

THE LAYETTE FOR THEIR JUNIOR

(By D. J. Walsh.)

PEGGY CONNOR tapped her even white teeth with the stubby pencil and scowled at the sheet of figures. If she saved rigorously she might be able to do it. But it would be penny deals, with sometimes a dime or a quarter. More expense, did not admit of a proper way. And he must be fed properly. The way he worked he was entitled to good food at least.

Peggy was not yet the wonderful manager she meant to be some time, but she was learning—learning hard—slow but sure. Leftovers and stale bread bothered her. And now came this business of the layette.

Thirty-five dollars would buy a beautiful layette. Of course, the more you paid the lovelier were the articles. She had set her heart on the \$35 one. To that end she pondered and saved and sighed.

Before the \$35 was gathered in the little tin bank Tim Jr. arrived. When he was three weeks old, a pink, puckered, squirming little bundle of hope and promise, Peggy said to her husband:

"Tim, darling, I've got the money for Junior's layette at last! Cousin Alice sent me \$10 and Aunt Maria sent me \$5. That just makes it. But I can't go downtown and buy the things myself. You will have to do it, Timmy dear."

Tim scratched his russet-colored head. He looked down at his son, clad immaculately, but rather shabbily, in some things Cousin Alice had hastily assembled and sent. Yes, he'd do anything for Junior. And more than anything for Junior's mother. He stooped and kissed Peggy's cheek and looked love into her wide, brown eyes. Before the day was over he would certainly find time to buy the articles she wanted. Peggy said he could trust Miss Gordon to advise him. Miss Gordon was the saleswoman in charge of the department store Peggy designated.

Left alone, Peggy was wonderfully happy. She did the housework. She planned dinner for Tim. Then Junior—he had to be bathed and talcummed and dressed and kissed and admired and wondered at. All the time she was thinking of what Tim was going to bring home that night. The layette! She could picture it—the darling tiny things. It was just as well that Junior had had to wait for his first outfit, because she hadn't learned yet to sew so awfully well.

Tim usually bounded up the stairs, although he must be tired after all the work he had done. Tonight he was late and he did not bound. He entered a bit reluctantly. Under his arm was a package.

"Where's the box?" demanded Peggy. "The—box?"

"Yes! The layette. It comes in a box. Tim! What have you there?" Tim put the large parcel down upon the table. He looked miserable. His hands fumbled as he removed the wrapping. Out came a vase. An ugly vase, it seemed to Peggy. She stared at it unbelievably.

"You'll hate me," Tim said. "But I just felt I had to do it, Peg. I—well, it was put up to me, sort of. Rufus Page is selling out and quitting here. He is going back home. He did me a good turn once—that time I had typhoid. You remember I told you about it. Well, he's in hard luck. His wife's got to have an operation. I went in their apartment and looked around. It was full of queer things. All I saw I'd bring home with me was this vase—"

"How much did you pay for it?" Peggy was tight lipped.

"Thirty-five dollars," he said. Peggy went into the kitchen. She leaned against a cupboard door, her hand to her throat. Junior's layette! A wild impulse came to her to break the vase. After a few dreadful moments she calmed down.

"Dinner's ready," she called listlessly.

She did not look at the vase or speak of it again. It stood there, a wretched reminder of Tim's thoughtless folly. Yes, it was that—thoughtless folly. Rufus Page—she knew all about him, working a little, painting a few pictures, marrying a girl with expensive tastes.

Days passed. The vase sat there. Peggy dusted round it. She would not lay a finger to it. She hated it. But she was determined that Tim should have it to look at until never again would he make that kind of error. Meanwhile, Junior was fairly bursting out of his charity clothes.

She plunged. She got materials and tried to make him a little frock. But it was not as pretty as she could have bought. She went over the result. One morning Tim wrapped up the vase and sneaked off with it under his arm. Peggy pretended not to see it. That night he bounded up the stairs. He burst in, radiant. Under his arm was a box. He thrust the box into Peggy's arms.

"There's that thing you wanted—that layette. It cost fifty dollars. Look at it! See if you like it!" Peggy, white with surprise and joy, opened the box, examined the con-

tents. A fifty-dollar layette! Everything handmade, pink ribbons, rosebuds, stitchery. Joy brought color to her face, even brought tears to her eyes.

"Oh, Tim! It is perfect. But how did you do it, Tim? Tell me!" "Rufus said that vase was a wedding present to his wife. I thought thirty-five dollars was steep, but the boy was strapped; he had to have cash. Well, I took that vase downtown with me this morning. I made up my mind I would get rid of it for something. I was so darned sick of seeing it standing around. I went into Windsor's. It was a real something-or-other. They gave me seventy-five dollars for it. I got the layette. And there's twenty-five dollars for you to do what you please with."

Peggy was laughing, yet at the same time wiping her eyes. With practicality she counted the precious bills Tim gave her. Twenty-five dollars. "This is going to start Junior's education fund," she said proudly. "He—he's going to have a great big chance in life. For I—I want him to be as great a man as his father!"

Grasshopper Mice Prey on Injurious Insects
Grasshopper mice, unlike most of our native rodents, are "good little mice," as the bedtime story-teller would say. When first discovered in 1833 in North Dakota they were dubbed "grasshopper" mice because of their fondness for such insects.

Since then, however, much more has been learned of the characteristics and food habits of these little animals. The biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture says that they not only feed on grasshoppers, but over their wide range in the West they are a check on numerous injurious insects and help to keep a wholesome balance among many groups of small-animal life, such as kangaroo rats, pocket mice, meadow mice, cotton rats, ground squirrels, and pocket gophers.

In general appearance grasshopper mice resemble the white-footed mice, but are shorter and of heavier build. They have short, tapering tails and an almost weasel-like expression. Their voices might be likened to the barking of a tiny terrier or to the howling of a miniature wolf, depending on their mood.

As pets for children or as playthings they have not proved a success, but they will rid kitchens, basements, cellars, or greenhouses of cockroaches and other insect pests. When so used they are easily handled and controlled merely by placing their open cages in the room and allowing the mice to run at large at night. They will almost invariably return to their cages by morning.

Generally the grasshopper mice are regarded as rather scarce, partly because of the fact that they are hunters and wanderers, are not colonial, and do not follow definite runways. Then, too, they are nocturnal in their feeding habits. In favorable localities, however, considerable numbers have been found, indicating that they are more numerous than they sometimes appear to be.

The Supreme Test
A member of the advertising force was homeward bound, after a hard day on the links. He lived in one of those row houses so identical with each other that once you lose count you must return to the corner and start over again. He had lost count. But it was late and he took a chance. He entered the front door. Now for the supreme test. Placing a heavy handkerchief in double fold across his eyes he stood in the center of the living room and coughed. A step was heard on the stairs. Then—ping! Lights danced before the advertising man's eyes. He smiled happily. He had guessed right. It was his own home!—Pathfinder Magazine.

Discretionary
His van had been badly smashed. The insurance representative called and said: "We are sending you a good second-hand van tomorrow in exchange, as the old one is not worth repairing."

The owner replied that he was not wanting the other van just now; he had not recovered from the shock and would rather have the money.

"Oh, no," said the insurance man. "If you read the policy very carefully you will find that we can supply you with a van as good as you lost, or pay the money at our discretion."

"Well, then," said the owner. "If that is the case, cancel the policy on my wife."—London Answers.

Many Harmless Sharks
There are 250 recognized species of shark, says Van Campen Hellner in Field and Stream. The largest of these, the basking shark and the whale shark, which reach a length of from 30 to 50 feet, are sluggish creatures, harmless as kittens. The big sleeper sharks of the Arctic seas are so heavy and stupid they frequently are stranded on mud flats by the outgoing tides, and have not enough energy to get out of the way of a person who attempts to kill them in the water.

Tribute to the Fox
The fox is a being one cannot help loving. For he is, like man's servant and friend the dog, highly intelligent and is to the good honest dog like the picturesque and predatory gypsy to the respectable member of the community. He is a rascal, if you like, but a handsome red rascal, with a sharp, clever face and a bushy tail and good to meet in any green place.

—From "The Book of a Naturalist," by W. H. Hudson.

Novelty Apparel in French Modes

Detachable Capelets, Double-Duty Dresses Are Among Offerings.

A whirlwind inspection of the spring imports would convince the most forthright critic that the French are primarily bent, this season, on turning out models that will deceive the on-looker in as many ways as possible, notes a fashion writer in the New York World.

Capelets, which look as if they were an integral part of the costume, turn out to be detachable affairs that may be replaced with a fox scarf, to the confusion of one's friends.

Two-time dresses, that are evening gowns and shopping dresses by turns, appear on all sides. And in one notable case, at least, there is no perceptible way of getting the tight-fitting model over one's head by any acrobatics, until one is shown the 12-inch zipper about the waist, coyly concealed by a flounce of the fabric.

Although the laggardly houses yet to be heard from include several of the greatest names in dressmaking, originals from Lelong, Worth, Lecomte, Maggy Rouff and Goupy, have arrived safely on these shores, and between them they provide some valuable hints as to what is to follow.

Jane Regny offers a suit that is an interesting reproduction of hand knitting, in beige with flecks of black. The jacket is collarless and is worn over a wrap-around blouse of natural linen, with many fine tucks on both sides of the opening that tucks snugly inside the skirt. She has also designed an ensemble that is chiefly notable for its color combination. The frock is of a musty light brown shantung with many inverted plaits, a total lack of sleeves and a draped collar that is so wide as to come into the cape classification. With this is worn a full-length coat of golden tan shantung, fitted to the waist and of real raincoat severity as to details.

Marcel Rochas, who may always be depended on for interesting sports



Fitted Suit of Brown and Beige Knit Tweed, Buttoned Trimming.

dresses, has chosen no less a fabric than wool gingham for a charming one-piece frock. It uses small blue and white checks and boasts a collar and jabot of scalloped, eyelet embroidered linen. The inverted plaits that appear both back and front are held flat by rows of stitching that repeat the scallop leitmotif.

Lecomte's success for the season seems to be the all-black chiffon evening gown she has called "Merry Widow." This is a frankly indescribable creation with a tier of finely shirred chiffon on each hip, the two crossing well to one side of the front. An enormous flower of black patent leather on one shoulder is the only enlivening note.

Lelong offers a good-looking coat of chocolate-colored twill with a stand-up collar of broadtail held in place by a flat bow at the back. The sleeves are chiefly distinguished by their bell effect. This coat is tightly fitted to the figure.

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Flared Jacket
Flared jackets give a filip to the spring suit. Many of these are not belted. They round their front closings, being slightly shorter in the front.

ON REARING CHILDREN FROM CRIB TO COLLEGE

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When we care for a plant we do not start with the assumption that we can make it over. We foster it; we place it in the sunlight. We water it and consciously endeavor so to relate it to its environment that the life force within it may function normally. We take an aggressive part in planning its environment. But when we undertake to take care of youth we preach, we talk in abstractions and lay down principles, but we really concern ourselves relatively little about what they see, what they hear, what they love, what they read, what they enjoy and what they destroy.

Nothing is so indicative of good, or of bad, taste as the selection and arrangement of pictures. There is no other decorative accessory which will make as lasting an impression upon your children as the subjects of the pictures with which they live.

There are many ways in which a small child can learn to be helpful. A very young child will enjoy putting the milk bottles out for the milkman. Perhaps he may break one. But the spirit of helpfulness is worth the price of a few broken articles.

Detroit has a visiting-housekeeper. This extraordinarily helpful person teaches people how to cook, helps in planning meals, make out diets for sick members of a family, and assists families in budgeting and managing their incomes. She is a person trained in home economics and is already credited with doing much to improve living conditions.

The returns from a questionnaire recently sent by the bureau of education to high schools of the United States show that thirty-three of these states have a number of cities in which some schools offer to boys specific courses in home economics, such as foods, landscape gardening, nutrition, household management, home building and furnishing, clothing designing, household budgets, camp cookery, family relationship, art and design, applied economics, and child care. Wherever home economics has been offered to enthusiasm and they have been able to put into practical application what they have learned in class.

To be well dressed gives one a sense of self-respect and, while it is certainly not desirable to overdress a youngster or to make him vain, the clothing of both boys and girls should be neat and in good style, so that there will be no feeling of self-consciousness and no unfortunate comparison on the part of playmates.

Sports Coats Are in Interesting Styles
There are several types of swag coats which mark the sports mode distinctly from either street or afternoon wear. Collars are standing or cut with the lapel and are wide enough to be turned up about the neck as the weather necessitates. Although rather straight in line, the smartest coat laps over generously in double-breasted effect. Button trimmings are very evident.

Tweeds of course have a cachet of chic all their own. The water-proofed tweed is fittingly lined with a gabardine material similar to the raincoat type.

An excellent coat for the college woman is that of camel's hair with slashed pockets, self belt placed at the normal waistline, four-button trimming at the closing, saddle shoulders and wide convertible collar.

The rumble seat type of coat continues to be very smart as well as popular. This pile fabric, which resembles beaver, is exceedingly warm when chill winds blow.

Coat Frock for Spring With Detachable Cape
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THE KITCHEN CABINET

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"As a rule good food will please a husband much better than fancy frills. An occasional soufflé or nestlé pudding is enjoyed, but a real meal of juicy steak, substantial vegetables well cooked, and a piece of apple pie, will call forth his highest praise."

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

There is not a more appetizing cocktail than one of shrimp. If the fresh ones are obtainable, they are far finer than the canned ones are good. Prepare a snappy sauce of tomato catsup, chili sauce, and a few drops of

tabasco and a nip of horseradish. Serve the shrimps in a cocktail glass, sauce, glass and shrimps all chilled.

Today one may purchase for a few cents any number of kinds of good soup. If one has a bit of stock which has been made of leftover meat, bones and gravy, add it to a can or two of the commercial stock, with such seasoning as one likes and you will have a different soup. A hot dish for the first course or following the cocktail, seems to be universally liked, for the millions of cans of soup sold daily in the markets are proof that it is popular.

One may, with the addition of minced cooked vegetables, convert a canned soup into one that is individual. A little rice, a little asparagus, a few spoonfuls of peas added to bouillon or clear soups add to their attractiveness as well as flavor and nutriment.

Tomato soup is one of the canned soups that has a large repertoire as a food. It may be converted into a delicious meat or fish sauce in a turn of the hand. Poured over a meat loaf it transforms it into a delightful surprise. It may be added to the meat when making a loaf with the egg or cereal used as a binding omitted. Part of the soup is saved to serve as a sauce with the meat. More cayenne, a bit of onion juice, or garlic, a grating of nutmeg or of lemon peel, all adds variety to the tomato sauce.

One of the most delightful rarebits is made with tomato and cheese. Use the canned tomato soup instead of the fruit, adding a beaten egg just before it is poured over the toasted bread or crackers.

Milk, cream and eggs may be added to almost any canned soup, extending its bulk and adding to its food value. One might write a book on the ways of serving just tomato soup. But we will take a vegetable soup. When making a meat pie use a can of the vegetable soup, saving the time it takes to prepare the vegetables. One may add any kind of small amounts of leftover vegetables at the same time.

Vegetable soup gives an excellent flavor to hash. If you have been making a beef broth take the cooked beef, season highly, add the vegetable soup and the result will be a most popular hash.

HEARTY SANDWICHES

When there are bits of leftover ham too small to serve put them through the food grinder together with a small onion, half a green pepper and one hard cooked egg. Mix with salad dressing and use as filling for sandwiches, toasted

they are also well liked. **Ham and Tomato Sandwich.**—Take one cupful of chopped ham, one teaspoonful of minced parsley, a pinch of mace, a few drops of lemon juice, one-half cupful of butter, a bit of garlic or onion. Rub the bowl with the garlic and mix all the ingredients together and spread on rounds of bread between which place a slice of ripe tomato.

Deviled Ham and Cucumber Sandwich.—Take a small can of deviled ham, mix with mayonnaise to moisten or use french dressing. Cover one slice of bread with cucumber and the other with the ham. Press together and cut into triangles.

Chopped Roast Beef Sandwich.—Use the small waste pieces left from a roast; to one cupful add a little chopped onion, salt, pepper and enough fresh horseradish to moisten. Spread on generous slices of whole wheat bread.

Another Sandwich.—Work into four ounces of fresh butter two teaspoonfuls of curry powder, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt; blend to a smooth paste, adding a few drops of onion juice. Let stand where it will keep soft. Butter slices of bread, lay on a thin slice of ham, then a thin slice of chicken. Put on a slice of buttered bread and press together. Cut any desired shape.

Roast Beef Sandwiches.—Dip thin slices of roast beef into heavy french dressing to which finely chopped onion has been added. Place on thinly sliced buttered bread of wheat or rye and garnish with a slice of sour pickle.

Chili With Beef Sandwich.—Chop roast of beef or broiled steak and mix with chili sauce to make a spreading mixture. Add such seasonings as needed and spread on rye bread buttered.

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Bars Husband From Kitchen

The shah of Persia in the course of a recent public speech ridiculed the "husband in the kitchen." The man who takes pride in his cooking is a nuisance, he stated, and advised the Persian women not to respect the man who is always too willing to help them around the house.



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