

For Little Misses



LACY braids, embroidered batiste and mull, nets, laces, hair braids and silk go to make up the majority of hats for young girls and smaller misses. The shapes are more soft and bonnet like than ever and narrow side platings of sheer fabrics and lace are more favored than ever. Cascades of platted ruffles fall about and over considerable of the face. Soft puffed crowns look like quaint old-time ideas revised for youthful wearers.

When the baby girl graduates from the regulation baby bonnet, she will don a bonnet-like hat, or a bonnet made on a light wire frame, quite elaborately trimmed with ribbons and lace and small flowers. Ribbons have always been the favorite trimming for children's millinery. This spring season it is to be used in greater abundance than ever. Small roses, tiny rose foliage and other little flowers like the forget-me-not and valley-lily, the cow-slip and tiny daisy, continue to reign as favorites for children. There is a little round hat made by shirring a large circle of silk or embroidered batiste or other sheer fabrics, on feather-bone. Four rows of shirring form the up-turned brim, and the crown is just a puff of the material. This little cap is finished with a big rosette made of wide ribbon shirred. A variation of this model has a silk crown and brim of point de esprit. It is a highly successful novelty.

The regular plain bonnet is in high favor, and numbers of little hats are simply diminutives of the simple shapes worn by grown-ups. They are simply trimmed with ribbon.

Fig. 1 shows a pretty model of thin silk and lace Tuscan braid. The light wire shape is faced with silk and bound with braid. A soft tan crown of silk makes a foundation for the



large circle of lace Tuscan which is posed over brim and crown. Ribbon, wide and soft, is laced through the braid and tied in a two-looped bow with hanging ends at the back. It is a model which may be worn by children from four to fourteen years old.

A pretty model for an older girl is shown in Fig. 2. The wire frame in this is covered first with chiffon, which is shirred for the facing. The hat is covered with row after row of side platted lace on top of the crown, and about the brim. At the side crown the platted lace is omitted and little stalks of lily-of-the-valley are set plainly over the chiffon.

A sash of wide soft ribbon finished with an immense bow at the back makes a complete finish for the hat. But a bunch of cow-slips or other small flowers may be added at the front, as shown in the picture.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

PRETTY BLOUSE.



Any one who likes to feel their throats free will be pleased with this blouse, which is cut in rather a low square. The material is arranged in tucks across front that are attached to the bust; at the back there are three tucks each side.

The square is outlined with embroidery that is continued down the wrap over right front. The sleeves are trimmed with a point of embroidery, and are gathered into wrist-bands covered with the same.

Materials required: 2 1/2 yards 28 inches wide, 3/4 yards embroidery.

Effective New Work.

An easy combination of materials that is being utilized for table covers, lamp mats, magazines and book covers and sofa pillows, is burlap with cut leather.

The design is cut from the leather, either suede or the soft glazed varieties, then is stitched to the burlap background, which shows a contrasting color.

Sometimes velvet is used instead of the leather, especially in sofa pillows and often along the line of stitching are sewn small brass or metal beads, to look like tiny nails.

What French Brides are Wearing. French brides have taken to wearing bridal dresses of malines or tulle in combination with Brussels lace flounces and voluminous enveloping veils are also of the maline or tulle.

DUTCH COLLAR AND CUFFS

Dainty Frills That are Designed to Lighten Up a Dark Costume.

The girl who likes to lighten a dark costume with dainty frills, should make herself one of the sets of round Dutch collar and cuffs in platted lawn.

The frills are made of fine white lawn or dotted muslin, and are cut three and a half inches wide for the collar, and two inches for the cuffs.

Mark the edge in a tiny scallop with a spool of two hundred cotton, and buttonhole in white or colored mercerized cotton in a shallow line. When finished sew into eighth of an inch side platts and sew into narrow band the right length to fit around wrist and neck. The frill falls softly from the band or in the sleeves may be inverted and turned back, being caught at one side with a lace pin.

Instead of arranging in platts, which are hard to iron, the frills may be run in thread tucks to give the fullness. This model is good for high turnover effects and for the Dutch collar. For the latter the strip should be made narrower at the ends than in the middle.

Surah Silks Again.

Surah twill silk in solid color is a material which is claiming much favor, being used by the best model houses in Paris for making tailored suits and three-piece costumes. This new surah has a high luster surface and is used in exactly the same manner as satins have been so freely employed recently.

Surah is especially well adapted for summer use in America. It is durable, sufficiently dressy for a handsome suit, is light weight, and, therefore, comfortable for summer use in many parts of the United States. More than this, domestic silk mills are equipped to produce surah silks.

Black Velvet Bags.

Black velvet bags are supplanting the gold mesh purses, long so dear to the heart of every woman. These new bags are of thick velvet and are framed in gold or silver. They are in many shapes, but all are suspended from the arm by heavy silken cords and tassels, very long, so that the bag drops almost to the knees. Some of the new bags are elaborately beaded, but generally the fabric is so fine in quality that it needs no other embellishment than its own elegance.

THE KITCHEN CABINET



WHO waits until the wind shall silent keep Will never find the ready hour to sow; Who watcheth clouds will have no time to reap. —Helen Hunt Jackson.

A Few Good Desserts.

A frozen dessert is always one well liked; they are easily made if one has a good freezer and fully as economical as desserts which take time and heat to prepare, as well as material more expensive.

A delicious dessert of rich milk and lemon juice, called sherbet, is made as follows:

Milk Sherbet.

Juice of three lemons and a cup of sugar is added to a quart of good, rich milk. Stir and dissolve the sugar and do not think it is ruined if the milk is curdled by the lemon juice, as it will freeze smooth.

Another very pretty and nice dessert is made from grape juice. Use a cup of the juice, a cup of sugar if the juice is not too sweet, and a pint of thin cream. Freeze as usual. The flavor and color is improved by adding a tablespoonful of lemon juice.

Raisin Pie.

This is a pie that is very rich, but when made of good raisins is especially delicious.

Cover a pound of raisins with water and cook gently until well softened. Add a lemon, three tablespoonfuls of flour, one and a half cupfuls of sugar and at the last a half cup of cold water. Bake in two crusts.

Grape Sherbet.

To one cupful of grape juice add the juice of a lemon and one orange, one cup of sugar, a pint of water and a tablespoonful of gelatine. Moisten the gelatine with a portion of the water, heat the remainder to the boiling point, pour over the softened gelatine, add the sugar and juice and freeze as usual.

Generalities.

Wash eggs as they come from the market, and the shells may then be used in clearing coffee and soup.

Core apples before paring them, as there is less danger of their breaking.

Save all scraps of good soap and cook in soft water. This jelly may be used to wash the hair.



ONLY owls and bats seek the shadows and live in them. Only cowards and faint hearted call the world a vale of tears. Because there is nightshade in the world, shall we plant it in our gardens? Because the bats live, shall we cage them and hang them in our bedrooms? —Amber.

A Few Simple Salads.

During the early spring months there is no salad more simple in preparation or more generally satisfactory than the lettuce and cream.

For a variety, make a nest of cream and in it place a few carefully divided sections of grape fruit. Serve with French dressing made by using a tablespoonful of vinegar and three of olive oil; a teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of red pepper.

A few peanuts rolled with a rolling pin and then sprinkled over crisp fresh lettuce and served with French dressing makes a fine salad.

Young green onions sliced with fresh radishes on lettuce with a boiled dressing served on cream or lettuce is another good spring salad.

Cream Cheese Salad.

Season cream cheese with salt, pepper and chopped chives, mold in balls with butter paddles; arrange two or three in a nest of blanched lettuce, or if the lettuce is not good, cut it with the shears or a sharp knife into shreds. Serve with French dressing.

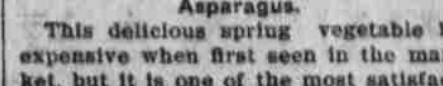
Stuffed Tomato Salad.

Firm, raw tomatoes may be hollowed out and stuffed with a variety of edibles. Finely diced meat, well marinated with oil dressing or seasonings, one or more cooked vegetables; raw cucumbers cut in dice and mixed with onion, water cream and celery, as well as other greens and fruits, which will accord with the taste.

Summer Salad.

Pare, eye and cut a ripe pine apple in cubes; slice tender celery. To each pint mix a cup of brown pecan meats; moisten with mayonnaise and garnish with pecans and sliced pineapples.

When using mayonnaise, to make it go further, add whipped cream or the white of an egg beaten stiff. The dressing may be colored to harmonize with any color scheme.



Asparagus. This delicious spring vegetable is expensive when first seen in the market, but it is one of the most satisfactory vegetables to have in the home garden. When making an asparagus

bed the two-year-old roots are the most satisfactory to buy, as the shoots are ready to use the following year.

Make a trench about eight inches deep, put in some good rich fertilizer and cover with a little dirt. Allow the soil to become warm, and then set out the roots about a foot apart. In the fall cover with a layer of fertilizer at least six inches deep, and in the spring this is forked into the soil. The difference between large and small asparagus is in the amount of fertilizer used. A bed of asparagus makes a nice hedge between lots in the city. An asparagus bed should not be moved for years, but it must be cultivated.

Salt should be used generously in the spring, as it is a marine plant and needs salt to nourish it. The water from the ice cream freezer may be used with good effect if sprinkled on to the asparagus bed.

During the first year the bed will need cultivation several times; after that only in the spring before the shoots start and in the fall a thick coat of fertilizer.

A hundred roots will produce enough asparagus to supply a family of six with all the asparagus needed.

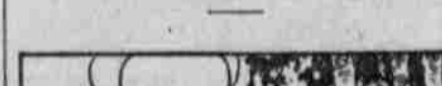
When cooking the young, tender stalks, the best method is to tie them in bunches and stand the bunches in the boiling water. The steam is sufficient to cook the tender tips and the coarser stalk ends have the more severe heat to soften them.

Appropriate sauces to serve with asparagus is drawn butter sauce, white sauce or hollandaise sauce.

If any of the vegetable is left, the sauce may be washed off and the asparagus may then be added to a salad with French dressing.

The tough ends may be used in a soup.

Asparagus is medicinal in its properties, especially valuable as a liver and kidney remedy.



THERE are nettles everywhere. But smooth green grasses are more common still. The blue of heaven is larger than the cloud. —E. B. Browning.

Some Hot Puddings.

A steamed or baked pudding is a dish appreciated by the men, who usually like a rich dessert. Here are a few that will be an addition to any recipe book:

Whole Wheat Pudding.

Mix two cupfuls of whole wheat flour, half a teaspoon of soda and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add one cup of milk, half a cup of molasses, and one cup of chopped raisins or a cup of ripe berries. Steam two hours and a half and serve with cream or pudding sauce. One cup of dates, figs or stewed prunes or chopped apple makes a variety which is pleasing.

An egg sauce made with hot milk, sugar and flavoring makes a good sauce for this pudding.

Cabinet Pudding.

Butter a melon mold and decorate it with candied fruit, or with raisins boiled until soft. Put in a layer of cake or lady fingers, then a few pieces of fruit, and repeat until the mold is full, or nearly so. Pour a pint of boiling milk into the yolks of three eggs beaten with three tablespoonfuls of sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Pour over the cake in the mold and set the mold into a pan of hot water on the back of the stove for half an hour, then place in the oven, still in the hot water, and bake an hour. Serve with foamy sauce.

French Bread Pudding.

Butter small, thin slices of bread and spread with apple jelly, lay them in a pudding dish, filling it half full. Pour over a boiled custard and cover with a meringue. Brown the meringue and serve cold.

Orange and Coconut Pudding.

Butter a tall mold, sprinkle the bottom and sides with grated coconut, using the fresh nut. Crumble rather fine a stale sponge cake. Fill the mold almost to the top with alternate layers of cake, coconut and sliced oranges. Beat four eggs, add a pint of milk, a pinch of salt and three tablespoonfuls of sugar. Baste this slowly over the mixture in the mold and let stand for 15 minutes. Steam for 45 minutes.

Nellie Maxwell.

Clumsy Compliment.

He was a flatterer, but a clumsy one. Noting that the girl of his heart possessed beautiful teeth that shone like ivory, he ventured to pass a compliment.

"Dearest," he whispered, leaning over the music rack, "your teeth are like piano keys."

Freezing him with an icy glance, she turned on her heel. "Sir, how dare you insult me?"

"Insult you?"

"Yes, insinuate that my teeth are as large as piano keys." And without another word she left the parlor, leaving him crestfallen and bewildered.

Amid a multitude of projects no plan is devised.

IN OBEDIENCE TO ORDERS

French Boy Caused Merriment by Taking the Order of the Court Too Literally.

A droll incident is reported as having taken place in one of the provincial appeal courts in France. A boy, about fourteen, was summoned to give evidence, and his appearance was such as to move the whole court to laughter. He wore a long redingote, peculiar to the Basque country, and immense boots. His trousers, collar and hat were unquestionably those of a man. The court was convulsed, and the president asked the boy how he dared to treat the court in such a manner. The boy seemed as surprised as the president, and taking out the citation from his pocket, read the formula inviting him, "Comparez dans les affaires de son pere." (To appear in his father's suit.)

THE ALARMING PREVALENCE OF ECZEMA

Finds Victims Among Every Race, Age and Condition.

Of all the diseases of the skin and scalp which torture and disfigure mankind, three-fourths are eczematous. Millions are born with eczema, and it is the only thing other millions have left when they die. Neglect in infancy and childhood, irritating conditions affecting the skin, ignorance of its real nature, improper remedies and many other causes that might be mentioned have created an eczema which, with varying severity, has afflicted countless numbers during their entire lives. Eczema is a skin disease. It is not regarded as hereditary, nor contagious, and is impartially distributed among the rich and poor, the high and low. The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, causing loss of sleep, is usually the most distressing symptom and is caused by the bursting of little vesicles filled with an acrid fluid, which burns as with fire the denuded skin. New vesicles form, fill and burst, scales form upon scales, and crusts upon crusts until disfigurement is added to torture.

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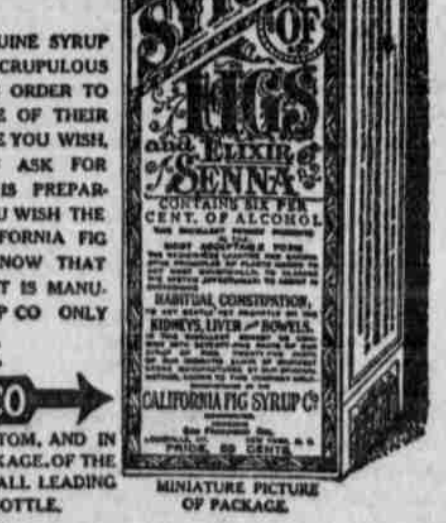
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