

Handling of Striped Materials



It seems that everything is woven in stripes this year, and the frock of gingham for the half-grown schoolgirl may show them as well managed as they are in the vesting gown made for her mother. The handling of striped fabrics is not a particularly simple matter, but when well done the results are something to be proud of.

A good model for a dress of striped material is shown in the picture. It is in every way commendable for the girl of from nine to fourteen years and merits the attention of those who must provide clothes that shall be attractive for girls of the awkward age. One of the strongest points in favor of striped fabrics for children's wear lies in the fact that they allow simplicity and variety at the same time. By the simple expedient of changing the direction of the stripes the trimming is provided of the same material as the frock.

The model shown is so good that it should be followed exactly as it is, by the copyists who use it. The bodice is cut with long shoulders and large arm's-eye, and the simplest of neck openings. In it the stripes run up and down and the slight fullness gathered in at the waist line gives them

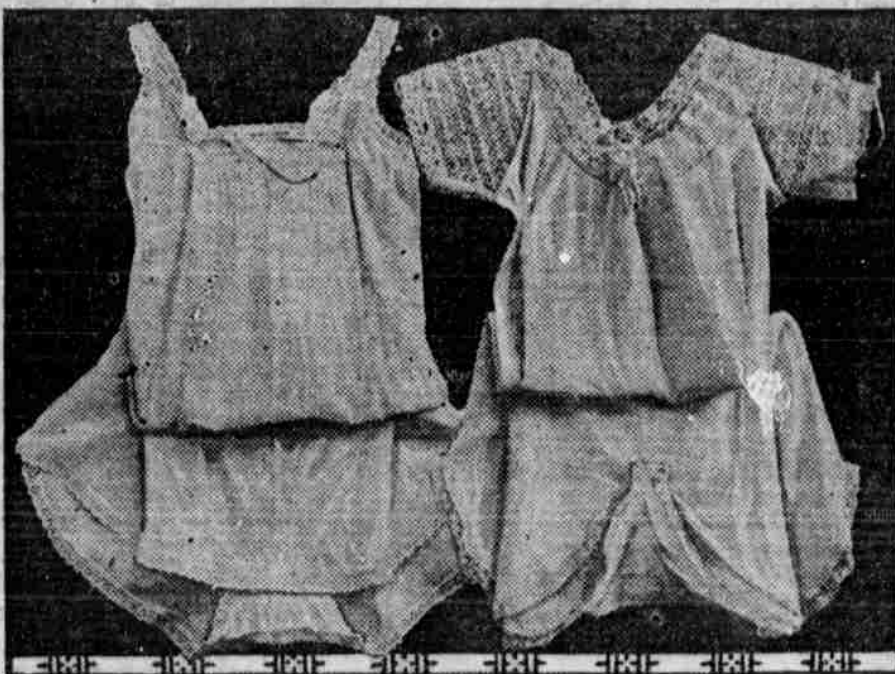
the right direction. They slant toward the middle of the belt at the back and front. At each side a band of the material, having the stripes running horizontally, makes a neat decorative feature and adds to the shapeliness of the waist. In the elbow-length sleeves the stripes run lengthwise.

The neck and sleeves are finished with an embroidered edging in a simple, well-made design. Pearl buttons, two at each side, and simulated buttonholes of narrow braid, are effective little touches on the front of the waist.

The skirt is moderately full with panel at the front and plaits at the sides and back. Above the three-inch hem a band of the material, with the stripes running horizontally, gives the skirt a neat finish and a desirable flare at the same time.

The belt may be of patent leather or suede or of some heavy fabric. Altogether, this dress follows many good points in the modes of spring for grownups and at the same time contrives to be pretty childish and very practical. It is meant to be developed in wash fabrics and is easy to launder.

New Combination Garment



A new combination has appeared among undermuslins and has proved a great success in the spring displays. It has appealed to the senses of utility, economy and daintiness, which women exercise when outfitting themselves with summer underwear. This garment is called the "envelope chemise" and is engagingly pretty as well as practical.

To cut the new combination, one has only to vary the lower part of a chemise pattern by sloping the side seams outward to provide for a flare at the bottom. Also the back breadth is cut longer than the front breadth and with a tab at the center of the lower edge. This tab is more or less narrow and is provided with buttonholes which fasten over small, flat pearl buttons sewed to the bottom edge of the front breadth.

This arrangement divides the skirt of the chemise, making it as easy to walk in as muslin or silk pants and giving the appearance of a short under petticoat.

The envelope chemise is developed in nainsook or other thin cotton fabrics and in wash silk or crepe de chine. It is trimmed with the usual lingerie laces. The corset cover, pants and short skirt may be dispensed with when this chemise is adopted, since it takes the place of each of them.

In the picture two developments of this new garment are shown, one with lace sleeves and lace trimmings and the other made with small hand-run tucks at the front, a narrow handmade edging about the bottom and top and finishing the arm's-eye. Any needlewoman can make this chemise and it is a very simple matter to launder it. It is cool for summer wear, for it dispenses with at least one piece of underwear.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

Smart Outing Costumes.

For smart country club costumes in Norfolk style there is a new silk material called khaki-kool, which comes in various crisp weaves resembling shantung and rajah pongees and in smart shades of sand, putty, dresden gray and in pearl and oyster white. These costumes are very simple and very smartly tailored with belted coats above wide circular skirts. The natural shade of the khaki-kool is sometimes matched by natural silk stockings; stockings to match the dark and light gray shades are also carefully selected for wear with black pumps or boots. This khaki-kool has a virtue of springing up, however it is crushed, and will, without doubt, be fancied also for summer motor coats.

NEW BRIDGE LIKELY

CONCRETE STRUCTURE OVER PLATTE NEAR KEARNEY.

TO REPLACE OLD WOODEN ONE

Kearney and Buffalo Counties to Stand Expense Jointly—Will Endeavor to Get State Aid.

COMING EVENTS.

State Bowling Tournament, Lincoln, April 7-10.
State Press association annual meeting, Omaha, April 19, 20, 21.
Meeting of State Nurses' Association, Norfolk, April 20.
Mendelssohn Choir Fifth Annual Spring Concerts with Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Omaha, April 26 and 27.
Nebraska Federation of Commercial Clubs annual meeting, Lincoln May 5-6.
Meeting of Western Seedmen's association, Omaha, May 10-15.
Nebraska Elks' convention, Fremont, May 11-12.
State Gun Club tournament, North Platte, May 18, 19 and 20.
Annual encampment of State G. A. R., Minden, May 18-19-20.
State Sunday School convention Broken Bow, June 15-16-17.

Kearney.—The Board of Supervisors of Kearney and Buffalo counties at a joint meeting held here recently, discussed the advisability of erecting a concrete bridge over the Platte river south of Kearney. This bridge is to replace the mile long wooden structure which now spans the river at this point. The latter bridge has cost both counties thousands of dollars annually keeping it in repair.

It was suggested that a concrete bridge be built along lines suggested by Superintendent Bignell of the Burlington railway. This structure would be 1,000 feet long, the remainder being filled in.

The present bridge is over a mile long. It is estimated that the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. This expense would be borne jointly by two counties and an endeavor will be made to secure state aid for a portion. As all parties feel favorable to this plan an endeavor will be made to carry it through at the earliest possible moment.

Big Help to Labor.

Lincoln.—Labor Commissioner Frank M. Coffey believes that spring farm work will do much toward clearing up the problem of the unemployed within the next few weeks. Coffey said recently, that he had received numerous requests for work on the farm during the last few weeks.

Requests for work are heavier just now than the demand for farm hands. The labor commissioner expects the situation to be reversed as soon as the weather permits active farm work.

Will Honor Oldest Member.

Omaha.—The Nebraska Press association always has something new to offer its members when it meets in Omaha. These innovations have proven quite popular and the one arranged for the meeting, April 19 to 21, will not be any the less popular than those gone before. This year it will be a Pioneer newspaper man's day. April 19, the opening day of the convention, has been designated by the program committee. All the old-timers are requested to be present that day, when a handsome token of appreciation will be given by the association to the man who has been longest in newspaper harness in Nebraska.

Votes An Electric Franchise.

Valentine.—The electric light proposition of Charles H. Cornell, which provides for the city to provide an ordinance and enter into a contract with him, granting him a franchise and an agreement to buy current from him to be retailed by the city, was submitted by referendum vote to the citizens of this city and carried by a majority of forty-four votes.

His Twelfth Operation.

Fremont.—Nels Peterson, a Fremont boy, last week underwent a surgical operation. This is the ninth operation to which Peterson has submitted in the last few months. Since he was first taken ill ten years ago, he has been operated upon twelve times.

Plan New Phone Building.

Newman Grove.—The Monroe Telephone company plan to build a modern fire proof building at this place.

Grain Men Stirred.

Hastings.—Hastings grain dealers will send a representative to Lincoln to work against House Roll 527, by Hunter, which as understood here, would throw fifteen grain men of this city out of business, through the elimination of private wire quotations.

Jitneys Invade Harrison.

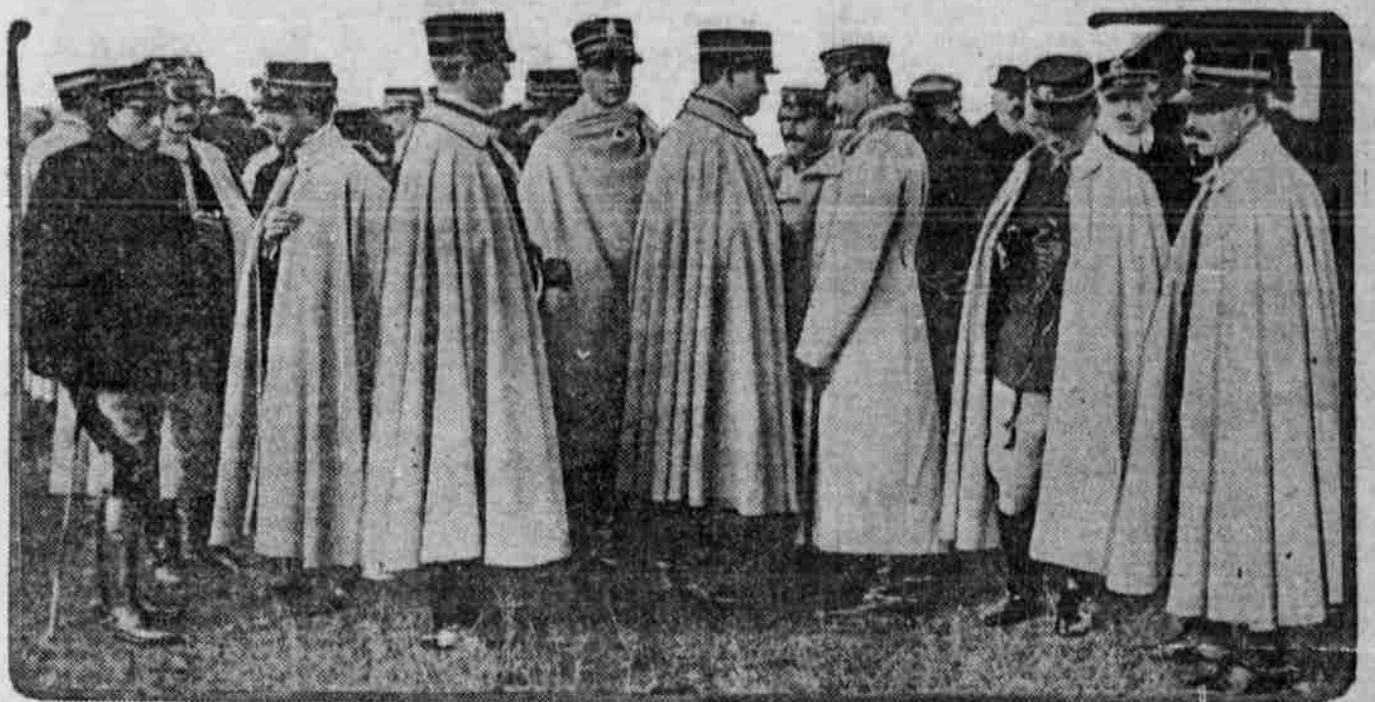
Harrison.—A jitney bus service has been established in this city and a one-way trip to any point within the city limits can be had for a nickel. The service is very popular here.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY GOING INTO ACTION



The Russian artillery has won fame for its efficiency and mobility. A battery of the Black sea division here shown wading through a stream on the way to the front.

ITALIAN OFFICERS AT MOBILIZATION CAMP



Should Italy enter the war these Italian officers, who are shown at one of Italy's mobilization camps, will lead their men against the Austrians now concentrating in the Trentino.

SUPREME COURT OF BUSINESS IN SESSION



Left to right in the reproduced photograph are: George Rublee of New Hampshire, William J. Harris of Georgia, Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin, Edward N. Hurley of Illinois, and William H. Parry of Seattle, Wash. These men are the members of the new federal interstate trade commission, the "supreme court of business," which has just been organized. The picture shows the commission holding its first meeting in the department of commerce at Washington. Mr. Davies was made chairman at this meeting.

FLOWER NAMED FOR MRS. WILSON



Among the rare and beautiful flowers exhibited at the third annual international flower show in New York was this ever-blooming Nymphaea, which is named in honor of the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

A Brief Spender.

Maude Fulton, the clever actress, has a fund of anecdotes, and here's one of the best of them: "She had stopped, panting, by the road to rest. It was the shell road in Pass Christian, and she was black. Beside her was a heavy market basket filled to overflowing. A passer-by

smiled and she responded with a full and free confidence: 'Yas'n, I is some tired. An' lame. All painful wid mizeries. Yass'm I coulda done sen' someone else to mahket to me. Mah grandson he coulda gone. But I dasn't trus' him. He spends mah money too briefly.'—Young's Magazine.

TASTING SOLDIERS' FOOD



A colonel of the Russian medical corps tasting the food prepared for the soldiers fighting in Galicia.

"Ghost" Easily Laid.

A colored man stood shivering with fright because of a "ghost" which he saw and which he had "seed ev'ry night fob a week" in a cemetery at Pottstown, Pa., when a white man came along. The white man ridiculed the idea of a ghost and persuaded the colored man to accompany him into the graveyard. When they reached the "ghost" they found it to be a highly polished granite monument which appeared white because of the reflection of a nearby arc light.