Society has witnessed a brighter social record in the last seven days than for a long time past. As during last week special club functions have figured largely in a social way—Mrs. Henrotin's visit and talk at the Ladies' Literary club on Monday, the brilliant celebration of president's day at the Woman's club, and the first open session of the Council of Jewish Women on Tuesday, all being invested with a distinct social tinge.

There have figured many wholly social events, a number being extremely brilliant and charming in nature.

The promises for the coming week are equally brilliant—a number of delightful affairs being on the tapis.

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Two delightful events of the early part of the week were the functions given at the Alta Club on Sunday and Monday—Mr. Charles Henrotin giving a dinner on Sunday evening in honor of his mother, Mrs. Henrotin, who was recently in the city on a short visit—and Mrs. Henrotin on Monday entertaining a number of her Salt Lake friends at a dainty luncheon. Each affair was most charming in detail—the table being exquisitely decorated in La France roses and violets for the dinner, and with a profusion of bridesmaid roses, violets, and maidenhair fern for the second occasion.

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On Tuesday Mrs. Nelden entertained at luncheon at her home on E. 1st South, in honor of Mrs. Henrotin, the latter afterward received her friends there from three until five o'clock. The reception made the last of the series of pleasant social events connected with the stay of the distinguished visitor in our city.

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The prominent social event of the week was the Bachelor's ball given at Christensen's on Tuesday night. The mere announcement of this popular function is sufficient to keep society on the qui vive, in anticipation of something especially brilliant, and the last affair, like each of the previous ones, fully realized the pleasant anticipations held in regard to its success.

Inspiring music, a well filled floor, dainty refreshments and thorough enjoyment were the distinctive features of the affair—all present voting it one of the most delightful of the season.

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A smaller, but hardly less brilliant affair than the foregoing was the banquet given by the Utah branch of the Sons of the American Revolution on Wednesday night.

The event took place at the Knutsford, and was characterized by the flow of wit, oratory, and general brilliant spirit to be expected from the notable gathering.

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On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale celebrated their wedding anniversary—a number of friends being delightfully entertained during the evening at their home at 14 B street.

The rooms were prettily decorated with carnations and smilax—the event being a pretty and most memorable one in all respects.

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On Wednesday evening the Star of the West Lodge gave a masquerade ball at G. A. R. hall—the room being filled with a throng of fantastically garbed dancers who enjoyed the festivities till a late hour.

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The ladies of the Woodbine circle of the order of Women of Woodcraft, also gave a pleasant entertainment on Wednesday night. The event took place at the K. of P. hall, a large number being present. Cards, music, refreshments and general social converse were the features of the pleasant affair.

The committee to whom credit is due for the success of the entertainment were: Mrs. D. J. Ostler, Miss Williams, Miss Day, Mrs. W. W. Evans and Mrs. Dusch.

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Mrs. Mira Rossiter and Mrs. Stephen H. Lynch have issued invitations for a Kensington tea, to take place on next Saturday.

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On Tuesday the marriage of Miss Clara Holt and Mr. Frank Virtue took place in Ogden.

Both bride and groom are well and popularly known in Salt Lake, the former having been here for some time in the capacity of teacher in the local schools, and the groom having resided here during the past year.

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Salt Lake Camp No. 33 Woodmen of the World are amongst the many local branches of societies which celebrated in a pleasant social way this week.

The entertainment was in the nature of a concert—an excellent programme being rendered—introduced and supplemented by interesting addresses given respectively by W. M. Elliott and S. R. Tuttle.

The list of good things on the programme included recitations by Noah Cahoon, John Tilton and George Brewster, vocal solos by Prof. Everett and A. Hoffenbach; duets by C. J. Drain and T. J. Delaney, Prof. Everet and Mr. Borst; a vocal quartette by O. Peterson, T. C. Janey, R. Worthen and H. Drain; a piano solo by John Selly, and music by the Ford Mandolin club.

Each selection was excellently rendered, some exceptionally fine talent being displayed by those taking part in the programme.

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On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hosbury Reed entertained a number of their friends at a card party at their home at 177 E. South Temple St.

The rooms were prettily decorated with carnations, the score-cards and tallies used by the gentlemen being painted in designs of the same flower, and the tallies for the ladies—dainty violet painted sachet bags.

During the evening music was rendered by a mandolin and guitar quartette under the direction of Mrs. Ella Olsen-Shagher. The affair being artistic in every detail.

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Another pleasant event of Monday evening was that occurring at the residence of Miss Kathleen Anderson, who entertained a small but delightful party in honor of Miss Miller of Paris, Kentucky, who is Miss Anderson's guest.

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The ladies auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are planning a unique social event for next week.

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On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Holding entertained the May Club at their residence—the pastime being high five.

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Prizes were won by Mrs. J. Timms, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Heller and Mr. E. J. Beach.

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Mrs. W. E. Travis entertained at luncheon today.

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The Wednesday night gathering at Christensen's this week was unusually well attended.

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The students of the L. D. S. College gave a most delightful party at Christensen's last night—the event being one of the pleasantest yet held under their auspices. A large number were present and the event was successful in all respects.

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On Wednesday evening Dr. Bascom entertained a number of friends at dinner at the Alta club, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Holden.

The decorations were lavish and beautiful, the affair being a most elaborate one in all respects.

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Mrs. F. J. Foldan also entertained at dinner on Wednesday, the event being in honor of friends from the East who are visiting in Salt Lake.

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Miss Nason was amongst the number who entertained at dinner this week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holden. The event occurred at the residence of Mrs. Bancroft, covers being laid for twelve.

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Mrs. Edith Martin of Provo leaves this week for Chicago, where she will go in company with Judge and Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Martin will enter college at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the fall.

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Miss Connie McAllister entertained at a card party on Tuesday.

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On Thursday evening Mr. W. J. Lawrence gave a dinner at the Alta club in honor of Miss Miller of Kentucky, who is the guest of Miss Anderson. The party afterward witnessed the performance of "The Wrong Mr. Wright," at the Theater.

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The Royal Arch Masons gave a delightful ball on Thursday evening at Christensen's. Music, dancing and dainty refreshments were the features of the affair which was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

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The Seventeenth ward assembly rooms have presented a brilliant and charming scene during a part of the past week in its array of pretty booths, with their useful, unique and artistic wares and decorations, and list of charming caterers who have presided over the several departments.

Besides the bazar display there have been equally delightful features in the program given each evening, the affair altogether furnishing a most delightful entertainment.

It is understood that the affair has been satisfactorily successful in a financial way, the admission and bazar sales netting a handsome sum for the worthy object for which it was instituted.

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The wedding of Miss Ella P. Smith and Mr. Frederick Hodges occurred on Wednesday at the bride's home, Justice Nelson performing the ceremony.

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Mrs. Louise Odell has for her guest this week Miss Pierce of Chicago.

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Mrs. Charles Read and Miss Emily Read have returned from California.

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Mrs. Bert Seabold left on Tuesday for the Pacific coast.

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Mrs. Holman left on Wednesday for Philadelphia, where she will spend a few days with her son, prior to her departure for Europe, early in May.

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Miss Margie Young, daughter of R. W. Young, who has been visiting Miss Wright of Ogden, has returned home.

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Miss Laura Sherman leaves today for Des Moines.

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Mrs. I. Hesselberg of Omaha is in Salt Lake as the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Tochnitz, at 244 south, State street.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Druehl will be at home at the Grand, after May 7th.

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Mrs. J. W. Neill has returned from Denver.

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Mrs. Hattie Brown of Eureka is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Folland, for a short time.

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Mrs. Ira Tuttle has returned from California.

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Judge Munger left for the east on Wednesday.

THE CLUBS.

The chief event of the Ladies' Literary club during the past week, was the lecture given by Mrs. Henrotin on Monday, the club members being out in force to listen to the talented and distinguished visitor.

The current events and current literature sections met yesterday, the topics for the afternoon being, "Liquid Air," by Mrs. Gilmer, and "Tolstoi" by Mrs. Wightman.

A portion of the afternoon was devoted to business.

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On Wednesday the Council of Jewish Women held a most interesting session, it being the first open session yet held by the society.

Addresses were made by Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, Mrs. Susa Y. Gates, Mrs. Lorenzo Snow and Mrs. Taggart—the four Utah delegates to the recent National Council of Women in Washington, and a paper was read by Mrs. Henry Gans on "the Jew in Fiction," the entire program being exceptionally interesting.

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The Reviewers' Club meets on Monday, the 24th, at the residence of Mrs. Emma Kilbell. The program is in charge of Mrs. M. L. Ritchie.

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At the meeting of the Cleofan on Tuesday, Mrs. Julia Taylor read an interesting paper on "English Homes in the Reign of Charles II," and Mrs. Heber Lee and Mrs. May Hoyle gave current events.

The next meeting will be devoted chiefly to business—it being the final session of the club for this season.

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A brilliant event in the history of the Woman's Club was the celebration of president's day last Tuesday—the session being one of the most interesting since the organization of the club.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF WOMAN.

Mrs. Henrotin's Talk on the Social Aspect of Women's Club Life in Large Cities.

In a special interview held with Mrs. Henrotin during her recent visit in Salt Lake, the ex-president of the Women's National Federation of clubs gave an interesting description of the purely social club organizations in the large cities—some of which were founded by herself.

"The social club," said Mrs. Henrotin, "is of comparatively recent date. Nearly the entire club movement throughout the country has been upon practical lines, being organized either for literary culture, or practical work, the few social features at times introduced being purely incidental.

"The last five years, however, has witnessed a great change in club organizations. In many clubs recreation is an acknowledged part of their systems and this is especially true of clubs organized for professional or working women, both by themselves and also by women who might be designated as social leaders. Several social clubs of this kind have been organized in the large cities of the United States, and it would be a benefit to civilization were their example to extend to every city in the country.

Amongst the most noted of social clubs are the "Acorn" of Philadelphia, the "Mayflower" of Boston, and the "Woman's Athletic Club" of Chicago, each of which may be described as typical of all those organized upon social lines.

"These are frankly organized for the comfort and convenience of members, and are conducted on the same lines as a man's social club, with the exception that there are no liquors sold or indulged in within its domain.

"The "Acorn" of Philadelphia has five hundred members. It was organized about eight years ago by three young society girls, who wanted a cozy and private place to lunch down town. An apartment was rented in a building centrally located, where mutual acquaintances might gather for a cup of tea; and from this small beginning the "Acorn" took its name.

"The club is now housed in its own palatial home, and is exquisitely furnished. On the ground floor are parlors, dining rooms, library, music hall and billiard room; and in the two upper stories baths and bed-rooms, the latter for the benefit of members who reside out of town.

"Here they may bring their daughters to stay over night for theaters and operas, dress for dinners or other social functions, or should they desire to entertain, may enjoy special rooms and fulfill purely social desires or obligations in as princely style as may be desired. They may also receive social visits, though one of the rules of the club is that gentlemen are not admitted except to the outside parlors.

Many of the regular club members rent rooms in Philadelphia and take their meals at the club—a charming and economical way of living—as one may live well on from ten to fifteen dollars per week.

The "Mayflower" of Boston is managed upon much the same plan, and is largely sustained by members living in the suburbs or country.

Both clubs issue visiting tickets to prominent women who may be in the city—who have the freedom of the club for any distinctive social privilege.

The "Washington club," of Washington, D. C., has many features of the acknowledged social club and the wives of senators and other women of social distinction use the club constantly in social entertainments. This is the same with the Century club of San Francisco.

The Women's Athletic club of Chicago, is organized on the same plan as the men's athletic club, having a gymnasium, Russian and Turkish baths, and all the accessories of modern athletic clubs. Fencing and dancing are amongst the list of exercises, special masters being engaged to teach those accomplishments.

In connection with these features the club also boasts an excellent restaurant, reading room, library and card room. The club opened the 1st of January—the list of members including the names of Chicago's prominent society women—Mrs. Phil D. Armour being president. The initiation fee is $100.

Another class of social clubs are those organized for the benefit of the professional and working women.

The first social club organized by professional women was practically founded by the Chicago branch of the National Association of Women Stenographers.

"I should like to take occasion to say here," said Mrs. Henrotin, "that of all the professions with which I have been brought prominently in contact, none furnish so great an average of individual worth and ability as are found amongst stenographers and journalists.

"The success of either in a large city must usually stand for a sign of marked ability. With stenographers especially the demands upon time and strength are so exacting, that unless they live at home—as in fact many do—they lead a most monotonous life.

"They are for the most part too well bred and refined to enjoy or devote themselves to ordinary or common methods of recreation—and the fact that they must work unceasingly for their livelihood, and are tied down to hours, prevents them from enjoying advantages to which their birth—and always intelligence entitles them.

"This applies to that picked class who always earn large salaries, and whose service is always in demand. These consist principally of court stenographers, private secretaries of bankers and lawyers, also those women who are trained to special work—such as in engineering, electric or medical science.

It is to meet this need of the busy, intelligent, refined workers in Chicago—that the Professional Woman's club is being organized.

The organization as yet has no building of its own; but has secured a suite of rooms in a large and centrally located building—comprising a dining-room, reading-room, rest-room and dressing-rooms—where the members may have a warm supper or lunch, rest, arrange toilets, read—in fact, enjoy the privileges of a cultured home life—and return to work refreshed—an incalculable comfort and benefit in "the city of great distances" to those who live far from the business center—especially in cases where urgent necessity, perhaps, calls for "overtime" work which may last till midnight, or at least so late as to demand some rest and refreshment between whiles.

"While organizing this club," said Mrs. Henrotin, "it became necessary to raise a special fund of one thousand dollars, and in helping to do this I applied to a friend of mine, a banker—and stating the object of the club, asked him to contribute. Had this been for purposes of charity, he would have donated a large sum on the spot; but as it was an effort of women to help themselves, he flatly refused.

"I don't believe in women being down town nights," he declared. "The women I employ nearly all have homes and don't need clubs."

Later in the day I mentioned these remarks to his stenographer. She looked at me in wonderment. "Is it possible he don't know that during the 'rush' season we are all kept here until ten or eleven o'clock?" she asked. "Such a club as you propose would be a boon to his stenographers."

"The club has several philanthropic aims which are destined to be most useful. Amongst them is the institution of night-classes for young ladies to perfect themselves in stenography or special branches of learning. The terms will be exceedingly moderate, and will be of benefit to those whose hours at work leave no time for study or training. There will also be an employment bureau, by means of which the members may assist each other in obtaining employment at good salaries. Other useful projects are also in view.

Another professional woman's club is the "Altruistic Art Club of Chicago." This has a beautiful room in the Masonic Temple, and possesses one of the finest art libraries in Chicago. The membership consists of women employed down town, a cup of tea or coffee being served from half past one till half past two o'clock. Many members bring lunch, which is spread on the tables, and in the beautiful and cheery dining-room "round-table talks" are held on art, literature, music, etc., under the tutelage of a number of Chicago's most prominent and talented women, who are glad of the privilege of spending this hour with these charming and intelligent young girls.

Out of this club was organized the "Aloha," which has built a holiday home for itself on the east shore of Lake Michigan. It is for the benefit of self-supporting women, who in this way solve the problem of the "summer vacation"—it being too often the case that the average professional woman's purse is not sufficient to meet the expense of a vacation at a desirable hotel—the other class offering too poor inducement to make a change salutary or advisable.

"In building its own summer resort, therefore, the Aloha has effectually and satisfactorily solved the problem—the club house furnishing a charming retreat in which rest, diversion, and good living are had at minimum expense.

The club first formed a company of three hundred shares; a gentleman who heard of the project allowed the use of a beautiful piece of land, with the river at the rear and Lake Michigan in front of the pretty grove—and there they built a pretty house with enormous porch and cozy interior in which they may delightfully while away the days of the vacation. On the first floor are the parlors and apartments of the chaperons, who is usually the mother of one of the members—and the rest of the house consists of bedrooms, which are decorated by the girls themselves.

"Altogether it is dainty and exquisite as if thousands of dollars had been expended. Simplicity is the keynote. In many bedrooms mottos have been burned into the beautiful white pine. One deeply impressed me—as behind the words I read a whole life story. It was this:

"He puts a thorn in the nest, lest we linger unduly here."

Back of the girl's thought was the duty that called her forth from the sylvan retreat.

The grounds about the home are charming. They have fishing, rowing and still-bathing in the river back of them, and splendid surf-bathing in the great Lake Michigan. They have hay-rides, impromptu out-door musicales and all kinds of pleasant things. When the home is not filled with members they may invite a friend for a visit—provided the guest is a self-supporting woman. Fathers, brothers, sweethearts, come to see them—the club providing rooms at moderate price, and no breach of the most perfect decorum has ever occurred in the club.

By leaving the city by boat members or visitors can reach Grand Haven—the home of the club—before evening and by leaving early reach the city by nine o'clock in the morning, and throughout July and August many avail themselves of this privilege.

Thus are women solving for themselves through association their social relations, and entering into that larger social life which is the aim and crown of the highest civilization."

FEMININE FLOTSAM.

An interesting scheme has lately been commenced by no less an organization than the omniscient Salvation Army to start what is to be called a "working woman's hotel." The want of a thoroughly respectable as well as reasonable place where women can obtain board and lodgings with none of that necessity for having the mind distracted and the body fatigued by domestic duties has long been felt among the working classes of women in this great city. And by speaking of "working classes" I do not necessarily mean factory girls or other members of the great mass of women workers, but I also mean that equally great colony of women who have perhaps a certain amount of education and who are employed in various professions that necessitate their working from 9 o'clock in the morning until 8 or 9 o'clock at night.

The accommodations provided for workingmen in London are extraordinarily plentiful. Lodging-houses, boarding-houses and cheap hotels are everywhere to be found, as well as that most notable addition to this class of abode, the Rowton houses, which were erected by Lord Rowton, who it will be remembered, was once private secretary of the great statesman Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield. All these establishments for the masculine members of the community are run on a commercial basis, and have long proved to be successful.

For sixpence any man of decent behavior can secure comforts, food and a satisfactory amount of cleanliness at a Rowton house for one night and until a certain hour the next morning. It was suggested to Lord Rowton a few years ago that it would be well to extend the benefits of these cheap hotels to working women, but evidently the philanthropist for men has no sort of sympathy with feminine bread-winners. The Salvation Army has now taken up the subject, and there certainly is every prospect, and there certainly is into effect. The main outline of the scheme has been settled, and a site in the central part of London has been selected for an establishment of the kind. It has been estimated that about $50,000 will have to be expended in order to thoroughly initiate the scheme. Accommodations will thus be secured for about 500 women.

Pitiful Condition of Working Women.

The condition of women workers who depend solely upon their own endeavors for livlihood in London is very sorrowful and almost tragic. Many of them live in lonely rooms at the top of tenement-houses or herd together in crowded courts. The result is that the majority of them have but little temptation to remain what is known as "respectable." The object of the Salvation Army homes will be to provide accommodation to respectable women who are able to spend a small weekly sum for their maintenance, and to give them for that payment, pleasant, healthful and cleanly surroundings. The organizers of the scheme believe that their projected establishments will be self-supporting.

Of course, when houses of this kind are started by a body like the Salvation Army, it means that they will impress upon their patrons their own religious doctrines. Possibly to many people this will mean a certain amount of drawback, but as there has been no one else willing to recognize the urgency of the case of the women workers of London, nothing but respectful attention and admiration should be given to the Salvationist scheme.

ANNE MORTON LANE.

Spring Wraps.

One black wrap is as much a necessity in a woman's outfit as her street gown. It can be worn in the afternoon; it can be worn in the evening, and, indeed, there is hardly a time when it is not possible to wear it, provided it is made in some becoming and not too elaborate fashion. There is no end of smart black wraps this year that are rather too elaborate for all these occasions, says Harper's Bazar, but there is one style of cape that is most economical, and this is on the plan of those worn this winter, made of light-weight black cloth, somewhat in circular shape but with rounded fronts, fitting closely over the shoulders, and flaring below the waist quite on the plan of the new skirts. It was, so we are told, designed to wear with the new skirts and the princesse gowns. This cloak or cape should not be too long, should reach a little below the waist, and be finished with a ruffle of the same material lined with silk or satin. It has a high collar faced with the same silk as the ruffle, and ought to be lined throughout with the silk.

The French wraps are trimmed with bands of machine stitching in a contrasting color; but there are a great many that, instead of the machine stitching, have bands of narrow black and white braid or black and silver braid. However, the machine stitching did not come in until so late that it has not been generally adopted, and consequently is newer than the braid.

Then there are the silk, the grenadine, satin and lace wraps with the jet passementerie, or with the jet embroidery on the satin. Some of these are made in the same style as the cloth cape just described; others are shorter and stand out more from the shoulders —not like the flaring little capes of two or three years ago, for they do not flare until quite below the shoulders. Having the sleeves of the gown small now prevents the cape standing out too much across the shoulders, and in all outer garments as well as in skirts the aim is to have the lines as long and slender as possible.

AFTERNOON GOWN OF FRENCH BLUE CLOTH, EMBROIDERED IN ALL OVER DESIGN.

This gown is made of light French blue cloth. It is embroidered in all-over design, cut out and outlined with silk of the same shade as the cloth. The gown is made over a foundation of French blue taffeta of the same shade as the cloth. It is very tight-fitting in the back and in front has long, straight lines from the shoulders to the waist. The bodice is outlined by a wavy line around the collar and defining a soft stock of white tucked chiffon.

CLEO DE MERODE.

Who Lately Upset America, now Weeps for the Lost Love of a British Duke!

Cleo de Merode, the French dancer with the face of a Madonna and the grace of a fawn, has just missed by the narrowest of margins, the coronet of a duchess. But for the hurry-hurried action of his outraged grandmother the duke of Manchester, whose full name is William Angus Drogo Montague, and who has only just come of age, would have made Cleo his wife. The duke became infatuated with the saintly-faced French ballet girl and one afternoon proposed marriage to her. Cleo was more than willing to marry Manchester. Her mother was more than willing that she should. Not so, however, the duchess of Devonshire, grandmother to the boy duke. The duchess came flying across the English channel and carried her grandson bodily away from Merode's influence. The affair added one more to the many scandals that from time to time give questionable prominence to the name of some member of the British aristocracy. There is no remedy for Cleo de Merode, who weeps within her beautiful hirsute bower, but can do nothing in retaliation for her treatment because the French law makes illegal a marriage that is opposed by the parents.