

Taffeta Afternoon Gown, Novel Trimming



The very good-looking afternoon gown of taffeta shown here has several novel and original features to recommend it to those who are looking for something new in style. It is interesting from the facts that it is an American model, that it is easy to make, and that it is in line with the new models.

The bodice is cut in three pieces and has long shoulders and a high neck. It fastens on a diagonal line running from the middle of the neck at the front to the left side of the belt. It is set into a narrow belt, (which is slightly wrinkled over a foundation) made of the taffeta. Small acorn shaped buttons made over molds are covered with the silk. A row of these, set close together, follows the line of the fastening, beginning at the swell of the bust and terminating at the belt. This row of buttons is balanced by a second row set at the right side of the waist.

The skirt is plain, consisting of

three widths of taffeta gathered in at the belt and into a wide band at the bottom. This band is edged with a silk cord of the same color as the taffeta. The side seams of the bodice and skirt are outlined with the small silk-covered buttons extending from the arm's-eye to the border of the skirt.

The sleeves are plain and long, finished with a narrow band of silk, piped with white. A similar band encircles the neck and supports a double frill of net.

An odd and unexpected feature is introduced in the large white buttons with dark rims that are sewed to the front of the belt. They repeat the color of the dress with its pipings of white at neck and wristbands, and therefore seem to belong in the scheme. But they are not essential to the finish of the gown; they are used solely for the sake of the novelty they furnish.

Attractive Blouses Easy to Make



Blouses that will stand any amount of wear and are sheer and dainty looking, are made of voile. Others a little less durable but equally dainty, are made of sheer batiste. Two new voile blouses made up with strong venetian lace and further decorated with embroidery are shown here. Cluny laces and hand-crochet laces are even a little stronger than venetian, but rather less fashionable. The third blouse is of batiste decorated with very fine tucks and venetian lace.

These blouses are machine made and all the seams are hemstitched with machinery. When the waists are to be home-made the seams may be managed by setting turned-under edges together with tiny heading or the narrowest laces, or with needlework.

The first blouse in the picture is among the few designed this season with three-quarter sleeves. It is very plain, with "V" shaped neck finished with hemstitched hem. It fastens with small crochet buttons and is decorated with venetian insertion about an inch wide and small sprays of embroidery. The collar is a wide plain turnover across the back.

One of the prettiest models is shown, made of voile, in the next picture. Its seams are hemstitched and the neck is "V" shaped, but supports a wide turnover collar of the voile. Lace insertion is let in both the back and front of the blouse, and the front is further decorated with small embroidered sprays. Crochet buttons and buttonholes manage the fastening. The sleeves are long and shaped into the wrists, where they are trimmed with a band of insertion.

Ties of narrow black ribbon help support the collar, which must be

wired if it is worn high.

The waist of batiste is very simply made with groups of thin tucks at the back and each side of the front. The sleeves are full and set into straight deep cuffs that turn back and are edged with lace. The high collar is made in the same way.

Lace edging is used for joining the yoke to the front of the blouse. In all these models the lower edge is hemmed and gathered on an elastic band.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

Don't Forget the Apron.
In replenishing your wardrobe don't forget to have at least one gown which can boast of an apron. For instance, on an afternoon gown of green soft taffeta attach a pointed apron of the material, and at the proper places have two little pockets. Have a two-inch-wide belt at the top of the apron—this is to serve as a girdle of the dress—and let it run off into space in the form of apron strings, which are to be tied in a pert bow.

A very quaint dance frock is made of figured voile. Around the neck and the puffed sleeves are ruffles of cream net. A filmy little apron of net and lace is tucked beneath the closely fitted basque, which extends in a point over the skirt.

Collarless Blouses.
Paris sanctions collarless daytime bodices; also makes an occasional model low and round or shallow and oval or shallow and pointed, and finished in very simple fashion with frill or ruche or flat collar or little inside fichu of net. And the small square is well liked, either with or without a standing collar at the back.

STECHEER IS WINNER

DOWNES WESTERGAARD IN TWO STRAIGHT FALLS.

FOURTEEN AND FIVE MINUTES

Defeats Big Swede So Easily Nebraskan Is Looked Upon as Coming Champion.

COMING EVENTS.

- Annual convention of State Travelers' Protective association, Hastings, April 16-17.
- 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.
- 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.
- Missouri Valley Tennis Tournament, Lincoln, May 21-22.
- State Sunday School convention Broken Bow, June 15-16-17.
- Stockmen's Convention and State Sheriff's Annual Meeting, Alliance, June 16-17-18.

Lincoln.—Joe Stecher, Dodge county's young Hercules, disposed of Jess Westergaard, Swedish strong man from Des Moines, almost with ridiculous ease in the recent grappling combat held at the Lincoln auditorium. The burly Swede, despite his long experience in the game, was flopped in straight falls and defeated so decisively that the Nebraska ath-



Joe Stecher.

lete, as a result of his spectacular victory, at once takes rank as the greatest of American grapplers, some day destined to wear the crown laid aside by Frank Gotch. Nearly 3,000 wrestling enthusiasts witnessed Westergaard's overthrow. The first fall ended in fourteen minutes. There was no getting away from the deadly scissors hold, which was reinforced by an English arm lock. The second fall was brief. Stecher downing Westergaard in five minutes with exactly the same hold he used in the first fall. Westergaard made a speech after the bout, giving Stecher the credit of being the best man he has ever met or ever expects to see.

Two Big Projects.

Grand Island.—Two big projects of public improvement are reasonably certain of fulfillment within the near future. One of them is a seedling mile of cement paving, sixteen feet wide, on the Lincoln highway, and a \$100,000 sewer proposition.

Drops Dead While Plowing.

Kearney.—George Bantel, farmer, dropped dead while plowing in his field in the south part of the city. Bantel was 53 years of age and had been suffering with heart trouble for some time. His wife was accompanying him when he died.

May Call the Militia.

Hastings.—William Madgett, newly elected mayor of Hastings, and who got the solid church vote, announced he will call out the state militia if necessary to enforce the liquor laws.

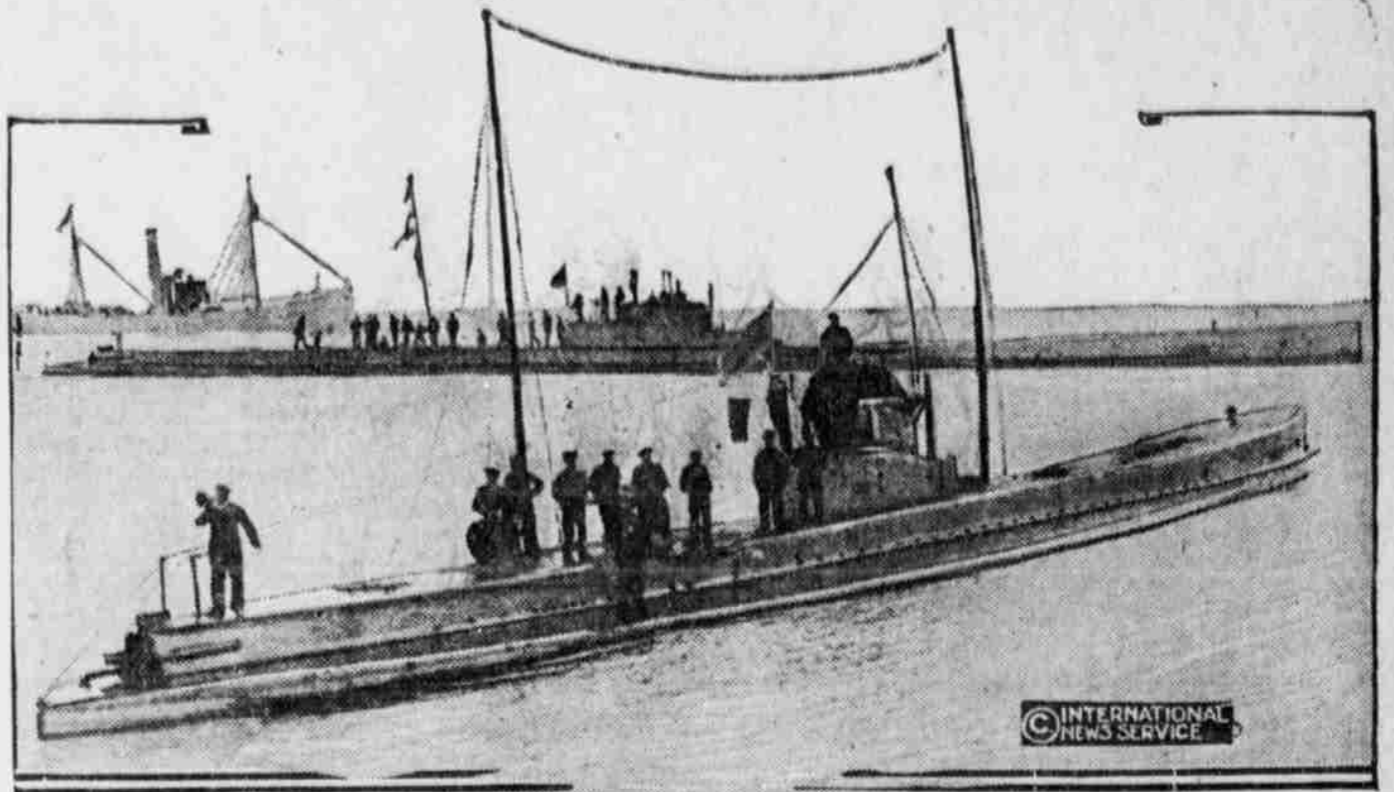
Pop Corn Kills Child.

Popcorn lodged on lungs killed 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hecht of Elk Creek.

Nebraskans Win Prizes.

Washington, D. C.—Vyrle Crowell of Walthill, Neb., is one of the prize winners in the corn growing contests conducted by the department of agriculture. He raised ninety-three bushels of corn on one acre at a cost of \$20.45 and made a profit of \$35.03. Myrtle Mann of Chadron is one of the winners in the garden and canning contests. She raised 2,280 pounds of truck on one-tenth of an acre at a cost of \$14.75 and made a profit of \$71.40.

GERMANY'S BIG AND BUSY SUBMARINES



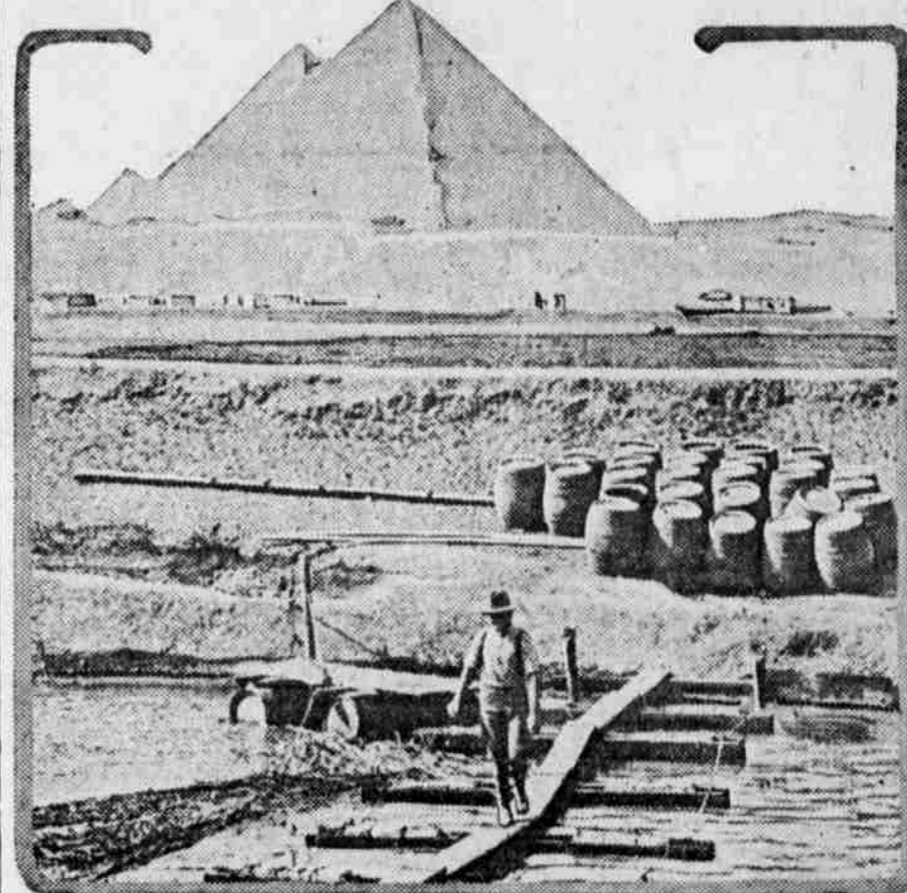
Here are shown two of the kaiser's submarines that are so busy destroying British merchantmen. Below is the U-28, and above monster U-36, one of a new type of submarines, of which this is the first photograph. The latter has a radius of 3,000 miles and can dive 150 feet. Her masts fold down when she submerges. These pictures were taken from the Dutch steamship Batavier V, which the submarines captured.

FRENCH EXECUTING A GERMAN SPY



Remarkable photograph of the execution of a German spy taken at the moment that the squad of French soldiers were firing the fatal volley.

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE IN EGYPT



Plank bridge across an irrigation canal by the Australian troops near their camp by the pyramids of Egypt. The planks are supported by empty kerosene tins.

USEFUL HAUL IN BELGIUM



Germans in Belgium get a bit of sport now and then and at the same time a welcome addition to the larder by hunting rabbits. Here is one of them bringing down a fine brace for the mess.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS WILLING TO FIGHT



The opposition to Italy's participation in the war on the part of the socialists of that country has largely abated and some of them have even organized a battalion. Lieutenant Labayola, assigned by the government to train them, is here seen drilling a squad in Milan.

Temperamental Hen.

About three weeks ago one of Mr. J. H. Dickson's roosters got into a fight and came home all bloody and eyes closed and one of the hens became despondent and jumped on the paling fence and hung herself, but her sister broke her hold and I doctored the rooster and got him all right, and the next week, the day before George Washington's birthday, he got into a fight again and came home all done up, and so the same hen saw him and went to the same place and hung herself again, but this time we failed to see her in time, as

she was about gone when Mr. Dickson found her, and so I dressed her. We had her for George's birthday dinner. This hen was laying every day. Mr. Dickson and my father subscribe for your paper, and they were both witnesses to this.—Hernando Correspondent Memphis Commercial-Appal.

Described.

"I hear he's written a popular book."
"Yes. It's having a remarkable sale."
"Oh, it's one of those untrue to life tales, then?"—Detroit Free Press.

CHICAGO'S NEW MAYOR



William Hale Thompson, Republican, was elected mayor of Chicago by a plurality of nearly 140,000. He is in the real estate business and has long been prominent in political and club life.