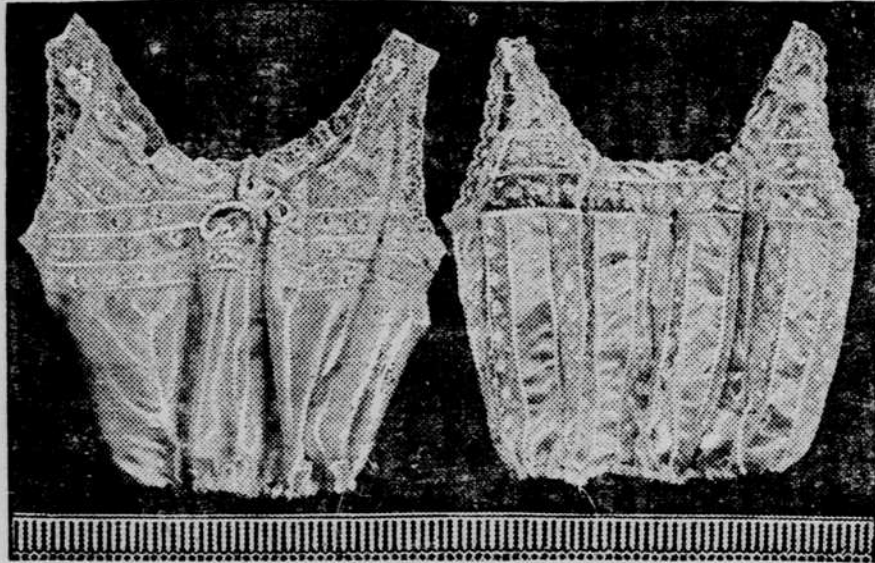


Silken Underbodies



As an ally to the diaphanous blouse—which continues to triumph in the face of winter—the underbody of wash silk and lace is evidently destined to divide honors with it. It is equally soft and attractive, and has only made its entry on a career of usefulness that is to grow in importance.

Washable silks and satins, crepe de chine and some new silk weaves are used, with lingerie laces, to make these underbodies. They launder as easily as cotton or linen fabrics and are just as durable. With these practical attributes in their favor, and the elegance and beauty lent by the silk, to recommend them, it is safe to anticipate their appeal to women.

Two of the most popular underbodies are shown in the picture above, both very simple in construction. Val insertion and edging is used in combination with silk and with ribbon for making them. In one of them the bodice is formed by sewing alternating rows of lace and wash ribbon together with machine stitching. In the others a yoke is made of rows of the insertion, machine stitched together and edged with narrow lace, and having a wide band of thin silk set on to it. When bodices of this kind are made at home the edges of the lace insertion may be whipped together by hand with a little better effect than is possible in machine stitching.

White and light pink silks are used with cream-colored lace for making the majority of silk and lace bodices, but they are sometimes made in a light shade of the color in the blouse with which they are worn, or exactly to match it. Some of the prettiest models have narrow insertions of val or cluny lace let in to the silk in figures, and are finished with narrow

lace beadings and edging. Lingerie ribbon is run through the beading and used in rosettes and bows for ornamentation.

Julia Bottomley

A l'Italienne.

This autumn fashions are to be "a l'Italienne," if one may believe a persistent rumor that is going the rounds. Several prominent folk in the import world went to Italy this summer and came back with their trunks full of fabrics from the land of sunshine. There were laces and beads from Venice, ribbons from Naples, lace basques from Florence, and the sort of gaudy striped fabric that the peasant woman wears in her short skirts. So be prepared. Russian styles have had their inning. Balkan colors are a thing of the past. We are weary of the cry for things oriental. Somehow the predicted Spanish vogue never took root. It is all of with the Turkish trouser skirt and no one ever has suggested going to the buxom blondes of the kaiser's empire for clothes inspiration.

Gloves With Frills.

New silk gloves for wear with long-sleeved coats and frocks have tiny frills in contrasting color at the top, the little frill running down the wrist, which fastens with snaps. White gloves have navy blue or black frills on gloves in the new sand and putty shades and in a pale champagne tint which is very fashionable. The frills on these new gloves are made of the woven silk fabric of the glove plaited in the tiniest of side plaits.

BUSINESS HARMONY.

This has been a good season for business men's outings, picnics, field days and other summer sports. And they have served a good purpose. Business harmony is an absolute necessity to a community. It brings a closer co-operation to business organizations. Boards of trade are worthless if they are allowed to become hot beds of petty jealousies, bickerings and cut-throat methods between the members. A great many business or-

ganizations also fail because a few officers are allowed to do all the work and the remainder of the members stand aside and criticize, fail to attend meetings and put up an almost insurmountable bar to closer unity. Here steps in the social side. The picnic, the summer outing, the field day, when all members of the Business Men's Association close shop and get together to play cannot but result in harmony and a better understanding. Stiffness and formality

Wholesale Manufacturing of Criminals

"The greatest crime in the United States is the wholesale manufacture of criminals," says Henry B. Hyde in The Chicago Tribune, writing of the great number of useless laws passed by state legislatures and city councils each year. And to support his indictment Mr. Hyde marshals an array of facts which fiction cannot match.

Commenting editorially on Mr. Hyde's charges. The Tribune says: "Obviously, what Br. Hyde calls the wholesale manufacture of criminals" is one of the unexpected results of our uncritical reliance upon legislation as a cure-all. When the American sees anything he doesn't like, his first impulse is to pass a law against it. If there are no statutes against gravitation enacted at the vociferous behest of Americans who have slipped up on a winter's day, it is an oversight which will be corrected in due time.

"This is an American failing which is often commented on. Less often do we ponder the moral phase of the American habit of passing laws. Undoubtedly we have been passing through a period of acute self-consciousness. Many things which

were ignored by our fathers we understand or think we understand the evil of, and in attempting to express our new sense of responsibility and correct the newly discovered faults by our favorite method of law-making we have not only far outstripped our capacity for the more difficult task of administration, but we have developed a taste for correcting what seem to be our neighbors errors which bids fair in turn to include everything from his choice of neckties to his religious creed.

"This taste for censorship is not discriminating. What seems to the great mass of a given community as at worst harmless or inconsiderable, seems to some moral specialists heinous and deeply demoralizing. In no country of the world today, we believe, are there so many good people who happen to be passionately energized over some particular fact of our fallible human nature. The United States is one huge example of Herbert Spencer's simile on reform. It is a titanic sheet of metal on which the dinges are being furiously beaten down with the inevitable result that with almost every blow of our blundering hammers a new dinge is made

as the old one disappears. "In this period of an awakened social conscience we show collectively a tendency to neurosthenia in reform, an individually a supersensitiveness as to other people's errors. If a good many of our efforts at bettering the world over night could be treated with a dose of humor and sense of proportion, a deal of unnecessary suffering could be avoided and some very serious social reactions escaped. "But more is needed even than the perfecting of law enforcement and administration, a thing more difficult to attain. We need a check upon our growing tendency to force our neighbors into compliance with our own special standards. If we are to accept a sterner and more detailed social discipline, let us at least see that it is shaped by the common conscience and based on the broad and settled convictions of the community. Let us no longer subject the individual to the heterogeneous tyranny of innumerable minorities. Too much of our penal law is made under the cover of public indifference by that species of man or woman who would have us all run into the mold of his or her own conviction."

can't last long in the baseball game between the fat men and the slim ones. The sourest grouch in the association is apt to become almost human under the influences of the sack or potato races, while the hatched-faced, thin-lipped cashier who has a reputation of having smiled back in '96, is more apt to thaw under the stories and the luncheon under the trees than he is if he remains secluded in his money cage. These get-together meetings are far-reaching. Bill Jones who has always hated his competitor, will go back to town laughing at the story the hated one told, and, like as not, will get into the habit of dropping by his store to hear more of those stories and, incidentally, talk over business matters with him. Town spirit and good business grow out of pleasant relations.

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PRINCIPLE OF MAGIC CLEANERS.

The principle of the magic cleaner and similar well-advertised devices for cleaning silver is so simple that a housekeeper should be able to make an outfit with the outlay of a few cents for zinc, according to the Department of Home Economics, College of Agriculture. The blackening of silver is due to the formation of a compound with sulphur. This compound may be broken up by an electrolytic current produced in the following manner: In a vessel large enough to hold the silver to be cleaned, place a strip or piece of zinc about the size of a person's hand. Add sufficient hot water to cover the silver. To each

Christmas In the Home

Many of the most beautiful things of life are but memories. Here is an incident which may become for some readers a pleasant and recurring realization of joy. It was the good fortune of the writer a few years ago to be the Christmas guest at a home where the true idea of Christmas cheer and spirit was realized. On the eve of the great day the father of the flock brought forth Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and a well worn copy it was too. After they had gathered about the fireplace he read aloud the first part of the story. Then mother and each child in turn participated until the story was completed. Many times had the writer read the carol, but under the conditions just related the beautiful tale had a newer meaning than had ever before been experienced. "When I came into that home at the Christmas season long since past," he said, "I could sense the real and true spirit of the occasion, and when I was told that the reading of this tale had been a custom of years I felt I knew the well sprung custom in my own family, with a few changes. The story is, of course, quite long for one reading, so we have developed the plan of beginning the reading a week before the great day, reading part each night. Then when Christmas eve comes I have found it additionally valuable in fostering the Christmas spirit to have read aloud the wonderful, beautiful story of the nativity from the second chapter of St. Luke. We then complete the Carol, and every one is then truly ready for the glorious dawning of the morrow."

quart of water add about a teaspoonful of salt. An equal amount of soda is sometimes added, but is not necessary. Cold or warm water may be used but the action of cold water is slower. Immerse the silver to be cleaned. It may be convenient to place it in a wire basket. Unless the silver is badly darkened, the stains will disappear in a minute or two, when the silver should be rinsed and dried.

Christmas Eve

The blacklog's flame has died away;
The embers into ashes drift.
Outside the snows are eddying, gray,
And piling fast in many a rift.
White robed is now the cedar tree
Where once the catbird nightly sang,
And from the eaves by two and three
The icicles like arrows hang.

The shadows on the somber wall
Flit, cross and dance amid the gloom,
And streaks of ghostly color fall
In changing hues about the room.
The spiders in the corners dim
Within their webs the closer cling,
And from the mantel's oaken rim
A pair of children's stockings swing.

O'er field and forest, lane and road
Fast and still faster swirl the snows,
And in the barn loft snugly stowed
A drowsy rooster wakes and crows.
The clock strikes twelve, and midnight wanes,
While winter skies stretch cold and drear.
Frost flowers blossom on the panes,
The snows float by and disappear.

And then across the roof-tree swells,
Borne by the winds that fall and rise,
A sound of many hurrying bells,
A sound that ebbs and peals and dies.
And next adown the chimney creeps
The children's saint in all the lands,
And, true to all the trysts he keeps
White boarded on the hearthstone stands.

—Ernest McGaffey in Ladies' Home Companion.

A Christmas School.

Some of the very best dolls are made in Sonneburg, Germany, which has an academy of design.

This school was established in 1851, and its model room contains many excellent pieces of sculpture and rare old prints. Modeling dolls is no easy task, and it is remarkable what perfect figures the students of this school are able to turn out. Molds are made from the models and from these leaden patterns the heads, arms and legs are turned out, a special machine being used for stamping the hands. The factories, especially the kneading room, are hot and filled with steam, and for this reason the big, brawny Germans who knead the mixture wear as few clothes as possible while at work.

BURLINGTON ENGINE THE PRIZE WINNER.

The largest engine in the exhibit of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, at the San Francisco Exposition, which was awarded the grand prize, was the Burlington's engine No. 6110. This is the largest road engine of the non-articulated type ever built. It weighs nearly 300 tons, is almost 84 feet long and carries seventeen tons of coal and 10,000 gallons of water. Its fire box is as large as a homestead shack and the inside diameter of the front end of the boiler is seven feet four inches. It took thirty-seven days to get this engine across the continent from Philadelphia to San Francisco. A number of engines of this type are already in service on the Burlington's lines.

Of course we are "buying it at home this Christmas."

There are many beautiful stories associated with the origin of the first Christmas tree. One legend says that on the holy night all nature, even the animals and the trees, was rejoicing and that the cedars, instead of pointing their branches upward as pointed, slender trees, spread their branches wide to protect the mother and her new born child.

The Sentries' Christmas Dinner

Raymond P. Sanford, a robust and healthy undergraduate of Cornell, lived for scientific purposes on 85 cents a week, his food including buttermilk, lentils, peanuts, raisins, cabbage, peppers, oatmeal and apples.

"I thrive on this fare," Mr. Sanford said. "I admit, however, that to stick to it takes will power. I have to govern my sybaritic propensities. I must not imitate the young sentries.

"There was once a Christmas masquerade ball in a European palace, you know, and a squad of young sentries stood guard out in the snow.

"Well, as the ball progressed the conduct of a certain guest disguised as a Santa Claus astonished and perplexed everybody. This Santa Claus would dance with the prettiest women for fifteen or twenty minutes, and then, hurrying to the buffet, he would drink a bottle of champagne and eat lobster salad, ices, caviar sandwiches, truffled turkey—everything in sight.

"The host, after several hours of such gluttonous and intemperate conduct on the part of the Santa Claus guest, conferred with his butler and to his amazement learned that the offender had by actual computation devoured forty sandwiches, sixty ices and eight quarts of lobster salad, while he had drunk thirty-one bottles of champagne and ninety glasses of punch.

"It seemed incredible! Yet there he was, as vigorous and fresh and sober as ever, now whispering compliments in a pretty matron's ear, now rushing to the buffet for more wine and more lobster.

"Puzzled and vexed, the host took Santa Claus by the arm and led him into a recess.

"Show me your invitation card," he said.

"But Santa Claus, alas, had none.

"Then unmask!"

"Dolefully the spurious guest obeyed.

"Why, you're one of the sentries!"

"Yes, sir."

"He was indeed one of the sentries—one of the squad of sentries stationed outside in the snow.

"These young men had hired a cheap Santa Claus makeup and, donning it one by one, had each enjoyed a brief but delightful share of the Christmas festivities—the dancing and lobster and champagne in the ballroom."—Washington Star.

Some men are always ready to rest on their laurels, and if they haven't any laurels they just keep right on resting anyway.

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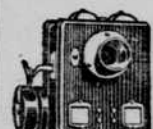
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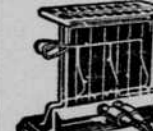
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