

Loup City Northwestern

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Custom House Palace.
What is probably the finest building in the world for the use of a collector of customs has been turned over to the national government. The new custom house in New York, begun in 1900, has been completed at a cost of \$7,200,000. It covers the entire block between Whitehall street and State street, running from Bowling Green to Bridge street. Its street faces are adorned with splendid pieces of sculpture typifying commerce, and its main court, or rotunda, is one of the largest spanned by a single roof. The interior fittings are ornate and dignified, as is befitting in a public building belonging to a rich and populous country. About two-thirds of the customs revenue of the country is paid over from the desks of the collector of New York. The remaining one-third is collected in the more than 140 other collection districts. An elaborately equipped suite of offices has been provided in the building for the use of the secretary of the treasury on his official visits to New York. Other suites are set apart for the weather bureau, the naval bureau, the civil service board, the isthmian canal commission, the secret service department and some other branches of the national government that have to use offices in New York. But, says the Youth's Companion, they all together occupy much less space than that devoted to the use of the various branches of the tariff collection service.

Instead of the head of a queen, proud, haughty and homely, on the new gold coins, we are shown the profile of a pretty waiter girl. 'Twere sacrilege to speak in this connection of the damsel as a biscuit shooter, a hash slinger or any of those unepithetic titles by which the thoughtless and the pert sometimes designate the dining room hand maiden. She is simply a pretty waiter and her beauty is much enhanced by the frame and the background. If she sends this portrait of herself to her friends they will hardly look at it with a critical eye or declare that it doesn't do justice to the original. More men will gaze fondly on that face than on any set of features designed to lure us on to the purchase of some tooth powder. The girl will look good to them. When a carping critic asked 19 centuries ago if he should pay tribute to Caesar he was told to look at the image on the coin and if it was Caesar's portrait he should pay the taxes. Waiters will hope that in this there is a hint for those who have their doubts about the size of the tip.

Visitors to Venice next year will see the rebuilding of the famous campanile in St. Mark's square practically completed. The tower already rises 30 feet above the pavement, and work is progressing rapidly. The old materials are used so far as possible. The original foundation was strengthened and slightly enlarged. The cornerstone was laid in April, 1903, about nine months after the tower fell, and then more than 3,000 piles of fresh larch wood were driven round the base to support a new wall of stone that was to prevent the collapse of the new tower. Fresh stone was used here; but above ground the old bricks, burned many hundred years ago, are relaid in the best modern cement after being carefully examined. Fifty thousand dollars have already been spent on the work of restoration.

Do we interpret aright the word from Dubuque, Ia.? Are the men to do the cooking, cleaning, washing, ironing, answer the door, make the beds, officiate at the telephone, do the ordering, fuss with the ragman, wrestle with callers, look after the furnace, take care of the children, dust, polish the furniture, black the range, fight agents, figure in the center of the social stage at home, darn, mend, save and look pleasant, while the wives of their bosoms get the wherewithal by playing bridge, "500," whist, double Pedro, euchre, fan-tan, old sledge or poker? Early answer requested.

A state education official in Illinois has been telling Chicago that there ought to be a course of love-making introduced in the schools—that children should be taught to woo as they are taught the multiplication table. The capacity to become lovers is born in the average human being just as the capacity is inborn of making a fool of oneself. The tendency in either case will do its own developing.

A speaker at the American Medical Association said that many accidents could be avoided by a little care. Doubtless that is true, but some men will never believe until they make the trial that they cannot vanquish an automobile in a joint debate for the right of way.

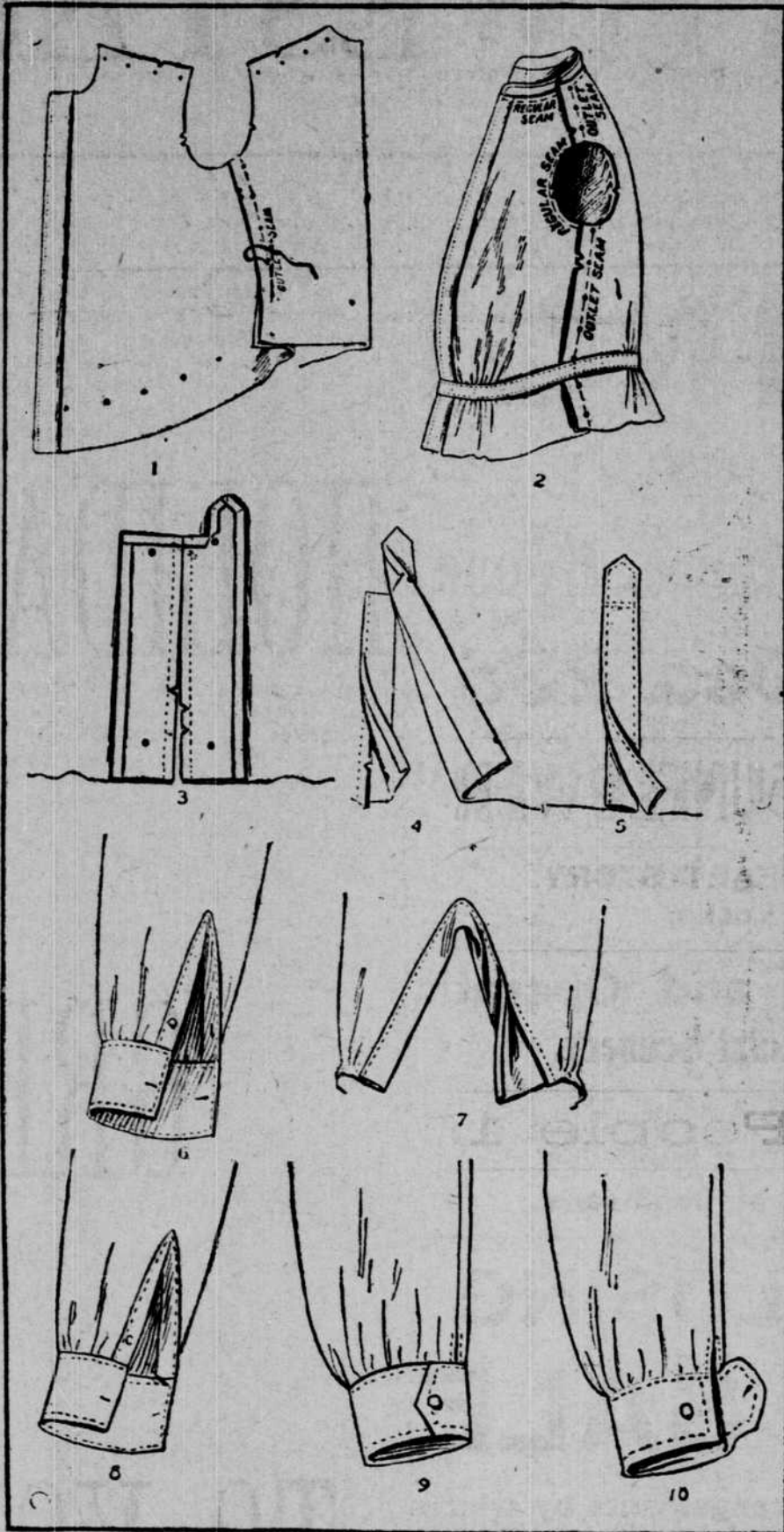
While it is possible for a man to keep an automobile and a wife and be happy, yet the ancient fact remains firmly on its base that no man can serve two masters.

At the convention of the Episcopal church it was proposed to add to the prayer book a petition for a person going on a journey by land, like that for a person going to sea. No more solemn commentary could be made upon the condition of American railway travel.

According to a New York dispatch the giving of wedding presents is going out of fashion. Wise young people will put off their weddings until money gets a little looser.

The Sewing Circle

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A fine morning in early December saw every member of the Wallingford Coterie in her seat when Miss Josecelyn took up the lesson where they had left it at the last meeting. With the wall behind her, she began by pointing to Figure 1, which represented the front and back portions of a plain shirt waist basted along the under-arm seam.

"The patterns I prefer," she said, "call for stitching almost all seams three-eighths of an inch from their outer edge. The exceptions are the 'outlet' seams which may be let out or taken up, according to the degree of the deviation of the figure to be fitted from the original pattern; the latter is always suggested by the large perforations. Figure 2 shows you the method of basting the shoulder and under-arm seams, and also the correct adjustment of the inside belt. In actual practice, 'finish' must always be considered, and you will have to treat your seams accordingly before adjusting the belt. The usual 'finish' is the French seam, save where in sheer materials the whipped-in line of 'veining' is preferred. We can hardly spend time just now in explaining the details of either style of finish, since these belong not so much to dress-making as to the mechanical part of sewing. I would, however, remind you that when fitting, the basting of the seam line shifts its position in accordance with the finish selected. The French seam being sewed twice, the first line of stitching must be at least one-quarter, and possibly one-third of an inch nearer the seam edge than the actual line for fitting."

One of the ladies interrupted with a question at this point in the lesson. Replying, Miss Josecelyn said:

"No; it is not absolutely necessary to stitch the belt all around the washable shirt waist. A great many women prefer to adjust the fullness of the fronts when they put on the waist. The inside belt is stitched across the back only, and tacked to the under-arm seams. It is then made to button snugly at the belt line, or else its ends are furnished with loops or buttonholes which are slipped over the skirt-hook sewed to the corsets just below the line of the belt."

"We come now," Miss Josecelyn continued, "to the styles of shirt waist sleeves, and the two different methods of finishing the opening at the wrist. Figure 3 represents the *strait* detail in the tailored 'over-lap' effect, which is similar to that used in the making of shirts for men."

"At the left you see the underlap

basted into position, and at the right the overlap, each with its notches laid to coincide with those in the slash in the sleeve. The edges on both laps are folded down ready for stitching. Figure 4 shows the next step, where the laps, folded over at the perforations, are pushed through the slash to the right side. You see them folded down and in position to be stitched. Figure 5 shows these laps completed.

"Figure 6 illustrates the finished laps, supplied with button and buttonhole in true tailor style. It shows also the link cuff in its correct relation to the over-lap and to the under flap, flush with the edge of the one, and allowing the other to extend, that it may be slipped out of sight when the cuff is buttoned.

"The continuous flap is a finish seen very frequently. Being less noticeable than the over-lap finish, many prefer it for silk or flannel waists, with a straight band or with strap cuffs. To adjust the continuous lap accurately, separate the point of the slash and stay it with two or three tiny back stitches to the center of the straight strip which forms the lap. Turn the seam to the right side and make it three-eighths of an inch from the edge, from one end of the slash to the other. Gash the seam slightly at the point of the slash to facilitate a smooth and flat turning. Figure 7 shows you how to bring the lap over the seam to stitch it in place.

"Figure 8 illustrates the correct adjustment of the straight band or cuff to the sleeve, finished with a continuous lap, and also the button and buttonhole which serve to close the latter. Note, please, that the lap is folded under along the front edge of the sleeve."

"Pardon me, Miss Josecelyn," remarked a member, "but will you please explain which edge you call the 'front' one?"

"Assuredly. The front edge is the one to which the end of the cuff is attached which lies uppermost when buttoned.

"Figure 9 represents the lower end of a shirt waist sleeve with its strap cuff properly adjusted. The seam is left open from the notch downward, and its raw edges are hemmed neatly back. They lie flush when the cuff is buttoned. Figure 10 shows the cuff inclosing the edge of the seam, and its strap projecting beyond the other."

Fichu draperies across the shoulders have lost none of their attractiveness; neither have the pelerine and cravat effect that finish bodices of the dresser types.

The Woman Beautiful

Every lover of a hot bath should accustom himself to rinsing with water as cold as can be borne without shock.

Lemon is an excellent shampoo for white hair, giving it a lovely, silvery luster and keeping it soft and pliable.

To rinse the hair after a shampoo one of the rubber-tubed sprays sold in any of the drug or department stores will be found to give the best service and to save time as well.

Deep breathing exercises besides toning up the general health are the best possible means of speedily getting the rounded slender waist line that is so much to be desired.

The girl with a receding chin should be careful to have her hair knotted on a level with her chin or below it, well down on the neck. Arranged in the middle of the head it accentuates her defect.

Bracelets and Bangles.

There is no sign of waning in the demand for bracelets and jewelry forms that on the whole bangle forms are preferred. These may be had from pretty, plain affairs to those made with square cut stones set close together and punctuated at intervals with larger jewels in contrasting tints.

Flexible bracelets revive all the old time forms, including the spiral snakes with jeweled eyes that appeal to a few women. Some made of flat squares of wrought gold, hinged ornamentally, have as a finish a very Japanese dragon's head with jeweled settings. As long as sleeves continue short there will be a demand for bracelets that can be worn pretty generally, which is as good as saying that bracelets are sure to be in style for a considerable time to come.

Whitening Tanned Throats.
A piece of chamois skin rubbed with a little yucca and then dipped into powdered pumice stone is an excellent 'remover' of tan. The neck should be rubbed each night. If the skin shows a tendency to soreness put on a little cold cream after each treatment.

The Matter of Dress



Perhaps at no time in the past has there been greater diversity in styles and in materials worn at various functions. Skirts are trailing, of the short walking length, or just escape the floor; they are empire, princess, glove or loosely fitting princess, with no suggestion of the empire, or they show the Louis coats with trailing skirts, or elaborate coats and skirts, or the severest of the tailored variety of the latter combination.

Velvet is especially smart in gowns and in coats, whether tight or loose. Hats as a rule are prettier than ever, but some extraordinary effects are seen.

Although fur is now so much used as a trimming for evening gowns and evening mantles, I am of the opinion that the latter garments are most effective and distinguished when made on very simple lines and left practically untrimmed. Of course, everything depends on the dress with which the mantle is to be worn; if that be exceedingly elaborate the mantle or wrap can afford to be simple and vice versa. Now that our evening cloaks are always made to accompany some special gown we find them in many different materials and styles. Perhaps the graceful burnous is about the most satisfactory and becoming shape. The burnous wrap looks best when made of soft cashmere and lined with liberty satin or of supple satin, and lined with a heavy make of crepe de chine. Beautiful embroideries are arranged on the fronts and hoods of the cloaks of this genre.

The reign of the three-quarter length tailor-made coat has commenced brilliantly, and now this delightful garment is almost ubiquitous. And all the best of the new tailor-made coats show rounded fronts. In many cases the back is longer than the front; the sleeves reach almost to the elbow and are semi-Japanese in outline.

The white shirt waist can well be eschewed for the time being and a shirt of crepe de chine to match the cloth coat and skirt costume substituted instead. A dark blue serge skirt and coat would be most effectively completed with a dark blue crepe de chine shirt, made with broad tucks and spotted with white cotton. White frills at the wrists and down the center of the front, and outlining the collar-band, will, if made of very narrow and finely hemstitched lawn, give the finishing touch justly recognized as distinguishing between the blouse of yesterday and that of to-day.

Perhaps the height of magnificence in dress is reached in the evening gowns. Embroidery appears on every frock, be it Greek or Louis XVI. There is a great craze for what is known as Egyptian embroidery—copies of old Egyptian conventional designs. The Greek keynote pattern is always effective in rich fabrics.

I should say most of the evening dresses have sleeves, and although it has been observed that there is very little bodice worn in Paris just now, there is a good bit of drapery in the sleeve. The bodice is cut very low back and front, for the most part square, and filled in with pieces of heavy embroidery, lace and tulle, and the sleeve, as I have said, is a mass made of drapery, often covering the elbow but leaving the arm bare at the top or veiled with a transparency. This draped sleeve is a pretty fashion, though perhaps not strictly classical.

The two frocks illustrated in our large picture are simple but elegant in design. The first has a distinct Louis



Charming Afternoon Frock.

satin, which are held together by strings of pearls, the skirt trimmed with the same decoration. The whole idea is expressive of youth, simplicity, and perhaps just a little indicative of an expensive taste. Not that, when I come to think of it, the purchase of a satin evening dress should be termed expensive, for expenses to-day lie as much in the making as in the material, and undoubtedly it may be granted that a satin dress will outlive two chiffon dresses. And chiffon nowadays insists upon embroidery as well as a lining of chiffon, while net, which is considered a privilege for the thrifty, will call aloud for a decoration of ribbons, and again demands a lining of chiffon and underlining of soft satin, so, to be really just, the diaphanous gown, although it assumes the virtue of economy, has it not. We may, though, except from the rule the frock of ninon, which can be made extremely attractive on a slight figure when it is trimmed with large tucks, or ribbons, and allowed to display some dainty chemise of tulle or lace threaded with ribbons.

Molars of Extinct Animal.
In the final report of a recent geological survey of Natal and Zululand, Dr. W. B. Scott, the well-known paleontologist of Princeton, N. J., gives a description of the two last lower molars of an extinct elephant obtained from a deposit of late tertiary age in Zululand. For the elephant the author proposes the name *elephas zulu*. It is suggested that E. zulu may have been the ancestor of the living E. africanus, in which case it would almost be imperative to regard the

molars of the latter as being of a degenerate type. This question requires very careful consideration; but, apart from this, the discovery is one of great interest.

NOT TO BEAUTIFY.



Mrs. Haymow—What do you wear that make for?
Chauffeur—Well, I'll tell you. I wear it so that the people I run over won't be able to recognize me.

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Pretty Hungry.
"Waiter, a beefsteak! Quick! I'm in a hurry!"
"We haven't any beefsteak, sir!"
"A chop, then."
"Chops is off!"
"Well, then, an omelet."
"Impossible, sir; we—"
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The Web of Life.
The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together; our virtues would be proud if our faults whipped them out; and our crimes would despair if they were not cherished by our virtues.—Rochford.

Average Temperature.
The average temperature of the entire globe is 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Here's an Easy One.

Why is it that a woman with skirts that rustle always appears nervous?

Disease-Proof Potato.
A disease-proof potato has been introduced into France from Uruguay.

Boys are not always eating; sometimes they are busily engaged in looking for something to eat.

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