

## Fashion ...Talk

### STYLES FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

The question of a boy's clothes is easily disposed of, for he is usually taken in a clothing store, and registered without further thought than that spent in the store-until it comes time for the patching. But the mother of girls has quite another problem to solve. The girl is "mother" of the woman, and there must always be a certain suitability and style about her clothing; however plain, if for no other reason than to keep her from thinking about them. To her will probably descend the worn-out dresses of the mother which will be quite as good as new when remodeled, and perhaps of better material. That might be well, but not for the first place. The Russian modes are still very popular, because of their simplicity. The waist is made on a lining and should have a blousing front, and straight back, while the skirt has considerable flare at the bottom, but fits smoothly over the hips, the fullness at the back laid in box or inverted plaits. As a variation from the style so much worn, the blouse may be finished with a sailor collar, with wide lap-over, and a removable shield of contrasting color, showing the back. The sleeves are of the bishop type, buttoned by a narrow band. Another very simple little gown for which any ordinary pattern will serve has a plain lining to the waist, over which the blouse body sits, a little all around. The skirt is trimmed with ticks, three at the bottom, and if desired another cluster of three higher up. But except as a matter of economy in lengthening the dress, these serve no other purpose, and add nothing to the appearance of the dress. The neck may be finished with a deep circular collar that falls a little over the top of the sleeve, and is edged with some fancy braid, and the collar may be omitted, thus locking the hand and neck trimmings with a few rows of the braid. It is the fit and hang of these little garments that tells far more than lay in trimming, and frequently a few rows of stitching in all that is required. The neck should always be finished with a bit of lace or a little ruching of chintz that is renewable when necessary.

### AMONG THE STORES.

If you happen to know your color scheme for next winter, and what is becoming in the way of hats without taking into account the latest fashion, this is the time to buy millinery. Materials are the same price.

A new and very durable, as well as pretty, material for shirt waists, is lame cloth, which costs \$1 a yard, is double width, of firm, close-woven, good washing quality, and may be had in dots or stripes, in several popular patterns.

Pretty drapery, twined with crystal beads, or a large pearl enclosed in a gold coil, are quite cheap. There are various grades in these shams jewels.

Half-inch violet ribbon, made in four loops, with a single cross stitch of yellow silk in the center, have the appearance of violets, without being really imitations. A bunch for the hair or brooch looks well with a brown or brocade gown.

Seven-inch ribbon, with Dresden flowers, apple-blossom on a grey ground, red or brown, blue or black, is \$1.25 a yard, and a yard and a half is just enough for the neck, which may be had in dots or stripes, in another three-quarters needed for cravat.

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### LA GRIFFE'S RAVAGES.

**The Victims Left Weak, Nervous and a Prey to Deadly Diseases.**

A grippa, or influenza, which sweeps over Canada every winter, is probably the most treacherous disease known to medical science. The attack may last only a few days, but the deadly poison in the blood

lengthens your life.

You heart, and nerves are permanently weakened,

and you fall a victim to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption,

rheumatism, or racking kidney trouble.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills never fail to cure the disastrous after effects of la grippa because they purify the blood and sweep away its poisonous germs.

Every dose makes new, warm, rich blood which brings health and healing to every part of the body.

This is proved in the case of Miss Doris Langlois, of St. John's, Que., who says: "I had a severe attack of la grippa, the after effects of which left me racked with pains, and I completely failed me. My appetite completely failed me; I had severe headaches, was subject to colds with the least exposure, and grew so weak that I was unable to work at my trade as dressmaker. I tried several medicines without effect, and the pills rapidly and completely cured me. My strength returned, the headaches and cough disappeared, and I am again enjoying my old-time health. I am satisfied that if sufferers from la grippa will use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills they will speedily recover from those after effects which ranks the lives of so many people a burden."

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### BLONDES ARE WEAKLINGS.

**More Physical Vigor Usually Longer to Dark-haired.**

Some remarkable conclusions upon the disease-resisting qualities of light and dark-haired people have been arrived at by Dr. F. C. Shrubshall, assistant medical officer at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption. These conclusions are based upon figures Dr. Shrubshall has gathered with the object of discovering how far the population of London is influenced by city life.

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DRUGGING CHILDREN.

The mother who gives her little one "soothing" stuff when it cries surely does not realize that she is simply drugging it into temporary insensibility with a poisonous opiate. But that is just what she is doing. All the so-called "soothing" medicines contain poisonous opiates; they are all harmful—some of them dangerous, and should never be given to children. Baby's Own Tablets are sold under a positive guarantee that they contain no opiate or harmful drug. The Tablets specially cure all stomach troubles; constipation, diarrhoea, and simple fevers; they break up colds, prevent croup, ease the pain of teething, and give healthy, natural sleep. When little ones are cross, peevish, and fussy, give them Baby's Own Tablets, and you will find there's a smile in every dose. You can get the Tablets from any medicine dealer or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

### MEN MAKE THE NAVY.

Englishman Points the Moral in the Russia-Japanese War.

One of the most distinguished naval architects in the Kingdom, Mr. Crossman Lawrence, writes as follows to the London Express, on the subject of torpedo-boat destroyers: "At the outbreak of the war between Russia and Japan I told those of my friends who asked me to do so that the full name 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People,' is printed on the wrapper of each box. If you cannot get the genuine pills from your druggists send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50."

DRUGGERS IN CHINA.

They Frequently Dispose of Their Wares by Raiffe.

Among the many curious sights in China none presents a stranger aspect than the broad peddlers and their methods of disposing of their wares, says a writer in the Living Church. They carry their stock in two boxes strapped to their backs, or in two boxes depending from a yoke across the shoulders, or on trays held by a strap hung from the neck and carried in front of them; after the manner in which the pictures of Simple Simon fame is invariably pictured by all orthodox illustrators of Mother Goose.

In the city of Tientsin these street vendors offer three different kinds of bread for sale. Two of these are twisted in oval shape, and the third is a thin, crisp cake sprinkled with seeds of sesame, that magic word which at once recalls to our minds the wonderful tale of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. How little we have had, when we listened, spellbound, in our childhood, to the thrilling account of Ali Baba's adventures, that we should ever

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in the available officers and men.

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personnel in big ships.

The Russian ships, with no effectively seasoned and trained personnel

have been counted over and over

again as if they could be fairly com-

pared with Japanese or French or

British ships, in forgetfulness of

what it is that makes an engine of

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### LIFE ON THE RAIL IS A HARD ONE.

**C. P. R. ENGINEER'S EXPERIENCE WITH DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.**

They Brought Back His Strength When He Could Neither Rest nor Sleep.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 13.—(Special)

Mr. Ben Rafferty, the well-known

C. P. R. engineer, whose home is at

175 Maple Street, is one of Winnipeg

men who swears by Dodd's Kidney

Pills.

"Long hours on the engine and

the mental strain break down my