

THE SULTAN'S DRAFT

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The outer door of Hazleton's office was closed, leaving him and his friend in silence that was urging each man just his thoughts to what had just happened, and to what should be said next.

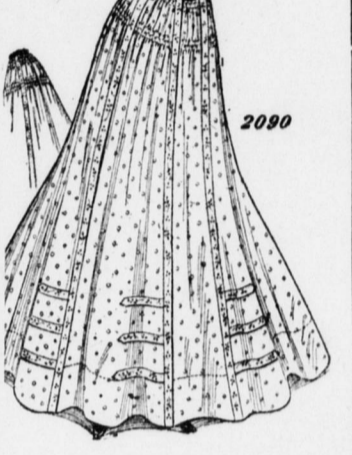
get an option on the Conqueror mine for anything like a reasonable price? "Well, it hasn't been for sale," said I, dully, "but if any one can buy it at a fair figure, I suppose I am he. If the cash were coming to pay for it."

FADS AND FANCIES.

MINNA SCHATT CRAWFORD.

The style and character of a woman's clothes have come to such importance in life that she is a brave woman indeed who dares ignore the cult of fashion and defies criticism in garments that are passé.

The woman who does her own sewing has much the advantage of her sisters who declare they "hate the sight of a needle." With the aid of a really good paper pattern she cannot only have prettier frocks than the average, but can remodel her last year's dresses and bring them properly up to date.



The dainty little evening dress here pictured is so effective and yet so simple of construction that any woman who knows enough of sewing to hem a pocket handkerchief can follow the easy instructions printed on the pattern and put it together.

Easily Satisfied. A New York man, the head of a company working phosphate fields in the South, tells the following in connection with the phosphate boom in Florida some years ago.

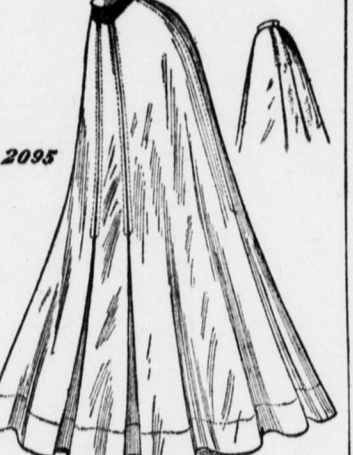
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The liking for Eton coats seems to increase as the season advances. The design here illustrated is one of the prettiest yet shown. It is collarless, and fitted to shape to the figure, and has the popular elbow sleeve. It is a delightful model for separate coat of black or colored taffeta, or as part of a costume.



Whether used for separate skirt or part of a costume, no distinct style in a long time has approached the vogue of the modified circular skirt with front and back gores laid in inverted plaits to give the fashionable and becoming panel effect.

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Feminine Graces. Accomplishments That Are Attractive to Men, A Source of Income.

It is practically the duty of every one to learn some accomplishment. We owe to society something in the way of entertainment for what it offers us. We are enabled to give pleasure and prove of benefit in numberless ways if we possess of some accomplishment, and last of all, but by no means least important of all, the accomplishment learned to while away idle hours frequently proves a means of livelihood in times of misfortune.

The wise girl will find out what accomplishment she is best adapted for, and then really endeavor to shine in that. She will make it an unending source of pleasure to others and win many friends through it, and when the hour comes that finds her alone in the world and without means, she has a source of income ready to hand.

The majority of girls so situated imagine that they are not sufficiently proficient to make use of their accomplishments. They lack the courage to make the most of a little knowledge, and endeavor to add to it.

The girl who can play or sing immediately casts about in her mind for probable pupils. These may not readily materialize, but in the meantime numberless women are only too glad to have some pleasant girl help entertain their friends with music; accompanists are at a premium, but for singers and players upon stringed instruments benevolent institutions and certain hospitals are only too glad to pay some one to play for inmates of such places when music cannot be had free, and there are schools without number, both private and public, which need a pianist, not as a teacher, but to accompany the singing of the pupils, their marches and many of their physical exercises.

Singers and players upon stringed instruments have much the same field, except that theirs is more restricted, and the singer is ever in demand to help with jolly topical songs at small entertainments, and to sing at funerals. This last is very profitable.

Then there is the girl who learns just a little painting and drawing. She, too, feels hopeless about getting enough pupils to support herself if suddenly left to do so without any preparation for such a task. Few of these girls know that

original designs of very simple kinds are profitably sold to manufacturers of fancy articles, decorative embroideries and lace houses. There is always a large demand for original menu cards, dinner, tea and luncheon favors, cotillion favors, entertainments where decorated cards can be used for special purposes, the cards being appropriately decorated to suit the occasion; lamp and candle shades of all kinds, fancy boxes for candy, stationery and an infinite variety of other things, to say nothing of the vast variety of silk and satin articles decorated with painting, the screens and panels and fancy bits of useful prettiness which may be so easily decorated with brush or pen.

China painting offers a large field for artists in that branch of painting, and almost every millinery and dressmaking establishment finds use for a girl who can paint flower decorations upon gowns and their accessories. Designing for wall papers, carpets and the like requires a special education, which is not hard to get, but the amateur artist will be more successful if she does the simpler forms of decorative work which require originality of design and harmony of color rather than correctness of drawing or carefulness of execution.

A girl who has no gift for singing, playing or painting may always learn the art of entertaining, than which few, if any feminine accomplishments, are more appreciated. We all love the girl who has a charming manner; who is ever ready with a clever or amusing story, and has the tact of knowing just when to tell it; who can recite something to suit our every mood and who has the knack of getting congenial spirits into conversation. Such a girl is ever in demand in society, and if she is ever thrown upon her own resources to make a living she can make capital of her art of entertaining, and very few will ever know that she is being paid for her accomplishment of aiding some hostess to a successful evening.

Such a girl can also get any number of engagements to engineer entertainments of various kinds for charitable and benevolent purposes, for club affairs and the like. Women on committees are only too thankful to employ the services of one who can attend to matters that vex the souls of most people and make things run smoothly to a successful conclusion.

The girl who has learned to read well is possessed of a rare and delightful accomplishment. Almost every one loves to be read to, and aside from the good that can be done through this accomplishment a girl who reads well can al-

ways get a number of women to employ her services for certain hours in the day or evening, and may also teach a class in the graceful art of reading entertainingly.

The woman who is an accomplished housekeeper seldom realizes that she is just the one thing that numerous households covet, and that her life may be in easy places if she only turns her accomplishment to account in the right channels.

Once a young doctor went about advising all his patients to do embroidery. "Why don't you learn to embroider?" said he. "It is just the thing you require to occupy your mind without overtaxing it, and it does not require any effort. It is much better for you than exciting yourself, reading, or sitting about brooding over your ill health."

Presently all the women he attended were industriously making pink roses on linen centerpieces. That struck him as being the triumph of embroidery. Then some of them began to inquire into the doctor's reasons for advising embroidery. "Crochet is twice as easy," said they, "and not half as fatiguing." It was discovered that the doctor had just married a charming young thing who did the loveliest embroidery imaginable, and that pink roses on center pieces were her specialty.

If the man of science can be tangled in a skein of silk or a strand of crochet worsted, men of all sorts become enthralled by the girl who can sing topical songs in a sympathetic manner. Their hearts are instantly relieved of care and they begin to fancy how jolly life would be at the side of a charming girl who could sing a coon song whose light would dispel the blues from the most em-purpled mortal.

Not one man in ten thousand is proof against the fascinations of the girl who can play such music as he can understand and enjoy. Even the man who can and does understand the triumphs of great composers rendered by a sympathetic hand, likes to hear simple melodies played by some girl who enters into the spirit of them. He likes to rest mind and body and let his spirit soar upon the wings of music into a world of sentiment and sweet sound.

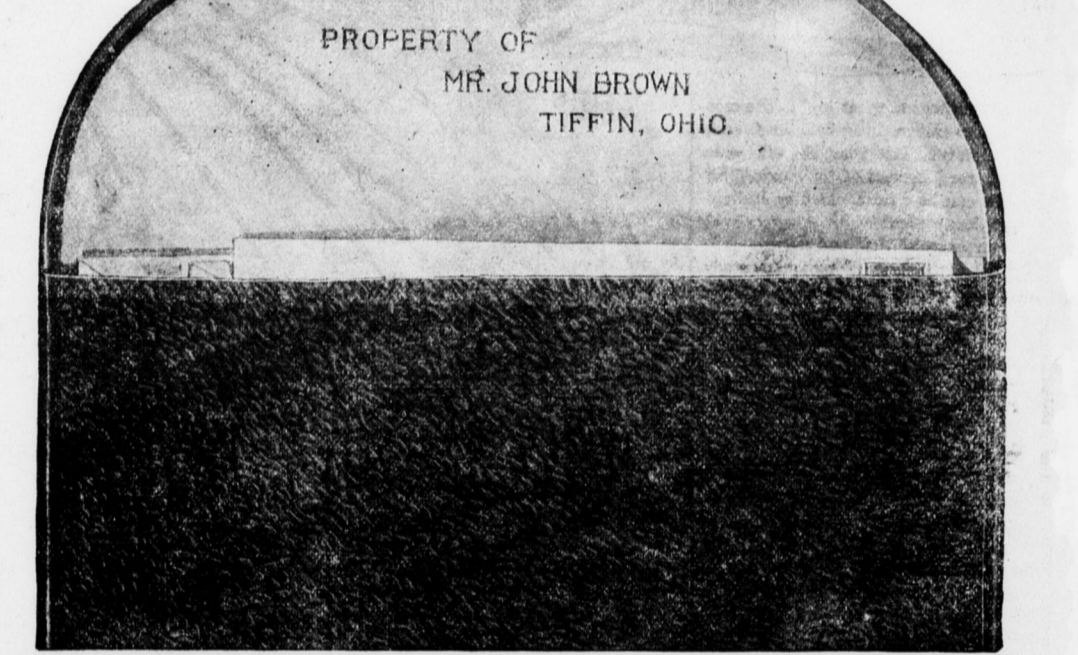
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