

BEWARE BRILLIANT PLUMAGE IF YOU'RE A WREN, SAYS M'LISS

The Average Woman, If She Is Wise, Will Be Content to Admire the Bakst Creations. She Will Not Wear Them

ALTHOUGH the much-heralded Ballet Russe is being seen in Philadelphia for the first time this week, the creations of that hectic-minded artist, Leon Bakst, have long since ceased to be a sensation.

Only the other night as I sat admiring a barbarically garbed dancer in that fantastic spectacle, "Soleil de Nuit," the dominant colors of whose costumes were royal purple in close proximity to a dazzling orange, it was borne in on me that it would be an unwise thing in truth for the average woman to succumb to the influence of this daring Russian without first giving due consideration to her type and pocketbook.

Even a little Bakst can be a dangerous thing if the time and the place and the girl are left out of consideration. Crimson, sulphur, grass green and Prussian blue, though seemingly a bewildering potpourri, rivaling the rainbow in gorgeous riotousness, can be combined to good effect in a stage setting, but put those same colors on an average woman and march her down Chestnut street in the garish light of day and you'll furnish a spectacle that would justify a parade jeering at her wake.

For the gorgeous boudoir robes and evening wraps that have come to us as a result of the Bakst genius, we have much to be grateful for. For the utter lack of discretion that many women have been guilty of in their achievement of bizarre and hideous costumes that are no more suited to their type than a parrot's plumage is to the lowly wren, we have much to regret.

One night last week I saw a woman in the theatre gowned in a flame-colored and gold costume that was almost breath-taking in its fascinating beauty. It was entirely suited to the wearer because she had an oriental pichritude that dominated her apparel. In short, she did not violate the first principle of good dressing, which is that clothes are merely a setting, a background, as it were, for the woman and not the woman a background for her raiment.

The weird, the bizarre cannot be duplicated with any degree of success in cheap and tawdry materials. Designs and colors that are inconceivably alluring in the expensive Oriental silks and brocades, succeed in being only flagrant and meretricious when produced with less care and artistry.

Admire Bakst all you please. Feast your eyes on his brilliant color combinations, but unless you are of the exotic type, born for pendant earrings and unusual costume effects, don't enrol yourself as a pupil in his school.

Unleashing the Bacilli

"Please keep your germs to yourself!" It was a rude remark, indisputable, and judging from the flush that "pinked" the face of the young man to whom it was addressed, only the fact that the addressee was a woman prevented him from committing assault and battery on the spot.

You see the insulted one was obviously in the first and most disagreeable stages of the gripe. Three times he had sneezed—highly and volitionally. The woman who sat next to him was visibly annoyed at the first eruption, when the thoughtless young man made no effort to keep the germs unto himself either by the use of hand or handkerchief. Her spleen was further irritated when scattering his germs broadcast after the second catarrh, he had the "face" to look around the car for sympathy.

The third sneeze decided the woman and her rebuke administered in wrathful tones penetrated the uttermost corners of the car.

Yes, it was a rude remark, but I doubt if there was a person in the car (excepting, of course, the afflicted individual) who did not think it justified.

It is deplorable enough that people with infectious illnesses are permitted to be at large. They should at least have the sense to "keep their germs to themselves."

M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'Lisa, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only. Of the men's invitations write, "Do not leave until called for." On the woman's invitation write in the same place, "Call for Mr. Jones," pairing the women and men off as you choose. It is then the girl's duty to call for the man and take him to the party.

A Leap Year dance is fun. The girls should arrange the programs, ask the pleasure of dancing with the men and go after their partners. Announce several dances as "cut in" dances and watch the fun. It is the woman's place to take her partner in to supper.

Another game which causes much merriment is the proposal game. Give each man present hearts cut from crepe paper. Let the men stand in a row, then the girls must propose. This should be done as quickly and as cleverly as possible. Acceptance is signified by the man giving the girl his heart. A heart-shaped box of chocolates may be given the girl who has the most hearts and is, therefore, the most successful proposer.

Dear M'Lisa—Kindly inform me, through your column, if you can, whether the Government or State supplies a means for locating lost relatives. MRS. J. F. M.

I am told by the Detective Bureau at City Hall that the expense of tracing lost relatives is borne by the city.

Leather Novelties

The out-of-door girl, who likes a touch of mannishness about her costume, should see the new stocks. They are made of leather-usage, in colors, and other leathers. Collar and cuffs to match are also shown. A very chic set is made of gray suede, with stitichings in navy. The collar is a sailor model, and the cuffs are a shade deeper than the average cuff. Just the thing for the sporty riding habit.

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SEEN IN THE SHOPS



FETCHING EVENING GOWN

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The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 508 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

The Family Portrait

Grandmother's mother: Her age, I guess, Thirteen summers, or something less; Girlish bust, but womanly air; Smooth, square forehead with uprolled hair;

Lips that lover has never kissed; Taper fingers and slender wrist; Hanging sleeves of stiff brocade; So they painted the little maid.

On her hand a parrot green; Sits unmoving and broods serene. Hold up the canvas full in view— Look! there's a rent the light shines through. Dark with a century's fringe of dust, That was a Red Coat's rapier thrust! Such is the tale the lady told, Dorothy's daughter's daughter, told. —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Tasty Sweetmeats

French cream candy is nice for an occasional candy-making bee. Mix the whites of two eggs and half as much water, but do not beat. Stir in powdered or confectioners' sugar until stiff enough to handle. Use any preferred flavoring, vanilla, rose, pistachio or lemon—break off into pieces, roll into small balls and press half a walnut meat on either side. This same cream foundation may be used in many different ways. Use half water and half strong coffee if you want coffee-flavored balls. Half chocolate and half coffee is good, too. Vanilla may be used.

Hasty Salad

Oranges and bananas, cut quite fine, covered with mayonnaise, French dressing, whipped cream or something of the kind—even the natural fruit juices—may be served on lettuce hearts with chopped nuts.



Combinations of pearl gray buckskin and white kid, two tone grays and ivory and white are new artistic conceptions now on display in these two big shops.

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Advertisement for 'SMART SET CORSET' featuring 'THE SYNONYM OF STYLE' and 'Exclusive Designs, superior boning and exquisite materials produce the ease and grace that have given these corsets world-fame.' Includes an illustration of a woman in a corset.

GOOD FORM

Good form queries should be addressed to Deborah Rush, written on one side of the paper and signed with full name and address, though initials ONLY will be published upon request.

Good form in conversation is a thing which is often neglected, so perhaps a little word on this point may not be amiss. There is, of course, such thing as going too far in these matters of etiquette, and being too conventional to be natural; but on the other hand, the too outspoken person, man or woman, is an undesirable companion in many ways.

If people would only remember that it is the part of good form to be polite, but not gushing, agreeable and glad to say a kind word about others, there would be many more real gentlemen and gentlewomen than there are at present in this busy old world.

Entertainments

Dear Deborah Rush—I want to entertain about 40 or 50 friends in the evening from 8 until 11 o'clock. How will I entertain them? I thought of a parlor musicale, or would that be the right thing to do? I would want to have an elocutionist recite several pieces, and a friend play the piano. I also know a gentleman who plays the violin. Now, I would have to ask these people, of course, I would pay the elocutionist, the others I could not offer to pay, so I would have to ask them as a favor. I would rather have something I could furnish myself independently. What would you suggest? Also is it injurious to the head to use hair dye? How should the invitations be worded? What should I wear, and would it be proper to have four ladies help me receive the guests? I am married. M. O. S.

Set entertainments, such as musicales or recitations, are apt to be rather stiff and formal. I find people care most for cards and dancing in the evening. Several pretty pieces could be provided for the card players and for a contest dance.

If your party is to last from 8 until 11, serve refreshments at 10 o'clock. Sandwiches, ices and cake would be enough, but if you wish a more elaborate supper, include salads, croquettes or sweetbread cutlets.

2. Send an addressed envelope to Dr. William Brady of this paper.

3. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. S. request the honor of Miss (or Mrs.) presence on their state date and day and hour.

4. The proper costume for an evening party is a frock of some light or soft material. It would be perfectly correct to ask several women to receive with you.

Cigarette Smoking for Women

Dear Deborah Rush—Whatever you yourself may do, will you give me your editorial opinion of young women who smoke cigarettes in public restaurants and denounce Billy Sunday as an insincere? of arranging the table. H. S. M.

Custom has made smoking on the part of women no longer the great offense against good taste it has formerly been considered. Abroad no one thinks anything about seeing a woman smoke; but here there is still objection to it on the part of many who do not like mannishness in women. There is no wrong in it, but it has always seemed to me an unpleasant habit, for it yellows the teeth and fingers, and there is something revolting in seeing a woman's hand or fingers

Care for Fine Linens

Here is a secret—a real secret—about the way the Bohemian merchants put the wonderful sheen on their fine linens. It is not practicable for any but the best linens, because the process takes at least an hour, but the results are worth it. When your linen has been laundered and dried, put it into a pail of boiling water, wring out and iron continuously until dry.

Telling Age of Game

The best way to tell old game from young is by holding the bird by the under bill so that the bird's weight falls on it. If the bill breaks, the bird is young; if it doesn't, your bird is old.

Advertisement for 'WILLIAM O'DONNELL' diamonds and watches, offering '\$1 PER WEEK DIAMONDS' and '\$30 Elsewhere \$100'.



Says Father's Daughter

"Father says that the Walladoo Bird does nothing but eat and drink—and that I'm a Walladoo Bird. But I'm not—I just drink milk. And I never eat between breakfast and noon, because for breakfast I eat



Cream of Barley

(At Your Grocer's)

Advertisement for 'BEAU-TI-TONE' skin cream, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text describing its benefits for complexion.

Advertisement for 'When Junior May Be Used' and 'Party for Six or Eight', including recipes for radishes and macaroni.

Advertisement for 'Making a Needle Book' and 'Domestic Rug "Pointers"', including instructions for making a needle book and a rug.

Advertisement for 'Diamond Jewelry' by 'C. R. Smith & Son', featuring an illustration of a diamond ring and text describing their services.

Advertisement for 'Children's Millinery, Coats and Dresses' by 'BLYNN, Inc.', featuring an illustration of a child's hat and text describing their products.

Advertisement for 'WILBUR'S CHOCOLATE BVDS', featuring an illustration of a chocolate box and text describing the product.

Advertisement for 'New Colonial Bedsteads in Old Ivory and Fawn Gray', featuring an illustration of a bedstead and text describing the product.

Advertisement for 'Dougherty's "Faultless" Bedding', featuring an illustration of a mattress and text describing the product.

Advertisement for 'LADIES OF PHILADELPHIA' and 'Louise's' hair products, featuring an illustration of a woman's face and text describing the products.