

Rain Coats in Vogue.

The rain coat of cravenette, storm proof covert or Venetlan cloth or tweed has replaced to a great degree the mackintosh and waterproof, and is, when well tailored, a jaunty and stylish garment, whether with or without a cape. An odd shade of grayish green and all the tan shades are popular for this kind of garment, the collar of which is usually faced with velvet or heavy silk. Many tailors call these coats ragians, even though they do not exhibit the regulation ragian sleeve.

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Early Morning Exercise.

If you rise early and feel like taking exercise before the other members of the family are ready for breakfast, you can safely do so only if you eat something before starting. It need not be a substantial breakfast, which is best postponed until you return, but it must be something that will stay on your stomach and prevent your getung ill. A glass or two of milk and some bread and butter will suffice. Then, when you return, you sit down with a good appetite to a hearty meal. To exercise with the stomach empty is almost certain to result in a feeling of "goneness," which the subsequent breakfast fails to relieve, and the chances are that during the entire day there will be a dull, stupid feeling affecting you. Exercise before breakfast is an exploded theory; it is reldom, if ever, beneficial.—American Queen.

The Dowager Queen of Haly.

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"The Pearl of Savoy" is the beautiful nickname by which Queen Margherita is known by the people who became her subjects when she married the late King Humbert of Italy. How great was that love was demonstrated some years ago when the king and queen celebrated their silver wedding. Although her majesty was 50 years old on Nov. 20, she remained so young in appearance that until her great trouble came she invariably dressed in white. One day, however, she bethought herself that she was growing too old for her favorite color, and told the king so. He replied: "We will hold a council on the question," and in a few days afterward a box arrived for the queen containing nothing but white dresses, which was the king's decision in the matter.

Women Weat Blackbirds.

Now bird slaughter is held accountable for the diminution of the rice crop of the United States. Every woman who wears a Texas blackbird of the kind known in that state as a fackdaw on her hat may make up her mind that she is responsible for damage to a part of some unfortunate rice grower's crop.

This is because these blackbirds feed extensively on crawfish. And the crawfish are the curse of the rice fields, because rice is grown in water-covered bottoms, where the crawfish find it easy to swim among the rice stalks, which they love better than anything else. They cut the stalks down with their powerful nippers, and even a few of the crustaceans do an enormous amount of damage. It is almost impossible for man to fight them, owing to the conditions. But the big blackbirds destroy them wholesale.

Now, if women wear these useful birds on their hats they help to damage what is promising to be one of the great industries of the United States for in a few years this country will not only produce enough rice to satisfy the entire domestic demand, but that it will be in a position to export a large amount.

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An interesting member of the present freshman class at Radeliffe is the young Indian girl known as Miss Lucy Nicola, but whose Indian name is Wahta-Waso, of the tribe of the Paunawahskiks, or Penobscots, of Maine. Herentrance into Radeliffe was made the easier for her through the Influence of Montague Chamberlain, for many years the recorder of the Lawrence scientific school of Hauvard. Miss Nicola has been his stenographer and typewriter for some time. Mr. Chamberlain had an ancestor who had a romantic experience with Miss Nicola's Tribe, being a prisoner in their hands for some time, and saved from slaughter for his bravery, and finally helped to escape by the women of this tribe. For this reason, as well as interest in Indian lore for its own sake, Mr. Chamberlain has spent much time among the Maine Indians for many years, busying himself in studying their folk-lore, history and languages. He has made his headquarters at Old town, and in this way came to know Miss Nicola's family, was interested in the young girl, who was educating herself, and offered to take her to Boston under his protection, so that she might have opportunity for study. She accepted the offer in part, but insisted on earning her living, and so became a stenographer and typewriter. She is a bright girl and very ambitious.—

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It is not generally known why pocket handkerchiefs are always made square. The reason is interesting. In the year 1784, on the 23d of September, a decree was issued by the King of France ordering that the length of all the pocket handkerchiefs made in

handkerchiefs have been made in the shape of a square all over Europe.

Apropos of linen lore a most instructive little booklet, just brought out, gives a comprehensive history of linen, ancient and modera. More thas 400 years ago the cultivation, spining and weaving of fax gave employment to many of the world's inhabitants. Until the establishment of spining mills in 1828 the scutched flax was spun into yarn by the farmers' wives and daughters, which was afterward replaced by a spinning wheel worked by the foot. Now these are employed more for ornament than use and have been superseded by new methods. The German linen trade dates back to A. D. 500, and Russia, Norway and Sweden have not been neglectful of their linen manufactures. Ireland, being able to grow the flax and spin the yarn and weave and bleach the linen, has always taken a first place in this industry, even as far back as Henry III. In William III.'s reign an act was passed to permit its import into England, and the trade has gone on and prospered ever since.—New York Commercial.

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Maid of Honor's New Duty.

Apropos of weddings, the maid of honor has a taird duty as well as those familiar—that of holding the bouquet of the bride at the altar and helping her to put on her traveling dress. The new duty has considerable responsibility along with it and an opportunity for the use of tact. It is no less a matter than this—seeing that the bride receives the gifts which she truly wants.

The maid of honor begins long before the invitations are out to make mental and penciled notes of the prospective bride's preferences. When she has a list of respectable length she shows it casually to one of their mutual friends who has not the least idea what to give. More than likely the friend will come upon one article in the list which it is especially pleasing to him or her to present. There is some elastic agreement made between the friend and the maid of honor, and the friend goes shopping in a gad spirit.

The hunt is not for a vague and probably undesirable article, but for something of a nature known to please the taste and needs of the bride.

It may be a particular picture which long has been desired, a chair or table of especial shape, a peculiar lamp, some coveted porcelain, glass or silver for the table, or a quantity of fine line. Is it a rug? 'then what are the colorings desired?

All suspicion of indelicacy is removed from the arrangement by having the maid of honor for a go-between. The matter of price often can be left to the donor of the gift. Thus, a wrought iron lamp may cost \$5, . r, \$25. And so may a desk of bird's-eye maple.

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One collection of presents made in this new way was a remarkably tasteful display. There were no duplicates, and the silver and glass included nearly all of the essentials. There was not even one of those dreadful nameless oddities in silver of which a well-known bride says that she receive a trunkful. And this because friends desired to give something unusual.

The new method, which consults the bride's wishes, is more satisfactory ali around. And the element of surprise is not taken away from the bride's pleasure.

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Even should she know the name of her gifts in advance, she cannot be sure how they may look. Nor need she hear much about what is coming, if the maid of honor uses care in her notes and questions.—Margaret Daw, in New York Press.



Mirror velvets are said to be crowded out by the popular panne for many purposes, but the latter has its specific uses and is not to be ousted.

One of the realistic brooches shows a red berry, a raspberry, perhaps, between two green leaves, upon one of which glistens a diamond dew drop.

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Choux made of black chiffon are much in vogue, and ribbons in pastel shades are also made up into pretty knots and long ends, to be wwn on the corsage.

Fancy buttons are seen on scale of the new gloves, and if you would have the modish thing, wear gun metal colored suede gloves with rhinestone buttons with your black gown.

If one is not satisfied with gun metal there are the hatpins with baroque pearl heads, those covered with minute little points being much used for this purpose. Some of them are in colors, and they are altogether up to date.

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Shirring is seen again on waists and costumes made of satin, velvet and chiffon. The shirrs are drawn up to form yolks, or the material is gathered lengthwise in series of loose puffs. The latter effect is especially advantageous to siender figures.

A new coat has an extremely long "postillion" back curving away from a short front or cut squarely off at the waist line on the sides. Some of these coat talls reach nine or ten inches below the waist. This mode is seen both in independent coats and in suits.

In place of the conventional embroidery and stitching on slik waists there are to be seen on some of the new ones cloth applications in curves, crescents and sabochans of a different shade from the silk. Cloth flowers are also set upon mousseline and gauze waists.



To Clean Cut Glass.

Experts in cut glass advocate the following as the best means of cleaning. Wash the glass thoroughly with warm soap suds and cover with sawdust. As soon as the sawdust is dry, brush the article very carefully with a soft brush, reaching all the crevices. It will come out as clear and sparkling as a bubble fresh from the pipe.

Prolonging the Use of Velvet.

The use of velvet that has been marred beyond restoration by the usual steaming process may be prolonged for ordinary wear by "mirroring" it. Place the velvet on an ironing board, and with a flatiron that is not hot enough to burn the fabric press it carefully in the direction of the nap. As long strokes as possible should be taken with the iron to avoid leaving marks. It is a good idea to sew a piece of cloth on each end of the velvet in order to have something to hold while the work is being done.

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Care in Cleaning Oil Paintings.

No one who does not understand all about colors should attempt to clean an oil painting, for it is easy to remeve with it part of the painting itself. The inexperienced person can, however, clean an oil painting safely in the following manner. Remove the picture from its frame, lay it flat and cover with a cloth moistened with rain water. Repeat until the dirt on the picture has been removed by the cloth, or till it is so softened by moisture that it may be wiped off easily with a soft sponge. Then let the picture dry, when it should be gone over carefully with a piece of cotton wool saturated in pure linseedoil. The paint will then look fresh and new. On no account must soap be used, and an oil painting should never be touched with anything harder than a piece of lint or cotton wool. For dusting there is nothing better than an old slik handkerchief.

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In many of the largest silverware manufactories the principal designers are women. Among the many useful and attractive things recently designed by women is a pie dish which may also be used for an entree dish or for fruit. A breakfast set, consisting of tray, egg cup, butter dish, toast rack and salt and pepper bottles represent a new design in silver by a woman, as does an egg boiler fitted with an alcohol lamp for cooking eggs at the breakfast table. A sand glass attached marks the three, five or ten minute limit for boiling. One of the most useful feminine inventions in the form of culinary devices is a frying pan with asbestos lining and supplied with a basket attachment for the cooking of special articles. Honey pots of glass and silver, available also for jam unique and pretty table gongs and bells, silver stands for smoked beef and tongue, bread forks of odd pattern, china or silver stands with compartments for butter, cheese and crackers and supplemented by silver knives to match are a few of the recent designs by women in the line of household conveniences.—New York Commercial Advertiser.



Russian Cream—Soak one ounce of gelatin in one-half pint of water for half an hour, then add one-half pint of boiling water; stir until well dissolved one quart sweet milk, one cup of sugar and four eggs. Cook sugar, milk and yolk of eggs together; when ready to take from stove add gelatin and whites of eggs, well beaten; flavor with vanilla; pour in a wet mold to cool and serve with whipped cream and macaroons.

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Oyster \( \text{Supertakes} - \text{Make} \) a good shortcake and bake on pie tins. Wash one and one-half pints of oysters. Strain, scald and s...m their liquor. Melt two teaspoons of butter, stir in a tablespoonful of flour, add the oyster liquor, one-half cupful of milk, two-thirds of a teaspoonful of salt, a salt-spoonful of pepper and the drained oysters. Cook until they begin to ruffle and seem plump. As soon as short-cakes are baked split, butter, spread with the cysters and serve at once.

Onions Stuffed With Sausage—Parboil a dozen mild s...ver skin onions about on hour, changing the water twice, and replenishing with boiling water. Drain and remove the centres, leaving a thin shell of onion. Fill these cups with pork sausage, rounding the top. Bake about an hour, basting occasionally with drippings from the turkey. Those with whom sausage does not agree may solace themselves with turkey and giblet sauce. In making the cranberry jelly use loaf sugar and mold the jelly in cups or forms.

## THE LITTLE KEY.

"What would you do," said the little key To the teak wood box, "except for me?"

t so this proud old box may see little it's worth except for me." as long, long afterward, in the crack found the key, and they brought back.

And it said, as it chuckled and laughed to itself, "Now, I'll be good to the box on the shelf." But the little key stopped, with a shiver and shock;
For there was a bright new key in the lock. And the old box said: "I am sorry, you see But the place is filled, my poor little key." —Indianapolis Sentinel.

## HUMOROUS.

Blobbs—Do you own your own home? Slobbs—Well, I thought I did till the new cook came.

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Sillicus—Sapphedde always says
what he thinks. Cynicus—I've noticed
he rarely opens his mouth.

"You can't always trust a man who
hesitates about telling a lie." "No?"

"No; he may have an impediment in
his speech."

Wigg-How is Bjones making out in the real estate business? Wagg-Great. He has just sold a site for a blind asylum.

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Editor—This story of yours is hardly available. It seems—er—lacking in color. Author—Would you advise me to use red ink next time?

Nell—He married her for her beauty but beauty won't last. Bele—And she married him for his money so they are both in the same boat.

Mrs. Highfalutin—I'm getting a lovely coat of arms made. Mrs. Crossroads—Good gracious! They ain't makin' coats without arms, be they?

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"I haven't got my new hat yet." "No,"
he replied; "you haven't got your new
hatchet, but you've still got your old
hammer, haven't you?"

"I think you will suit," said the mistress; "how about a reference?" "That's all right, mum," answered the hired girl, affably; "I lolke yer looks. Never moind a riference."

They were talking of trees. "I like the oak," she said. "It is so majestic-so sturdy. Which one do you prefer?" "Yew," he answered siyly. In 10 min-ntes the happy day was fixed.

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"Married men are much more philosophical than single men," remarked the Wise Guy. "Of course," retorted the Simple Mug. "A married man knows he has to make the best of it."

"What business brings the heaviest returns?" asked the man who wanted to know. "The literary business, sighed the struggling author, as he opened a two-pound rejected book manuscript.

Mr. Youngpop—What's the matter

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Mr. Youngpop—What's the matter with the baby? Don't you think we ought to send for the doctor? Mrs. Youngpop—What do you see the matter with him? Mr. Youngpop—Why, he isn't crying.

"Henry, how is the plot of that sea novel running?" "Well, just at this chapter there is a terrible storm, and the passengers are afraid the boat will go to the top." "You mean the bottom." "No, this is a submarine boat."

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A Provident Bridegroom.

He was a loiterer; and I was a loiterer; but there seemed more purpose in his loitering than in mine, and there was a look in his eye which suggested apprehension. We were both marching up and down between the steps of St. Martin's church and Morley's hotel—I for the purpose of getting such air as Trafalgar square afforded; he, apparently, with some definite and almost sinister resolve. The square was in one of its golden moods; the pigeons about the National Gallery strutted and shone gallantly; the idle foundains looked as though they might have spouted golden rain. But these things were not for my fellow-loiterer. He sauntered along with that purposeful look which arouses suspicion, and when I came to look at him closely my suspicions were confirmed. He was wearing enormous back woolen gloves, 'hese struck an utterly incongruous note in an attire which was otherwise impeccable; his patent leather boots shamed them. Then I observed an extraordinary thing. As the hands of St. Martin's clock neared 11 he ran up the church steps, turned at the door and drew off the woolen abominations to disclose hands incased in lavender kid. The cautious and provident creature was going to be married!—The Academy.

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"You are in the employ of the company?" inquired the gentleman alluded to.

"Yes."

"You receive your new results and the company of the company?"

"You receive your pay regularly?"
"Yes."
"Well, now, supposing you were working for a farmer instead of the

working for a farmer instead of the company, would you expect your employer to take out his horse every Saturday night and carry you home? This seemed a poser, but it wasn't "No," said the man, promptly. "I would not expect that; but if the farmer had his horses out and was going my way, I should call him a very mean fellow if he would not let merite."

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Oddly Mixed School Children Greet
Starry Banner With Song.

Seldom has Honolulu seen such a
patriotic demonstration as that which
took place at the Kaahumanu school
where the Stars and Stripes were raised aloft to the peak of the new flagstaff by grizzled and war-worn members of the Grand Army to the Inspiring notes from the bugles of artillerymen from the United States garrison
at Camp McKinley. Five hundred
and sixty pupils were grouped at the
foot of the pole, and as the emblem
slowly rose 650 small flags were waved enthusiastically and from the
throats of children arose the swelling
refrain of "America, My Country, Tis
of Thee." It was a strange, hetrogeneous gathering of boys and girls. File
after file of young Hawaiians marched
in the shadow of Old Glory, and intermingled with them were scores upon
scores of Chinese and Japanese, Portuguese and South Sea Isianders, with
here and there a small sprinkling of
Anglo-Saxon faces. Despite the mixture of nationalities which were gathered to do honor to the flag, all seemed intent upon the spirit of the occasion and indicated their patriotism
is many youthful ways.

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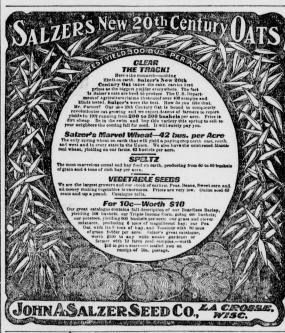
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