



**Woman-kind**

Lace Robes and Spangled Gowns. Spangled evening robes of white and colored nets, with ruby, mauve, emerald green, or silver gold, pink and blue paillettes, as well as shaded pearl and colored celluloid wafer paillettes, thickly strewn on, are having a present vogue, and sell at prices varying from \$125 to \$300, while some are to be bought from \$75 to \$100. Silk lace robes in black, white, and gray are greatly admired, and find many purchasers at from \$80 to \$150.

**Win Student Honors.** Of the 19 girls sent up from Isabella Thoburn college, Lockport, Ind., for the government examinations, 13 passed. One of the girls stood second in the province, ahead of 1000 boys, and another stood sixth in the list. Both have won government scholarships, for at least a grant-in-aid has been given of \$600 a year. Miss Lilavarti Singh writes: "The day we got the news the college girls ran up into the clock-tower and set the bell ringing."

**Anything That Does Not Sing.** Now that the Audubon society has practically won its fight against the use of song birds in the millinery trade, the homely art of poultry raising takes

guinea, geese and chickens will probably be made by the protected songsters, and there is no reason why to this list the poultryman might not add peacocks, swans, pigeons and doves—anything, in fact, that wears feathers and does not sing.—New York Tribune.

**Insuring Women.** Commenting on the well-known aversion of life insurance companies to taking risks on the lives of women, Dr. A. S. Knight, in a recent address before the Harvard Medical association, gave a curious reason for the circumstance. "It would seem, on the surface, that women ought to be a better risk than men," he said. "They are not exposed to so many dangers as the latter, nor prone to so many excesses, and it is indisputable that they attain a higher average age. Yet experience has proved that the insurance of women's lives is a losing business. The main reason for this," says Dr. Knight, "is a moral one. The majority of women have not the same reason for insuring their lives as men, and having much more frequently than the latter an intuitive premonition of falling health, it has been inferred that they, or those interested in their death, seek to profit by this knowledge. Among self-supporting women, with whom there is a real necessity for insurance, the case is different, and such insurance has not been found a losing business."

**Garnets Again in Vogue.** Garnets, after a long eclipse, have come into fashion with a rush, and girls are ransacking their mothers' jewelry boxes for ancient garnet necklaces, buckles and brooches, worn by grandmamma long ago, and handed down to descendants who proved rather unappreciative of the blessing. These semi-precious stones are exquisitely becoming for evening wear, when they shine with a brilliant crimson glow most flattering to the skin of the wearer. Brunettes particularly look extremely well in these stones, and nothing can be more becoming than one of the old garnet tiaras still to be found here and there worn in a mass of waved dark locks. For day wear they are rather disappointing, being somewhat jetty in effect. Carbuncles are the uncut variety of the same stone, large specimens being ground and polished in cabochon fashion. The resulting gem is handsomer than the cut garnet, and dearer. It is not, however, so fashionable as the masses of small brilliant cut stones which are generally seen. Garnet buckles are sometimes used in black millinery with excellent effect.

**Basketball Denounced.** Miss Lucille Eaton Hill of Wellesley college started the New England Association of Colleges and Preparatory schools by a spirited attack on basketball. As the chairman of a committee of the Boston Physical Education society, rather than as a representative of Wellesley, she pressed her attack on the game from every approach. Basketball, she said, should be stopped absolutely so far as girls under the college age is concerned, and it should be admitted only tentatively, and under professional supervision, to a place among the sports open to women of a new age. The physical effects upon young girls at a critical period of their growth into womanhood, the chances of permanent injury to beauty and health, the evil influence of such excitement upon the emotional and nervous feminine nature, and the tendency to unsex the player—for she declared that the competitive game, with its traveling about, its exhibitions be-



New York City.—Morning gowns are among the necessities of life and should be included in every wardrobe. This tasteful one, designed by May



Manton, is eminently simple, at the same time that it is becoming and graceful and can be made from a variety of materials. In the case of the original, however, the fabric is a figured challie in blue and black and the trimming bands of black velvet ribbon. The cape collar, with its frill which falls over the shoulders, is peculiarly effective and gives the drooping shoulder lines which are characteristic of the season. The gown consists of the fronts, back and under-arm gores and is finished at its lower edge with a gathered flounce. The fronts are simply full and plain, but the back is gathered and drawn in at the waist line where it is held in place by the belt. The sleeves are wide below the elbows,

broad at the back with a point top and bottom. This is worn high around the throat or donised to half the width.

**Colored Brocades.** The brocades are exquisite in design and coloring. The majority are in delicate tones, but there are also deep rich colors. A beautiful shade of red, with pale pink flowers and a touch of black introduced, would be becoming to a brunette.

**Mole and Ermine.** Mole and ermine are combined in a long collar or scarf and muff. The lower part of the muff is of the ermine, the moleskin joining it in scalloped ends.

**Flounces on Heavy Material.** Flounces are seen on skirts of heavy material, and double and triple straight folds on skirts of transparent or soft material.

**Tucks.** Tucks are much in vogue, both on coats and on skirts.

**House Waists.** House waists with yoke effects are both smart and becoming and are much in vogue for the old bodice as well as for the entire gown. This May Manton one is made of Nile green peau de cygne, with trimming of velvet bands embroidered in French knots and a yoke made of strips of the material held by faggoting. The full length tucks at the back give a tapering effect to the figure that always is desirable, while the fronts blouse becomingly over the belt. The closing is made invisibly at the left shoulder seam and beneath the edge of the left front.

The waist is made over a fitted foundation that closes at the centre front. On this are arranged the yoke and the fronts and the back of the waist pattern. The yoke is extended at the centre to form a narrow vest which is visible between the edges of the waist.

**A Late Design by May Manton.**



narrower above, and are finished with pointed cuffs. The cape is arranged over the neck, which is finished with a simple turn-over collar.

The quality of material required for the medium size is twelve yards twenty-seven inches wide, eleven yards thirty-two inches wide, or seven yards forty-four inches wide.

**Silks and Velvets.** Never were silks more lovely or more varied. There are a dozen new weaves, some of the richest showing disks and figures of velvet ombre of the color of the ground or a contrasting shade. Many of the light-colored silks are woven with velvet figures, flowers and leaves of the natural colors. Martele velvets resemble embossed velvets, but have gone through a slightly different process, giving the pattern a vague, shadowy effect.

**The Flat Muff.** Muffs are not out in full force until later. The different styles, however, are to be seen. The flat muffs predominate. One of mole and ermine is flat, a little narrower at the top than at the lower edge. A large cushion muff is of squirrel and a flat muff of the same fur is finished all around with ruffles. There are also the larger round muffs.

**Fur Scarfs.** Scarfs of the different furs are soft and pliable and the once. In the smaller articles of fur nearly as many are lined with satin as with fur. A pretty little Persian lamb collar or scarf is

The fronts are tucked for their full length at their edges and to yoke depth between that point and the arms' eyes. Finishing them are shaped portions whose edges are trimmed with velvet bands. The sleeves are arranged over the fitted lining and are made with the deep cuffs of the season above which they form drooping puffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and one-half yards twenty-one inches wide, four yards twenty-seven inches wide.



or two and one-quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with five and one-quarter yards of binding to trim as illustrated.



**FOR THE HOUSEWIFE**

A Popular Dutch Cake.

Two cups of raised dough, one cup of butter and lard mixed, one cup of milk, two eggs, one cup of raisins, one cup of currants, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of baking soda, two cups of flour, two cups of sugar. Mix butter, lard, milk, soda and dough together, then add other ingredients, and bake in slow oven.

**Vassar Fudge.** A fudge that literally melts in the mouth requires two squares of chocolate, two cups of coffee crushed sugar, one cup of good milk, one tablespoonful of butter. Boil until it gets waxy when dropped into cold water. Add vanilla to taste, and, last of all, the butter, and beat till thick and creamy. To ascertain when the sugar is boiled enough, take a little out in a teaspoon and pour it into cold water. If done, it will not mix with the water, but will harden into a ball.

**Pot-au-Feu Family Soup.** Wipe with damp cloth a shin of beef weighing six pounds; put it in a soup kettle with four quarts of cold water; put it over the fire and bring slowly to the boil; skim carefully when it begins to boil; then add two medium sized carrots, one turnip, two stalks of celery, one onion with four cloves stuck in it and six whole peppers; let simmer five hours; strain through a fine strainer; cut the carrots and turnips into dice; add them to the broth when the soup has been simmering four hours; add two level tablespoonfuls of salt and a little pepper.

**Chestnut Croquettes.** Chestnut croquettes are usually made of the large Spanish nuts, but native chestnuts may be utilized, although the work of preparation will be doubled. Peanuts, too, may be used in the same way. Shell and boil a quart of chestnuts, then blanch and rub them through a sieve. Beat into the pulp a tablespoonful of butter, two or three drops of lemon juice, salt and paprika. Heat the mixture thoroughly, then spread on a platter and cool. When cold form into balls or cylindrical shapes, roll in egg and cracker crumbs and fry in deep fat. The coating of fried dishes is better if, after they are rolled in crumbs, they stand for an hour or two before cooking.—New York Evening Sun.

**Old-Fashioned Chicken Pie.** Select one or two fine roasting chickens; dress them and cut in smaller pieces than for fricasseeing. Cut some salt pork in thin slices and put them in a deep kettle over the fire. When they have fried quite brown slice a large onion and fry it brown in the hot fat of the pork, then remove the slice of onion and dredge each piece of chicken with flour; season with salt and pepper; put this in the kettle, and let the pieces brown slightly; then pour an enough hot water to cover up even with the top of the chicken; cover the kettle closely and let the chicken cook till quite tender. Then lift the pieces out carefully and put them in a big earthen baking dish. Dissolve enough flour in a half pint of cream to thicken the gravy in the kettle, then pour it over the chicken in the baking dish; cover the whole with a tea biscuit crust; stand in a slow oven and bake till the crust is a nice brown. Then stand the pie to cool. Eat it cold or hot, as preferred.

**Household Gleanings.** A pinch of salt added to the white of an egg will facilitate the whipping. A patient with fever can relish beef tea, frozen, when the hot tea seems nauseating. A bit of raw onion will remove fly specks from gliding without injury to the gliding.

Brush the bottom crust of a fruit pie with the white of an egg and it will not be soggy. The white of an egg will remove a fish bone from the throat if beaten and given at once. Young white onions are very nice cooked in boiling water, sliced and served on buttered toast like asparagus. To darken light mahogany and cherry, bichromate of potash dissolved in water is excellent and gives it the appearance of age.

Emery paper is good to clean undressed kid gloves. It should be very fine and should be used with great care, as undressed kid is so tender. To prevent discoloration from bruises, bathe the bruise copiously and at once in as hot water as can be borne. This will prevent congestion and the generally consequent "black-and-blue" marks. Pickled carrots are a novelty as a garnish or eaten like another pickle. Boil the carrots until tender, cut into fancy shapes, such as crescents, stars, circles, diamonds, etc., and place in strong vinegar, with spices to taste. Onion sandwiches are good for schoolgirls, and the continued use of them does wonders for the complexion. "Fresh onion and leek, new skin in a week," an ancient doggerel put it. Slice the onions as thin as possible, salt, and place between slices of bread and butter. A bit of parsley helps to take away the odor from the breath.



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**PROMINENT PEOPLE.**

The Carolina is suffering from ear trouble. Senator Hoar has just published his autobiography. Julia Marlowe declares she has no intention of retiring from the stage. Idaho's building at the World's Fair will be a big log structure in Swiss style. President Roosevelt has been elected a life member of the New Jersey Historical Society. King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena have reached Italy on their return from England. The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn is now the head of five living generations of her family. Emperor William will go south for a winter vacation, and may go yachting in the Mediterranean. Dr. Henry Carrington Bolton, eminent chemist and scientist, at Washington, D. C., aged sixty years. The Duchess of Westminster lately purchased a flexible ribbon of diamonds, paying therefor \$100,000. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Pullman, brother of the car builder, fell dead after preaching a sermon at Lynn, Mass. The Emperor of Russia's menu card is printed in red letters on a pure ivory tablet, surmounted by the royal crest and arms. The famous old schooner yacht America, winner of the cup, may be started in the transatlantic race next May, for which Sir Thomas Lipton has offered a \$5000 prize. Sultan Abdul Hamed, of Turkey, has an intestinal cancer and can live only two or three years. He recently refused to consent to an operation recommended by a Munich doctor. Senator Stewart, of Nevada, is the only man in the United States Senate who has never been shaved. His beard began to grow when he was sixteen, and has been growing for sixty years.

**WORLD'S FAIR POINTERS.**

Ice plant produces 300 tons of ice daily. Typical '49 mining camp in "Mining Gulch." Jubilee presents of the late Queen Victoria. Rose garden six acres in area, 80,000 rose trees. Outdoor mining exhibit, covering twelve acres. Forty thousand horse-power for Exposition uses. Approximate cost of the Exposition, \$50,000,000. Largest gas engine ever made, 3000 horse-power. Palace of Education, 525 by 750 feet, cost \$310,990. An 8000 horse-power turbine engine in power plant. Revival of the Olympian games of ancient Greece. Fair opens April 30, 1904; closes December 1, 1904. Palace of Machinery, 525 by 1000 feet, cost \$400,507. Size of grounds, 1240 acres, nearly two square miles. Palace of Electricity, 525 by 750 feet, cost \$390,940. Anthropology Building, 263 by 113 feet, cost \$115,000. Palace of Liberal Arts, 525 by 750 feet, cost \$475,000. The sum of \$150,000 appropriated for athletic events. Palace of Transportation, 525 by 200 feet, cost \$695,000. Palace of Manufactures, 525 by 1200 feet, cost \$719,300. Fifteen exhibit departments; 144 groups; 808 classes. Palace of Horticulture, 400 by 800 feet, cost \$228,000. Aerial navigation, \$200,000 appropriated for tournament.

**Arrangements of Books.** Have you ever tried putting together the books that suit special moods? The amusing books, the stories of adventure, the home stories being grouped so that when you feel like reading some particular sort you may at a glance see all your treasures that appeal to that momentary interest? It is not a bad plan but possibilities of arrangement are endless, and we all have our favorite plans. I wonder if there is any book-lover who can refrain from putting in one row his most attractive bindings—the gay, gilded leather covers that make a little court of nobilities? If there is any reader who can refrain from this harmless pageantry, he must be the owner of an unusually logical mind, or else lacks the soul of order.—St. Nicholas.

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