

Making Ready for First Communion



There is nothing more touching and prettily impressive than a band of little girls in the white frocks and veils in which they are made ready for their first communion. This event in the child's life is impressed on her memory as much by the appropriate clothing of her small body as by the instruction of her mind. She never forgets in after life the sight of her comrades in white or her own white array.

The frocks made for this occasion should be selected in sheer cotton materials and trimmed with small hand-run tucks and insertions of narrow lingerie laces. Sprays of fine embroidery, in small blossoms and leaves, such as are used on infants' clothes, make an elegant item in decoration which is appropriate for this kind of gown, inasmuch as it marks a great occasion in the life of the child. But there must not be too much of a good thing in the matter of decoration.

Full, short, tulle veils are finished at the edges in a variety of ways, to be worn with the sheer frocks. In the picture a good example is shown bordered with a narrow insertion and the tiniest of edges. Wreaths of little white flowers, forget-me-nots, myrtle, or other familiar blossoms, make a pretty addition to the veil.

White slippers and white silk stockings finish up the splendor of the little lady's attire, and an important and unforgettable touch—to her—lies in

her possession of white gloves long enough to reach to the bottom of her elbow sleeves.

Every mother wants her little maid to look as well as the next one upon the occasion of her first communion. She is apt to be successful in bringing her wish to pass if she guards against too much trimming in the frock and veil and uses elegant and dainty hand work in decorations, if possible.

Sweet Simplicity Style.

The new modes have a sweet simplicity, a sort of "divine innocence," that should disarm all criticism, save that of chronic dyspeptics or malevolent hypocrites. The choice of materials is more or less restricted one this year, and those we have lend themselves best to simple and gracious lines.

The widened skirts are really very graceful and attractive, and some of the little coats quite adorable. A skirt, by the way, that admits of pockets—not a pocket, mark you, but pockets—ought to be welcomed after our lean and pocketless years. With in the memory of most of us pockets have traveled all round the person. Just for the moment, however, they seem to have come to anchor in the front of the skirt, and take up much the same position as a man's trousers pockets, so that this season we shall often be seen with a hand comfortably thrust into each pocket.

Simplest of Organdie Morning Jackets



A little jacket of organdie in white, to be cool and comfortable on a summer morning or to wear when one spends a sultry day at home, is shown here. It may be made of any number of sheer cotton materials, or of thin silk. Lawn, dimity, mull, voile, cotton crepe, and all the pretty plain and figured weaves which reflect the summertime will do as well as organdie for making it.

The jacket is cut in one piece with kimono sleeves. It is simply a length of goods folded over, with round neck cut out and sleeves shaped as shown in the picture. It is cut to open down the front. The edges are all finished with buttonhole stitching in a heavy colored floss. Sprays of embroidery ornament the fronts at the fastening. Seams are machine stitched and felled, and if one has no time for embroidering, the edges are to be finished with a narrow machine-stitched hem to which a ruffle of val or other lace is whipped on. In place of the fastening pictured, narrow satin ribbon is sewed to each side of the front opening and tied, to fasten the garment. One pair of ties is sewed at the neck and one at the bust line. The small ribbon bows require ties ten to twelve inches long, and look very pretty set in the lace ruffle.

It is a good idea to make several

of these little jackets with breakfast caps to match. That is, the same material is used for the cap as that chosen for the jacket, and the same sort of lace and ribbon used for trimming. All the pretty flowered summer fabrics invite one to borrow of their daintiness and brightness for wear about the house. These sheer and engaging goods are so cheap that the expense for materials hardly needs to be considered at all. Even the most amateurish of needlewomen can put together garments so simple to make. There is so much of attraction in them that it is a pity not to take advantage of it.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

Fichus Much Worn.

There is a wide adoption of the fichu. It is in some cases attached to the blouse and sometimes separate, to be used on any waist. As a rule it is made of white dimity or white lace, and some are made of dark or flowered silk for wear with a dark blouse. A pretty fichu of white organdie is gathered into the neck in the back and to a point in front by means of smocking in light blue. The sleeves of the blouse are adorned with the same smocking at the cuffs. A blue feather stitching finishes the fichu at the outer edge.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Citizens of Loup City are agitating paving.

Brown county reports crops are booming.

Third annual Sutton Chautauqua will open July 26.

A new modern elevator will soon be built at Craig.

A new bank building will be put up at Glenvil this summer.

Fourteen North Platte families are quarantined for smallpox.

The Alliance Chautauqua will be held from July 26th to 31st.

The new Presbyterian church of Fairbury is nearly completed.

Plans are nearly ready for Schuyler's \$15,000 high school building.

Boys, it is thought, wrecked the interior of the Norfolk high school.

A County Teachers' Institute will be held at Gering August 23 to 27.

W. N. Becker, former editor of the Ashland Gazette, died at his home in that city.

Old settlers of Sarpy county will hold their annual picnic at Papillion August 28.

The cornerstone of the new manual training building at Peru Normal has been laid.

Excessive operating expenses caused the closing of the North Platte Good Samaritan hospital.

A petition is being circulated in Dunbar for the purpose of voting \$25,000 school bonds.

Authorities of Fairbury have decided to start a rock pile gang to work out all evil doers.

An unknown man was run over and instantly killed by a Burlington train south of Kearney.

Work on the new addition to the Union Presbyterian church at North Bend has been started.

The contract has been let for the new horse barn at the state farm, Lincoln. It will cost nearly \$30,000.

Actual work will begin on the "Seeding Mile" of the Lincoln Highway south of Grand Island, by Aug. 1.

The annual reunion of the Fremont county veterans and sons of veterans will be held at Sidney August 24 to 27.

William Burge, a retired farmer, was killed when he was run over by a Northwestern passenger train at Pilger.

The farm house of George Boettger, near Ord, was struck by lightning and destroyed. A total loss of \$1,500 was sustained.

Stella is the richest town in Richardson county per capita of population, according to the county assessor's report.

Polk county farmers are all preparing for the harvest of wheat and some have already commenced work in their fields.

Governor Morehead has appointed E. A. Walrath of Osceola as state printing commissioner, succeeding N. J. Ludi, Osceola.

Lawrence Bruner, professor of entomology at the state university, Lincoln, was selected as Nebraska's most distinguished citizen.

In an auto accident near Fullerton, Miss Amy Blofield was seriously injured and Frank Whitney had his shoulder blade broken.

The contract has been let for the building of Broken Bow's municipal water and electric power plant. It will cost nearly \$16,000.

July 14 the Episcopal church of Fremont will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first Episcopal service ever held in Fremont.

A fall in the thermometer brought frost to the vicinity of Chadron the night of the Fourth of July. No injury to crops was reported.

The big sales pavilion barn and silos of Henry C. Holt in Kearney were completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$10,000.

In one of the fastest fights ever held in Bridgeport, Jess Verbeck was awarded the decision over George Dean, colored, of Scottsbluff.

The Board of Education of Schuyler has elected J. A. True of Cozad as superintendent of the schools to succeed Charles Arnot, who resigned.

The school board of Weeping Water has set the date for the opening of school in the fall, September 13, so that it will not conflict with state fair dates.

Hundreds of acres of wheat and rye were completely destroyed by hail in a strip of country fifteen miles wide and thirty miles long, west of Callaway, Custer county.

A survey of the Omaha registration just completed shows a registration for Omaha and South Omaha of 24,264. There are 16,814 republicans registered and 11,093 democrats.

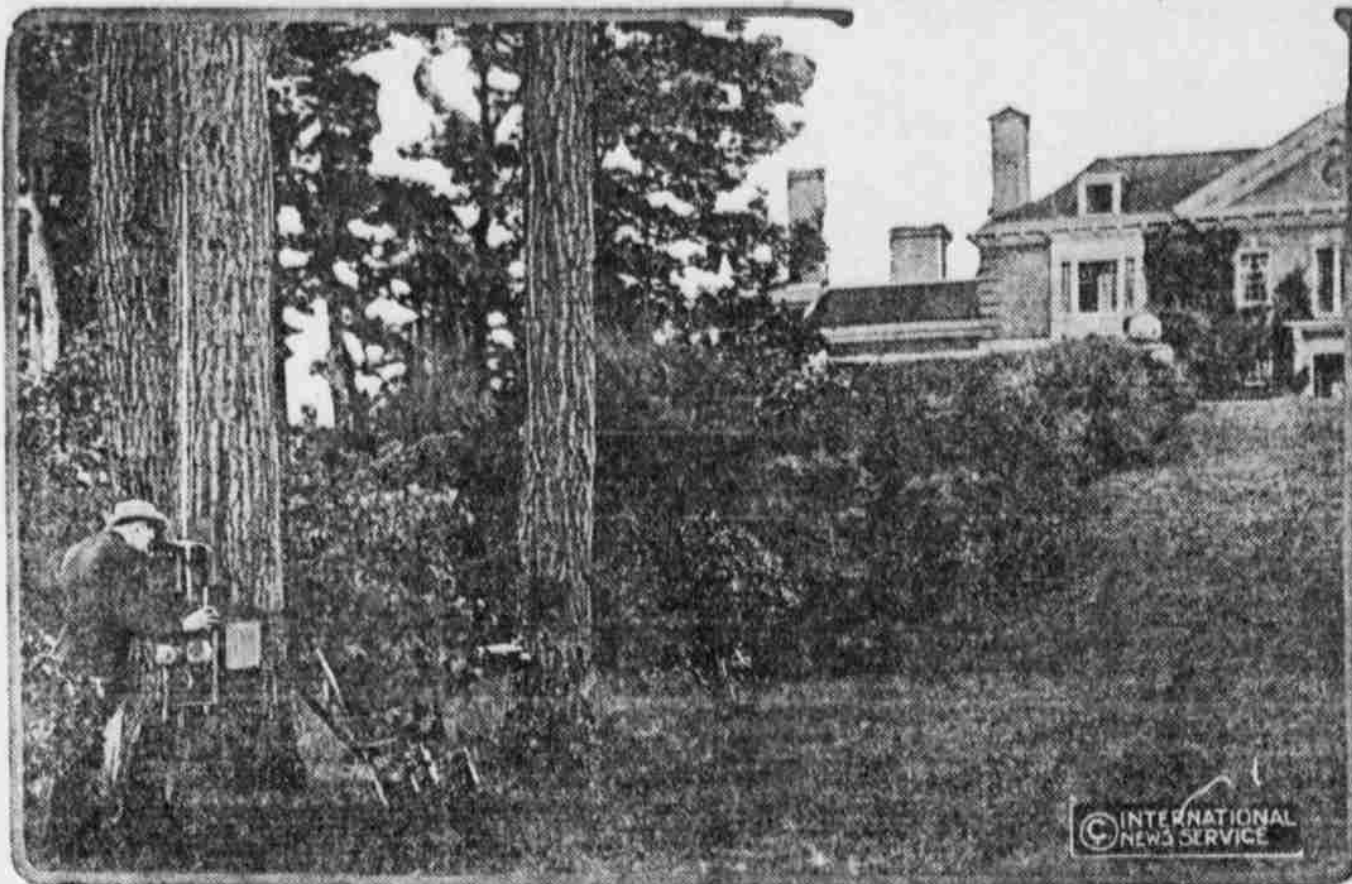
The hardware store owned by W. A. Compton and the grocery and notions store of Bertz & Meehan at Cortland were destroyed by fire. The loss on both buildings and contents is estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

A number of cattle in the vicinity of Elmwood are suffering from "Blackleg." It is reported.

Judge Hanna of the district court of Loup county, has instructed a grand jury of the county to inquire diligently into the alleged killing of Roy Fox, and bring an indictment, if the evidence so justifies.

Governor Morehead has proclaimed Sunday, July 18 as Purity Sunday. The object is to further and increase the interests of the people in social, civic and moral welfare and the suppression of public vice.

GUARDING THE SUMMER WHITE HOUSE



Especially since the attempt to assassinate J. P. Morgan, President Wilson is very carefully guarded in the summer White House at Windsor, Vt. Watchmen and secret service men patrol the grounds constantly and ring up on automatic time clocks on trees. A miniature telephone system also has been installed.

SERBIAN OFFICERS' HUT IN THE TRENCHES



This hut for Serbian officers is behind a protecting embankment in the inundated area at Zaganlia island, within 80 yards of the Austrian trenches.

WOMEN OF DENMARK CELEBRATE



To celebrate the passing of the bill giving the women of Denmark the right to vote, the women of Copenhagen organized an elaborate parade, the head of which is here shown.

ITALIAN GUN IN ACTION



One of the smaller Italian mountain guns in action on a height in the Austrian Tyrol.

A Poet's Tomb.

"Under my eyes," wrote Mistral in his vein of antique tolerance, "I see the enclosure and the white dome of where, like the snail, I shall lie hid in the gentle shade. Supreme effort of our pride to escape voracious time! This forbids not that yesterday or today quickly is changed into a long forgetfulness. And when people ask of John o' Figs, of John the galtered, 'What is this dome?' they will reply: 'That's the tomb of the poet—a poet who made songs for a beautiful Provençal maid called Mireille. They are like mosquitoes in the Camargue, scattered far and wide. But he lived in Mailiane, and the old men of the countryside have seen him walking in our paths.' And then one day they will say: 'It's he whom they had chosen king of Provence. But his name lives no more save in the song of the brown crickets.' At last, at the end of their knowledge, they will say: 'Tis the tomb of a magician, for of a 16-rayed star the monument wears the image.'"
—The Century.

Cost of School Books.

For each child enrolled in the public schools in the United States the total annual cost of textbooks is 78.5 cents. The total expenditure per child for all school purposes is approximately \$38.31. The cost of textbooks is thus approximately two per cent of the total cost of maintenance, support and equipment. The cost per child on the school-population basis (5 to 18 years of age) is 56.6 cents; the annual per capita cost of textbooks on the total-population basis is less than 15 cents.

BRING MESSAGE TO MR. WILSON



Col. J. M. Aguilar (left) and Maj. Irenos Garcia, cousins of the late President Madero of Mexico, who came to this country with a letter from the Madero family to President Wilson with regard to conditions in Mexico.