

THE LATEST IN SETS.

Stuffs, Wraps and Hats of Lace, Chiffon and Velvet for the Chilly Season.

Sets—composed of muff, shoulder wrap and hat—are a feature of the millinery displays this fall...

A new use for swansdown has been discovered this season and this fluffy material which has heretofore been employed mainly for trimming purposes...

FRESH FEMINE FINERY.

A Pot Pourri of Pretty Trifles That Figure in the Costumes of the Late Fall.

Royal blue is a popular color in all varieties of dress fabrics. Handles of antique ivory are seen on some new umbrellas of high grade.

The blue and green combination is the favorite one in plaids, although the tartans are considerably employed for trimming purposes.

Bridesmaid—I hope you will be happy, my dear. Bride—Oh! I'm sure we will. You see, his mother died when he was very young, and he doesn't remember anything about her cooking.—Pack.

EITHER HAND COMES HANDY.

Amidst the Progress of Modern Civilization People Find It an Accomplishment That is Often Very Convenient.

Through some strange perversion of nature's plan civilized man has developed the skill and strength of the right hand, neglecting the left hand until it has become as awkward and almost helpless member.

It would seem wise to train the left hand to a certain degree of skill in writing and performing various handicrafts, merely to have it waiting to serve as a useful auxiliary in case of accident to its neighbor.

GREAT AMERICAN IDEA.

When It Comes to Being Hospitable There is Nothing for It But to Feed the Guest.

A distinguished guest was coming from abroad. "What shall we do to entertain him?" asked the chairman of the committee of prominent citizens...

Twenty-eight languages are spoken in India and none of these is spoken by fewer than 400,000 persons, while the most general is the mother tongue of 85,000,000.

BOYS HAVE CHANGED.

Reminiscence of Youthful Days by a Grown-Up Who Has a Good Memory.

"The other day," said the reminiscer, with the ample waistband, according to the Washington Star, "one of my boys was shifted from knee-pants into long trousers. I suggested the change myself. The boy was becoming sort of big and overgrown and loutish, and he didn't lock right to me in knee-pants.

"I can remember how, when I was that boy's age and bulk, I yearned and yearned to graduate from the knee pants into the long trousers. I was ashamed of the knickerbockers for years before I ever managed to get out of them, and I looked forward to getting on the long ones as one of the events of my life.

"I felt pretty sheepish about going out all when I got 'em on the next morning, and I lingered around the house a long time before I mustered up enough nerve to show upon the vacant lot across the way. All of the 'fellars' were over there when, with a great burst of resolution, I strode out of the house and went over to join them.

"'Twas a warm October night and the silvery moon cast glimmering shadows about the woody dingle, through which the rippling brook tumbled on toward the Haritan canal. He was but a freshman, and she—fair one—was the bonum daughter of a tiller of the soil. They had met at a Harvest Home.

An Australian officer who saw the greater part of the war in South Africa has been telling a Melbourne interviewer that from his experience he thinks the head is the safest part in which to receive a bullet.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

London uses annually about 18,000,000 gallons of water for extinguishing fires.

England uses nearly half the lead produced in the world. Spain has the richest lead mines.

There are about 40,000 different surnames in England and Wales, or one for every 800 inhabitants.

Venna has the largest public bath in Europe. It is 578 feet long and 156 feet wide. It can accommodate 1,500 people.

Last year the Paris Omnibus company had 16,879 horses in its service; now it employs nearly 2,000 less, while more than 3,000 other horses have been replaced by automobiles.

Two prominent French scientists investigating the question of centenarians have reached the apparently inconsistent and contradictory conclusion that while the human race lives longer it does not reach so old an age as formerly.

Writing of them in this connection, an educated native who knows his country well, says that "these rich and multitudinous islands, seated in the midst of a tropical sea, form in reality a botanist's paradise, a region in which an ardent naturalist might browse for years and still have new treasures left to find."

Philippines Begot Baldness. Baldness afflicts almost every young man who spends any considerable length of time in the Philippines.

Even if this be so, the project should certainly appeal to those interested in the cause of general education (and that the study of botany is a useful and refining one no one can question), and having a patriotic pride in the advancement of our public museums and kindred institutions in Philadelphia, as well as in New York and elsewhere.

Earthquakes in Guam. The island of Guam was recently visited by many earthquakes. Some of the shocks were violent; indeed, so violent that the government buildings have been badly damaged.

Scotland and Ireland. It is noteworthy that for the first time in the history of the British isles the Scotch population now exceeds that of Ireland, the returns for the latter country for 1901 being 4,458,546, or 15,557 less than those for Scotland.

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The proprietor of one of these, a bright-eyed and swarthy West Indian, said: "It will take some time for Americans to appreciate the Porto Rico chocolate, for the simple reason that it is the very best in the world. For 200 years it has been cultivated in Mayaguez and the surrounding district, where the manufacture has been developed into a fine art, as well as an industry. For more than a century the bon-bone and confectionery of Mayaguez have been standard luxuries among the wealthy classes of Cuba, Spain and southern France.

When made into bon-bons the practice runs more along Parisian than New York lines. Every ingredient employed is ground and baked until it is a powder as fine as flour, while soft substances are rolled or milled until they are as smooth as cream. The manufacturer gives a greater variety in combination flavors. In this city the chocolate is favored with vanilla bean and the cheap qualities with tomas bean. In Mayaguez there are many standard flavors, and in addition, any patron can have concoctions flavored according to his own formula or taste."

LOTS OF UNKNOWN FLORA.

New Island Possessions Afford a Fascinating Field for Enthusiastic Botanists.

Much interest in the flora of our new island possessions is developing. In New York it seems likely to bear important educational fruit in connection with the new botanical gardens and museum recently opened in Bronx park.

With the possible exception of Hawaii there has been very little serious attempt at investigation and classification of the flora of our new possessions. Very little literature is available on the American student of local covering these fields, and for those confined to the English language there is practically no printed information whatever.

This lack of literature and information is in great part explained by the antagonistic attitude of the Spaniards to exploration of the interior by scientists of countries other than their own.

But in the two years of American occupation of the Philippines enough has been learned of the natural history of the islands to warrant the prediction that they present an illimitable field for collection.

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But enough rifts of knowledge have broken through the dense cloud of public ignorance on the subject of our new possessions to have whetted the appetite for fuller information. So it looks very much as if, providing there be no appropriation at hand to carry out this work of collecting floral specimens there, we shall have to depend upon private gifts or endowments.

The duties of the division include, so far as pertains to the navy, the safeguarding of American interests in those countries that border on the Caribbean, the cultivating of friendly relations with their people, the protecting of American citizens residing therein, property or other sites, the carrying out of the provisions of the existing treaties and in general exercising every legitimate end to preserve peace in these regions.

The commanding officer of the naval station at Porto Rico will be kept informed of the itinerary of the division commander, in order that vessels of this force may quickly communicate with the division commander through the commandant at San Juan, who will expedite the transmission of all messages.

Admiral Coghlan has been assigned to command this division. The oldest bachelor is a man who admits that he doesn't think he is smart enough to take care of any one but himself.—Chicago Daily News.

PORTO RICAN CHOCOLATE.

It is the Very Best in the World, According to Those Who Have Tasted It.

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A MONTANA BLUFF.

How Fear of Our Fearless Western Troopers Put 75 Filipinos to the Run.

What is regarded as one of the tallest "bluffs" on record furnished Capt. Edgar Russell, chief signal officer in the Philippines during the insurrection, with a story which he tells as an example of western nerve, says the New York Tribune.

"We were outside of Manila in some little camp," said the captain, "and about 75 natives were lying in a trench ahead of us, shooting away merrily, but not hitting anybody."

"At last there was a shout, and to our utter astonishment we beheld the 75 Filipinos jump out of their trenches and take to their heels in mad flight. The nerve of the Montana troopers was too much for them.

TO MAINTAIN PEACE.

Naval Division Established by Uncle Sam in the Caribbean Sea.

Secretary Moody lately issued an order creating the new Caribbean division to Admiral Higginson and Coghlan. Headquarters will be at Culebra, Porto Rico. The following named vessels have been detailed for duty there: Olympia, flagship; Montgomery, Detroit, Marietta, Machias and Panther, says a Washington report.