

SUCH IS LIFE—Some Fun!



By Charles Sughroe

BUTTONS BESTOW SMARTNESS HERE

PATTERN 9176



Buttons emphasize every smart detail of this unusual dress with such slender lines. See the way they follow the surplice from the right shoulder, close it at the side, and strut half the way up the forearm of the sleeve. Very vertical tucks are used to mold the waistline at the back, giving extra ease to the bodice. Then, too, stitched seaming down the front of the skirt seems to take away inches from the hips. The irregular neckline is softened by a most becoming scarf. This design would be charming in black satin with a scarf of the queerly named, but very lovely, dirty pink color, or metal cloth.

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Government Agency Answers Questions

Information Service Called On by Many for Aid.

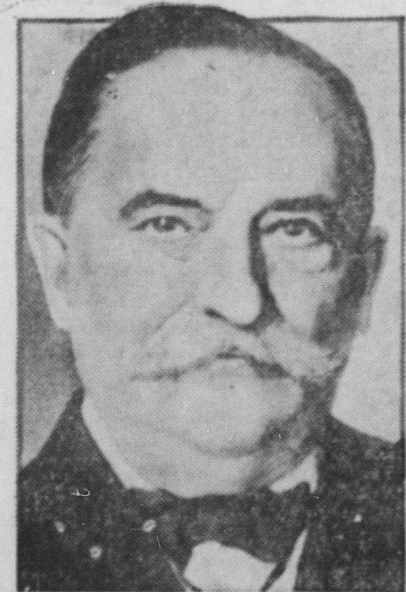
Washington.—Established by the national emergency council in March to assist Washington visitors to thread the maze of federal agencies and emergency units, the United States information service now answers questions from far and near. Whereas previously, inquirers resorted to the trial and error method, addressing queries to a particular department, they now have at hand an information "central" in close touch with every department, bureau, commission or other federal agency, says the New York Times.

Directed by Miss Harriet M. Root, a graduate of Wellesley, a dozen expert research workers, all women, answer the queries which come in by personal call, by telephone and by letter. Not infrequently one day's mail will bring in 400 letters—each carrying one or more questions. On a busy day, as many as 200 persons have called at Miss Root's office seeking general information, or assistance in contacting some federal agency.

Cover Wide Range.

The queries cover an encyclopedic range. A New Jersey woman, for example, having what she believed to be ambergris in her possession, asked where she could find out whether it was genuine. Her question was referred to the bureau of fisheries. Requests for information on diving rods and buried treasures go to the bureau of mines. A lawyer in New York asked for a list of all federal corporations since the establishment of the United States government—a request that necessitated considerable research. Another letter called for "anything you

He's Still Mayor



For fully one-third of a century Charles S. Ashley, seventy-six years old, has been mayor of New Bedford, Mass., setting what is believed to be a record. He has been elected for his twenty-seventh term, winning in a close three-cornered race.

can find on capital and labor." In due course, a reply furnished references to government publications on the subject.

"Does a bullet from a high-powered rifle actually change its course when entering water? If it does, why? And in what direction?" inquired another correspondent. Here, obviously, was an opportunity for government ballistic experts, to whom the query was forwarded. From a small town came a request for a check on the source of certain statements carried in an article in a local newspaper. And a woman with potatoes to sell sought the help of the service in finding the best market for them.

Many Personal Questions.

Personal questions are numerous. The widow of a naval man who was lost when a ship went down in the war wanted guidance in preparing a claim for compensation from the government. Another inquirer sought directions on how to obtain a medal for a child who had saved a playmate from drowning. A father asked how he should go about finding for his son a billet in the merchant marine. And whenever former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker comes to town, the information service invariably receives one or more calls for his Washington address.

Requests for information on federal activities reflect the increased interest in public affairs, particularly in the work of the New Deal agencies. The national emergency council publishes a daily manual, covering changes in the federal setup, and also charts showing graphically the present federal organization. Both the manual and the charts are in great demand. Universities and schools and faculty members send many requests. A California college plans to use the NEC manual as a textbook; a professor in a midwestern university ordered 300 copies of the chart of the federal government.

Bible 300 Years Old

West Granville, Mass.—Fred H. Coe has a Bible more than three hundred years old. The Bible, well preserved and slightly yellowed with age, is covered with heavy brown leather, has hand-made brass clasps riveted to the covers, measures five inches wide, seven inches high and two inches thick.

Shrimp Town Claims Record for Nickels

Southport, N. C.—This town, on the southeasternmost tip of North Carolina, claims more 5-cent pieces in circulation per capita than any other place on earth.

Shrimp pickers are paid a nickel a bucket for all the shrimps they pick. Each bucketful is paid for as soon as it has been filled.

More than \$300 daily in nickels is necessary to pay them. From October 1 to November 17, 457 net tons of shrimp were shipped from here.

A RIFT IN THE CLOUDS

By LEONARD A. BARRETT



That the depression brought to countless numbers of persons severe losses, no one can intelligently deny. We have seen too much genuine sorrow not to realize that an unmeasurable debt has and must still be paid for the debacle of the last war. Without any effort to minimize the seriousness of this strain, a part of which almost every person had to bear, there are certain blessings which have come to us, both as a nation and individuals, which might profitably challenge our thought and call forth our gratitude.

A most remarkable testimony to the reserve strength and moral poise of this country has been the absence of a revolution. Some economists affirm that we are in the midst of an economic revolution. If that is true, it

One-Piece Dress



A double collar of the Peter Pan variety is corded and stitched, covered cords tying in a bow are tipped with metal. These are two of the smart features of this one-piece dress of almond green crepe cut with an over-blouse effect.

has the merit of being bloodless in character. Whatever we may think of the readjustments occurring in our social and economic order, we are persuaded that efforts affecting these readjustments are operating in the absence of bitter hatred or green-eyed jealousy. The pronounced attitude in favor of international peace, especially by the youth movement in America is indicative of the dawn of a better day. Our young people are appealing to reason rather than the spirit of mob psychology in settling their moral and intellectual problems. The day is gone when a mere wave of sentiment, call it by whatever name you will, is sufficient to persuade a young man to offer his life as a sacrifice to the god of war. Our educational system has not broken down. It has been curtailed in certain localities, but most of our schools are still open, and many of our young people are entering colleges in large numbers, indicative of the fact that in this country education is a permanent and indestructible asset in our national life.

Unlike other countries we have maintained our inherent right of religious liberty. Our churches are still open. The work may be financially curtailed but the spiritual appeal has not been checked. In many localities it is more real than ever before. Let us take courage. These are some of the rays of light penetrating through the darkness of the storm.

New Window Shades for Old

Old window shades that have become faded and worn may be renewed with two coats of paint. A flat wall paint well-thinned with oil and applied quickly will effect the transformation.

Use of Brushes

A poor job will result if a paint brush is used for varnishing, regardless of how thoroughly it is cleaned. A varnish brush, however, may later be used for painting.

The Household

By Lydia Le Baron Walker



A Handsome Corner Treatment in Antiques. The French Chair Has No Central Back Support and Should Be Handled as Described for Hepplewhite Chairs.

FURNITURE has to be treated with a certain respect for its infirmities. These may be due to the fact that it is old and has not had proper care, or because it is not of fine craftsmanship, whatever its age, old or new. In every home, not entirely furnished with new pieces, there are certain articles which require kindly care. When it is possible, the pieces should be restored as nearly as they can be to their original state. However, it may be that the cost of doing over the article may be more than can be afforded at the time, or that, even after being put in excellent repair the piece may be rather fragile because of its delicate shape or slender construction.

Genuine antiques frequently must have the consideration due after many years of active service.

Positioning Furniture.

Two of the most important factors in this kindly treatment are the placing of pieces where they will not get the brunt of hard and continual usage, and where they will not need constant shifting. A chair, for example, should be so positioned that it will not be the first to be sat on and where it will be in more continual use, probably, than in any other position. Also it is likely to be pushed back and forth more often than if it were in a less prominent place. This wracks the joints of furniture unless it is moved with special caution.

When a chair is heavy as an arm chair is apt to be, it is hard on it to be shifted about. It is not easy to move and it seems actually to balk. But its difficulty of easy manipulation is its protection. So place the chair in some pleasant corner where it will escape frequent moving, and will be enjoyed by those who have time to rest in its kindly embrace.

Chairs With Delicate Backs.

Hepplewhite chairs are exquisite in shape, but since the heart-shaped backs seldom have central support they should not be lifted entirely by them.

One hand should be about or under the seat. Nor should these backs be suddenly leaned against. Hepplewhite chairs are cherished for their exquisite beauty rather than their durability. This is true of other choice chairs, especially in French furniture.

Tables should not be expected to bear more weight than their size and build invite. Drop-leaf tables should be shut only after their supports have been properly positioned. The hinges will give without this precaution. Then the leaves will not fit closely when the table is open and they will have a tendency to sag when down.

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World Champion



Viktor ("Viki") Barna of Paris, France, is the champion of the world at table tennis, and has held that title four times. He is soon to tour America playing a series of international matches with Jimmy McClure of Indianapolis, the champion of the United States.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode

HOT AND COLD SPOTS!
THE SKIN OF THE BODY HAS 250,000 SPOTS SENSITIVE TO COLD AND ONLY 30,000 RESPONSIVE TO HEAT

DEADLY SCORPION.
THE SCORPION'S POISON IS MORE DEADLY THAN EVEN THE COBRA'S

UNDERWATER MESSAGES.
THERE ARE 21 SUBMARINE CABLES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

"Little America" in Miniature



G. V. Ancker of Los Angeles has constructed this clever miniature of the Byrd Antarctic expedition and Little America. The ships Jacob Ruppert and Bear of Oakland at anchor in the Bay of Whales, an autogyro, tractor, dog sleds, whales, seals, penguins and men all are there, and are given motion by electricity.

Smiles

SHE KNEW

Scribbler—Ah! A check for \$100 from Dribbler's! And I don't know what it is for!

Wife—Oh, that's for my new gown and bonnet, dear! I've been paying for it a week!

Copy-Cat

"I hear that Mrs. Highbride is much disappointed in her husband." "Dreadfully. She understood he was a home-loving man and now he wants to tag along with her everywhere she goes."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Joker

"Jack is so original. He says things to me that nobody else would dream of saying."

"What has he been up to now—asking you to marry him?"—Humorist Magazine.

Taking Medicine

"Where have you been for the last four years?" "At college, taking medicine." "And did you finally get well?"

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