

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

POOR—

The flight of time is marked in the sales of surplus stocks in the large draperies. It seems but a few weeks since the stores announced the reductions on their summer and mothers' were picking up business on their children's for trips to the side. Now six months have passed and the announcements of winter reductions are

advertising columns of the papers, are at the shops themselves, and set forth in German pamphlets delivered by the postman at our door. The winter sales are, as a rule, much more than the autumn sales. The goods are of local character, woollens and silks, including there are also miscellaneous textiles which turned over and over without injury to the stock. The summer surplus stocks are of

perishable class, delicate colours, injured by the sun in the windows at the summer and cotton goods readily shewing the signs of age. Our climate allows of the wear of dresses nearly all the year round. The few warm weather which fall to our lot in summer but a limited number of light dresses for three-quarters of a year serge, cashmeres, and all the varieties now made of woollen for every Englishwoman's wardrobe.

The speciality of the winter surplus stock sale, ladies call them—is small quantities of shabby goods. Short dress lengths, a few mending over from an entire piece; pulpit, which it is not the intention of the manager reproduce—broken sets of hosiery, one, two pairs left from dozens; odd pairs of glove lengths of gimps, fringes, lace, and other trappings; boots and shoes that have been frequently worn; mantles made in the autumn

It all depends on whether a woman's mind is not well balanced, if a cheap sale is a big lure. To buy a thing because it is cheap is a mistake, because it is the thing required, guarded against. The bargain-hunter gets a certain pleasure from carrying home a piece of merchandise that she has bought cheaply.

twelve a yard cheaper than it had been a month previously, regardless of the fact that there was no need for the silk, and has no immediate prospect of being able to use it. How many of us meet friends coming home from a cheap sale with parcels, admitting, not without a touch of self-complacency, that they spent all their time looking for bargains, having some less than necessary.

In choosing dress materials, the quality

consideration, the avoidance of large patterns the next, and care in construction. The latter is more important than the first, for sunny shades but themselves will not assimilate with prevailing colors. In fact, many of the materials are so different from the colors of trimmings as to appear out of place. Unless there be actually a deepening of the glimmer of stone it is fully possible to make a whole lot stand out.

A kindly letter, too, rolled on me one morning, inquired to keep a thing as you would be sure to come in usefully, is a good thing to have. It does not justify anything on the strength of their own fault, but a letter from the Old man, written in that way, often has a more valuable than a word, especially at the

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For some reason appears to summer suits unless very much asked, look very well. The best of them require to be bought in a long time in it, especially in the high camp-rather, light to be dry, and very early torn. Besides, the fold along the head is frequently added, but not paid at the glove as in the hand, and there is very much in gloves, cheap because they are made of the same cheap material.

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in fact most hard-wrought parts, at home. Anyone who has seen the work the team is doing would marvelously lighted, rather floored cottage, work can be executed. But the corner which the fine needlework is done remains why all underclothing, hand-made ought to be washed at once, as someone put it has been sent home.

January's is generally a great month for the newspaper columns show that the holder has been taken advantage of.

many a-troked couple. But the peering through grand ceremonies with all the carriages and horses, met-servants, servants, liveries, favours, choral music have not yet begun. The Parliament will probably bring a good many to town, and the London season will easily. The rumour that a suite of apartments in the Palace has been prepared for the Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg may come up occasionally.

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about a week, when she stayed there for a few days at a time. A very modest establishment is maintained at the Palace, and a larger number being required they are drafted from Windsor or Osborne. The members of her Majesty's family come and go to Buckingham Palace on their visits to London—the Crown Prince and her children, when the young, and the Princess Alice during her illness, have been made a regulation that she

Buckingham Palace at the Queen's expense exceeded three days' time after which royalists provide for their own and their suite's maintenance is an absence of the spirit of hospitality implicit of this kind; but none of us know how we If we had a long list of impetuous Roy coming over to enjoy the delights of cheap rate. When the Crown Prince visited England a few years ago he stayed near Piccadilly. Gossip-mongers thought he solicited him, but as his father was a German not a Portuguese it is possible th

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retracted the suit he bestowed
the Princess the qualities of
the Russian army. The Princess Victoria
permitted to come to England for the
wedding. It would doubtless have been
permanent to allow the young people to
such interesting circumstances.

