper and green palm branches rustling, stood a Christmas tree. It was not an evergreen tree.



"We Must Have a Christmas Tree."

It was not a génuine fir or cedar, but it looked like a tree. And the candles and the strings of popcorn and glittering ornaments hid many of its faults.

To the surprise of Lucy, George was not in sight. She looked all about for him, in her delight, wishing to thank him for his ingenious way of providing this make-believe tree for the lit-

Mrs. Gillup went blithely on, taking presents from the tree and distributing them. After passing out the gifts for the children she picked off packages and bundles for the older folk. It was noted that the tree sort of shook every time she took off one of the gifts which had been provided by the seven rivals for Lucy. But at last the final package had been disposed of. Mrs. Gillup drew the curtain in front of the tree again and the audience filed out, laughing and chatting over the success of the entertainment. Lucy did not hurry away with the rest. She stepped back of the curtain with Mrs. Gillup.

"It was just lovely, Mrs. Gillup!" she exclaimed. 'But why wasn't Mr. Freeman here? After his hard work and cleverness in helping you, I should have thought he would have wanted to see how the tree looked."

"I expect he was pretty busy." "And-of course, I haven't any right to expect such a thing-but he was such a good friend of mine, Mrs. Gillup-I really thought it a little odd that he didn't make me some kind of a present-just a remembrance, or-" "I didn't forget you, Lucy," said the

tree. "You can have me." And Mrs. Gillup says that Lucy knew all about it all the time, because she had sharp eyes, and no tree that wore shoes could fool her.



A Costly Gift,

"Those Billyunnaires have been awful proud since Christmas," said the Envious Neighbor.

"What makes them so?" inquired the Curious Friend. "Oh, their parents filled their stock-

A Hanging Matter, Polk-Hang up your stocking this Dolk-Nope-hung up overcoal

ings with eggs."

School Notes

The schools will close for Christmas vacation Friday, Dec. 20, and resume

work Monday, Jan. 6, 1913. Mrs. Prince and Mrs. F. C. Lancaster were recent visitors at the High School and some of the grades.

Much of the drawing and hand work this week and next centers about Christmas.

Superintendent R. L. Morgan made a brief business call at the office last

Supt. Butler will spend a part of the holiday vacation in Peoria, Ill., in attendance at the State Teachers' meeting, of which he is a member. Most of the successful men in every

own success. When men are rightly occupied their amusement grows out of their work,

clime and in all time have made their

as the color petals out of a fruitful flower.-John Ruskin in "Sesame and Lilles." The teacher's work, and in fact all school life, should have a close rela-

tion to the outside life of the boys and girls. Too much of our teaching is bookish, with no application or relation to the life of the affairs out-The following creed for High School

pupils was written as a regular class exercise by a boy in the senior class of the Winchester (Mass.) High School:

To be kind and gracious at all times; to be thoughtful and not needessly hurt or offend anyone by word or deed; to be honest in all dealings, including studies; to be purposeful, always working with a definite end in view; to take an active part in all high school activities; to be humble in success, taking defeat without bitterness; to be optimistic and at the same time to be determined to make that optimism justified; to be democratic, judging people by themselves and not their possessions; last, but not by any means least, to put the best there is in you into whatever you attempt. These are the ideals which lead to real success.

At least 800 of the 1,400 boys in the Lane Technical High School, Chicago. worked during the summer. Their total earnings were in the neighborhood of \$32,000. A Rockford high school boy with three years' manual training experience earned \$3.50 day. One boy came in from the farm with \$82.80 in his pocket and reported that he felt he had earned it. Girls earned money by applying their knowledge of domestic science.

Miss Moore had the pleasure of a visit from her father last week. At a recent meeting of the Downers

Grove Woman's Club they voted to present the North Side school with a new Victor. This will be greatly appreciated by the teachers and pupils at that building. The one purchased at the beginning of the school year for the south building is very helpful in our music course in the High School and grades.

The teachers from out of town will spend their vacation at their homes or with friends. Miss Reeve at Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Edsall at Fort Atkinson, Wis.; Miss Krost at Valparaiso. Ind.; Miss Manley at Benton Harbor, Mich.; Miss Reid at Dixon, Ill.; Miss Gabriel at Owosso, Mich.; Miss Johnson at Paxton, Ill.: Miss Cronshorn at Oswego, Ill.; Miss Williams a Oswego, Ill.; Miss Whitmore at De Kalb, III.; Miss Larson at Moline, III. Miss Moore at Moline, Ill.: Sweet at White Pigeon, Mich.; Miss Taylor at Plano, III.

Making Balance Even.

A chimney sweep's boy went into a baker's shop for a twopenny loaf, and conceiving it to be small remarked to the baker that he did not believe it was weight. "Never mind that," said tht man of dough. "You will have the less to carry." "True," replied the lad, and, throwing three halfpence on the counter left the shop. The baker called after him that he had not left enough money. "Never mind that," said young sooty, "you will have the less to count."

Emphatic Comment.

It was held by the duke of Welling ton that the true story of the battle of Waterloo had never been written A contemporary relates how he once sat in a carriage with the duke and "watched him read a ponderous quarto recital of the battle of Waterloo. Against paragraph after paragraph he traced the letters 'L.' or 'D. L.' with a great blunt ended pencil. I ventured to ask what these mystic letters meant. The pithy reply was: " Lie" and "Damned lie," to be sure."

Desperate Measure.

Miss Laffin-"What has become or our friend Mr. Clay?" Mr. Rand-"He has taken employment in a powdermill for 6 months." Miss Laffin-"How strange!" Mr. Rand-"Not at all. He wished to break himself of smoking." -Puck.

Flareback.

"Had your diamonds stolen lately?" ties," responded the stage favorite. "Actresses don't talk that kind of stuff nowadays. If I am to be interviewed, I shall discuss ethical questions only." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Sabbath, A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers and like a homestead without a garden.-Beech-

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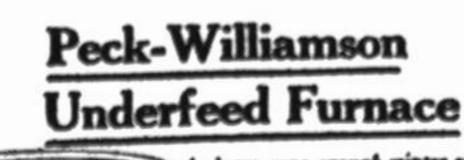
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Air Flight for Consumption. If you have incipient consumptiontake a flight in an airship. Doctor Flemming, an eminent authority on

tuberculosis, lecturing before the Berlin Aeronautical association, described the benefits of high altitudes upon those afflicted, and asserted that inquired the cub reporter. "Engaged fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's I do about it?" asked the bookman to any dukes?" "Kindly omit banali- rays during an airship flight at high of his friend; and prompt came t altitude was certain death to the answer: "Ask him for it again." bacilli of tuberculosis,

> Fault. Disagreeable people always must be exaggerated, it seems, until they occupy much more than their allotted space in the world.

Greatest of Meat Esters. The Americans are the greatest ment enters of any of the nations.

By Installments. The "epoch-making advice" of

bookmaker to a colleague m dis is related in Vanity Fair. The league had been paid £25 on a by a certain captain, who, in a i absent-mindedness, paid him the amount again next day. "What i

Couldn't Take Prescription. Physician-"You should seek a higher altitude." Patient-"It always gets me dizzy to travel by airship."

Often Overlooked. There is a difference between con versation and monologue that some gushers fail to grasp.-Atchison Globe