

WHAT FASHION DECIDES WOMEN



The New Bridal Fan.
At a recent New York society wedding a decided novelty was in evidence. Instead of the orthodox bouquet of orange blossoms or white and silver prayer book, the bride carried a fan of costly point lace, which was attached to her wrist by means of a narrow white satin ribbon. Her long and narrow point applique veil was so arranged as to conceal little of her hair. The top was twisted in a loose fold, which was arranged in two loops, one much lower than the other, at the side of her moderately high coiffure. A very long and full spray of orange blossoms was fastened at the left of the tulle loops and trailed almost to her shoulder. A still larger spray was used on the corsage.

A Smart Storm Coat.
Rain coats have become so general as to be counted among the necessities of life. This one is smart at the same time. It is suited to all the many waterproof materials in vogue. As shown,



4541 Rain Coat, 32 to 40 bust. —Design by May Manton.

however, it is made of Oxford cravenette stitched, and is trimmed with straps of the same held by bone buttons. The coat is loose and simple at the same time that it is shapely and includes sleeves that can be clipped on and off with ease. The shoulder cape means warmth as well as style and the fitter collar provides both comfort and protection. To make the coat for a woman of medium size will be required 5 1/2 yards 44 or 5 yards 52 inches wide. A May Mantion pattern No. 4541, sizes 32 to 40, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

Inexpensive Bath Robes.
Pretty wash flannels in pink or blue are just the thing for bath gowns. They are warm and comfortable for room wear and save a more elaborate gown, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. For one of average height six yards is enough, and as they need no trimming the cost of the gown is trifling. Cut in three widths, one in back or two in front; hem, and mount on a double yoke, finishing the neck with a wide

turnover collar. Gather the full sleeves after each time of wearing. If you allow them to get very dirty, home cleaning is seldom a success; but treated in this way they will look nice for quite a long time.

If lace is ironed directly after washing, first under a cloth, finishing off with nothing between it and the iron. There is no need to starch it. Ironing while wet gives it just the right amount of stiffness.

After taking a cake stand the tin directly you take it from the oven on a cloth which has been wrung out of hot water. Leave a few minutes, and then turn out. The cake will come out without any trouble.

When furnishing one's money in the pockets of all bed rooms; then, when the carpets begin to wear, or you move to another house, the best part of one or two can be joined together, and will make quite a presentable carpet.

Milliners' Ban on the Veil.
It will not do for the pretty girl to bid her presence under an accumulation of gauze veils any longer. The milliners have found her out. In convention assembled they have denounced the veil and jured at the woman who wears it. It gives too much opportunity to economical women to look smart at a trifling expense to suit the other women who live by the hats they sell. Mrs. Hunt, an officer of the National Milliners' association, says: "It is a dangerous fashion, a stylish veil puts money in the pockets of the veil makers; but takes it out of ours. Many women conceal old hats under flimsy masses of brown veiling and then forego the pleasures of a new hat. We must expose this practice."

Tea Punch.
Make a strong infusion of tea, pouring a quart of boiling water over a tablespoonful of Ceylon or English breakfast tea and letting it stand until cold. Strain and add to the following mixture: The juice of three lemons and the juice of three oranges, the pulp and juice of a shredded pineapple and one pint of sugar. When the sugar is entirely dissolved add one quart apollinaris and one box fresh strawberries or raspberries, used whole. Pour over a block of ice in the punch bowl. A cupful of claret and a tablespoonful of curacao may be added if desired.

Velvet Coats Fashionable.
Odd coats of velvet are more fashionable than ones of cloth. Made in three-quarter lengths, they are extremely handsome affairs, and are seen in a variety of different shapes. The smartest are made to fit loosely at the back, with straight fronts which hang from the shoulders. Appliques in satin or cloth make a most effective coat, although some of the prettiest are very simple as to cut, the beauty of the garment depending upon the good lines and the material.

Centre La Migraine.
A delightful essence to inhale when suffering from headache is composed of one drachm of oil of lavender, one ounce lump camphor, three ounces liquid ammonia and one pint alcohol. Dissolve and bottle. Nervous headaches are often relieved by applying towels wrung out of hot water to the face and head. Use as hot water as can be borne.

Gaiters New in Style.
Smart women are adopting the English custom of wearing gaiters or gaiters. For the ones who wear low shoes all winter this is a very comfortable style. On stormy days the

A SMART AFTERNOON BLOUSE.



No. 4557.—Design by May Mantion.

Simple waists with deep yoke collars are greatly liked for home afternoon wear both with matching and contrasting skirts. This one is made of reseda crepe albatross and is trimmed with fancy black braid and carved gold buttons. The narrow

gaiters protect the ankles from the coming damps, which is excuse enough for wearing them aside from the fact that they are modish. Although many prefer the small checked effects, the prettier style is to have the gaiters the same color as the skirt, thus making them inconspicuous.

Princess Wrapper.
No other garment yet devised means the comfort and relaxation of the well-made morning gown. This



4555 Princess Wrapper, 32 to 42 bust. —Design by May Mantion.

excellent model is well adapted to its use and is suited to many materials. It also can be made either high or with a square neck. As illustrated it is made of blue challie dotted with black, the yoke being of ecru lace and the trimming black and white braid. The wrapper combines loose fronts with a fitted back, but is made over a fitted front lining that means perfect neatness. The pointed yoke with the sleeve caps give the breadth of shoulder that is so fashionable, but the square yoke can be substituted and the sleeve caps omitted if preferred. To make the wrapper for a woman of medium size will be required 11 1/2 yards 27 or 7 yards 44 inches wide, with 1/2 yard of all-over lace. A May Mantion pattern No. 4555, sizes 32 to 42, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

Heavy white stitchings are always smart on black.
Fur scarfs are broader and longer than last year.
Shirtings form girldle effects on many pretty frocks.
White and pale colored zibelines are used for dressy gowns.
The average woman looks best in a fine net veil without spots.
Have two or three sets of lingerie sleeve ruffles for the one gown.
Insect forms of jeweled gummets are worn at corage and in coiffure.
Safety lies halfway between a drooping blouse and a tight-fitting bodice.
Yoke and sleeves of gold net add a rich finish to the white evening gown.
Mirror velvets are the lightest and best fitted for tucking and shirring conceals.
Most women are at their best in the faintly fluffy things they call "home gowns."
For the street there is the coat and skirt costume of navy blue velvet in walking length.

To Cook Prunes.

When prunes are served they should fall apart from the stones and be very tender. In order that the prunes should reach the perfection of tenderness it is better to soak them in cold water for twenty-four hours before cooking. First they should be washed thoroughly in scalding water, then put to soak. After the soaking they may be boiled with sugar—not too much—or they may be soaked a second twenty-four hours in milk and then served with honey. Honey is always better with cream than sugar is.

Maple Sugar Sauce for Ice Cream.

Add a pound of maple sugar, broken into bits, a very little water and boil until it begins to thread. Thicken it with shelled English walnuts that have been broken into small bits. Pour while hot over the ice cream and serve immediately.

To restore linoleum.

To restore linoleum that has lost its freshness first clean it and dry it, says the Chicago News. Melt a little ordinary glue in a pint of water and at night go over the linoleum with a flannel that has been dipped in the glue water. Next morning the oilcloth will have a fine, hard gloss.

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The duties of the railway postal clerk require a high order of dexterity and skill, which not being gifts God given, are acquired by years of untiring effort. His work is for the benefit of everyone, and in his views all are leveled to the same plane. Through his hands pass the messages of countless millions, and whether of city or village, counting home or farm, whether bearing failure or success, sorrow or joy, they speed to their destination. Upon his skill, ability and untiring efforts depend, to a great extent, the success of all social, political and commercial enterprises. He is the link between the nation, and can you imagine the condition if the ten thousand postal clerks of this country were to resign in a body? Means of communication would then be limited to the telegraph and telephone, and that they would prove wholly inadequate is apparent to the mind with the least reflection. The condition of the business world, and the shock would be felt to the remotest part of the civilized globe. It is pleasing, however, to be assured that no such event will take place, for while realizing his power he is inspired with the spirit of patriotism that is the life of every true American. The thought of any other action than devotion to duty never enters his mind.

The railway mail service has kept pace with the needs of advancing times, and it is the proud boast of the postal clerk that he is the agency through which this pace is and has been kept. The time has come when, in spite of the most heroic efforts that men can put forth, they are overwhelmed. And the time is at hand when more attention must be given or we will reap the reward of our neglect. The attention of every business man should be called to this branch of the public service, for they are directly and intimately concerned.

Upon the railway postal clerk depends the success of his important branch of the government, and his removal would destroy in a day what it has taken years to build. It is due to his fidelity that the work of this wonderful business has been carried on to almost perfection, and when we consider the vast quantity of mail produced in this country and the rapidity with which it is transported to its destination with almost mathematical precision by this remarkable machine or distribution and delivery it is little short of marvelous. If each of the eighty millions of people of the United States mail one letter or parcel a day, the average is eight thousand and packages to the postal clerk—and this is conservative—and the result shows that he makes one mistake—mis-sends one piece for every ten thousand handled. The business and professional worlds are challenged to show a record that even approaches this.

In this service there is no place for "the sloopy, the sluggish or the indifferent." The essential element is manhood in the absolute, not the outward show of manhood, but the inner consciousness of physical strength, mental capabilities and moral worth. These, coupled with the "unwearied spirit of application," make a good citizen and a good postal clerk. These are the men for whom a postal clerk is and ought to be a good citizen. He must practice those virtues which make men better in order to withstand the strain of unremitting mental and physical hardship, and that he does practice them is evidenced by the record he has made.

Upon such as he rests the destiny of this nation. His is a life of duty, a life that brings sweet reward, a life that enables a life that requires energy, alertness and fidelity; a life that molds character, that strengthens individually and marks him a man separate and distinct from all other men.—From an address by E. J. Kern at the annual convention of the Railway Postal Clerks' association of the Sixth Division.

Foodstuff Production.

Since 1840 the world's production of meat has increased 57 per cent and grain 420 per cent.

The Walking Age.

Ten per cent of the children of the world walk by the time they are ten months old.

Indian's Strategem.

The late Mrs. Harriet Converse used to tell a little incident which took place while she was on one of her numerous visits to the Seneca reservation in New York state. For a certain reason she wished to write out the name of an Indian there. He did not wish to show the white woman chief his ignorance of spelling, and he adroitly avoided the point, when she asked how to spell his name, by saying: "It make no matter; put it down without spell."—New York Times.

Unalloyed Happiness.

Mme. Gardski is one of the most sociable of the grand opera stars, and when not singing gives memorable theater parties. Last season a bevy of young girls were entertained by her. During the performance she bent toward a debutante and inquired: "How do you like it? Are you happy?" "Happy!" was the reply. "I feel like a big doll I once took to a birthday party; it had such a good time that it pretty nearly lost all its say-dust!"—New York Times.

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Mr. Albert Lietzman, 1596 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I am feeling splendid and have never felt better in my life. Through the advice of a friend I tried Peruna, and am glad to say it cured me to perfection. I began to tell a friend about Peruna the other day and I had no sooner commenced than he told me his folks have kept Peruna in the house for the last five years. I am sure I wouldn't be without it. Mother also uses it to keep herself in good health."

Ask Your Druggist for free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1904.

Chicago's Murderous Cars.

An appalling list of dead and injured from the operation of the antiquated street car systems of Chicago exists in the police and coroner's records for the month of October. Twelve persons appear as having been killed by cable cars or trolley cars, and 155 were reported injured from the same cause. Many cases of slight injury, it is said, are never reported. Defective equipment seems to have been the cause of many of the accidents; carelessness by motormen or gripmen apparently was another prolific cause. The killed average nearly one every two days, and the injured more than five per day.

The Cook and the Pope.

Bishop Potter is telling a story for after dinner purposes on an Irish cook who once served in his family. "One day I heard the cook sweating at a great rate at an Italian gardener we had and I rebuked him for it. 'But, yer riverence,' she said, 'he is nothin' but an ole dago anyway.' You should not speak that way of an Italian,' I protested. 'You know that your pope is a dago, as you call them, and you consider him infallible.' 'Yes, I know that,' she answered. 'And as a dago he is infallible, but if he was an Irish man he would be twice as infallible!'"

A Western Woolgrower.

Newcastle, Wyo., Dec. 21.—There is a man in this place who claims that no one need suffer with backache, as he has proven in his own case that it can be completely and permanently cured. His name is S. C. Holst, and he is a stock raiser and woolgrower. "I was shearing sheep at the time the first pain came on," says Mr. Holst. "I was so bad for two years afterwards that I could hardly sit down, and when once down it was almost impossible for me to get up again. I tried all the medicine I could hear of and several doctors without help, not even for a moment. I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and they made a new man out of me. I felt as if there was new blood in my veins. I am as stout in the back as a mule and can lift and work as hard as I please without an ache or pain in any part of my body. It is now over a year since they cured me and I can say there is not a healthier man in Wyoming than I am, and before using Dodd's Kidney Pills there was not a more complete physical wreck in the whole country than I was."

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A man rarely regards a woman as strong enough to be left entirely on her own resources.

Some women are attractive only when they are laughing.



ALICE SCHAFER.

Mrs. Schaffer, 436 Bope Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "In the early part of last year I wrote to you for advice for my daughter Alice, four years of age. She has been a puffy, sickly, ailing child since her birth. She had convulsions and catarrhal fevers. I was always doctoring until we commenced to use Peruna. She grew strong and well. Peruna is a wonderful tonic; the best medicine I have ever used. 'I was in a very wretched condition when I commenced to take Peruna. I had catarrh all through my whole body. But thank God, your medicine set me all right. I would not have any other medicine.' 'Peruna cured my baby boy of a very bad spell of cold and fever. He is a big healthy boy fifteen months old. I have given him Peruna all and on since he was born. I think that is why he is so well. I cannot praise Peruna enough. We have not had a doctor since we began to use Peruna—all praise to it.'—Mrs. Schaffer.

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And yet another child catches cold and articular rheumatism is the result. Ankles, knees, wrists and elbows become suddenly swollen and jointed. A long disastrous illness follows. The child may live and become convalescent, a miserable invalid of valvular disease of the heart. All these mishaps are the direct result of neglected cold. Peruna is the safeguard of the family. If a child catches cold, Peruna should be used immediately. A few doses of Peruna and a child's cold is gone. The apprehension of the parents flies away. The household is free from fear once more. If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. H. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.



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