

For Business Girl



TIME was when the business woman took no thought as to where-with-all she should be clothed— attractively. The tailored shirt waist, the stiff linen collar and the well fitting tailored skirt for the office, with a jacket or coat, and the plainest of hats for the street, made the limits of her choice very circumscribed. Such an outfit, of good material, good tailoring and immaculate as to condition, is hard to improve upon. But a too steady diet of the best of things gets tiresome, especially to women, and along came the business girl, in whom the eternal feminine longing for pretty clothes was not to be repressed.

The business girl, tastefully dressed, is still tailor-made, but with variations. Among her first discoveries was that of the extravagance of the immaculate shirt waist. It had to be fresh as a rose, or its charm was gone. This meant a change every other day, with a longing for a daily clean waist which went intensified in the majority of cases. For laundry bills have to be reckoned with. The business girl took up the dainty lingerie waist, with a little embroidery and a little fine lace for decoration. With three-quarter length sleeves and removable collars, she achieved economy in the matter of laundry bills and prettier dressing at the same time. The daily fresh collar is a joy and an inspiration.

The black silk waists of messaline or other soft satin-finished silks, is a boon to the business girl. They are prettier made with yoke and collar of white net, lace or batiste. These yokes are easily washed and dried over night, or a set of three will provide for the week. Many of the waists have high collars, with which turnovers are worn. They are not quite as pretty as those with yokes. Black skirts well fitted and tailored, are worn with these waists. The effect is dignified and charming. Other dark colors, such as navy and dark brown, are made up in the same way, but black never grows tiresome. The large retail establishments require their salespeople to wear black, be-

cause it is the best choice in colors, but it is much improved by the touch of white near the face in yoke or collar. Yokes of black net are worn by the way of variety.

Now that the one-piece dress is so much in vogue, a black serge, if well tailored and fitted, will give the business girl greater satisfaction. After this, a dark, rich blue is the best choice. The plainest of shapely coats to match, worn with white collar and jabot at the neck, and a smart hat, make the costume all that any one could ask.

It is in the matter of hats that the business girl is most liable to fall in her attempts to get both practical and pretty things. This is probably because she is laboring under some delusions as to what is practical, that is what is durable and becoming.

Very large hats lose their shape with much wear, are difficult to manage on windy days, get in the way in elevators and cars and become much battered and dilapidated before their days are all numbered. Therefore, I beseech you little business girl, buy a small, smart hat, made of good material and in a simple design. Beavers and beaver cloth, felts (in good quality) velvet and (spite of its fragile appearance) good chiffon will stand constant wear. Don't consider ostrich feathers or flowers, but pin your faith to wings, quills or fancy feathers, bows and rosettes of ribbon or silk, waterproof malines or chiffon, in selecting trimmings. Shapes are good this fall. In fact, millinery is the best we have had for many a year.

I advocate the things that make for a dainty, neat, well-set-up appearance, in business or anywhere else. The clean yoke and collar, the well fitting and well fastened dress, the carefully arranged hair, smooth and shining in puff or curl, and the smart and trim street hat make up an ensemble that have frills and furbelows badly beaten, when it comes to real permanent charm. If she only knew it, the clothes appropriately for the business girl are "the best ever."

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

REALLY SMART LITTLE DRESS

Blue Shantung Probably Is Best Material for the Design Given Here.

Natlier blue shantung is used for this smart little dress; it has a loose and rather long-waisted bodice fasten-



ing at the side, both skirt and bodice being attached to the same waist-band. The square cut neck, the edge of right side, and sleeves are finished

with a band of tan-colored foulard spotted with dark blue; the band on bodice is continued to edge of skirt; buttons and cord loops form a further trimming. The tucked yoke and under-leaves of silk muslin.

Materials required: 5 yards shantung 34 inches wide, 1/2 yard silk muslin 44 inches wide, 1/2 yard foulard 24 inches wide, 18 buttons.

DAINTINESS IN SERVING TEA

Small Things That Count For Much in This Most Pleasant Afternoon Function.

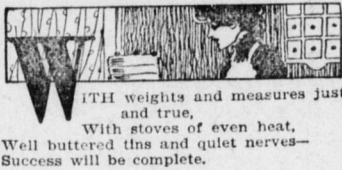
As young women are so often asked to pour tea for their friends who are entertaining, they should realize what a difference it makes how the tea is served. If this is done in a careless manner the guests have always the feeling that something may at any moment be upset, and the quiet and repose, which is an essential element in that most peaceful function, is lost.

It is well for the person who pours the tea to rearrange the tray before the arrival of the guests, so that each piece is just where she is accustomed to have it, otherwise she is apt to fumble and move the things about. As far as possible reaching over the table should be avoided and in moving the china care should be taken never to touch the rims of the cups.

Observing these little points makes the difference between an impression of daintiness and the reverse, for which some guests would care more than for the flavor of the tea.

The gown in one piece which fastens up front or back is in excellent style.

The KITCHEN CABINET



WITH weights and measures just and true. With stoves of even heat. Well buttered this and quiet nerves— Success will be complete.

Cake Making.
A fine cake is the flower of cookery. It requires more care and judgment than many other branches of cookery.

A really good cake is not a common sight, for we need to raise our standards as to perfection along many lines of cookery.

A cake to be in the blue ribbon class should be fine grained, light and feathery white and good flavored. This is speaking for the regular butter cakes which are most common as loaf and layer. Sponge and angel cakes should be fine of texture and tender. A fruit cake, rich without being soggy.

In filling a cake pan it is well to remember that the center of the cake is the part which will usually be the highest, so spread the batter as much to the sides as possible, leaving a depression in the center, then the cake, when baked, will be level.

The making of cake requires skill and care, with practise. Careful measuring is no small part of successful cake making.

The mixing and baking are equally important. Many a well made cake has been spoiled in the baking.

German cooks excel in the making of tortes, the cake par excellence. They are rich in eggs and nuts and crumbs of cake or bread take the place of flour. The following is a delicious one that may be made if the directions are carefully followed:

Walnut Torte.

Beat the whites of six eggs with one cupful of sugar and a fourth of a pound of walnuts, grated, and six grated lady fingers, two tablespoonfuls of flour sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder. Add the juice and rind of half a lemon, cut and fold in the whites of the eggs and bake in layers in a moderate oven.

Filling.

Beat one egg yolk, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, three-fourths of a cup of milk. Cook until the mixture coats the spoon then add three-fourths of a pound of walnuts grated and a little vanilla. Put between the layers and on top, or the top may be iced.

Keep a pile of pumice stone to remove stains from the hands.



PEOPLE who take pains never to do more than they get paid for never get paid for any more than they do."

A Dozen Divine Points.

Can't tell how an oyster makes his shell? No! Nor I, neither. We have been taught that the oyster is poisonous during the summer months. The old adage, "Eat no oysters in months which have no R," is common to us all. May is the month in which the spawning season opens, and although they are never unwholesome, June, July and August they are poorer in quality and lack flavor—nature's way of protecting her own.

A large proportion of the oysters consumed are eaten raw, so that it is very necessary that they should be perfectly wholesome.

If not absolutely sure of the freshness of the oysters, the liquor should be thrown away and the oysters washed.

Old-Fashioned Stew.

Put the oysters over the heat with their own liquor or an equal amount of water, cook until the edges curl; add seasonings of salt, butter and pepper and turn into the tureen. Scald a quart of milk for a pint of oysters, and pour over the oysters.

Oysters a la Creole.

Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter, add a slice of onion and cook until pale brown. Add one teaspoonful of flour. When brown add a cupful of tomatoes. Cook until smooth, then add a pint of oysters; when the edges curl add a drop of tabasco, salt and parsley to taste. Serve on toast.

Egg Plant With Mushroom Stuffing.

Cut the egg plant in halves lengthwise, and parboil in salted water until the pulp is tender. Scoop the pulp to within half an inch of the skin. Chop the pulp fine, add half its bulk of chopped mushrooms, the same quantity of bread crumbs soaked in stock or moistened with water, half a teaspoonful of minced onion, a tablespoonful of butter and pepper and salt to taste. Fill the shells with the mixture, sprinkle with buttered crumbs and bake three-quarters of an hour. Minced ham may be used instead of mushrooms and the onion omitted. This dish is a delicious as an accompaniment to steak or game.

The Old-Fashioned Indian Pudding.

Scald one cupful of cornmeal in a quart of boiling milk, add a cupful of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of suet and the same of raisins, a half cup of flour, cinnamon or nutmeg to taste and two teaspoonfuls of salt. Add another quart of milk and bake slowly three hours.

Hellie Maxwell

THOUGHT SHE HAD PRACTICED

Frenchman's Suspicions Really Something of a Compliment to the Men of America.

Claude Grahame White, the English aviator, praised, at a dinner in New York, the good fellowship of Americans.

"The American woman is regarded abroad as an angel," he said. "The man is admittedly a good fellow, but an angel he is far from being."

"You've heard of the Frenchman perhaps, whose sweetheart spent the summer in America? After her return the poor Frenchman seemed quite blue."

"What's the matter with you?" a friend asked.

"I am worried," the other muttered, "about my fiancée. You see, since her return from America she kisses me so much better than she used to."

AN INTOLERABLE ITCHING

"Just about two years ago, some form of humor appeared on my scalp. The beginning was a slight itching but it grew steadily worse until, when I combed my hair, the scalp became raw and the ends of the comb-teeth would be wet with blood. Most of the time there was an intolerable itching, in a painful, burning way, very much as a bad, raw burn, if deep, will itch and smart when first beginning to heal. Combing my hair was positive torture. My hair was long and tangled terribly because of the blood and scabs. This continued growing worse and over half my hair fell out. I was in despair, really afraid of becoming totally bald.

"Sometimes the pain was so great that, when partially awake, I would scratch the worst places so that my finger-tips would be bloody. I could not sleep well and, after being asleep a short time, that awful stinging pain—would commence and then I would wake up nearly wild with the torture. A neighbor said it must be salt rheum. Having used Cuticura Soap merely as a toilet soap before, I now decided to order a set of the Cuticura Remedies—Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills. I used them according to directions for perhaps six weeks, then left off, as the disease seemed to be eradicated, but toward spring, eighteen months ago, there was a slight return of the scalp humor. I commenced the Cuticura treatment at once, so had very little trouble. On my scalp I used about one half a cake of Cuticura Soap and half a box of Cuticura Ointment in all. The first time I took six or seven bottles of Cuticura Pills and the last time three bottles—neither an expensive or tedious treatment. Since then I have had no scalp trouble of any kind. Standing up, with my hair unbound, it comes to my knees and had it not been for Cuticura I should doubtless be wholly bald.

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