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Colors of the Moment. As the season advances green and blue separately and again combined may be said to be the colors of the moment. Poses and raw silks are popular. The dress of dark blue pongee, with a raised stripe running through it, has an skirt with very little polka-dot and is tucked horizontally at the waist around the hips, and a box plait down the center of the front and back. These tucks are stitched most six or eight inches in depth and then allowed to flare over four deep tucks running vertically round the bottom, each of these tucks headed by half-inch widths of extradox. The skirt is cut straight around, and the bodice, which is tucked in half-inch tucks, blouses slightly over the bust.

Misses' Fancy Blouse. Broad shoulders make the latest effect of fashion. One is rendered exceptionally attractive in this very pretty blouse, which includes the shallow round yoke, which also makes one with the latest and newest features. The model is made of tobacco brown velvet, with yoke cuffs, but when it is made of crepe lace and the trimming band of silk embroidered with little circles and stitched with corticelli silk. It can be made in any material and is quite as well adapted to the old waist as to the new. The waist and sleeves are both gathered at their upper edges and joined to the band, which closes with the waist at the center front, while the yoke is closed at the left shoulder seam. The collar is of the new ones, of the turn-over sort, and can be tucked and worn with a tie, as illustrated, or left plain as preferred.

Trimming of White Batiste. It is astonishing to what an extent the idea of trimming batiste follows with founces, frillings or bouillonnes of white batiste has taken. When they were first started the batiste employed was plain and simply edged to a very narrow hem, but though these still exist, many variations on the idea have been introduced. Thus we frequently see dotted or even sprigged muslins employed for the same purpose, and, in the case of founces, the same showing quite elaborate embroidered designs is brought into use.

Handy Oil Dropper. A medicine dropper an adjunct to the making of mayonnaise was the inspiration of a housewife not long ago. Everyone who ever tries to make mayonnaise knows the bother of adding the oil slowly, drop by drop, until the dressing is thick enough. This worry is avoided by the same oiler and met it with the best medicine dropper, which adds the oil with machine-like regularity and precision.

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Little's Russian Dress. Simple little frock, with tucks and body portions in one, with little skirts admirably well and are eminently fashionable. This one is peculiarly attractive and can be made in either a slightly open square neck, as illustrated, or be rendered in a high collar. The addition of the shield and standing collar and also allows for the full length double sleeves or the outer ones in half length only.

Fancy waist are always in demand and this one has the merit of being quite novel as well as eminently graceful. As illustrated it is made of white silk, with the yoke and cuffs of cream-colored lace over chiffon and finished with appliqué, the seam of the lower bodice crepe de Chine finished with a narrow ruche and edged with fringe. The waist is full below the tucks and is closed invisibly at the left of the front on a line with the seam. To make the waist for woman of medium size will be required 4 1/2 yards 21 or 22 inch material with 1/2 yards of all-over lace and 3/4 yards of silk or scarf.

With the Housewife. The little soft cotton dish made quite excellent dusters. A faded cotton dress can be made white by boiling in cream of tartar water.

A little soap mixed with green blacking will produce better and more lasting lustre than without.

For spotting on bureau drawers or elsewhere use tepid water containing a small quantity of thyroline.

The wax from dripping candles can be used for smoothing down the hair on the neck.

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In Fever-Ridden Colon

(Special Correspondence.)

These are hopeful days for Colon, and, if cheer can raise its head in this nest of misery, then we of the south are strangers to wretchedness. The wonder of every American, who sees this place for the first time, is that there is any one left alive in it. It sprays a man with a complete and with a recklessness that is abandoned itself.

Under the houses are stagnant pools of black water, while the filth, while between them are scum covered ponds which offend the very sky with their fearful stenches. Deceit is monarch and rules with autocratic sway.

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Why Shall We Not Fresh Air. Formerly all classes of cattle were considered upon the same general plan as to stabling and care, but to-day the experienced feeder of beef cattle seizes upon the new animal and is allowed to seek shelter at will to choose between outdoor and indoor stables. His system may dictate, said H. M. Culbertson, in an address to Wisconsin farmers. Opposite methods are found advisable with dairy cows, and it is better to keep them well protected from cold storms, yield most returns for food consumed. This, however, brings to our attention the possibilities of disease, unless these animal quarters are well supplied with pure air and a system of ventilation.

We are told that all the activities of the body are dependent upon the circulation of blood, because it carries to every extreme and minute part the required elements in solution, to build and replace worn parts, as nature suggests, at the same time flushing the system and carrying away worn and exhausted tissue. In this compound consonant to the body it permitted to remain. Returning to the heart, the blood is forced by the lungs, where about eighteen times each minute a supply of fresh air finds its way down the very small air tubes leading to the air cells of the lungs. These air cells, extremely delicate tissue or membrane which is crossed and recrossed by countless numbers of tiny blood passages, through which this waste product from the body, called carbonic acid, in quantities one hundred times as great as pure air contains, finds its way from the blood to these air cells, at the same time the oxygen of pure air passes into the blood, and a very important transfer takes place. In about "two minutes" this process is complete, it is returned to again undergo more refuse matter and be replenished with blood of pure air, the wonderful invigorator of the human body.

It is said that in an animal of 1000 pounds live weight, about three pints of blood are taken back into the lungs and there are about fifty beats a minute. This means that great quantities of blood are being exposed in the lungs to the oxygen of the air, the activities within the animal, the digestion and assimilation of new foods, the growth in the young animal, the building up of the tissues in the feather, the replacing of worn material in the laboring animal and production of healthy milk in the milk cow, all depend upon the perfection of these blood if animals are not constantly replenished with pure air and are forced to work and labor over again these impurities, poison is taken back into the system, nature cannot do its work, complications arise and disease is likely to result sooner or later.

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Oscar Malmos, the United States consul at Colon, is doubtless the oldest man in the American consular service, and has probably served longer than any other man in it. He is nearly 77 years of age. He was appointed by Abraham Lincoln in 1861, just three days before that lamented statesman was assassinated.

Mr. Malmos was consul at Winnipeg, now called the Chicago rate Northwest, when it had only 400 inhabitants, and was still under the rule of the Hudson's Bay company. Later he served in Nova Scotia for eleven years, and during the trouble with Great Britain over the fishery question, he traveled 300 miles in canoe and fishing smacks, collecting evidence to support the American contention.

He has held stations in Roumania, Sardinia, France, Spain and Bohemia, and he still keeps posted on the affairs of all the nations in which he has been stationed. He is a bachelor and an enthusiastic student. He is an accomplished linguist, being able to converse in six languages.

For three years he has been in charge of the office at Colon, and the uprising he has experienced in his career. He is a man of frugal habits, and carries himself with the dignity of a gentleman of the old school. He has a little table to himself in the corner of the hotel dining room and as he sits his single glass of wine or lingers over his after-dinner cigar, most people pause to pay their respects to the courtly old gentleman who has grown so gray in the service of his country.

Action That Stays. Action in the gall of a horse is to a large extent inherited. A good many horses succeed in educating horses and their progeny. The more a horse does not stick with a good many horses. Some horses show their best heavily in front to get them to pick their feet, and to do this they become a fixed habit, and the horse soon falls back into the old ways when he is used to the heavy shoe. Some try speeding the horse over ground, and to some extent this improves his gait. If it continued long enough to break up the muscles concerned in that action, but if the speed is discontinued for a long time the action disappears. Another way to break an artificial action is to lay down poles for the horse to step over, but this, too, produces but a temporary improvement. Only by selecting and breeding the best animals and the horse be permanently improved.

The Cool Curing Idea. The cool curing of cheese has been a matter that has engrossed the attention of our dairy experts for the last two and three years. The success obtained in the experiments conducted in Canada and America will surely exert a powerful influence on the dairy everywhere in the world. We note that the largest cheese factory in New Zealand and perhaps in the world has adopted this process for every cheese apparently far superior to any other method. The plan of manufacture it makes the control of the conditions easy and obviates the necessity of building expensive curing rooms where the temperature can be kept at between sixty and seventy degrees the whole season through. In cool curing the cream necessary to place the cheese in cold storage and the natural forces in them will do the rest. It is infinitely easier to keep cheese below the freezing point than it is to keep it at any degree higher. Moreover, at a low temperature the bacteria which make bad cheese do not grow, while the desirable ferments develop. This is a way of getting ahead of the elements that give bad cheese. When the system is perfected and adopted we are sure to have only good cheese placed on the market, with a consequent increase in the sales.

One of Life's Tragedies. When a bachelor sees a widow he takes a head knock. The widow sees a bachelor she shakes her head knowingly. Watching them is a spinster, who also shakes her head knowingly.

New Train Service, Chicago to St. Louis. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad now runs night and day trains to the Exposition City, which represents the highest type of rail construction. When you go to the World's Fair be sure your ticket is made good for the line, and you will enjoy every mile of the short trip.

Your local ticket agent will gladly make your ticket good this way if you request it.

Midnight Rest. seen in some lovely gowns of the same material. The duchess of Manchester followed in quick succession, and all the American society women who are guests of Mrs. Adair and her sister, Lady Barrymore, in Ireland, when they visit this dress maker. Lady Barrymore has placed a large order with a reliable firm of poplin manufacturers in Dublin, with instructions to send the dresses to be sent to friends of hers in Paris and New York.

Matter of Business. "Lovely weather, isn't it?" remarked one street car passenger to another. "Lovely!" echoed the party of the second part. "How can you say that when the rain is coming down in torrents?" "My friend," explained the other, "manufacture umbrellas."



The Diligence.

capa being a neighbor to rottenness. You meet a dog and it will likely have the mange; if a duck waddles across your path its feathers will be discolored and its feet will be sore; the pony that staggers at the task of pulling a rickety cab in which you ride is so poor and weak that you feel a world of pity for him. There is almost all the while the procession of dead men and women lies solemnly on that gruesome spot, the white-faced burying ground on Monkey Hill.

It is understood that two years' residence in a tropical climate renders a person immune from yellow fever, but this does not always hold good, as shown in the case of three sisters of Col. Shaler, president of the Panama railroad. These ladies had made their home Colon for several years, yet last May they contracted the disease, and all of them died within fourteen days. A traveler who may be taken down with the second day after his arrival.

On account of a better understanding of this dreadful disease, the medical men are combating it more successfully all the while. Formerly 60 per cent of all the cases were fatal, but now the mortality has been reduced 50 per cent. The great advantage lies in a proper diagnosis and getting an early start in the treatment. A healthy person, with prompt and proper care, now has a good chance for recovery.

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With the Tea Debts. Wide-plaited ruching is very new-coming to many. With a knobby coat a woman is ready for anything. Make up your mind to the waist coats; they have come to stay. Gilt braid and buttons still give evidence that the war is not ended. Dolman and mantles are the latest importations for winter cloaks. Even scanty pouches are doomed; the fitted waist has been accepted. Feather ruffles for stiff hats have rivals in those of taffeta and of ribbon.

Colin is one of the filthiest cities in the world, and its defilement here is so great, what the dog is to the south, what the dog is to the north, a necessity. It is part of the local organization. It has served long and hard in the street cleaning department, but the new order of things will take away its job, and force this old and faithful employee, who has looked all these years for its board, to seek other pastures.

The buzzard is a much maligned fowl. While it is the black sheep of the family, it is like other black sheep, inasmuch as it is not without its good traits. Vigilance and prompt

attention to business may always be expected from it. It is astonishing how quick a buzzard will find out where it is wanted, and the old story: "Work done with neatness and dispatch." Its its case exactly.

When a flock of buzzards take charge of a community the patrol they put into effect is splendid. Some of them are always on duty. They seem to associate with other members of the feathered tribe. In event of a conflict over the division of spoils in some back yard, a sabbler or a woodcock is no match for them; a good word would have in a contest with a mad bull.

I was a witness to a disturbance of this sort one morning recently. The cook had thrown a lot of refuse over the back fence, and in the mess was some spoiled fish. A feathered birdman promptly reported for duty. Some chickens were near, and they



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