

## Midsummer Hats



LACES and nets are more generally used in making hats for midsummer than for many seasons past. They are fine for remodeling shapes that have been worn but are available for a second or third season, as leghorns and milans. If the used shape is discolored or not in perfect repairs, ruffles of lace, sewed one row above another, may easily cover the upper brim entirely. With a crown of net draped over a thin silk for the top, no part of the original shape is visible except the under brim. Such a hat is shown in Fig. 1. The lace is a German val pattern and is knife pleated, making ruffles a little less than two inches wide. These are slip stitched to the brim.

The wreath of buds and foliage about the crown at the base is all that is needed to complete the hat. A leghorn in Fig. 2 shows the under brim covered to within an inch and a half of the edge with a dotted net in pale blue. A big puffed crown of the net is draped over a wreath of hydrangeas, which grows wider at the back, where it climbs to the top of the crown. Very little of the upper brim is visible and the crown of this hat is almost wholly concealed. On the crown the net is draped over plain chiffon a trifle lighter in tone than itself. This is another excellent design for a hat which is to be remodeled from one that shows signs of wear. JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

### CARE OF THE GIRL'S ROOM

Trick of Having Apartment Beautiful, Attractive and Clean is Simple and Easily Learned.

A girl can learn nothing more useful than the simple trick of having her own room beautiful, attractive and clean. It is not always possible to have the furniture, but one can have a "homey looking" room. One thing is absolutely necessary, a room must be clean, bedspreads, pretty linen dresser pieces and chair cushions are necessary. Cover the trunk (if kept in the room) with a cretonne cover, and have a scrap basket to hold little odds and ends which must be burned. On the table have well selected books and magazines. Keep gay postal cards in a neat postal card book. Do not decorate the walls with them, for pretty as they are they soon hang crooked and make a room look untidy.

Have a place for shoes, for if anything makes a room upset it is a pair of tan shoes lying, pigeon-toed, under the bed and another pair of black ones under the dresser. Keep the closet in order so that when the door is opened you will not be ashamed to have anyone see how you keep your clothes. If you put things away as you use them you can have a room like this. Have one palm or fern grace your room, and if it dies get a new one.

### GRACEFUL LINGERIE DRESS.



Beautifully embroidered in pale blue and white.

### CLEVER USES OF BASKETS

Make Very Pretty Jardinieres by Use of Cheap Materials and Little Artistic Skill.

A woman who likes to have her house full of growing plants in winter has discovered the baskets which can be bought for 10 cents make very pretty jardinieres. These baskets, in old-fashioned willow-ware, come in dark green, deep red and brown, and any of them are effective with the green of the plants, says the New York Tribune. If the baskets are bought in a 10-cent store it is most likely that one will need only to go to another department to buy for 10 cents the pans that will exactly fit them. Before being filled by the florist the pans should be painted grass green, or to match the basket.

One of these baskets may also, with a little more manipulation, be made to fill the more prosaic sphere of a work-basket, lined with Persian silk in harmonizing colors. On one side is a pocket of silk drawn up by narrow elastic, and small bows holding in place an emery ball, a bodkin, a glove mender and a needle book make a pretty decoration along the edge. The outer edge is trimmed with a modest little fancy fringe.

Newer in style is the brown one, with yellow added for brightness. There is a mat in the bottom cut from cardboard and covered with brown silk, which is fastened to the under side with glue. The little silk cushion, which is of the tomato order, measures four and a half inches across. Both mat and cushion are held in place by two stitches of strong silk that go through the bottom of the basket. A yard and a half of ribbon three and a quarter inches wide will be required to hold the spoils and to make the bow. A quarter of a yard of a wider ribbon in the same shade will do for the cushion.

### Slip-Over Blouses.

Blouses of silk or linen or wool or satin or pongee that slip over the head and require no buttoning up back or front are the latest. They are very dainty in appearance and complete, needing no gump. There is a little opening down a few inches in front and the neck has a tube for a drawing of silk, which ties in front and ends in tassels. Some are finished at the neck with a net frill. The sleeves are in kimono style and there is any variety of plain, striped and fancy silks and other materials.

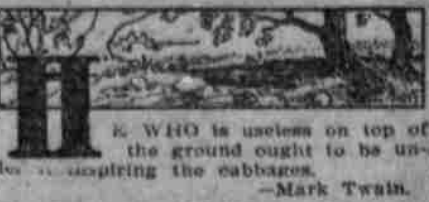
### Crocheted Cuff Links.

Cuff links for wash waists may be made from two crochet buttons, sewed together like the parts of a dumbbell link with a strong thread loop of the right length, which is then button-holed over and over. These links will wash, are pretty and are not easily lost, besides being economical.

### Chamois Trimmings.

An odd but beautiful evening gown is of chamois colored tulle, with embroideries worked on real chamois leather in Japanese style with floss silks. The designs are chrysantheums in lovely shades of yellow, gray and drab, and here and there a dragon worked in silver thread.

## THE KITCHEN CABINET



WHO is useless on top of the ground ought to be un-der-estimating the cabbage.

—Mark Twain.

### HOT WEATHER DISHES.

Fruit drinks, salads and meat substitutes are dishes we are looking for during the hot days of summer.

There is no drink which quite takes the place of the old-fashioned lemonade, and none next to pure cold water which quenches the thirst so effectually. A very nice drink may be prepared from a lemon and two oranges for a quart of water. Bruise a bunch of mint, and let it diffuse in the juice for an hour or two, then remove and add the water; sugar to taste and a sprig of mint and a slice of lemon and orange to each glass.

A delicious dessert is one in which musk melons, cut in halves and seeds removed, are placed on paper doilies on a small plate. Fill these fruit cups with ice cream and garnish with a few pieces of canton ginger to simulate seeds. This is a truly delightful dessert.

Another equally delicious dessert, though not as beautiful in appearance, is grape juice parfait.

Boil a third of a cup of grape juice and three-fourths of a cup of sugar until it hairs when dropped from a spoon. Pour in a fine stream upon the whites of two eggs beaten stiff. To one and a fourth cupful of double cream add a half cup of grape juice and the juice of a lemon; beat until firm. Fold the two mixtures together and mold. Cover securely and pack in equal measures of salt and ice. When unmolded sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts.

When serving watermelon, cut the melon crosswise and use a large spoon to cut out cones of the melon, removing the seeds before serving. A grape leaf may be used for a doily on each plate.

The simple French dressing is so easily made and so much more palatable and nutritious than the bottled dressings, it should be often on our tables.

The great reason that so many people object to olive oil is no doubt because they have been served with an inferior oil. There is no economy in purchasing a poor oil for the table. Olive oil should have a sweet, nutty flavor and odor, and a slightly greenish color.



### THE SUNDAY DINNER.

The Sunday dinner in most homes is a little more elaborate than an ordinary dinner, as there is no need for hurry, and the family are all at home to enjoy it. For the busy mother with no one to help her, a big Sunday dinner has no especial charm, for she needs the day of rest as much as any member of the family. One may have a roast that has been cooked the day before and reheated for Sunday, or a veal loaf may be prepared and served cold. The salad may be all ready to put together on Saturday, and a dessert, like custard, or a frozen dish kept in the fireless cooker for dessert. A fireless cooker is a wonderful help in the servantless home.

A dish of mashed potatoes may be quickly prepared by heating cold boiled potatoes in boiling water for a few minutes, then mash and season.

For the Sunday night lunch, let the man of the house prepare it. Most men think it great fun, and are especially proud when proficiency rewards their efforts.

Begin with simple things at first like the making of dainty sandwiches, the preparation of tea or cocoa, and gradually lead up to rarebit and omelets. A nice Sunday night sandwich which is very well liked is one made by spreading buttered bread cut in rounds, with butter, then add cheese that has been grated and softened with cream. Put together sandwich fashion and fry in butter until well browned on both sides.

Serve these sandwiches on a plate of lettuce leaves with a cup of cocoa and a dish of fruit and a small cake, and you have a most appetizing lunch easy to prepare.

house with comfort without a maid to a fortunate woman. She must be systematic without making system a bug bear. It takes brains as well as muscle to be a successful housekeeper. A maid has her regular work laid out for her, which she can usually do with no thought of interruption; but how is it with the house mother? She has a thousand calls and interruptions from Mary, with a cut finger, to the telephone and door. It is so hard, too, at all times to be fresh and presentable when one is doing housework. A big apron that will cover the dress is a most desirable kind to wear, and may be used as a dress in hot weather.

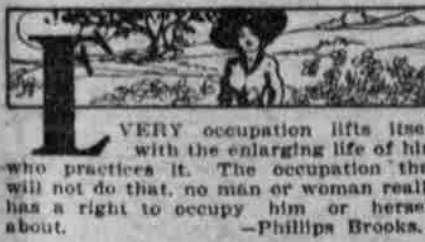
The early rising habit has helped one housekeeper to solve the "no servant" problem, getting so much out of the way before the family are astir. She is not able to accomplish as much as a good Bridget, who boasted of her early rising, however, as she said she got up and got breakfast and had all the beds made before the family were up.

When a woman does her own work she must not waste time and energy doing things over. A kitchen floor need be swept but once in the forenoon, and when doing work that will soil table or sink, use papers and burn them, saving the time for more essential things.

A dainty table is a necessity, and a dainty person is another; both may be kept with a little care. If the table is slightly use coffee. Instead of a cloth, and save the ironing of large linen; a few doilies are easily laundered.

Another help to a busy housekeeper is having the family on time at meals, being late is only a habit and a good one to break.

Take a few hours each day for rest or recreation. You owe it to yourself as all work and no play has the same effect upon Jill that it does upon Jack.



### COOKING EN CASSEROLE.

Casserole cookery is steadily advancing in favor, as it is an easy way of serving the main dish with vegetables. The cheapest cuts of meat, by the long cooking and with the addition of vegetables to flavor, make an inexpensive dish.

Chicken is delicious cooked and served en casserole.

Clean and separate the chicken at the joints, roll in flour and fry in butter or pork fat until brown on both sides. Put the joints into the casserole, add a pint of stock which is made by stewing the wing tips and neck, cook an hour and a half, then add parboiled potatoes and carrots, the potatoes in balls and the carrots cut in slices; brown in butter before adding to the dish. A few mushrooms are a decided improvement in the dish. Cover and cook until the vegetables are tender, then serve from the casserole.

A boiled dinner is delicious cooked in a casserole, and so, of course, not boiled, but baked. The cabbage and potatoes are parboiled, as well as the carrots and turnips, before adding to the pork in the casserole. Cover with the liquor that the carrots were cooked in and bake until all the vegetables are soft.

Pigeons en Casserole.—Clean carefully without cutting up, and stuff each with a bunch of celery, which may be removed before serving. Parboil for half an hour in water to cover, and use the same water to cook them in after putting in the casserole.

Vegetables may be added if desired, though the celery flavor is sufficient to make a fine flavored dish. Season when the pigeons are put to cook in the oven, and when tender remove and use the gravy, thickened for a sauce, to pour around them when serving.

### Nellie Maxwell.

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