

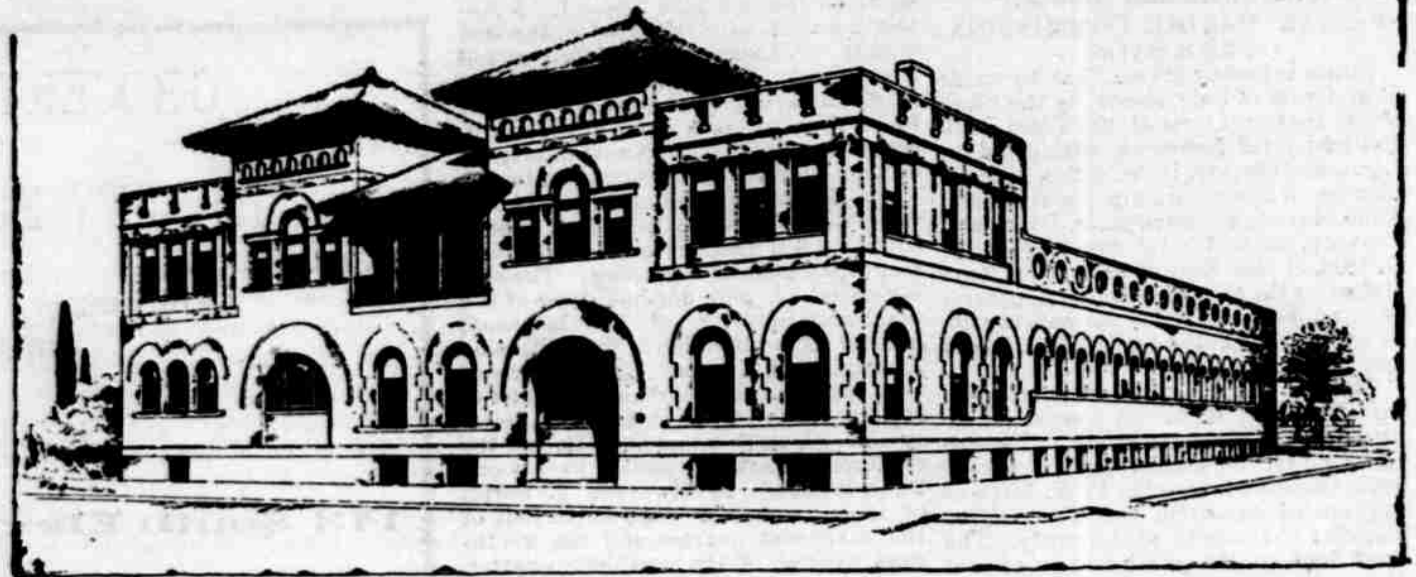
UNLOVED AND LOST.

Oh, where is the girl with the red, red hair
I scorned in the long ago?
I did not then consider her fair—
She was not in the style, you know;
But now, oh, now, if I had the chance
I'd kneel with the humblest mien,
And pray for the boon of a smile or glance,
For the red-haired girl is queen!

What matter if freckles are on her nose?
And what though her eyes are crossed?
And, too, what matter her pigeon toes,
And the fact that her teeth are lost?
Oh, now she is sweetly, divinely fair,
The loveliest thing to be seen,
Ere, blessed of the gods, she has real red hair,
And the red-haired girl is queen!

Then here is a toast to the brick-topped maid
I failed to appreciate,
And coldly, cruelly sought to evade,
Until it was all too late!
Oh, if she would now come back to me,
Arrayed in the fashionable green,
How happy, devoted and proud I'd be.
Since the red-haired girl is queen!

—Town Topics.



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FASHIONS.

After the spring costumes are disposed of, the next question is how to make the silk gowns that are so comfortable and cool during the summer months, and that look so smart on the warm days even in the spring. This season there are a great many varieties of silk to choose from, and apparently there is no arbitrary law as to what shall be chosen.

Taffeta silk is a warmer material than India or foulard, and, as a rule, is more expensive; but it has one point in its favor, and that is it is not absolutely necessary to make it up over a silk lining—the skirt especially, now that silk skirts are made separate from the linings, will hang just as well over an under skirt of percaline, cambric or the new, kind of lining with a satin finish, and all that lining will require will be to be faced up about a quarter or half a yard. The waist also can be lined, with cambric or even lawn; and if the gown is to be worn only in midsummer the lawn will be found the very best of linings, as it is so much cooler than anything else. Its only disadvantage is that it stretches, but careful cutting and good sewing will do away with much of this difficulty.

Black taffeta skirts are extremely useful. Just at present in the big cities they are rather common, for so many of them have been sold ready made; but they have a smart look, even when so many of them are worn, and are a very good investment. They are made ruffled to the waist, with two or three deep flounces, with the apron front, and the attached flounce, either gathered, cut on the bias, or put on in side plaitings, or they are made quite plain, cut circular and trimmed with graduated bands of velvet or satin. There is still another style, with the circular flounce headed with a little ruching of satin or taffeta. The glace taffeta is rather smarter

than the dull black, but both are fashionable. The flowered taffetas are extremely attractive. The checks and plaids are effective, and are cleverly designed, so that the plaid, even when large, does not interfere with the lines of the figure. This is accomplished by the cut of the skirt in the different gores. Then there are the bayaderes designs, which, made up into skirts without any trimming, look rich and very smart. These come in all different shades of blue with the stripes in white, and then the grays in all the different shadings. The greens are not so much the rage, but the shepard plaids in all colors are greatly in demand.

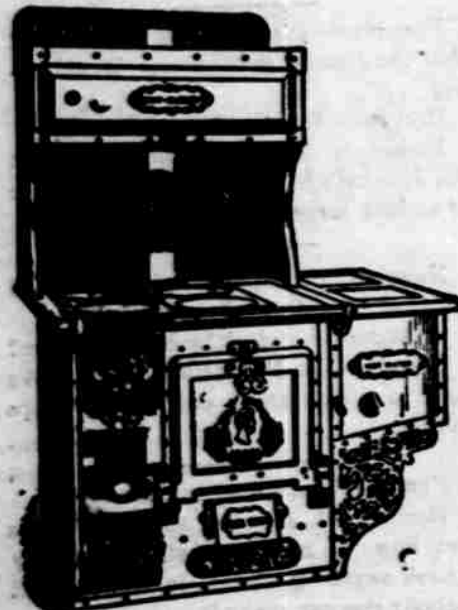
The very newest fad of the season is the revival of an old fashion—the silk visite which our grandmothers wore. It consists of a little coat of taffeta, which can be worn with any skirt—not only of silk, but of other material as well. The prettiest model is made with the back in a basque shape; the front is loose, but with long tabs; the sleeves are very small, with a cap over the top, and a high turned-back collar faced with some bright color. The silk is covered with tiny cording or shirring put on in as fantastic a pattern as can be devised. It is not supposed to be lined, and is to be worn either over a thin shirt waist or with a false front. It is held in place by a narrow belt which goes under the front pieces. It has not as yet appeared excepting at the private dressmakers', but is already becoming a craze. For women who cannot wear shirt waists there is nothing smarter or cooler. Of course it is not a very easy model to make at home, but it is a possible one, and a very good one.—Harper's Bazar.

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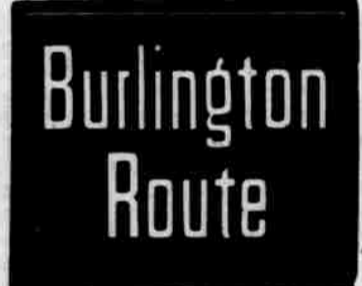
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"Dear me!" said Wilbur, as he looked out over Watkins' lawn. "The dandelions on this place must run up into the millions."
"They do," said Watkins. "But we've given up trying to get rid of 'em, and to console ourselves we call them Klondike daisies.—Harper's Bazar.

Whyte—Life is very uncertain. In the midst of life we are in death. Everybody should be prepared for the summons to appear before the great tribunal on high.

Slightley—May I ask of what church you are the pastor, sir?

Whyte—Certainly, sir. I represent no creed and preach from no pulpit. I am a travelling agent of the Iniquitable Life Assurance Society.

"What are you going to be Tommy when you grow up?"

"I think," said Tommy, thoughtfully, "that I shall be somebody's ancestor."—Harper's Bazar.

"These gloves are too small," said pretty little Miss Jigley to Mr. Wilkins, who kept a department store. "They squeeze my hands."

"Which shows that they are very sensible gloves, eh?" suggested Mr. Wilkins.—Harper's Bazar.

"All that I am afraid of," said Mrs. Spriggins, "is the possibility of an invasion. Suppose Spain should land 100,000 men on our shores?"

"That would be easily handled, my dear," said Mr. Spriggins. "Congress could immediately pass a tariff act charging 60 per cent duty on all Spanish troops. It would ruin Spain to pay it."—Harper's Bazar.