

SCANTY CLOTHING BLAMED FOR COLDS OF WOMEN HERE

Physicians Say Abbreviated Costumes Worn These Days Have Increased Number of Patients With Throat and Lung Trouble.

There is a tendency here to agree with a statement made recently by Father Vaughan, famous London cleric, that the abbreviated costumes worn these days have increased pneumonia and tuberculosis among women and girls.

Physicians in this city report a rapid increase during the last few years in the number of women patients who come to their offices for the treatment of colds and various forms of nose, throat and lung trouble.

"You can't make an Eskimo out of a Philadelphian," says Dr. Henry Healy, who has little faith in the belief that exposure "hardens" women to greater endurance of cold.

"There have been more young women coming to me for trouble due to exposure since the present fashions have been in style than at any other time during the forty years of my practice," he observed.

"My own belief is that the 'hardening' ideas fall in 70 per cent of the cases. Where three people are 'hardened' by cold baths, sleeping outdoors, in draughts and wearing insufficient clothing, seven are weakened.

High Heels and Tight Skirts

"Not only the low necks but the high heels and tight skirts have hindered the natural stride, cramped the action of muscles and brought upon women other troubles."

Blue lips have been generally acknowledged as a sign of cold—until today!

"Women wearing low-necked dresses

and with blue lips come into my office for treatment of colds," says Dr. William E. Hughes. "But they declare that they are not cold. There has been an increase in the number of women between the ages of eighteen and thirty years who have come for treatment of colds."

"While statistics are hard to secure on the relation of fashion to tubercular trouble, it is known that tubercular patients improve when additional clothing is prescribed and the body kept warm."

A kindly comparison of the present dress with the fashions of forty years

ago was made by Dr. Lawrence Flick, who pointed out that while the fashions of 1880 were probably no better than those of today, at least a larger percentage of women today were dressing stylishly.

At a recent ball in this city a girl of acknowledged social standing wore a costume that consisted of orchid tights and six layers of orchid tulle, according to a matron who attended the ball.

"Why criticize the girls," says a society woman of prominence, "when the mothers are the ones to be blamed. The girls themselves are perfectly horrified at the interpretation that the older women put upon their actions and clothes. I am confident that the young people themselves are innocent of any impropriety."

"I am amazed that women are not willing to take a stand," is the testimony of another woman. "I have come to the conclusion that mothers haven't enough character to bring up their children."

"Mothers seem weak in the face of fashion," says Mrs. George Fales Baker. "The young girls want to be

stylish and wear what others are wearing, and they appear in shocking costumes. They seem to be beyond the reach of their mothers."

Recently one woman made the statement that the girl who dressed decent and modestly was the most popular girl of today because she was so unusual.

"The subject of dress has been seriously discussed by club women, not only in their own clubs, but in the federation meetings," says Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, president of the New Century Club, which had a special discussion on the subject on Monday morning.

"A great deal of concern is felt, and

deep concern, by the older women, but we cannot seem to reach the people who make the designs. The only thing that we can hope to do is to create public opinion against the present styles, which I think are not only without beauty, but also immoral."

"Girls in cold offices with georgette waists, short skirts, thin stockings! Of course, I think the extremes which we are having now are the reaction from the repression of war, and I am hopeful of a change. But just now women have to take what the dressmaker gives them. Women who buy ready-made clothes, as the majority do, are forced to take the styles offered."

MRS. REYBURN WEDS

Former Wife of Mayor's Son Marries Son of C. W. Morse

Mrs. Georgia Maury Reyburn, recently divorced from William S. Reyburn, son of former Mayor Reyburn, was married last Monday to Erwin Albert Morse.

The wedding was performed quietly at the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, Seventy-third street, New York. Up to last night all information of the marriage was denied at the church.

The bridegroom is a son of Charles

W. Morse, the steamship man. In his application for a marriage license last Saturday he gave his age as thirty-one, his occupation as "shipbuilder" and his address as 255 West Eighty-fourth street, New York. He had not been married before.

The former Mrs. Reyburn in her application stated she was twenty-eight years old. She gave her address as 2154 Florida avenue, Washington. She was born in that city, she said, the daughter of Fontaines Maury.

Her marriage to Mr. Reyburn took place in June, 1911, in St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington. The son of

the late Mayor was serving a term as congressman, and the then Miss Maury was a popular "deb."

They lived together several years and had two children. Custody of the children was given the mother after her successful suit for divorce.

Fire in Chestnut Street Store

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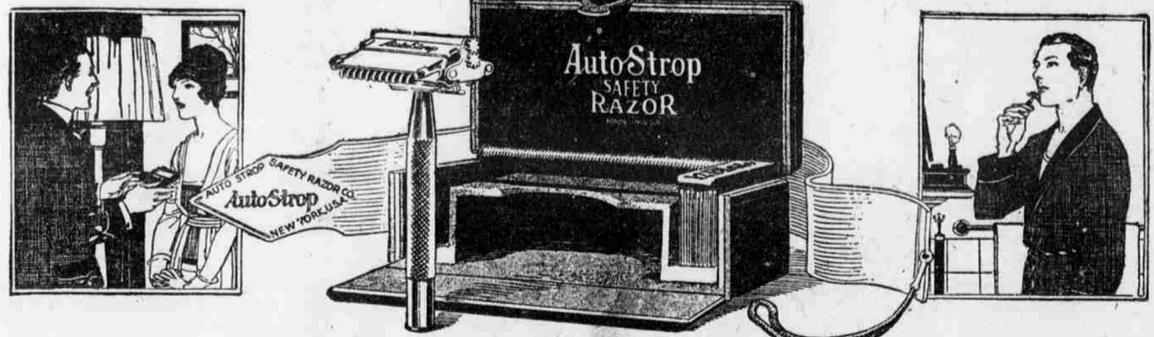
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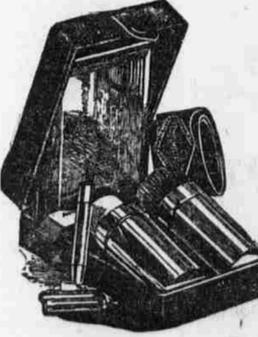
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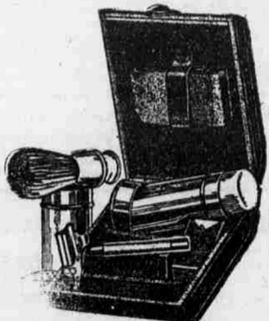
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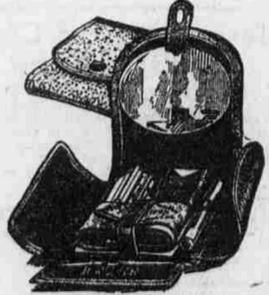
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