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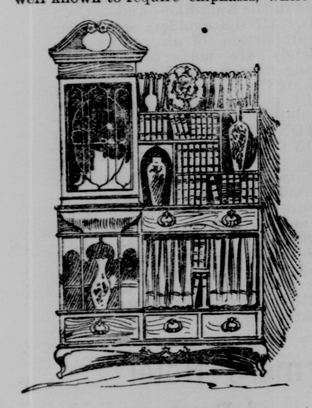
SECRETARY BOOKCASE.

manuscripts and wherein, as well, could be stored his vellum bound tomes and rolls of parchment.

Reading and writing accommodation is jointly provided for at the present time in the secretary bookcase. Then we have a most convenient desk on one side, with drawers below and shelf room above, while on the other side is arranged an inclosed bookcase within easy reach of the writer. This type of combination furniture has much to recommend it. In point of appearance it is manifestly superior to the more ordinary kind of library cabinet work, while the advantage of bringing books and writing materials into one piece of furniture must be at once evident.

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CHINA CABINET AND BOOKCASE.

the security such protection as doors gives against interference at the hands of unauthorized persons is a sufficient reason in itself to warrant their employment.

Baby's Bath Blanket.

A pretty blanket, either for the bath or for a carriage afghan, may be made of double Germantown wool in white and blue or white and pink by following these directions from Good Housekeeping:

With a coarse crochet hook make a long chain and work in single crochet, taking up only the back loop of the stitch to give a ridged effect. At the seventh stitch of the chain put in two stitches, and at the fourteenth skip a stitch and so on throughout. This alternate widening and narrowing make a series of vandykes which are very handsome. Three ridges of white and three of the color alternating look well, and no fringe is necessary. This work is easy and pleasant and quickly done.

If the workers prefer knitting to crochet, a similar blanket may be made on ordinary wooden needles by knitting the body of the blanket of white and having two or three narrow rows of the color at top or bottom. In changing from color to white and back again put the thread over the needle and knot two stitches together throughout the row. This does away with a right and wrong side and makes a row of loops which are quite ornamental.

NEW EVENING GOWNS.

TRAINS, DIMINUTIVE SLEEVES AND ROUND WAISTS PREVAIL.

Embroideries Flourish In Profusion and Sashes Are a Conspicuous Element—Net Gowns Trimmed With Sequins and Gold and Silver Ornamentation Are the Rage.

The one thing that seems positive about evening gowns is the length of the skirt, which must have a train, a short one for the matron's gown, while the young lady's gown is cut long enough to fall two or three inches on the floor at the back. Evening sleeves in the French gowns are very diminutive, being hardly more than a strap on the shoulder. There may be two little frills of chiffon or tulle below this band, but these are not necessary if you follow the French models. The English woman's evening gown is more pretentious as to sleeves, and, although they are made of frills, they are deep enough to cover the arm partially. The New York Sun, which illustrates leading styles in gowns for evening wear, makes it also apparent that the round waist with the blouse or draped front is still the prevailing style, but the slightly pointed bodice is also worn by those who wish to look slender. The blouse with the front cut in two parts rounding down from the low cut neck at either side, near the sleeve, to the belt, where the edges meet, is one of the prettiest for evening dress. Each side is trimmed with embroidery or applique lace, and the V shaped space between is filled in with full chiffon or tulle. Champagne color is a favorite tint for evening gowns.



GOWN WITH FASHIONABLE TRAIN.

Embroideries flourish in profusion on evening gowns. Fur bands, too, are a very fashionable trimming, especially in sable, with two or three tails arranged in the puff of one tiny sleeve. A bunch of violets or a bow of ribbon may decorate the other. An upstanding bow of velvet in some contrasting color on one sleeve and a bunch of roses on the other is not an unusual mode of decoration—in fact, it is quite the thing to have the sleeves different. Frillings of lace chiffon or net shaped to fit the round neck and edged with a tiny band of sable are one of the novel features of trimming.

The sash is becoming a conspicuous element of evening dress. It may be made of lace, chiffon, soft silk or ribbon.

Net gowns are decidedly the rage for evening wear, and embroideries of silver and steel on net and lisse seem to be the fancy of the moment. The black net gowns are in great variety, elaborately trimmed with colored and jet sequins and made over colors as well as black linings.

A white glace silk forms a gown made with a fashionable train and trimmed with bands of ivory satin, edged with ruches of tulle, and ruffles of tulle trim the taffeta underskirt. The bodice is of rose miroir velvet, draped with lace, and the underbodice is of ivory satin, with a rosette of the same, edged with black velvet, at one side. One sleeve is composed of lace frills, while the other is simply a stiffened bow of white satin. White net over white silk, trimmed with a lattice pattern in dark red velvet, forms a very youthful dress, and still another youthful model is carried out in pink silk, with a deep accordion plaited flounce of pink mousseline de soie. Plaited mousseline forms the basque frill, the sleeves



GOWN FOR EVENING WEAR.

and trimming on the bodice and a belt of gold galoon studded with coral completes the costume. A gown of yellow satin is trimmed with a lace flounce arranged in points and headed with a ruche of white chiffon, which also forms the soft vest and sleeves. Applique lace trims the bodice.

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Oliver Cromwell's Court.

The protector's wife's order of eating and mealtimes were thus regulated: First of all at the ringing of a bell dined the halberdiers, or men of the guard, with the inferior officers. Then the same bell rang again and the steward's table was set for the better sort of those that waited on their highnesses—ten of whom were apportioned to a table or mess, one of which was chosen by themselves every week for steward, and he gave the clerk of the kitchen the bill of fare, as was agreed upon generally every morning. To these ten men and what friends should casually come to visit them the value of 10 shillings, in what flesh or fish soever they would have, with a bottle of sack and two of claret, was appointed. Suppers they had none, eggs or some slaps (?) contenting Cromwell and her ladyship, and to his exemplar all was conformed. In lieu thereof for the family there was constantly boiled eight stone of beef early in the morning, to keep her retainers in heart and in earnest of a dinner, the broth whereof and all the scraps and reliques of dinner were alternately given to the poor of St. Margaret's, Westminster and St. Martin's in the Fields.

One of the earliest lives of the protector, "The Perfect Politician," states that he gave a public dinner "every Monday in the week to all the officers of the army not below a captain, where he used to dine with him. A table was likewise spread every day of the week for such officers as should casually come to the court." Occasionally there were solemn entertainments to a foreign embassador or some public body.—Cornhill Magazine.

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