

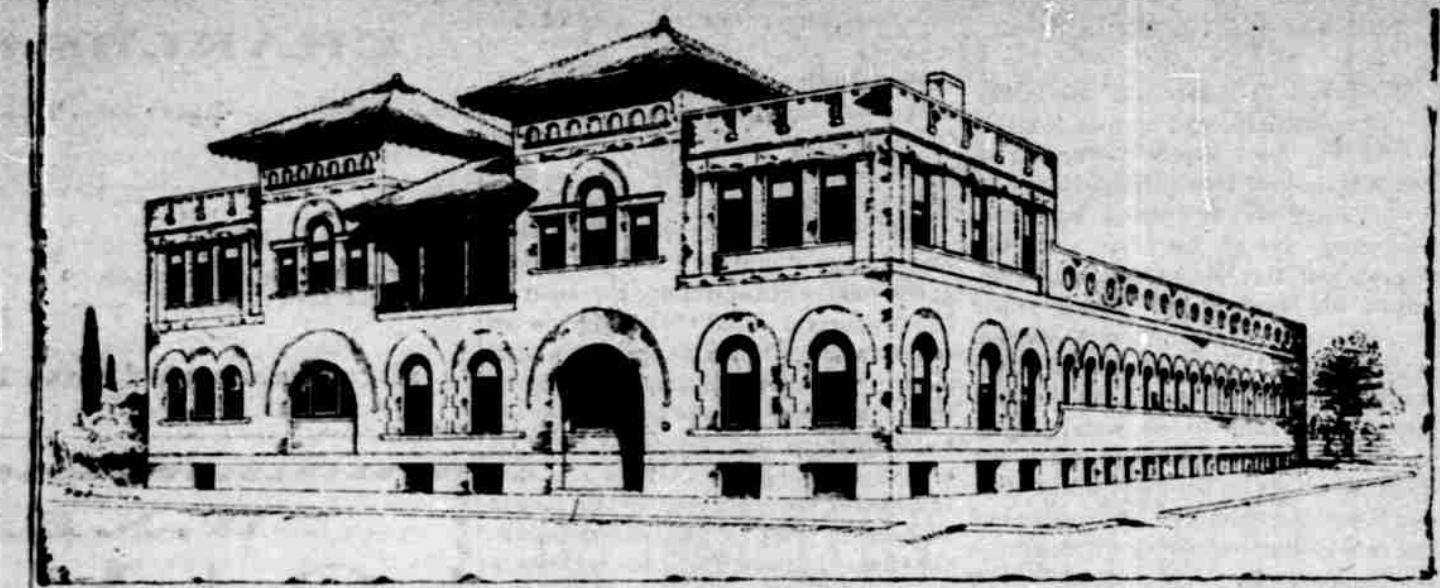
Fashions of the Day.

A jacket street costume is an essential part of every woman's wardrobe for the coming season, but only those with girlish figures should adopt the Eton. The English close-fitting coat or single-breasted reefer is becoming to all figures, and the faultless fit of these jackets is fully as important as is the quality of the fabric.

The distinguishing fad of the day is the use of handsome and rich linings, and in truth it is astonishing how they set off garments otherwise ordinary in character.

For figures where it is desirable to lengthen the waist line in front this may be obtained by shaping the belt in a slightly downward curve, which will maintain the skirt in its desired position. The short-waist effect may be considerably overcome by proper attention to the corsets, for while an extra long corset will not shape a short-waisted figure into the proper length, yet a medium-length corset will accomplish the result more satisfactorily and without the necessity of tight lacing. A clever modiste said to me recently that not until American women realize that they must be as solicitous about the fit of their corsets and petticoats as they now are about their gowns can their dressmakers assure them a perfect success. The underclothing is a potent factor in achieving the desired effect for the outer garments.

Velvets worn in close contrast to the skin produce very becoming effects, and hence I am pleased to note that velvet collars on all shades will be fashionable and popular. Revers and epaulets will be worn very generally and with happy results, for while they serve to fill out a figure lacking in natural curves, they also detract from apparent superabundance of bust, and if cut tapering to the waist add extra length to the figure. There is no style more suitable for a full



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figure than narrow stripes arranged on a pointed bodice. Plaids will not be so fashionable for entire costumes as lately seemed probable. In silks and velvets they are pretty and effective.

London tailors are trying to crowd in to public favor the long coats. They are unbecoming and trying to most women.

The latest cloth costumes are all made in the fine smooth-faced goods. Black will be far and away the handsomest. Wadded linings are again in favor for coats, and while they are impossible for the close fitting ones, there are many that will allow of the heavy padding. Corduroys will be worn by all ages, the little tot going to school, big sister out in the world, mamma anxious to look well for their sakes as much as her own, and grandmas, who really ought to confine herself to furs and the back seat in the carriage.

Again comes the murmur of the on-

coming of the bustle, but, so far, only to be worn with skirts of heavy material, which necessarily require something to support and extend them. A sensible division is that which, I hear, is to be made, by which skirts are to be classified into two groups, the house skirt and the street skirt, the former to be elaborately trimmed, while the latter is and will remain as plain as during last winter. Violet silk is to be a very favorite color and material for lining skirts.

Paquin has introduced some lovely sash-bows. They are edged with dainty lace, and are put on every costume save street gowns. All shades of coral are to be very much worn.

An evening waist I saw and fancied was of black satin draped with jetted lace, long sleeves of jetted net showing the arm, and a high-low neck had a string of cherry satin ribbon edged with narrow black velvet.

There is a department of Dame Fashion's kingdom concerning which little is said or written, and yet of the utmost importance in every well-regulated household. I refer to the servants' hall. Madame and her family may be arrayed like the lilies of the field, yet if her abigails are wanting in proper style, the effect of her magnificence is as naught.

The diamond-shaped caps for maids and the little spologies for caps are out of style. The newest models are three in number. First, a little mob cap gathered into a narrow band, with a moderate sized fluted ruffle edged with narrow lace. The second and prettiest is of a nondescript shape, which will be best understood from the directions for making it. Cut a circle of linen in half and edge it with a plain narrow ruffle, to be fluted; then a drawing string properly inserted draws up a part of the back cleverly till it stands erect—with an effect not unlike the distinctive mark of a fan tailed pigeon—while from beneath fall two narrow strings which hang down straight and are not tied. The third model is made of fine Hauburg embroidery two fingers deep. Two pieces are stitched together at the foot, and here a drawing string is run through and drawn to the right size. One of the ruffles falls over the front; the other stands up and the tapering sides are secured by fancy pieces. These are very easily laundered, as when the drawing string is loosened they lie flat.

The aprons are all made with bits, whether for the nursery, pantry or kitchen. For the waitress they have a square bib and epaulets over the shoulders. The nurse-maid has a square bib well tapered at the belt, while for the kitchen-maid the bib is curved in a decided horsehoe form, or it is even good form for her to appear without any bib to her apron. These fine distinctions may seem trifling, but I like them, and they all go to make up a well-ordered menage.

Will the Jews Return to Palestine?

It is not generally known that a beginning has already been made in the way of colonizing Palestine with Jews. Some years ago, agricultural schools were started at Jaffa by the late Charles Netter, and they have since been maintained by Baron Edmond de Rothschild; there is, indeed, a special administrative body in the Holy Land charged with the control and management of what are known as the Baron's colonies. There are already in Palestine between twenty and thirty agricultural settlements, or communities, of Jewish emigrant farmers, spread along the coast from Askalon in the South, to Carmel in the North, and along the Jordan from the Waters of Meron to the Sea of Galilee. The total population of these colonies is computed at ten thousand souls, independently of the Jewish day laborers from neighboring towns, to whom occasional employment is supplied. There are fifty thousand more Jews in the various Holy Cities, and the immediate aim of the Zionists is to get these on the land, that is to say, to transfer them from urban to agricultural pursuits. It was, of course, in the Ghetto of the Middle Ages that the Jews became a bourgeois people; they were, originally, a pastoral and agricultural folk. What Palestine, and, for that part, the whole of Syria, is in urgent need of, is a new rural population to cultivate and develop it and restore its former wonderful fertility.—*Collier's Weekly*

"I would not cry like that, my little man."

"Do you know of any better way to cry?"

Miss Collegebred—"Well, was your first cake a success?"

Mrs. Newmarry—"Yes, in a sense. I covered it with gold paint and blue ribbons and made a lovely ornament for the center-table."

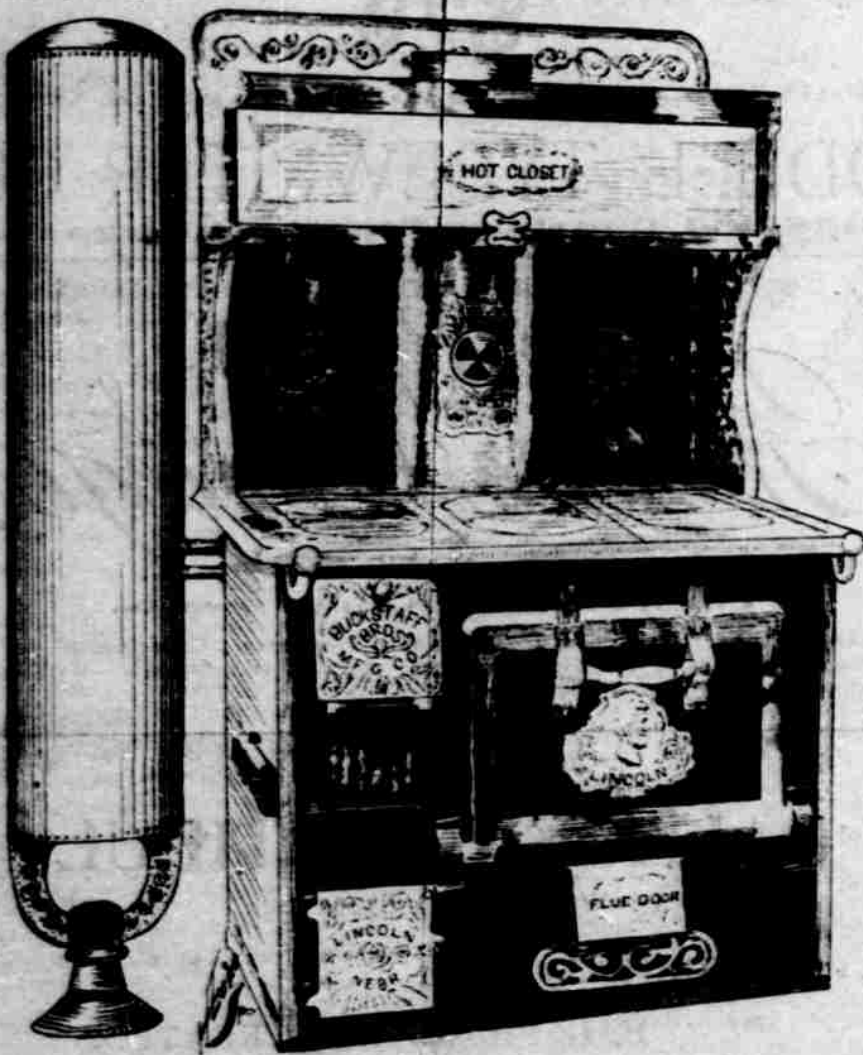
"Did Dr. Lint speak freely?" asked the editor when the reporter returned.

"Speak freely?" repeated the reporter. "You evidently did not know, sir, when you sent me after this interview, that Dr. Lint was a woman."

When you get a man on the string, remember that there are always two ends to a string, and that possibly you may be on the other end of it.

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