

NOTES FOR WOMEN.

THE WOMEN'S BILL.

The two main clauses of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill introduced in Parliament by Sir George Kemp are as follows:—

1. Every woman possessed of a household qualification, within the meaning of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1884, shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and, when registered, to vote for the county or borough in which the qualifying premises are situated.

2. For the purpose of this Act, a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be registered as voters in the same Parliamentary borough or county division.

M. MAETERLINCK.

It may not be generally known, practised for some time as a lawyer in Ghent, but, finding his profession uncongenial, he joined a literary clique in the Latin quarter in Paris, first "coming out" after reading a great article by Octave Mirbeau, the noted French publisher and man of letters.

MARRIAGE AND HEALTH.

News from the State of Indiana last week said that a law has just been passed there by 51 votes to 33, which requires all male applicants for a marriage license to show a declaration of good health, duly signed by a doctor.

MME. PADEREWSKI

Wife of the famous pianist (who accompanied her husband on his tour in New Zealand a few years ago), who lives at a beautiful country seat on the border of Lake Lemna, has been nominated by the French Ministry Chevaliere du Merite Agricole—an honour indeed.

Mme. Paderewski's passion is her poultry yard. She has over a thousand chickens and fowls of all kinds, and she has succeeded in creating some new species by cross-breeding. Her poultry are of great value, and recently she sold to an American purchaser a couple of white Orpingtons for £1,500.

Paderewski's farm is stocked with several presents from Sovereigns, including a flock of English sheep given him by the late King Edward.

SPLENDID SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS.

At Milwaukee, a millionaire's mansion has been purchased and transformed into a palace for babies. A hundred splendid rooms looking on a sunny and beautiful garden are now ready for the reception of newly-born infants of the poorest class. The mothers will also be allowed to enter, and a staff of skilled nurses will look after them and their offspring for a period.

RECALCITRANT WIVES.

The Paris Judges, in granting the application of a Paris doctor for restitution arrived at Auckland last week, states esting new departure by fixing a penalty of £4 for every day's delay in complying with the order of the Court. They consider this the most practical means of bringing the recalcitrant wife to reason.

THE QUEEN'S BOUQUET.

The Worshipful Company of Gardeners, an ancient company from which the Queen had promised to accept a Coronation bouquet, has the distinction of being the only city company which has admitted to its livery a lady—the Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Cecil, who is the author of an exhaustive history of English gardening.

THE NORWEGIAN CABINET

has resolved to place before the Storting a proposal to extend to women the right of admission to all public offices except membership of the Cabinet, Military, Diplomatic and Consular posts, and benefices in the State Church.



TAILOR SUIT

In serge, with contrasting cloth tabs and piping on skirt

few seams as possible, and the sides were elaborately embroidered in conventional designs in coloured silks.

It is prophesied that we are approaching a time when it will be as uncommon to wear black boot buttons as the old-fashioned black headed hat-pins, except upon hard wear and very ordinary occasions. This is a slight of fancy on the part of some idle designer, I make bold to opine. Think, for instance, of pale blue cashmere de soie after a couple of hours' wear on grassy lawns, not, perhaps, too dry!

The more sumptuous the new footwear, the more fanciful the buttons used upon it. Coral buttons on black boots are being shown in Paris.

Boleros are asserting themselves very prominently again, and the elaborate simulated coattee is to be seen on many of the new dress models.

Among models of this material already being shown are, also, coats of lace or of finely embroidered thin materials, some of them short hip-length affairs, others falling almost or quite to the bottom hem of the skirt in a bewildering maze of handiwork and lace.

Parasols for the summer show sign of being very elaborate. Some of the models are of bright coloured taffetas with large flowers fashioned of the same material grouped round the edge. One of orange silk, with great orange and black tiger blues, certainly looks very effective.

Worse than a "harem!"—News from Vienna on Saturday stated that the Viennese variety of the harem skirt differs much from the loose trousered one seen here and in Paris, and consists instead of a divided skirt in the form of an apron back and front under which are worn long satin "hose"—really, apparently, tights—of a contrasting shade to the skirt. "They" had not then been worn in the streets, and have been banned by the committees of several masked balls held in Vienna lately.

The Toby frill, in spite of its popularity last season, still appears, though it is narrower and lies flatter on to the neck than it did last year.

Lace muffs are the latest conceit in Paris. They are of black, white, or Paris lace lined with silk or satin, and "garnished" with a posy of perfumed silk flowers on the outside.



EARLY SPRING SUIT.

And now the very latest vogue to find expression here is the bolero coattee, Fenwick offering the welcome revival in most delightful guise as the completing note to one of his renowned early winter tailor-made costumes. The actual model illustrated is fashioned of tawny hopsack, merely relieved by buttons with black cloth centres, a sable sashon that is inexpressibly telling. The charm of this coattee lies in its perfect simplicity, the sleeves modelled on Magyar; while either side the front comes a cute little pocket. The accompanying skirt, besides, exacts the closest attention as harbinger of what will be worn, a tunie effect being achieved through the medium of wide tucks. The ensemble is altogether delightful, and the success attained is apparently without effort, which, as we all know, is the highest form of art.

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