

that I know, as well as some I should not care to know!

One of the smartest hats I have seen was made for Miss Tolfree, who is to be Miss Fair's bridesmaid next week. It is a huge flat toque of pink roses. It is worn a little over the face and goes a bit up on one side. In place of the proverbial boquet Miss Tolfree will carry a muff made entirely of the green leaves of the rose, with one enormous pink rose on one side of it. It is a stunning thing and a very good idea. To walk up a church aisle—not that Miss Tolfree is going to do so—with the embarrassing conviction that one is the cynosure of all eyes, is bad enough, heaven knows! I have always thought that the unwritten law that compels one to carry stiffly in front a huge boquet was an unnecessary climax to an unpleasant moment.

Nothing helps a woman to walk well more than to have some—well, say—comforting thing in her hands. Certainly a heavy bunch of flowers that must be clutched by both hands can scarcely be called comforting. But a muff or a parasol is comforting and will improve the carriage of any woman. They seem to balance her, as it were.

I have often argued that demi-saison muffs of chiffon, net, or some other light fabric should be more generally carried during the time when it is too warm to wear fur and not warm enough to carry a parasol. Perhaps, now that Lady Algy on the stage and Miss Tolfree in society have established the precedent, the fashion will be generally adopted. I hope so, for women who appear in the street and elsewhere empty-handed except for a card case of some kind or another, which they never seem to know what to do with, are some of the things in life that always get on my nerves.

Apropos of Miss Fair's wedding, there have been some very pretty stories written about her patriotism in having her trousseau made entirely on this side of the water. As a matter of fact, everything, or nearly everything, she has was made in Paris.

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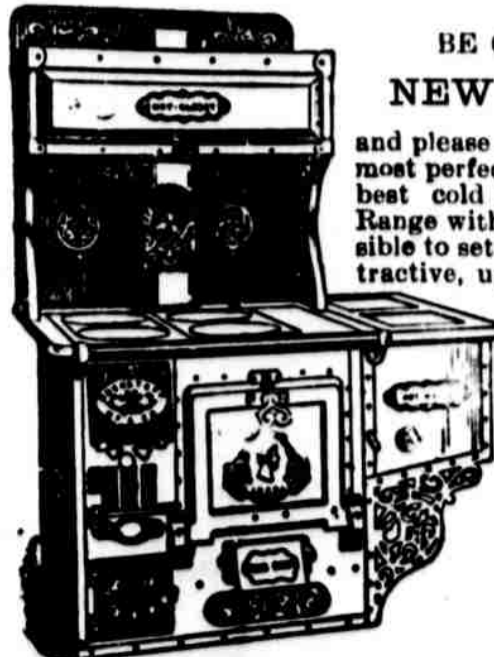
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