

PASSING FANCIES IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN

Negligee With Round Yoke.
Tasteful negligees are among the desirable things of life of which no woman ever yet had too many. This one is graceful, becoming and simple, withal, and can be made from a variety of materials. The round yoke extended well over the shoulders, gives the broad line of fashion and the pointed sleeves take the long lines and folds that always are desirable. The model is made of white batiste, with the yoke of all-over Valenciennes lace banded with narrow folds of the material and the sleeves edged with



lace insertion, but the design will be found admirable for soft silks and wool fabrics as well as for washable ones.
The negligee is made with full fronts and back, that are joined to the yoke, and wide, full sleeves. As illustrated it is closed by means of ties of ribbon but buttons and buttonholes can be substituted if preferred.
The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 1/2 yard of all-over and 2 1/2 yards of insertion to make as illustrated.

Showing the Coming Mode.
One new gown in advance of the season deserves mention, since it represents the coming mode in dress toilets. Intended for a blonde young woman, it is of the loveliest shade of rose pink silk of a weave closely resembling Louistene. The skirt is dancing length and is made on a foundation of white taffeta. The ruffles, which are deep, are shirred on in fancy design, making scallops and small rosette effects. There are two of these ruffles, which run into a straight panel in front. The bodice has a yoke of cream, snowdrop-pattern lace and a deep fall of the same over the shirred front of the bust and over the shoulders; the sleeves are elbow in length and consist of an upper sleeve in three deep scallops of silk, shirred on the edges and bordered with lace, under which is a full puffed sleeve of rose pink chiffon with a lace fall. The high girde is of silk and lace with jet nailheads set in the center of each of the six small rosettes which form the front as well as the back decoration. About the bottom of the short bodice is a deep flounce of lace, which falls over the hips and forms a ruffle. The stock and the front of the yoke show a narrow trace of gold and black, which, together with the jet nailheads, gives the requisite touch of black which is almost indispensable if the costume is to have the best style.

Boudoir Confidences

Coarse meshes rule in veils. Shirred "nun's tucks" make an effective and stylish garniture. Fine tucks in body depth are a feature of the gowns of little girls. All sorts of rosettes are made of handsome double-face ribbons. Ribbon bows and sashes add a pretty touch to most thin gowns. Guimpes will play an important part in the small girl's wardrobe. Chiffon scarfs, two yards and a half in length, will float from some fall hats.

Full, fluffy modes are more becoming to the tall, slender girl of awkward age. A scalloped lower outline marks many stylish collars and deep berths on girls' bodices.

Embroidery on Gowns.
Glimpses of a few new gowns and blouses indicate that hand embroidery will be lavishly used. Persian effects in embroidered bands or bold designs form the newest garnitures. Well-gowned women are wearing long-skirted or basque coats, tightly fitting, and buttoned down the front. Most of these have the regulation coat sleeve. Others have log-a-mutton sleeves, with gauntlet cuffs. Where sleeves are large the fullness is generally above the elbow. To be worn with these long coats, tailors are making strikingly smart little Louis XV vests. These are made of the handsomest vestings which come for men's waistcoats. Lace and tucked net vests are worn with dressy broadcloth

gowns, where narrow bands of fur are used as a bodice and skirt trimming. Some of the short walking suits are also fur-trimmed.

Lovely Drawing-Room Gown.
A lovely gown worn in a fashionable drawing-room the other day was of black net. It was trimmed with a very heavy lace applique. This trimming extended around the foot of the gown and up the front. The lining of the dress was of black satin.

But the distinguishing feature lay in its note of blue. For the gown, which was of heavy black net, lustrous and trimmed with much gorgeousness, was belted around the waist with a wide blue sash. This, which was banded around the waist to form a girde, was tied on the back in a heavy knot, while the ends hung down to the foot of the skirt. They were wide sash ends, too, and made a beautiful note of color upon the skirt.

This fancy for wearing a blue sash with a black gown is quite a growing one and is to be observed frequently. Again, a wide red satin ribbon sash is tied around the waist of an all-black gown. So that the note of color is complete.

Velvet Hat Trimming.
A new and simple method of using wide ribbon velvet on a large hat was exemplified by a woman lunching at Sherry's. The hat was a dull green. It had a wide brim and low round crown, the latter very small in proportion to the brim. The straw was a fine chip. A band of dark green velvet encircled the crown, and from it, at irregular intervals, extended plain flat widths of the velvet ribbon, the ends cut in two points—that is, a V-shaped section was cut out of the centre at each end. These pointed sections were of different lengths, and one extended nearly to the edge of the brim. Two or three similar sections were fastened to the underbrim, which flared up a little at one side.—New York Tribune.

White Linen Embroidered.
Yoke waists made of linen embroidered in openwork, or eyelet, style are much worn and always are handsome. This very stylish model is peculiarly well adapted to the treatment, as it includes a central box



plait and shaped cuffs both of which are eminently effective, and is closed invisibly. When liked, however, the yoke and the box plait at the back, which is applied, can be omitted and the model used for a plainer waist. Also the back can either be made to blouse or drawn down snugly as liked. To make the waist for a woman of medium size will be required 5 1/2 yards 21, 4 1/2 yards 27 or 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

Everything Tucked.

Everything is shirred or tucked this summer. Shirt waists are tucked, and whole frocks are tucked, and smart little coats are tucked or plaited all over. Gowns of soft materials are shirred, and it is the prettiest possible way to make them. The one illustrated this week is a charming example. It is of white dimity, dotted with pink. The waist has a shirred yoke, and then blouses over a girde of pink silk. The skirt is shirred in four places, and finished with a little ruffle at the foot. A hat of white shirred lawn is worn with this frock, the only trimming being a big soft bow of pale pink ribbon. The shirt waist illustrated this week is of a design suitable for silk linen, or any wash goods. The flat little box plaits are very smart, and the lace or embroidery used down the front and around the neck gives a very pretty finish.

To Make Cup Custard.

One quart of milk, 5 eggs, 5 heaping tablespoons sugar, 1/2 saltspoon salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Heat milk; beat eggs, whites and yolks separately, beat salt and sugar into yolks; add heated milk a little at a time, stir well; then add beaten whites and return to fire. It is almost impossible to make custard successfully without a double boiler. Use two pans if you have no boiler. Stir gently while cooking. When custard is nearly cooked, the foam on top disappears, the custard clings to the spoon. Do not leave it a second; stir constantly.

When cooked perfectly smooth, take from fire and turn to cool in cups in which it is to be served. Sherbet glasses are most commonly used.

Taffeta and Point D'Esprit.
Little jackets of all sorts are greatly in vogue and make ideal summer wraps. This one is worn over a waist of point d'esprit and is of antique green taffeta matching the skirt, the trimming being folds of velvet. The waist is simply full with wide sleeves that are finished with graceful frills of lace but is eminently becoming and suits lace, not and all thin materials to a nicety. The bolero is cut with fronts, backs and wide sleeves and is laid in plaits over the shoulders that give the drooping effect. The quantity of material required for the medium size is for waist 4 1/2 yards 21,



4 yards 27 or 3 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for bolero 3 1/2 yards 21, 2 yards 27 or 1 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

Currant Jelly.

To make currant jelly that will keep almost any length of time: Weigh one pound of sugar to each pound of fruit; after weighing, put the currants in a patent wine press or in a fine sieve that the seeds will not go through; it is not necessary to strip the currants from the stems; press the juice all out; then strain it through a very fine sieve or through a cheese cloth; pour the juice after straining into a preserving kettle, and stand it over a slow fire. When the juice is quite hot, stir in the sugar, and keep stirring until it is dissolved. Let the whole simmer gently till it drops as thick as jelly from the spoon; then pour the jelly into glasses and stand it in the sun until it is quite stiffened; then paste paper over the tops of the glasses.

Asbestos Table Coverings.

A new covering for dining tables is made from asbestos, especially prepared, covered with double-faced cotton flannel. It is so soft and flexible that it can be folded into any desired size without being clumsy. The same material can be had in doilies and mats to put under plates, chafing dishes and platters, when no dining cloth is used. The covers of linen are then laid over them, and one is spared the vexation of finding a handsome table covered with the spots and rings left by hot dishes.

Leather as Trimming.

Leather is making its appearance again as a trimming and is employed not only on raincoats but on cloth blouses for rough wear. It is not likely to be much used, although on certain materials for hard usage it is appropriate.

Care of the Hair.

Eau de quinine has no effect upon the color of the hair and is excellent to make it grow. Sprinkle it on the scalp three times a week before retiring and massage it in with the tips of the ten fingers, then divide the hair into small proportions and brush well. Whenever possible, let the hair fall loose. This will add to its growth. Pure vaseline also massaged into the scalp once a week is very good. Never touch the hair with a curling iron, but if it needs stiffness, rough it underneath with the comb as the hairdressers do. This should be carefully brushed at night.

Latest Neck Trimming.

The latest neck trimmings are double ruchings, formed by combining two widths of the goods, or two kinds of material, in different widths. The wider portion is folded down, giving the effects of a turnover collar, while the narrower portion remains upright in the form of a ruch. This turnover frill is usually three times as wide as the other. It is of sheer goods, such as fine batiste, and is knife-plaited.



In using gasoline, what is left may be again utilized.

In a few days it will have settled and the clear part may be poured off into other bottles. Potato peelings, if dried in the oven, are said to be very useful for fire kindling. If sufficiently abundant they may be used instead of wood, but, in any case, they will economize it. Gallon bottles are best for gasoline and the careful woman will not bring them into the house at all. Unless one has a back yard or a porch cleaning with these dangerous agents is best not undertaken at all. Lamb stew is very much improved by the addition of curry powder, especially if it is a rechauffee or "left-over." Made of cold roast meat, with fresh raw potatoes and the curry, it becomes a delicious entree, deserving of a more euphonious name than "stew."

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Cleansing Public Reservoirs.

The department of agriculture is experimenting with a process of treating public water supply with a solution of copper sulphates—one part in 1,000,000 parts. The purpose of this is to destroy certain forms of algae or plant growths, which so frequently render water foul appearing and ill smelling, although the sanitary quality of the water is not affected. These growths flourish best in the purest waters, pressed through sand filters, and for this reason large storage of filtered water is not advisable unless the reservoirs are covered. As to the effect upon the consumers, a person drinking three pints of water per day, with 1 part to 1,000,000 parts, would in a year consume but seven to eight grains of sulphate. As a matter of fact, however, the treatment would not be continuous. Two or three applications a year would probably suffice, and besides this the sulphate would enter into combination with the organic life and would then be precipitated. Certain of the algae are killed by solutions of only 1 part in 3,000,000, but it is possible that others will require much stronger solutions. In this case, which remains to be determined by test, the reservoir may be shut off from us during treatment, or there may be a supplementary process to precipitate any copper sulphate remaining in solution.

Improved Chiffonier.

There has just been patented a chiffonier, or dresser, of decidedly useful construction, and the honor belongs to an Indiana citizen. The accompanying cut shows the chiffonier, with its new feature, which is nothing more nor less than a washtand extension.

It can be seen that the washtand slides into the end of the chiffonier and closes the end shelves or compartments when the stand is not in use. The whole arrangement is particularly



The New Chiffonier.
Ingenious and forms a compact and useful article of furniture for milady's room.

Electric Switching Engines.

The great weight of storage batteries, which is so serious an objection to their use on passenger cars and smaller carriages, is an advantage on switching locomotives, as it gives necessary adhesion. Such a locomotive is being tested in the yards of the Prussian state railways. Among its special merits it claims that of being always ready and that of costing less than steam for irregular service. The battery of 200 cells is charged once a day from a source of constant current at 110 volts. The total weight of the locomotive is 59,000 pounds, of which 22,000 pounds is the weight of the battery and 9,500 pounds that of the other electric apparatus.

What Lightning is.

It has generally been supposed that the luminous material forming the electric spark is made up of minute particles torn from the poles of the discharge and heated to a white heat by it. But a Russian experimenter, Semenov, reports to the Paris Academy of Sciences the results of experiments which show that the poles suffer no such dismemberment, and that the heated material comes solely from the air or gas through which the spark passes. In a lightning flash the air is simply heated momentarily to incandescence along the path of the discharge.

To Measure Fall of Dew.

Accurate measurement of dew has always been impossible. A new German drosometer, reported to give excellent results, is a sheet of specially prepared paper soaked in a chemical solution, and the amount of dew falling in a night can be closely estimated from the degree of discoloration of this paper. Experiment has given a scale of discoloration. Paper of 3 degrees of sensitiveness is provided, and it is advised that two kinds be exposed together, in order that when the amount of dew is too great for one it may be indicated by the other.

Powerful Japanese Explosives.

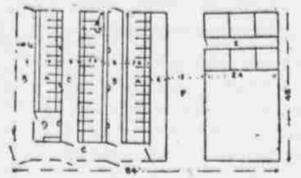
The Japanese explosive, shimose, is said to be more powerful than dynamite or gun-cotton, does not explode on percussion or by fire, and is not injured by wetting. When exploded by a charge of fulminate it exerts a force equal in all directions, another advantage over dynamite.

TO MAKE OVER BARN.

Plan Will Ensure a Commodious and Comfortable Structure.

A. C. Mel—I wish to remodel a barn, 48 by 84 feet, the floor of which runs through the center from end to end. The barn stands north and south and the dwelling house stands about 150 feet south of the south end. I wish to run the floor across the barn and to arrange a cow stable to hold forty-five cows, convenient for feeding and cleaning out.

We do not know how far the bents are apart in your barn, nor how many there are, so that some of them may come directly over the mangers or gutters behind the cattle. If you adopt the plan shown and the bents come over any of the gutters or mangers, so that the posts would interfere with your stable, two posts opposite each



Ground Floor Plan of Remodeled Stock Barn.

A, cow stalls; B, passages behind cattle; C, feed rooms; D, box stall; E, granary; F, drive floor; G, windows.

The plan shown provides for bents of the following lengths, commencing at the south end: 14, 14, 20, 12 and 24 feet, making in all 84 feet.

There is an over-shoot of six feet on the south side of the driveway to feed the first row of cattle from. The windows on the west side are close to the doors and come directly over the gutters in order to let in light. In cleaning out the cow stable the doors can be made wide enough to drive in from the east side through the stable, and out of the west side. The stalls are single stalls for swinging racks for mangers, but if swinging racks are not used the stalls can be converted into double ones if desired. There are thirty-nine cow stalls and one box stall; if the box stall is not required, three single stalls can be made of it.

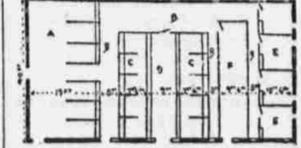
Growing Rhubarb.

P. M.—At what season of the year is it best to plant rhubarb roots? Is it advisable to protect the roots in winter.

There are two ways to start a rhubarb bed: First, by using roots which may be secured from an established plantation. If these are used, they may be planted in spring or any time from the first of September until the middle of October. I prefer the early autumn. The second method is from seeds. If rhubarb seed is sown in well pulverized soil in early spring, the seedlings will be large enough to transplant in the autumn. Or they may be allowed to stand over until the following spring. When the roots or seedlings have been set out in the autumn, it is altogether advisable to mulch them heavily the first winter. Rhubarb does well on a variety of soils, but one which is deep, fairly heavy and moist is preferable. If you want early rhubarb, select a warm site.

Roomy and Up-to-Date Stable.

A. M.C.—Please publish a plan for the basement of a barn 76 feet by 40 feet, to have 6 or 8 stalls for horses.



Ground Floor Plan of Handy Stable.

A, horse stable; B, feed rooms; C, cattle stable; D, passage behind cattle; E, box stalls; F, room for cattle to run loose.

The above plan provides for six horse stalls, ten double cattle stalls, four box stalls and a room for young cattle to run loose in. The box stalls have doors in from outside, so that they may be cleaned from these. The passage behind the cattle is nine feet wide, allowing room for a wagon or cart to be backed in to draw out the manure.

Cost of Four-Room Cottage.

J. E.—I intend to build a four-room cottage, with bath room and pantry. It would have an 8 foot basement and colonial roof. It would be finished in yellow pine. What would such a building cost, with lumber worth \$35 to \$40 per thousand feet? The house would be 24 by 30 feet. It would have three bay windows and front porch.

Your basement walls and floor would cost, if built of concrete, about \$135 provided the walls are one foot thick and the concrete is composed of one part of Portland cement to seven of clean gravel.

It is difficult to give a close estimate of the cost, and amount of materials in the frame work of your house unless one has a detail of the class of work required in finishing. Roughly estimating, the plastering would amount to sixty-six dollars; lumber and other materials would amount to about five hundred dollars not including work.

Prohibits Sorcery.

In the Rhodesian Government Gazette is published a proclamation prohibiting the practice of sorcery throughout the territory, including the throwing of bones, the use of charms, any manner of conjuration and trial by ordeal.

Cattle Bring High Prices.

At a sale of the Argentine Republic in the capital of the Argentine Republic special prices were recently paid for Scottish shorthorns; £2,610 was given for Newton Stone, a Morayshire-bred bull.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep DeLancey Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they knew cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. DeLancey Starch for same money.

Tibetan Earth Dwellers.

Earth dwellers are common in Tibet. Strangely clad men and women, who since childhood have rarely looked upon the sun, are found living in roomy clay apartments in a mode as stringent as any monastic order. They are supplied with food and other necessities by their children, who alone leave the caverns; and much of their time is occupied in extending their curious residences.

First Bomb Outrage.

The first "bomb outrage" was committed on Christmas eve, 1800, by Saint-Napoleon, who wished to remove Napoleon, then first consul, in the interest of the Royalists. Napoleon escaped, but among his escort and the bystanders there were about 130 casualties.

Value of Laughter.

If we realized the power of good cheer and the habit of laughter to retard the progress of age and to stay the hand which writes the wrinkles of care and anxiety on the face, we should have discovered the famed fountain of youth—the elixir of life.

Man and Wife.

Buxton, N. Dak., Sept. 12 (Special).—Mr. B. L. Skriveth of this place has been added to the steadily growing following that Dodd's Kidney Pills have in this part of the country. Mr. Skriveth gives two reasons for his faith in the Great American Kidney Cure. The first is that they cured his wife and the second is that they cured himself.

"I must say," says Mr. Skriveth, "that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for Kidney Trouble I ever knew. My wife had Kidney Disease for years and she tried all kinds of medicine from doctors but it did not help her any. An advertisement led her to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. The first box helped her so much that she took eight boxes more and now she is cured."

"I also took three boxes myself and they made me feel better and stronger in every way."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have never yet failed to cure any kidney disease from Backache to Rheumatism, Diabetes or Bright's Disease.

Real Leaders of Men.

Men of genuine excellence in every station of life—men of industry, of integrity, of high principle, of sterling honesty of purpose—command the spontaneous homage of mankind. It is natural to believe in such men, to have confidence in them and to imitate them. All that is good in the world is upheld by them, and without their presence in it the world would not be worth living in.—Samuel Smiles.

Catch Words or Phrases.

If you desire to get rich quickly, invent catch-words or phrases that will grip the attention of the public. Big sums are paid for the right article. The inventor of a word now used for a brand of crackers is said to have received \$5,000 for it. Manufacturers of various things from soap to nuts have paid nearly as high. A railroad company gave \$100 to a girl who suggested a name for one of its fast trains.

Tribute to a Dutch Smoker.

To pay due reverence to the memory of an ardent smoker named Ondersmans, who had died in Rotterdam all his old cronies came to the funerals smoking long clay pipes. Ondersmans left a sum of money to pay the expenses of a yearly smoking concert to keep his memory green.

Some men go through life pretty much as a dog with a chain to his collar and a woman yanking at the business end.

WHAT'S THE USE

To Keep a "Coffee Complexion."

A lady says: "Postum has helped my complexion so much that my friends say I am growing young again. My complexion used to be coffee colored, muddy and yellow but it is now clear and rosy as when I was a girl. I was induced to try Postum by a friend who had suffered just as I had suffered from indigestion, palpitation of the heart and sinking spells."

"After I had used Postum a week I was so much better that I was afraid it would not last. But now two years have passed and I am a well woman. I owe it all to leaving off coffee and drinking Postum in its place."

"I had drunk coffee all my life. I suspected that it was the cause of my trouble, but it was not until I actually quit coffee and started to try Postum that I became certain; then all my troubles ceased and I am now well and strong again." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."