

Practical Blouse



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No pins, no buttons, no hooks and eyes are needed to adjust this little silk waist. You merely slip the arms into the sleeves, cross the fronts, bring ties around to side, and "there you are." The great popularity of this blouse has grown from its easy adjustment and from the fact that it requires so little packing for the week-end trip.

APPROPRIATE FOR THE NECK BEST COLOR FOR CURTAINS

Pretty Things That Have Been Given the Sanction of Best-Dressed Parisian Women.

The jabots, plisses and rabats are more important than ever in the decoration of separate blouses and bodies of one-piece frocks. Here are some notes taken at a showing in one of the well-known lingerie shops not far from Paquin's.

The larger the better. This seems to be the rule for fashioning frills of either lace or linen.

One-sided effects predominate. A central strip of lace, tucked material or embroidery is flanked on one side by an immense frill. Beading, eyelet embroidery, lace, heavy and fine, may be used at the line of junction, and ball fringe has made its appearance on some novelties.

Pleatings of net are edged with lace motifs in heavy Oriental weaves or fine valenciennes. Sometimes a pleated frill will be edged with two or three other frills of pleated lace. The possibilities of variety are unlimited.

Jabots or plisses are extremely wide and long. In the majority of cases they extend to the waistline and over as far as the shoulder. The shape is generally broader at the top than at the bottom.

Black buttons of satin or velvet are introduced on lace.

FOR MANY GOWNS.



Black and white is the color combination of this becoming turban, with a touch of gilt to enliven it. The hat is covered with black velvet draped on the left side and knotted in irregular loops and one long end. Around the crown a scarf of white satin is draped, the ends of this also knotted and mingling with knotted velvet on the left. Along the bottom edge of the scarf is sewed a narrow white silk fringe and around the top a narrow strip of gilt lace. This is a hat which could be worn with many costumes and be equally pretty with all, owing to its neutrality of color.

Strange That Gray, So Eminently Appropriate, Has Not Been More Largely Made Use Of.

In one of the popular plays of the day the woman who is artistic will get an idea well worth following as to house decoration. In one of the scenes a room is decorated with gray curtains.

Why, says the artistic woman, has she not thought of gray curtains before? Why adhere to blue and brown, rose and white, when gray makes a frame for the outside world that is inimitable? It softens the garish brightness of an azure sky, and drapes the sad day with sympathetic harmony. Moreover, a gray tone with any room is never obtrusive, does not weary the senses, is dignified, charming and picturesque. It is, in short, a perfect choice.

Gray curtains made of chintz, China silk and sheeting, or the sumptuous brocade and satin, are the ideal accompaniment of the house where every color scheme is kept in low tones. The result is a habitation very soothing to the eyes and nerves and one of which nobody wears quickly.

White walls go well with gray curtains and they should be hung with engravings. Steel fenders and fire irons complete the picture and the electric light fittings match. The mahogany furniture shines and the damask and silver that deck the table at meal times are at once simple and splendid in design. Solid comfort is the motto of the home, and curtains of gray will carry out this motto.

For the Silver Mesh Bag.

On account of its durability the silver mesh bag will not go out of existence for some time to come. In fact, as there is a wide sale of them still being made, it is wise to keep them in the highest luster of which you are capable. Where there is nothing but silver in the make-up of your bag the best cleaner is a rather strong solution of ammonia and water, in which the bag can be boiled for the short space of a minute, and then shook about in it so as to dislodge every little particle of dust. You will be surprised how much dust this process will show up.

Juvenile Hairdressing

Is noticeably softer for some time back.

One of the latest ideas in children's hairdressing is the transformation of the Dutch style into a Louis XVI period.

It consists of having the cropped hair curled and falling in long ringlets, completely surrounding the head from ear to ear, instead of being combed down straight.

The arrangement is decidedly quaint and pretty. It will be becoming to even a greater number of children than was the harsher Dutch style.

Unbecoming Earrings.

Never indulge in silver earrings—unless closely studded with colored stones, as the effect of silver against the face is unbecoming.

CHINA'S STRONG MAN

Both Factions Offer Leadership to Yuan Shi Kai.

Crafty Oriental Turned Tide in Boxer Revolt by Shooting Man Protected by "Bullet Proof Oath"—Friend of the People.

Shanghai.—Yuan Shi Kai, called "the strong man of China," towards whom the eyes of all the world today are turned, has been offered the premiership by the throne and the presidency by the Republicans. It is pointed out that at the time of the Boxer war, Yuan was the one man in China who could command the respect of foreigners and at the same time unite the warring Chinese.

Yuan accepted the premiership, considering it the best opportunity to bring about peace. A few days after he had assumed these duties he told his friends that he had thought the situation over carefully and concluded that there is no hope of saving the Manchu dynasty and that a change of government is inevitable.

Yuan is said to be of lowly birth, meager education and superficial knowledge. He has never traveled beyond the borders of his own country and he speaks no language but his own. His countrymen say that the strength of his appeal to them lies in the fact that he is quite generally and firmly believed, throughout the empire, to be patriotic.

His deposition from power for three years, 1908 to 1911, was due to his having repeatedly compelled the Manchu princes to relinquish certain revenues which they were using for private purposes, that he might have money to build up the army and to institute reforms in the schools. Yuan always seemed to have in mind some ultimate benefit to the people at large, regardless of the personal wishes of the ruling dynasty.

The incident that brought Yuan to the notice of the crafty old empress dowager and the admiration of the foreign diplomats occurred while he



Yuan Shi Kai.

was mayor of a small town in the Province of Shantung. The Boxer movement was strong and many of the most reputable Chinese were on the verge of joining it, when Yuan decided that he must take an impressive stand against the fanatical ascendancy of this secret order.

One of the tenets of the Boxer faith was that participation in the rites of the order rendered a person immune to the effects of bullets. They believed the "foreign devils" could not hurt them with their guns.

When Yuan was invited to join the Boxers he did not dare refuse, and he did not wish to accept, because he saw defeat ahead for them.

"I will join with you," he said, "upon one condition—that you prove to me you cannot be harmed by foreign bullets."

The Boxer committee agreed to the test, and one enthusiastic Boxer stood against the wall of the mayor's garden to be shot at by Yuan himself with a new model Martin-Henry rifle. Yuan smiling explained that this test would settle for all time in the minds of the citizens how unimportant was this boasted power of the foreign devils.

The Boxer leader was reverentially entombed at Yuan's expense and prayers were said over his grave for 100 days.

This is the man of nerve, cunning and diplomacy who is being called upon in China today.

Wolf Kills Eleven Cats.

San Antonio, Tex.—An animal, believed to be a lobo wolf, passed along the fourth block of San Pedro avenue one night, and at daylight eleven dead cats were found in yards and under houses. In practically every instance the cat came to its death from a single stab or tusk wound in the breast.

NEVER COUNTED THE GIRLS

Prince's Answer to Question Typical of Life in the Countries of the Orient.

The big punkah flopped and flagged between the columns, as we sat and talked. Mem Sahib, who was born in the Caucasus amid Georgian and Circassian dignitaries, and so had a happy way with Oriental princes, took us all back by suddenly asking the good gray prince how many brothers he had. His highness looked at her with a queer little smile, half tolerant, half amused, and began, with great show of seriousness, to count them on his fingers, first of the right hand, then of the left; after going once or twice round, he halted, started again, then stopped and said:

"I am afraid I must ask my secretary!"

The secretary replied, with dignity: "Your highness had a hundred and nineteen brothers!"

Mem-Sahib, not whit abashed, then asked this good Oriental nobleman concerning his sisters.

He smiled very charmingly, saying: "I am afraid I do not know; we never counted them!"—Charles Johnston in the Atlantic Monthly.

BURNING ITCH WAS CURED

"I deem it my duty to tell about a cure that the Cuticura Soap and Ointment have made on myself. My trouble began in spots breaking out right in the edge of my hair on the forehead, and spread over the front part of the top of my head from ear to ear, and over my ears which caused a most fearful burning itch, or eczema.

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"I will say that I have been suffering with an itching on my scalp for the past few years. My hair fell out in spots all over my head. My scalp started to trouble me with sores, then the sores healed up, and crusts formed on the top. Then the hair fell out and left me three bald spots the shape of a half dollar. I went to more than one doctor, but could not get any relief, so I started to use the Cuticura Remedies. I tried one bar of Cuticura Soap and some Cuticura Ointment, and felt relieved right away. Now the bald spots have disappeared, and my hair has grown, thanks to the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I highly recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all that are suffering with scalp trouble." (Signed) Samuel Stern, 236 Floyd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 9 K, Boston.

Her Credit Was Strained.

A young country merchant who had something of a reputation for close figuring was especially attentive to the village schoolmarm. The young woman had a sweet tooth and was not at all reticent about making the fact known. Accordingly, she hinted to her admirer that a box of chocolates would be greatly appreciated on the occasion of his next visit. Later the suggestion was repeated and again duly heeded. The third time the subject was broached, however, the dispenser of sweets turned a deaf ear to the entreaty.

"I don't know about taking that girl any more candy," he confided to a companion next day. "She's owing me sixty cents for chocolates already."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Pantomime Code.

James T. Fields of the firm of Ticknor & Fields wore a flowing beard, as many men of his time did. He was scrupulous in the care of it, and in the main managed it at the table with skill.

His wife was always on watch for him, too, when they went out to dinner together. They had a pantomime code and a few expressive spoken signals. Should a bread crumb catch in the floss Mrs. Fields would say:

"My dear, there's a gazelle in the garden."

Unwritten Law.

According to the Standard Dictionary, the unwritten law is a rule or custom established by general usage, etc. The unwritten law, as the term recently has come into use, is the assumed or supposed right of a person to punish even with death the author of a gross wrong committed against a member of his family. Courts do not countenance it, but justices frequently act upon it, and several instances have occurred within recent years in which persons accused of homicide have been acquitted.

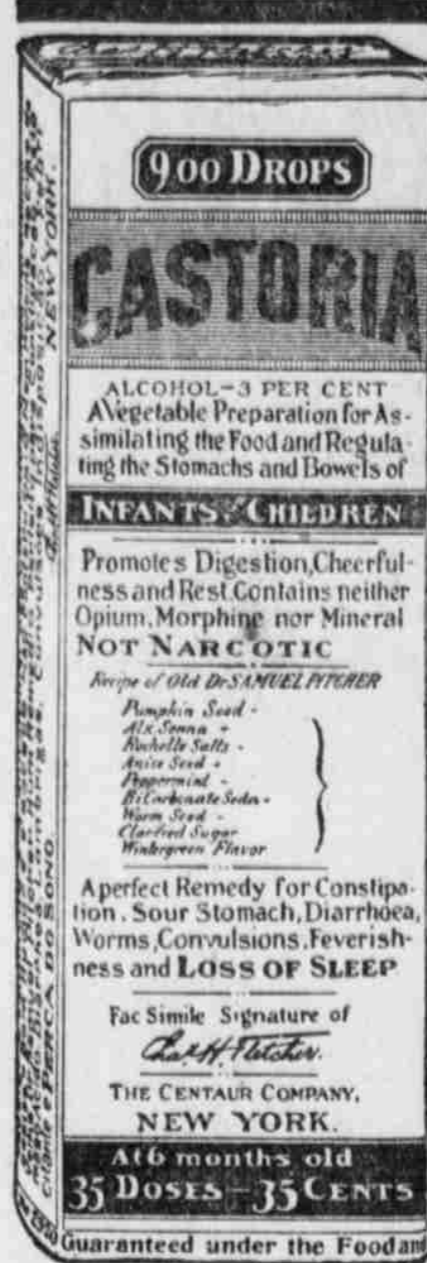
During the Spat.

Wife (complainingly)—You're not like Mr. Knagg. They've been married 20 years, and Mrs. Knagg says her husband is so tender.

Hub—Tender! Well, he ought to be, after being in hot water that long.

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"Teacher," he said, "do they have billy goats with long whiskers up there? I want one awful bad, but grandpa says I can't have one. If they don't have billy goats up in heaven I don't believe I want to go."

His Suspicion.

"Well, whaddy you want?"

"I am the man who was married in the cage of wildcats."

"I asked ye whaddy you want?"

"I thought I would like to look into the cage again. I fear I left my wife there and took one of the wildcats."

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In Boston.

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