



FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT

Not Artistic, but New.

The newest phase of the lace mitten mania is grotesque. A white cotton or silk glove is printed with a design in black representing a lace mitten. The "illusion" ends at the second joint of the fingers, the rest of the fingers being covered in white cotton or silk.

To Train the "Dames."

England has a new organization of women called the Guild of Dames of the Household. Its idea is to train "dames," who will be proficient in all household matters, will wear neat uniforms and will answer to the name of "dame" as nurses answer to that of "nurse."

The dames are to have one free hour every day, half a day every week and all of every other Sunday. They are to be women of the better class, refined and well educated, and employers will be expected to treat them with due courtesy.

Going Up Stairs Properly.

The wrong way to go up stairs, according to a physical culture teacher, is to lean over, contract the chest, hoop the shoulders, and bend the whole body forward from the waist. The person who goes up stairs in this way will be exhausted at the top of even a short flight. Yet stair climbing properly done is considered a good exercise. The head should be erect, the chest expanded, the shoulders back, with no bend whatever of the body at the waist. With this poise, put the whole weight on the ball of the foot and do not touch the step with the heel, and note the springiness felt at every footfall.—New York Post.

Sewing as a Summer Past.

Sewing is fashionable. Not all women who want to be in fashion can sew anything worth having, but some of them have a good knack at it. The making of stocks and collars has tended to cultivate the almost forgotten art among women, and almost every one who goes away this summer takes with her some of this sort of work to do. It looks well and is not without its effect upon the masculine mind. A woman engaged in needlework on a hotel piazza is sure to win approval—if she has other qualities as well. Some women who really desire to make things as well as to produce an effect take with them small sewing machines which are inexpensive and take up little room and are extremely useful.—New York Press.

Jewelry Notes.

Black deerskin purses are as serviceable as they are handsome. "Violet holders" in rock crystal effects are dainty little affairs. College flag pins are taking up life afresh in a most strenuous manner. "Criss-cross" or snakeskin is one of the attractive simple finishes on watches. Chrysoprase, turquoise and tourmaline matrices are among the newer stones in jewelry. Clusters of sweet peas, roses or other flowers tied with a ribbon make a Frenchy little brooch design. Locketts are among the popular things of the present, and especially so are those of rose gold with diamond sparks or points. Opalescent glass, whose soft and rich bloom recalls the stone from which it takes its name, furnishes very attractive ornamental pieces and, notably, a number of bowls for roses and other flowers.—Jewelers' Circular Weekly.

Fashions for Children.

There is never any marked change in the fashions for small boys' clothing during the summer, for the sailor and Russian blouse suits are considered the very best that can be designed, and consequently the fashion continues in favor. There are new materials of which these suits are made, new patterns of pique or duck or linen—and pongee has also to be included now—but there is nothing else of any marked originality. The refer coats have a yoke in the back this summer, but they are not any smarter for it. The boys wear sailor hats that are decidedly larger than last year—that is, the little boys do who are smartly dressed. The older boys, as soon as they are old enough to go into the ordinary chevot suits, have nothing at all marked in the way of fashions. The materials are very much the same as last year; so also are the cuts of coat and short trousers. Canvas, vellings and transparent materials are much more fashionable for young girls than they were last year, and all the different colors are used in the light shades. Figured materials are not fashionable for young girls, excepting flowered and striped muslins and thin fabrics.—Harper's Bazaar.

What to Teach Your Daughter.

Teach her that one hundred cents make a dollar.

Teach her how to wear a simple muslin dress, and to wear it like a queen.

Teach her how to sew on buttons, darn stockings and mend gloves.

Teach her to dress for health and comfort, as well as for appearance.

Teach her to arrange the parlor and the library.

Teach her to love and cultivate flowers.

Teach her to say no, and mean it; and to say yes, and stick to it.

Teach her to have nothing to do with intemperate and dissolute young men.

Teach her to pay regard to the character of those she would associate with, and not to how much money they have.

Teach her to have a place for everything, and to put everything in its place.

Teach her that music is an elevating and delightful accomplishment, and should not be neglected if there be enough money to give her instruction in it.

Teach her that the more she lives within her income the more she will save, and the farther away she will keep from privation when reverses come.

Teach her to take advantage of every opportunity for reading, selecting such books as will give her suitable training and practical information for a good and useful life.

Teach her that modesty is the most attractive of all qualities, and that loud talking or laughter in public not only disgusts everybody that hears it, but will eventually destroy her self-respect.

Teach her a high sense of personal dignity, so that she may regard familiarity of touch or speech as an unpardonable affront to her womanhood.—Philadelphia Record.

What Women Eat.

Cynically disposed persons have commented with more or less acerbity and perhaps with more or less justice upon the conventional woman's lunch, afternoon tea, and reception refreshments, which in the past have consisted largely of ice cream and croquettes, chocolate bonbons, angel cake, and other such lady-like and ethereal foods, with occasional dawdlings over pie or bold indulgence in the unspeakable oyster cocktail. The same cynics have doubted whether woman would rise to the full demands of the 20th century new woman, or successfully compare with the man of any of the old centuries, so long as she fed upon the syphilitic food she prefers.

It is time now for the cynics to look about them and ascertain whether the ice cream and croquette woman's lunch is not ancient history and see if women have not outgrown that habit. Two or three of the well known restaurateurs in New York tell a significant story. One of them, who feeds between 5000 and 6000 persons every noon, mostly women, says there is no ice cream lunching in his place. His women customers wish something hearty, and they wish it good, and wish it right off. They order substantial food, such as cold meats, pork and beans, corned beef hash, baked potatoes, hot rolls, tea, coffee, etc.

This is significant, if true, and it is perhaps the loudest warning men have had that they should wake up and look to their privileges and not rest on their arms contentedly because they have been lords of creation since Adam's time. When women lunch on pork and beans, and hash, and other such masculine dishes they have advanced far into man's kingdom, and there is danger that they will enjoy the privilege of their prerogatives. Of course, for a time there may be gentle female souls who will write papers and read them over croquettes and croons, but the reading of papers is also fast going out of fashion. Once woman has entirely emancipated herself from this pernicious habit, relinquished ethereal lunches, and settled down to business on the basis of corned beef and cabbage, it will be time for man to bettir himself or he will be the inferior being before he knows it.—Chicago Tribune.

Stewed Peas.

A French method of cooking peas is nice. Put lettuce leaves in the bottom of the saucepan and place one pint of shelled peas over them. Very little water is required, as the water adhering to the lettuce and that drawn from it by the heat will be sufficient. When the peas are done, remove the lettuce and season with two tablespoonfuls of salt and saltspoonful of pepper. The peas will be nicer if the pods are put in cold water for an hour or more before shelling to freshen them.

A Few Raspberry Recipes.

Raspberry Sandwiches.—Mash enough red raspberries to make one and one-half cup, grate the same amount of pineapple. Beat the whites of two eggs with three tablespoonfuls powdered sugar, add the grated fruit, flavor with orange juice, then stir into the mixture one cup whipped cream. Cut bread into thin slices, spread with the prepared mixture and top with another slice. Serve as first course with iced chocolate.

Raspberry Cake.—Make a white cake which is not very rich, bake in patty pans. When cold, remove the centers and fill with raspberry jam. Garnish with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with lemon juice.

Fruit Pudding.—Take one and one-half cups ripe raspberries, add one cup currants. Mix together, put on the stove and simmer for ten minutes. Line the bottom of a pudding dish with slices of bread cut rather thin, cover with hot berries, then another layer of the bread, and so proceed until the dish is full. Place a plate on top which snugly fits, and then press down with a heavy weight. When cold, invert on a dish. Serve with boiled custard and dot with ripe raspberries.

Household Hints.

See that your clothes are well ventilated.

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Use a pancake lifter to place cookies on the tin, and to remove them when they are baked.

A nightly gargle of salt and water will strengthen the throat and keep off bronchial attacks.

Half a tablespoon of mustard mixed with the water poured over beans in the baking gives a fine flavor and makes beans more easily digested.

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FASHION NOTES

White gauze ribbon trims the edges of a point d'esprit ruff of a tan shade. A green d-strap hat with green feathers is the smart thing with your all-black gown.

Skirts show more and more vertical lines, and an increasing tendency to fullness about the waist line.

Some of the newest combs for the hair are surmounted by artistic decorations of fruit or flowers or foliage.

Black pearls form the heads of some of the prettiest new hats. Stickpins of gray or black pearls are worn with evening gowns.

A wrist bag of suede frequently has the ordinary chain handle replaced by a narrow ribbon of the same shade as the suede. The ribbon is doubled and tied at one side in a bow.

Ecru Valenciennes lace is used again this year on gowns of white organdie though preference is given to the pure white laces as a trimming for the new gowns of this dainty material.

Linen and batiste hats are evidently the latest fancy in headgear for morning wear with thin summer gowns. They are shown in every tint between brown and ecru, trimmed with foliage flowers, lace scarfs or chiffon rosettes.

One of the simplest and prettiest of Summer parasols is of pink-flowered muslin filled on the frame and with a narrow ruffling at the edge, the under side of white muslin being also a little filled. The handle is of a white natural wood.

Those old-fashioned collars of our grandmothers are to be seen. They are made all of embroidery, turn down collars, but not turned over stocks or high in the throat, but turning back from the lower part of the throat over the shoulders in a horribly unbecoming fashion. They are about two inches deep.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Potato Cakes.

Take cold mashed potatoes, moisten with a little cream, and work in sufficient flour, in which baking powder is mixed, to make a firm dough, adding a pinch of salt. Roll out the potato paste, thinly sprinkle with dry flour or a beaten egg, cut into rounds, and bake on a hot griddle for ten minutes; butter while hot, and serve.

Pretty Way to Serve Currants.

The decorative as well as the appetizing value of currants is not always appreciated. A pretty way to serve them is to select large clusters of the white and red varieties, dip each in white of egg that is just beaten enough to break into froth, then dip the bunches in powdered sugar and pile on a flat glass dish, or the currants may be mixed, the white and red, and covered with a little cracked ice.

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LESSON OF BOER WAR.

THE CONFLICT HAS IMPROVED THE SCIENCE OF FIGHTING.

Ability to Take Cover and to Use the Ground is Essential to Efficiency—Facility with Which Troops May be Surprised—Losses in Battle Very Small.

The military expert of the London Daily News has recently discussed in an interesting manner in what ways the conflict in South Africa has added to the science of war. Necessarily the nature of the fighting was such that many of the more important problems have been left untouched, and will remain so until a war arises between two nations which are more equally matched, in which both sides make use of large bodies of troops. At the same time, the writer finds that the sum total of military knowledge has gained decidedly by the experience of the British troops. He has divided his subject into four parts: First, certain theoretical conclusions which have been confirmed by practical experiment; second, certain other theoretical conclusions which have been proved false by practical experiment; third, certain doubtful questions upon which theory was fairly evenly divided, which have been settled one way or the other; and, finally, certain quite unexpected results which theory had not been able to foresee.

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The dogs were thrown off the scent at the hollow log, but soon caught it again across the ravine and kept up the chase for about half an hour or more. Then the fox once more disappeared in the hollow log to emerge as before. The dogs again trailed on, but in about another thirty minutes the fox for the third time entered the log and still again disappeared in the forest across the ravine. The dogs were about used up by this time, though the fox appeared to be quite fresh after the third trip through the log. The hunters noticed this unaccountable circumstance and began to suspect something. They securely closed up one end of the log and when Reynard for the fourth time entered they closed up the other end. Then they procured axes and cut into the tree. Their reward came in the shape of three foxes, which had evidently been racing the dogs by turns.

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never besieged, so that it was impossible to learn whether such great forts as separate France from Germany can be rushed under modern conditions. As to the unexpected lessons of the war, four are noted. The first is the very small losses in battle. In South Africa this was partly due to the character of the war; but it was also partly due to the nature of modern weapons, and especially to the length of the modern range. In the second place, the value of small machine guns as range finders (a discovery of the Boers) is of capital importance. It is the most effective method of concealing the range of one's artillery when it opens fire. Third, the magazine rifle has proved itself to be a much less terrible weapon than was imagined. And, finally (and what the News expert regards as most important), the extreme flatness of the trajectory of the modern rifle has created behind the firing lines of the opponents, even at the longest range, a zone through which it is often impossible to bring up water, ammunition, reserves, etc. It probably is the chief lesson of the war, and was proved incontrovertibly at Magersfontein.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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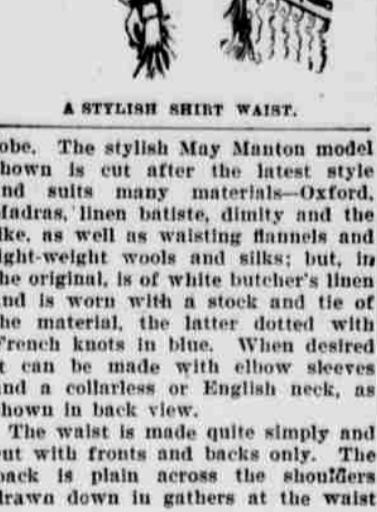
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FACTS AND FANCIES FOR THE FAIR

New York City.—Shirt waists that are full at the shoulders suit many figures better than any other sort and make admirable additions to the wardrobe.



A STYLISH SHIRT WAIST.

The stylish May Manton model shown is cut after the latest style and suits many materials—Oxford, Madras, linen batiste, dimity and the like, as well as waisting flannels and light-weight wools and silks; but, in the original, is of white butcher's linen and is worn with a stock and tie of the material, the latter dotted with French knots in blue. When desired it can be made with elbow sleeves and a collarless or English neck, as shown in back view.

The waist is made quite simply and cut with fronts and backs only. The back is plain across the shoulders drawn down in gathers at the waist

Beautiful Muslin Dresses.

The simple dresses of sheer white muslins are beautiful made with many rows of cotton laces, and many of them button in the back. The sleeves are elbow, with frills at the bottom, with touches of coral pink, Nile green or turquoise blue satin ribbon. The flowered muslins are quite the daintiest and coolest looking dresses shown and, worn with the flower hats and creamy laces are attractive beyond expression.

Rose and Cherry Belts.

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Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the well known British lecturer and sociologist, will soon visit America.

Misses' Monte Carlo Jacket.

Loose jackets, in box or "Monte Carlo" style, are much in vogue for young girls and are as convenient and comfortable as they are smart. The very stylish May Manton example shown is made of black taffeta with trimming of cream guipure lace and narrow bands of the material and makes a most satisfactory general wrap, but more velours satin, pongee and linen are all correct.

The coat is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams and hangs loose from the neck and shoulders. The neck is finished by a curved yoke portion that crosses at the front and to which the double shoulder capes are attached. The sleeves are in the fashionable bell shape and allow of slipping on and off with ease and without danger to those of the gown.

To cut this jacket for a miss of fourteen years of age four and three-quarter yards of material twenty-one inches wide, four and a quarter yards twenty-

Woman's Sailor Blouse.

Sailor blouses are always attractive and suit the greater number of figures to a nicety. The smart May Manton model shown in the large illustration is made of white linen with shield and trimming of white dotted with blue and makes part of a costume, but the design suits odd waists equally well and is adapted to all washable fabrics, to flannel, albatross and waisting silks.

The blouse is cut with front and back only and fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. To its open neck is sewed the big sailor collar that can be cut in round or square outline as preferred. The shield to which the short collar is attached is buttoned round the neck and fastened to the waist beneath the collar. The sleeves are in the new bishop style with deep pointed cuffs.

To cut this blouse in the medium size four yards of material twenty-one inches wide, three and three-quarter yards twenty-seven inches wide, three yards thirty-two inches wide or two yards forty-four inches wide will be required, with three-quarter yard for shield and stock collar.

Summer Morning Gown.

For the morning a well cut, well hung skirt of pique, duck or linen, with a pretty shirt waist of the same color, is as smart an outfit as is at all necessary. There are many good designs for simple percales and gingham, especially the silk gingham, which are made with very little trimming, and that trimming is inexpensive embroidery.

ery. A good model is the pleated skirt, or skirt with attached founce; the waist is pleated to match, or has a box-pleat just in the centre, with a small straight band of the new flat lace or embroidery, the collar being in one piece, with a straight band. The foulard and India silk gowns in plain colors are also smart for morning, and the black and white checked gingham which look so much like silk are in great demand.—Harper's Bazar.

A Pretty Effect.

A white silk petticoat has a pretty effect when made with coarse net ruffles trimmed with lace and narrow white ribbon. At the lower edge of the skirt are two narrow ruffles edged with the narrow ribbon slightly ruffled. Above there is a deep ruffle, pleated off with the narrow ribbon, and in the large squares made by it are applied medallions of lace upon the net. A very narrow ribbon-edged ruffle falls over the top of the large one as a finish.

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The coat is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams and hangs loose from the neck and shoulders. The neck is finished by a curved yoke portion that crosses at the front and to which the double shoulder capes are attached. The sleeves are in the fashionable bell shape and allow of slipping on and off with ease and without danger to those of the gown.

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Woman's Sailor Blouse.

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The blouse is cut with front and back only and fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. To its open neck is sewed the big sailor collar that can be cut in round or square outline as preferred. The shield to which the short collar is attached is buttoned round the neck and fastened to the waist beneath the collar. The sleeves are in the new bishop style with deep pointed cuffs.

To cut this blouse in the medium size four yards of material twenty-one inches wide, three and three-quarter yards twenty-seven inches wide, three yards thirty-two inches wide or two yards forty-four inches wide will be required, with three-quarter yard for shield and stock collar.

Summer Morning Gown.

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