

# THE PRETTIEST BRIDE OF THE SEASON.



OTHER FETCHING GOWNS IN MISS NEILSON'S TROUSSEAU.

### Most Original Club in America.

INDIANA has the most original woman's club in America. In that broad and breezy State, perhaps, there is room for such a thing. The possibility of its existence in a more narrow minded community is doubted. Its membership is small, being at present limited to thirteen; and its main object is to increase the fascination of each and every member. Every woman who joins pledges herself to divulge the secret of such charms and accomplishments as she may possess, and, as far as possible, to impart them to her fellow members. Accomplishments such as singing, playing, dancing, even cooking, known by some, are to be taught to the others.

So far, so good, but the difficult part is in the next group of by-laws. Defects are to be weeded out. Any young woman observing serious faults in a fellow member is to labor with her until such mental or moral blemishes are removed. All peculiarities of temperament are to be closely watched and fully discussed, with a view to the improvement of their owner. This is the point at which the tolerance and broad mindedness of the Indiana woman is expected to show itself.

### Tax on Bachelors.

NEW WOMEN and old women, young maids and old ones, are always and everywhere interested in the question of matrimony, says an exchange. At almost all feminine gatherings and conventions the subject is brought forward and discussed; and yet statistics from all quarters of the globe present annually a steady decline in the number of marriages. Nowhere, however, has the matrimonial percentage reached so low a point as in the Argentine Republic. The existing state of affairs in that young South American state has attracted attention as a grave public evil, and her Senators and wise men have recently passed the following law:

On and after January 1, 1897, every male from the age of twenty to eighty shall pay a tax until he marries, and shall pay it once every month. Young celibates of either sex who shall, without legitimate motives, reject the addresses of him or her who may aspire to her or his hand, and who may continue contumaciously unmarried, shall pay the sum of 500 plasters for the benefit of the young person who has been so refused.