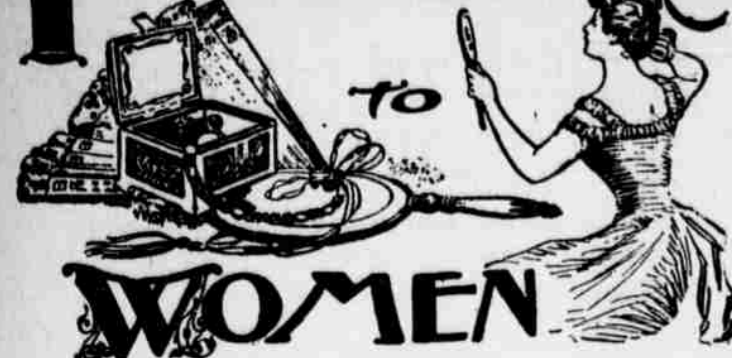


Interesting



WOMEN

The Caracul Jacket.
The short caracul jacket is certainly one of the most fascinating of fashion's fads this season. To be worn with a skating costume such as has already been described it is most elaborate costume, of white cloth, for instance, the jacket is of white caracul, it is hard to imagine anything more fascinating. The acme of the fad is reached in these coats dyed to match the gown—pale blue, mauve, etc. Very smart they are, too, and yet the white or black somehow seem to be more popular.

How Fashions are Made.
Full bottomed wigs were invented by a French barber to conceal a deformity in the shoulders of the then Dauphin. The Court, of course, imitated the Dauphin's wig, and so it became fashionable.

Similarly, Charles VII. of France introduced long coats to hide ill made legs.

Patches were invented, they tell us, in England, by a foreign lady, who in this manner ingeniously covered a wen on her neck.

In 1460 Duke Philip of Burgundy, having had his hair cut during an illness, issued an edict that all the nobles of his States should be shorn also with the result that over five hundred persons sacrificed their hair, says Home Chat.

In the time of Henry I. it was customary to allow the hair and beard to grow until the king had his cut officially, when the royal example was at once followed.

Women of the Great West.
We mentioned to some friends that we had aimed to acquire a little disson in the simple life, by studying these new countries; but they went into spasms of impolite laughter at the suggestion. It seems that the women hold on to all the frills they used to know, and acquire all the new ones they can hear of, as a means of proving their social status, and of transforming their present place of residence into the nearest possible semblance of the one they left behind. When they move into town of the ranches, and discard sunbonnets and Mother Hubbards, they wear chiffon hats with brims a few inches wider than Eastern modes. After a few years of town and club life they become—oh, wearisomely like every one else! One of them, herself a woman of brains and energy said that no one lived the simple life here, because none had the strength of mind to follow the recipe.

"And that is?" we asked.
"Just to be yourself," she answered. And we thought she was quite right.—*Marion Foster Washburne, in Harper's Bazar.*

An American Girl at Court.
The necessary wardrobe is no small matter. A simple court dress by Paquin will cost anything from \$500 to \$750—not including lace which may be a family heirloom above price. The debutante's bouquet may include \$100 worth of costly orchids and hot-house blooms. As to gloves, the regulation twenty-four button court gloves will cost \$5 to \$10 a pair at least, in a Bond street store; and for shoes, the correct ones are to be bought at a little store high up Bond street near the Oxford Street end. These people make shoes for the Queen and Princesses, and the price is \$25 a pair. It is embarrassing to find that almost every detail of one's attire is laid down by law and has endured for centuries.

Some points about the presentation at court are much changed since Queen Victoria's day. The "courts," as they are now called, are held at 10 o'clock at night—an hour much more becoming to one's complexion and complexion than the erstwhile afternoon session. Also, there are beautiful hands in attendance; a most excellent buffet supper; and last, but by no means least, the King and Queen sit on gorgeous thrones at the end of a huge and sumptuous saloon, in all the glory of ermine and purple and jewels beyond price.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Correct Breathing.
Hardly one person in thirty knows how to breathe properly, yet correct breathing is undoubtedly the secret of a healthful life and incorrect breathing the real source of much ill health.
Correct breathing is, first, breathing through the nose instead of through the mouth. Nature intended that we should breathe through the nostrils and so made them with their inside opening of fine hair that every particle of dust was sifted from the atmosphere before it reached the lungs and at the same time heated. If it is impossible to breathe through the nose a physician should be consulted and the obstruction removed. Every attention to this condition does much toward preventing throat, ear and lung troubles in later life. Catarrh is invariably caused by the failure to breathe through the nose.
The second essential to correct breathing is by deep inhalations and exhalations. Deep breathing should be practised as far as possible in order that the full capacity of the lungs may be properly developed. The breathing should be done slowly and at first practised when one gets up in the morning and when she retires at night. Soon the habit is formed and deep breathing becomes natural and frequently great improvement in the general health is the result.
The next point to observe is the number of respirations or breathings occurring in one minute. There should be one to every four beats of the pulse. The average pulse of a woman, under normal conditions, is about seventy; the number of respirations should therefore be about eighteen. Of course the number increases after exercise.

Less China; More Silver.
The tendency increases to use less china on the table and to substitute silver and glass when possible. If cutglass is used the economy of this fashion is not apparent, for cutglass is exceedingly liable to accident, and its first cost exceeds that of good china. If it does not receive the best of treatment it becomes dull and not worth its cost. But there are such excellent patterns in pressed glass that one may make an exception to her rule not to tolerate imitations and buy the cheaper glass for use even in the company of good china and silver.

Undoubtedly there is an economy in using more silver, says the *Lowell Daily Mail*.

When great grandmother washed her own china in a cedar tub, the egg-shell dishes outlasted the owner. Now the careful dishwasher is a rare creature even if she exists at all. What china is not broken by crowding in the dishpan is finished by knocking against the faucets over the sink. Silver may be dented and the plate worn off, but the silversmith will hammer out the dent and cover the worn places and the article is as good as new.

Some careful housewives whom I know are using silver vegetable and pudding dishes and small platters, for boiling water will not crack them, they bear dry heat well and are impervious to all common accidents. Select such silver with plain or fluted surface and with beading on the edge it will be an easy matter to keep it bright. Speaking from experience a silver dish set on a little four-inch electric stove connected with the chandelier above the table and turned its lowest power has kept food to be served hot in better temperature than any china dish could possibly have done. Then again these silver serving dishes add brilliancy to the table and make a simple meal satisfy the eye as well as the palate. Do not buy these dishes too large and possibly it may be difficult to find just the right sizes.

Every housekeeper learns sooner or later to keep looking in the shops until she finds what she needs and not to be won over by many words into taking what will remind her daily that it was not just what she wanted.

Fashion Hints.
Large black velvet hats have the crowns embroidered in floral designs in nature's colors.
Velvet is not elastic and care must be taken to allow more for seams than in any other material.
Brussels net with a coin spot of medium size is quite the vogue for evening and dinner frocks.
With the one exception of being made of the material of the dress, the new evening slippers are of kid, suede or satin.
Beautiful types of Watteau and Gainsborough shapes, rife with brilliant color and laden with quivering plumes, are the predominating styles.
Satin hats are in every possible shade. Hydrangea blue, forget-me-not blue, rose pink, amethyst shades and emerald green are noteworthy colors.
Every bit as modish as ever are the spats, or over-gaiters, as many prefer to call them. Even this early they are being worn over boots, which would seem to be rather a warm way to dress. We have had a few cold days, however, and, alas! we will have many more.

There are indications that for costumes and coats the elbow sleeve will be retired for the cold weather months at least, and the full length sleeve, slightly full at the top, will take its place. There will be many modifications, though the plain type will be much in evidence, especially on the plain tailored suits.

CUPID'S AID.
I said to Cupid: "Winter time Your business slackens up a bit. Does it not, Master Cupid?" He, all smiling, answered: "Not a whit!"
"My arrows I do not employ So much as in the summer, but When winds are cold and people, too, And every door and window's shut,
"I tell you many a youngster who Had never dreamed him of a bride Begins to think how nice and warm A cozy cottage is inside."
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.



JUST FOR FUN

First loafer—Did you help at the fire last night? Second loafer—Yes, a bit. I got out of the way of the fire engine.—*Punch.*

Footpad—Your money or your life! Citizen—See here! I'm a Tammany Hall leader, and— Footpad—Oh, I don't care where you got it—I'll take it.—*Punch.*

He—I know lots of women who haven't any sense of humor! She—Well, what of it? I know lots of men who haven't any sense at all!—*Detroit Free Press.*

"I'm taking my riding lessons in strict privacy." "Why not in public?" "So as to avoid the fierce white light the beams upon the thrown."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Mrs. Chugwater—Have you seen what the papers say about this cricket pest? Mr. Chugwater—No. For heaven's sake, is that starting up again? I thought baseball had killed it off.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Visitor—My good man, you keep your pigs much too near the house. Cottager—That's just what the doctor said, mum. But I don't see how it's agoin' to hurt 'em!—*Punch.*

"Cabman! Cabman! Surely you're going out of your way?" "Bless me, mum, you give me quite a turn! I'd forgotten all about yer, and was driving back to the stables."—*Punch.*

"De trouble wif many a smaht young man," said Uncle Eben, "is dat he's tempted to rely on his ability to frame up excuses foh dola' his share o' reglar work."—*Washington Star.*

New version of Marguerite, by the American girl:
"Rich man, richer man, Wall street chief,
Magnate, grafter, wholesale thief."
—*Life.*

"I hear you carry quite a considerable life insurance." "Yes." "For whose benefit are you insured?" "I won't know myself until this investigation is over."—*Baltimore American.*

"He has the courage to say what he thinks." "Yes," answered the man with carping instincts, "and considering how foolish some of it is, it must take courage."—*Washington Star.*

"Why do you always seek the deepest pools?" asked the grayling. "In order to be where the sunshine can't reach me," answered the trout. "I freckle so easily."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Goffer—In speaking of your automobile, why do you always refer to it in the feminine gender as she?
Shofer—Well, the auto is so hard to manage and so blamed expensive!—*Brooklyn Life.*

Sandy having been asked if Mr. Meadowcroft was a golfer, replied: "Weel, no, not a real one. He missed a game to be at home when his second child was born."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

"It appears that Massachusetts has discovered that monkeys will destroy that pest, the gypsy moth." "I wonder if that accounts for the fact that there are no gypsy moths at Newport!"—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

"Speaking of charity," said the moralizer, "every man should give according to his means." "True," rejoined the demoralizer, "but instead a lot of men give according to their meanness."—*Chicago Daily News.*

"Oh," sighed Mrs. Oldcastle, "I'm so sick of the proletariat!" "So are me and Josiah," replied the hostess.
"We're goin' to give it up and go back to coffee, even if it ain't the best thing for the 'nerves."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Friend—Do you think that automobiles will eventually take the place of the railroads? Auto enthusiast (sloomily)—I hardly think so. The railroads killed 15,000 people last year in this country alone.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

"I just heard of a fellow who took a room up at that big hotel," said the first summer man, "and when he got a chance, stole a lot of money from the other inmates." "Yes," said Joke-jin, "another case of bad roamer gaining currency."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Miss Kunning—Every woman should work hard for a husband.— Mr. Marryat—That's what I say, but my wife's so lazy. Miss Kunning—You misunderstand me. I mean she should work hard to get a husband, but after she gets him she shouldn't have to work at all.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Mrs. Hayrix was reading a letter from the son, who was away at college. "He wants you to send him \$10 so he can take fencing lessons," she said. "They ain't no sense in him wastin' good money on fencin' lessons," rejoined the old man. "I'll teach him how tew make fences when he comes home, by grass!"—*Chicago Daily News.*

NEW IDEAS in TOILETTES

New York City.—Empire styles suit young girls especially well and are greatly in vogue for winter coats. This one is shown in claret red broadcloth



with trimmings of black braid and handsome buttons, but the design is a thoroughly useful one and can be made available for all reasonable cloaking. Broadcloth is particularly fashionable

them in place. The thread is not as firm as this little helper and not as slightly. Frocks made from material with a loose weave have a narrow tape stitched with the seams so that they cannot pull out. Buttonholes are often strengthened with lip glue applied before the cutting or with machine stitching between two rows of which the cloth is cut. These are what I mean by trick of the trade.—*Boston Traveler.*

New Chiffon Velvet.
There is a very pretty cottonback chiffon velvet which is found in many attractive tones, and velveteens for street suits are always satisfactory. In more expensive weaves pompadour velvet, short-haired plush with a design painted upon it and floral panne are all new, as is striped velvet and the new mousseline silk with velvet flowers scattered over it.

Misses' Pleated Skirt.
The pleated skirt in all its variations is a favorite for young girls and makes one of the most becoming of all styles. This one is adapted to almost all seasonable materials and gives a box pleated effect at the front that is always desirable. As shown it is made of claret red camel's hair stitched with beading silk. The pleats are turned backward and stitched in graduated lengths, giving the best possible effect to the figure, while they fall in abundant and graceful folds below the stitchings. Broadcloth, chevrot, serge and all suiting materials are in every way



—Blouse Jacket, with Tucked Eto n, 32 to 40 Bust.

this year, but Jersey is a bit heavier and warmer for the everyday coats and such materials as chevrot and homespun are always desirable.
The coat is made with body and skirt portions. The skirt portion is laid in flat pleats and is joined to the body portion, the seam being concealed by the trimming strap. There are coat sleeves of the accepted style and the neck is finished with a flat collar.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (fourteen years) is six yards twenty-seven, three and three-fourth yards forty-four on three and one-half yards fifty-two inches wide, with sixteen yards of braid to trim as illustrated.

Home Dressmaking.
There is no way in which a woman can save so much money as in making her own clothes, but to do it to the best advantage she needs to have knowledge and experience. Working with a home dressmaker is a good training, and taking advantage of the tricks of the trade as seen in the shop windows will save time and trouble. For instance, the large buttons on outside garments of the better class have small buttons on the inside to hold

softened shades that have something of the purplish, grayish or brownish about them making them becoming. There is a fancy for making up costumes of half a dozen or more of these shades.

Velvet in Fashion.
Velvet is always more or less fashionable, and this year the demand for it is immense, and to meet this demand many new and beautiful variations in all grades are exhibited.

desirable, while the model also makes a good one for the lighter weight materials of in-door wear.
The skirt is cut in seven gores, the seams being concealed by the pleats, and is laid in deep inverted pleats at the centre back.
The quantity of material required for



the medium size (fourteen years) is six and three-fourth yards twenty-seven or three and three-fourth yards forty-four or fifty-two inches wide.

WINTER AND SUMMER STAMPS

Postmasters Ordered to Quit Selling Litter Until Roses Bloom Again.
In view of complaints to the Postoffice Department of the brittleness of postage stamps and their tendency to curl and become detached after being affixed to letters, an investigation was ordered and it was found that the trouble is due to the hard gum used in summer and which is affected by the cold, dry atmosphere of the winter season.
All such stamps supplied to postmasters have been directed to be withdrawn by them until the summer months, and in the meantime new supplies are being forwarded them coated with a softer gum which is not affected by winter weather.

"Saving California's Crops."
The Bureau of Entomology of the Agricultural Department, and likewise the State of California, under supervision of its Commission of Horticulture, are waging scientific war upon all pests in plants, whether fruit-trees, vegetables, or grains, by the introduction into the regions where the pests exist of its natural foe. Just how the scientists go about restoring the balance of nature and what has been accomplished in California in the ten years of the experiment, W. S. Harwood will tell readers of the February Century, under the title, "Saving California's Fruit Crops." Mr. Harwood, it will be remembered, prepared for The Century the first authoritative accounts published of Luther Burbank's wonderful work.

Woman's Idea of Success.
A Kansas woman, Mrs. A. J. Stanley, of Lincoln, has been awarded a prize of \$250 by a Boston firm for the best answer to the question, "What constitutes success?" She wrote: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life has been an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."
To Bring Birds Back.
German farmers are trying to induce the smaller birds to return to their old haunts about the fields, and for this purpose are setting out boxes and other artificial devices to serve the birds for homes. The farmers need the birds to destroy the insects, but also because the old trees in the decayed hollows of which they built their nests, the old copses which they haunted, and both of which were prolific in insects, together with the stunted woods which yielded them food in abundance, are all disappearing before the closer cultivation of the present time.

Hacon to the value of over \$30,000,000 was imported by Great Britain in 1904.

They Refuse to Settle.
A great revolution seems to be taking place in the West End of London. Rich people are gradually giving up their houses. Prices, which ruled abnormally high a few years ago, have gone down considerably, until a perfect slump reigns in the estate agencies. Owing to the unrest which prevails all society, people never settle anywhere now.—*Lady Violet Greville in the Graphic.*

Bulls Made by M. Pa.
Mr. Harry Sammei is the author of this bull: "The legislative garden of the Liberals is an arid swamp." If a Parliamentary authority as Mr. Gladstone said: "It is no use for the honorable member to shake his head in the teeth of his own words." Jester lights who blunder in the political arena have no reason to be ashamed. Mr. Balfour once spoke of "an empty theater of unsympathetic auditors," and Lord Curzon congratulated his party on the circumstances that "though not out of the wood we have a good ship."—*New York Tribune.*

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Verification of Scripture.
With pardonable pride Franklin recorded that he was the verification of the scriptural proverb, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." He was diligent in his business and in the public business, and he mentions that he had stood before five kings and sat down with one of them—the king of Denmark—at dinner. He was a great man to his contemporaries, and the lapse of time has not dimmed his fame.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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