

WITH THEM.

If I could know that after all, These heavy bonds have ceased to thrall, We whom in life the fates divide— Should sweetly slumber side by side— That one green spray would drop its dew Softly alike above us two, All would be well for I should be At last, dear loving heart, with thee.

MISS ANNA

Coffee had just been served and the room was filled with smoke and that genial afterglow of pleasant, reminiscent talk that always follows a good dinner, and especially a dinner where old friends have met, old friendships been revived and old stories told. These men had been comrades in war and served under the same flag, held the same political opinions and suffered the same losses. All but one had told his story, when our host turned towards him and said: "Well, Harrison, we are waiting for your story."

impertinent questions, and bearing everything with a good nature amounting to stupidity. As for the goat, she became the hapless butt of the whole division. We called her derisively "Miss Anna," treating her with an amount of mock consideration that made Parsons' eyes fairly glisten with appreciation. The second night after their arrival we began to sing, as usual, when the Virginian rose, and in a speech, the delicate humor of which I shall not attempt to reproduce, begged that "Miss Anna's rest should not be broken by our rude chanting."

"Miss Anna" included, except Parsons. We had made up a scheme to beg his forgiveness and to swear to be gentlemen, at least. Each of us had a separate speech of apology to make expressive of shame and contrition. When night settled down and Parsons did not appear we grew anxious, and sat silently around, not daring to breathe the great fear uppermost in our minds. "Miss Anna," too, walked up and down uneasily, sniffing the air and rubbing her nose against any convenient shoulder. As we sat thus our lieutenant called in to me: "Harrison, step here a minute."

VACATION WARDROBES. How to Dress on Nothing and Lay Up Money. POINTS FOR WOMEN WHO Are Going on an Outing but Have Little to Spend—Ways and Means of Getting One's Self for August at a Very Small Outlay. It costs a pretty penny to dress nowadays when Redfern will not put scissors into a gingham skirt of \$65, nor build you a simple wool gown to travel in for less than \$90 to \$100, and yet there is many a sweet girl who cannot say to the ladies' tailor, "Good, sir; here is my saratoga trunk; fill it and let my wardrobe blossom as the rose," but whose small bush, if it buds at all, must do so as the result of her own troweling and sprinkling, and who goes forth on her summer vacation, nevertheless, decked with her bonny breast-knot, that is to say becomingly clothed and in her happiest frame of mind.

camping. No material and cut of gown is so comfortable and so lasting. If you are not of the athletic order you may proceed at once to gingham for wear on the piazza of a morning. From \$1 to \$2 at this time of year will buy you ten or twelve yds of the shade of old blue china with tiny hairlines of white running through it, and equal sum will procure as many more with a ground of light tan, striped in Indian red, mingled with white. These two made up with entire simplicity, one perhaps with broad collar embroidered with red turned sailorwise from the throat, and wide tan sash falling in one long loop and end, and the other relieved by a little of the point de gaze lace recently imported to sell at 29 cents a yard, which comes fully three inches wide and is one of the most effective of garnitures, will give you two serviceable low cost gowns, to be worn with a little rough straw white sailor hat with smooth gros grain ribbon band and flat bow.

THE HOUSEHOLD. Broad Sashes of the material of the gown, especially in cotton, now worn in colors and white young girls. As a dressing for ladies shoe-erine renders the leather soft and pliable without soiling garments which come in contact. Hats are low crowned and trimmed. The brim may be perforated, or it may turn up at the sides. In spite of the flat of fashion, only puffy sleeves are permitted. Many women who have plump arms cling to the tight slip. Leather corsets are among the latest novelties. What else will the mind of man invent with which to crush grace and health out of the body of woman? In picking cucumbers for pickling down in brine it is best to let a small portion of the stem adhere to prevent withering and insure quick keeping. The little red ants, that are troublesome in the house, may be caught in sponges into which has been sprinkled; then the sponges should be dropped into hot water. To clean and whiten hairbrushes wash in tepid water in which is dissolved a teaspoonful of borax and a few drops of ammonia; rinse in cold water, and stand on the brush or hang in the sun to dry. Cucumbers are more healthily sliced three hours before serving in a drainer well sprinkled with oil in a cool place. Serve with a cup of vinegar, half-teaspoon of oil and plenty of pepper. To set delicate colors in embroidery handkerchiefs, soak them ten minutes previous to washing in a cup of tepid water in which a despoonful of turpentine has been stirred. Brass can be cleaned by scouring with ashes and soapsuds and afterward with vinegar mixed with water, heated to a boiling point, then thoroughly and brightly with newspaper. Green is beginning to go out of fashion; that is to say, a few people consider it to be too generally popular a color to be any longer in vogue with them. Notwithstanding that many handsome dresses are made of the quieter tones of green, although bright shades are quite out of style. To clean cane-seat chairs, first turn them upside down and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane-work thoroughly; if very dirty use a little soap. Let it dry in the air and it will be as bright and fresh as when new, if the cane is not broken. The high hat must go. The hat is to be worn in a knot low on the neck, and flat hats with broad, stretched front brims are the fashion of the future. Artificial flowers worn in the greatest profusion, were never more natural and beautiful, even the perfume is now entirely initiated. To keep knives and forks in good condition wipe them as soon as possible after being used, as the longer they are left with stains on them, the harder they will be to clean. After cleaning, put them into a vessel of hot water and wipe dry with a flannel cloth. It is a good plan to rub the steel parts with a thin dipped in oil, letting it remain on an hour or so, and then wipe dry. Miss Jennie Slack, aged sixty years, residing in the blue-grass region of Iowa, near Villisca, has a garden planted and cultivated that five acres of corn, besides milking cows night and morning and helping in other work about the farm household. The corn is in fine condition, and the young lady has raised it has done so for her invalid father, who was unable to perform his hand or do it himself. Baked potatoes are more nutritious than those cooked in any other way, but they must be prepared baked to be good. They should be washed clean but not soaked, and baked as quickly as possible without burning. As soon as they are done each potato should be pressed with a cloth to crack the skin and permit escape of steam. This makes them meaty. Served immediately, with skins on, in a napkin, and seasoned as they are eaten, with salt, pepper and a bit of butter put into a hole in the top, they have a flavor that is lost when otherwise prepared. If rats enter the cellar, a little powdered potato thrown into their holes or mixed with meal and scattered in their runways never fails to drive them away. Cayenne pepper will keep the buttery and storerooms free from rats and cockroaches. A mouse makes and entrance into a part of your dwellings saturate rag with cayenne in solution, sprinkle dry cayenne on some cotton and stuff it into a hole, which can be repaired with either wood or mortar. No rat or mouse will touch that rag for the purpose of open communication with a depot of supplies.



SIMPLY MADE WASH GOWNS.

For the woman immersed in that most studied of all sciences, how to dress as nicely as the next on one-fourth the money, no greater benefactor than the sash has yet arisen. It is the sash which makes over the wool dress which had the place of honor in the wardrobe last winter as the substantial basis of an inexpensive clothes supply for August at the seaside. Suppose that that same wool gown, green or tan or brown or blue, no matter what its color, has a bodice too short for beauty. A wide sash of soft folds of harmonizing or contrasting surah will lengthen the waist as many inches as may be desired and freshen it wonderfully. Suppose that this last season's standby was made with one of those plain, untrimmed basque bodices which are relegated for the present to the background. A little readjustment of its seams and of those of the upper part of the skirt will give you, with a sash, two gowns instead of one, for your outing, the conventional basque for rainy days and for traveling, and the skirt being fastened above this and the silk or ribbon lengths prettily knotted, a modernized affair for small social occasions and afternoons. Many an economical woman has had one or more new dresses purposely built on this adjustable principle.

The detachable vest shares with the sash the heart of the woman to whom a dollar always means 100 cents and often seems to mean 125. In her rummaging of the dry goods shops she is sure to come on remnants of delicately colored silk or bits of lace which can be bought for little money. One breadth of silk will make a dressy vest, which should have a collar of medium height, fitting about the throat and hooking behind. The vest itself should be sloped to fit the curve of the neck and then gathered on full, shirred, smocked or laid in fine side plaitings. If the plaits are chosen, a pointed belt of ribbon makes a dainty finish, drawing all down smoothly to the waist line. If the silk is long enough the loose vest makes the prettier finish, tucked at the waist line and the remainder drawn to the right hip and allowed to fall in a fringe. The lace vest is cut on a silk foundation and has a jabot collar with front of figured lace filled at the throat and again at the waist, where it is confined by ribbons. In any case the vest is adjustable and may be worn with any gown, turning the object of all this consideration.

For informal evening occasions, such as a modest wardrobe can be made equal to, a cool light India silk or a challis are the best materials. The India silk is a bit of a luxury, in delicate pink made in empire style with modestly open throat, the fullness of the short waist disposed of in very narrow side plaits, laid back and front and then allowing the straight skirt to fall full to the ground. The loose elbow sleeves are finished with lace frills. Less expensive and useful for daylight wear as well as evening is a 15 cent or 25 cent chadli with a creamy white ground figured with green or blue or old rose, made in quaint old-fashioned style, two deep bouffes to the skirt, short waist and the oddest little apology for a silk jacket laced across with ribbons.

You will wear black stockings and you will reduce the bill for gloves if you make yourself comfortable with black silk mitts. A white dress if you have one, is a comfort, but will prove a bottomless pit of expense for washing. An outfit of this description, either expanded or simplified according to the pocketbook, would prove no serious drain on the most modest resources and would make a girl more than presentable almost anywhere. A lace or cashmere scarf to tie across the bosom makes a pretty wrap, especially if worn with a poke bonnet of rough straw, which need not cost above a quarter, and is trimmed adequately with white lawn and a pink rose or a couple of white wings. Taste is more necessary than money in planning a summer wardrobe, so pack your trunk, look well and have a good time.

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T WAS THE PRIME OF SUMMER

FOR AFTERNOON WEAR. tion, that serviceable wool dress, which it is assumed has already been redraped and provided with new facings, into just the costume wanted for the cool days and chill evenings sure to diversify a seashore or mountain sojourn. A soft crowned felt hat of corresponding color, trimmed with a silk cord or band of ribbon, will make you presentable anywhere.

What Is Electricity?

As the use of electricity becomes more general there is increased curiosity to learn what it is, says The Electric Power. It is considered a mysterious force, because in its normal condition it cannot be seen. The wire which conveys the current gives no manifestation of the energy which is passing through it. Just as the poet said, "We take no note of time save from its loss." So with electricity, it must be measured as it flies. It is true, however, that its laws are perfectly understood. Is it necessary that we should know what it is? Nothing is more familiar to us than the action of gravitation. We know that it is the attraction of the earth. It holds the atoms of the earth together and enables us to perform all of the operations which make up our daily life. It is, however, a mystery, but its laws are as well known, and if we violate them by jumping off a precipice should we consider the force of gravity necessarily dangerous? Steam is also something of a mystery. It has been familiar to mankind since the dawn of civilization, yet how many people know that it is transparent and therefore invisible until it comes in contact with the air?

"Parsons, you're to go on picket duty to-night, and you had better start now," called in the voice of our lieutenant. The men, now thoroughly ashamed of themselves, came nearer and were about to offer some heartfelt words of apology, but Parsons turned away, and delivering "Miss Anna" over to Orphee, said pleadingly: "If anything should happen to me, you will take care of her?" Orphee's eyes filled with tears as he pressed the extended hand. Without another word or look Parsons strode out into the dark. "We're brutes, cowardly brutes!" said our Virginian, disgustedly. "I would rather face a million Yankees than hear that man's story told in that voice again," said another. That night was a weary one. We could not forget the solemn figure, the dark, patient face, the broken, harsh, tender voice, and the pines above the river far away seemed to mingle their grief at our cowardice and brutality. Meanwhile "Miss Anna" slept peacefully on the best blanket of the mess, while we lay there sleepless, thoughtful, unhappy, even the greater issue of the war momentarily forgotten. With the dawn came action. The Yankees were upon us, and we fought like wildcats. As evening came on the fight was suspended, and when our mess met everybody was there,

ELIZABETH AKERS ALLEN.