

Spring Wash Dresses for Children



Early in January the new things for spring in children's wear are presented by their designers, and the home sewing is soon under way. Fabrics and styles are at hand for the consideration of the home dressmaker, and she may anticipate the spring and earn leisure in summer by getting much of the spring sewing out of the way in the middle of winter.

There are many pretty new models in frocks for little girls, including school and play dresses and those for afternoon and little party frocks, that it is more of a pleasure than a task to make. A gingham dress, for every day, and a linen suit for dress-up, designed for the girl of ten years, are shown in the picture given here, and they are well worth while copying exactly as they are.

The gingham dress is a small plaid pattern, with tan and soft darker colorings crossed with very narrow bars in black. It is cut with a novel yoke which drops at each side of the front and slopes down to the waist line at the sides. The shape is the same at the back.

The skirt portion is plaited into the yoke at the back and sides and partly across the front. But at the center the fullness is taken up by shirring.

The neck is cut round, with a shallow "V" opening at the front and finished with a small sailor collar of plain tan linen. The edges of the collar and the cuffs that match it are finished with buttonhole stitching in heavy linen floss. Deep blue and black are the colors used for the

stitching, and they repeat the blue and black of the fabric.

A girdle of narrow black velvet ribbon is worn with the frock, slipped through narrow straps of the gingham, which are sewed to the dress below the waist line. The girdle is fastened under a small bow at the back and is simply slipped out when the dress is laundered.

The white linen frock has a plaited skirt with a panel at the front and shallow plaits at each side. It is set on to a plain waist of organdie, cut with round neck finished with a narrow band. It fastens down the front with small crocheted buttons. The short linen jacket is scalloped and embroidered by hand about the edges, and the sailor collar and narrow turned-back cuffs are made to match it. The girdle is of black velvet, fastening at the back under a small flat bow.

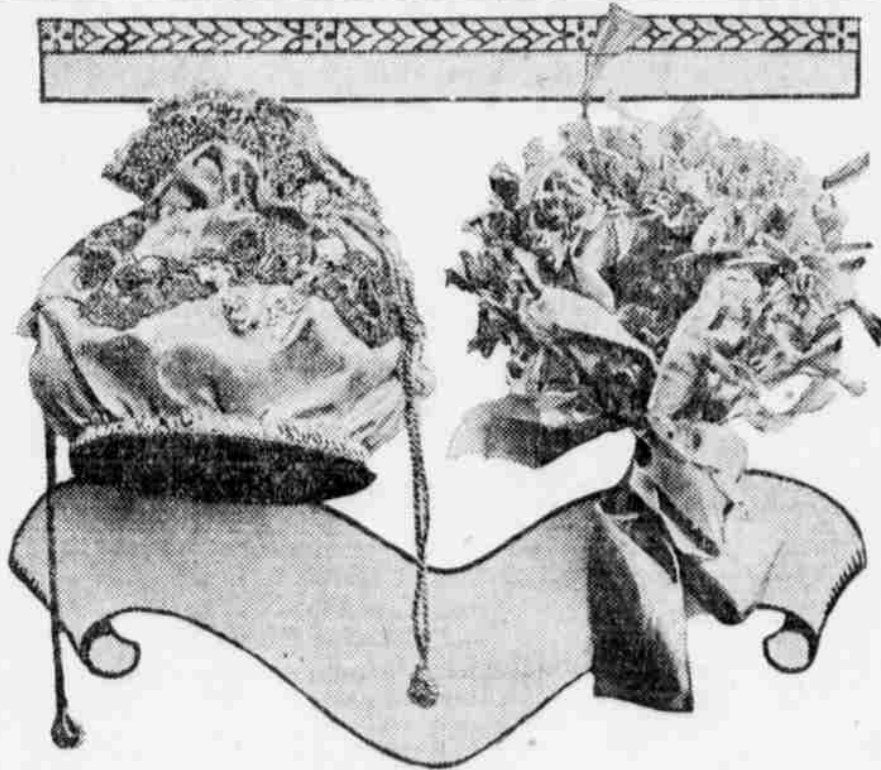
Colored linens as well as white are used for this model, but white is the most satisfactory in the long run.

New Neckwear.

One of the unusual new stocks is made with the outside cut deep enough to turn down quite on the shoulders. It could be made of batiste or linen, silk or any material approved, so it is kept soft. The turnover part naturally turns away at the throat from the stock proper and it wrinkles a bit, which is part of its charm.

A new igniter for gas stoves that produces sparks by friction is operated like a pair of shears.

In the Realm of Ribbons



A fascinating vanity bag and one of the new "vanity" corsage bouquets are the latest of those pretty conceits that are made of ribbons. They are always alluring and more full of delight than ever when they combine a little usefulness with much beauty. This both of the trifles pictured contrive to do.

The small round bag is made of lavender satin ribbon with a mirror used for the bottom, having the glass side out. The ribbon forms a frame for it, shirred about the edge. At the top the bag is edged with gold lace, and gold lace braids is festooned about it under a second festoon of small ribbon flowers. It is closed with lavender silk cords, which end in small disks made of the cord.

The "vanity" corsage is a bunch of deep purple violets simulated in narrow satin ribbon, with a lifelike orchid of silk embedded in them. In the heart of the orchid is hidden a tiny box of compact powder and a powder puff. This bit of artifice is disclosed, to the delight of everyone, when the wearer of the bouquet improves her complexion by looking to the flower for aid.

The stems of the flowers are tied

with dark green satin ribbon. One loop of it forms a small bag which carries a little mirror, furnishing my lady with all the necessary first aids to the complexion.

Julia Bottomley

Variogated Colors.

The fashion of vivid colors on the head has launched a mass of variegated velvet hats to be worn with somber tailored suits on the street, and in a more subdued form with afternoon gowns. The velvet in these turbans is very supple and silky and is pulled up and out into irregular folds: Right in this manipulation rests the skill of the milliner and the resultant beauty of the hat. Ornamentation is allowed, but it must be gently done. A spray of cut steel fashioned in some fragile form can be used on the crown to hold flowers, and butterflies that have appeared on the flat-back velvet sailors are not used on the turbans. There are a-grettes, but they do not cause sorrow or annoyance from the onlooker because it is realized that they are old ones.

IDEAS MADE PUBLIC

STATE MILITARY BOARD FAVORS GUARD DEVELOPMENT.

OPPOSES CONTINENTAL ARMY

Body indorses Hall's Sentiments—Adopts Resolution Favoring Militia Maneuvers This Year.

Lincoln.—Favoring the development of the national guard in opposition to the plan of a continental army for national defense, the military board of the Nebraska national guard made public its recommendations on preparedness, after a lengthy conference. The recommendations follow:

A reasonable increase in the standing army.

An increase of regular army officers to be utilized in assisting national guard instructors.

The utilizing of the national guard in place of the continental army.

A rifle range to be constructed by each state for the use of the regular army, national guard, colleges and civilian rifle clubs.

Government owned munition factories to be operated to the United States military districts, eastern, western, northern, southern and central.

Military instruction and training in all colleges and high schools.

The utilizing of government establishments, army posts, as schools of instruction for the national guard of states and territories.

The board unanimously indorses the sentiments of Adjutant General Hall in his letter to the newspapers. It also approved Senator Chamberlain's bill increasing the efficiency of organized militia.

A resolution was adopted favoring a joint camp for maneuvers this year to be held in Nebraska or some neighboring state, where the Nebraska national guard may assemble for instruction, together with the regular army troops or militia from other states, or both. When joint camps are made the federal government allots funds liberally to help pay their cost.

State Banks Gain.

Deposits of banks under state supervision have increased \$20,989,818 during the past year—a record that is calling for great elation at state banking board headquarters. The report carrying this information was given out recently.

In the same period the number of state banks has increased from 760 to 803. The number of depositors in the same length of time has advanced from 362,000 to 381,000; loans have increased \$19,023,636, and the reserve \$4,143,545.

There has been an advance, too, in the amount of capital stock. The total is \$17,118,000 now, according to the report, or \$1,320,000 greater than a year ago.

Total deposits are now above the \$100,000,000 mark—quite a ways above, in fact, \$114,387,652.98, to be exact.

The aggregate resources of the 803 institutions are given at \$144,422,709—or slightly over \$100 for every man, woman and child in the state.

The guaranty fund, which is an alluring part of the report and which has proven a business getter, has reached the mark of \$1,520,104.

Farmers can find solace in the report of the notation is made on it by the banking board officers that of the total amount of deposit approximately \$57,000,000 belongs to farmers of the state.

Genuchi Will Broken.

The state will not receive the 644 acres of land, most of which is located in Lancaster county, which was left by the will to the state orthopedic hospital by Charles Genuchi about a year ago. The will, which left nothing to the widow, and children, was refused for probate by County Judge Risser and the district court sustained the action of the judge, declaring that the alleged will was not the last will of the testator. The estate is estimated to be worth about \$100,000.

Alleged Heirs' Claims Dismissed.

The attorney general's office believes the state's hardest fight to establish its claim to the \$100,000 estate of John O'Connor, Hastings reclus, is over. "The decision of the Adams county district court dismissing the claims of the alleged heirs, we regard as a practical victory," the attorney general said.

Want to Use Rifle Range.

The Kearney Industrial School for Boys has written the adjutant general for permission to use the rifle range at Kearney. The school is preparing to organize a civilian drill corps, and under such an organization the government will furnish equipment.

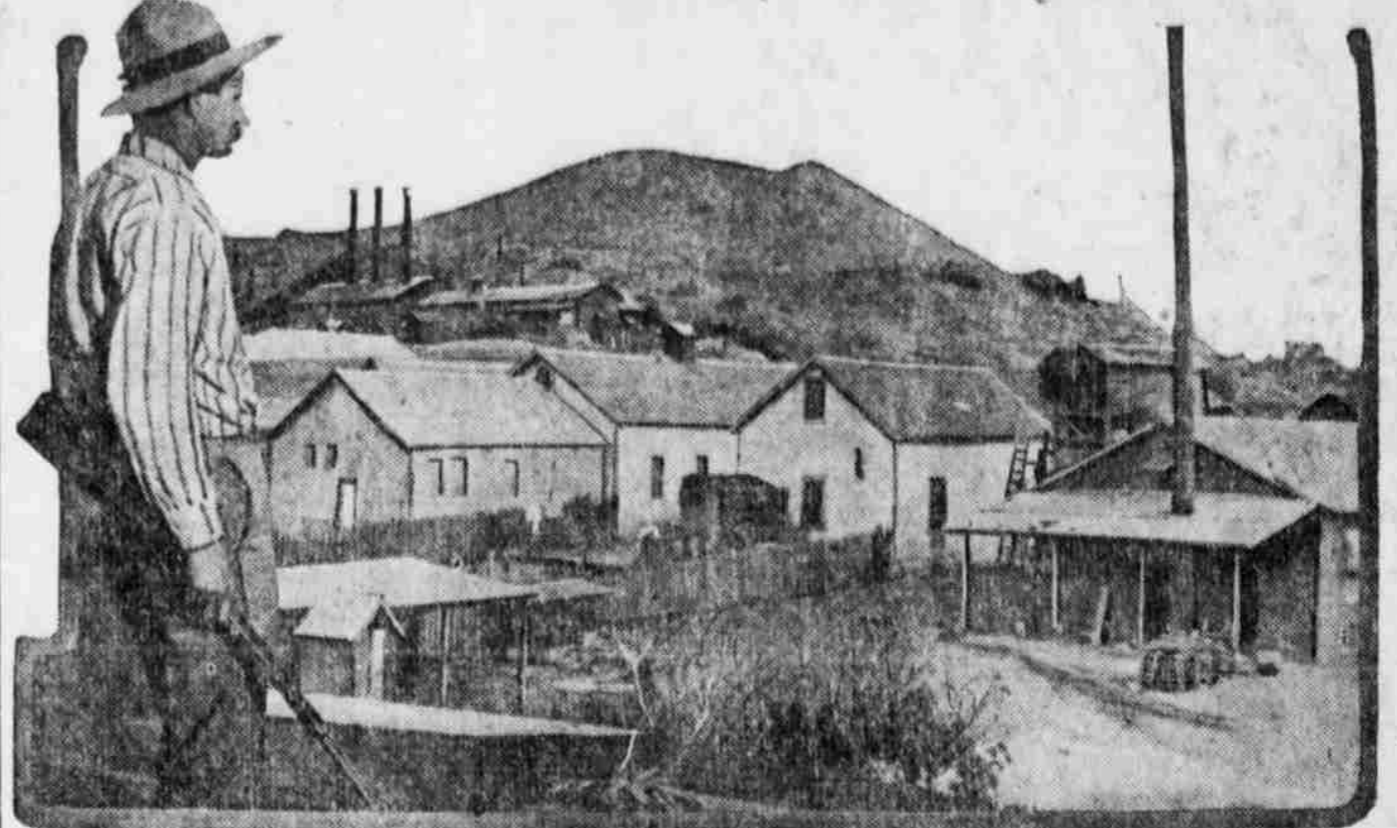
Glandered Horses Killed.

Five horses were killed on account of glanders, belonging to E. J. Younkin of Mullen, out of a herd of about thirty, according to information received by the state veterinarian. The horses were killed after an examination by an inspector.

Relieved Pending Hearing.

Superintendent W. D. Guttery of the Norfolk insane asylum has been relieved of the management of that institution temporarily pending a hearing, at his request, which will be held February 2 at Norfolk.

MINE WHOSE MEN WERE MURDERED BY MEXICANS



General view of Coshuiriachic mine, 19 of the employees of which were murdered by Mexican bandits because most of them were Americans. At the left is C. R. Watson, manager of the mine, who was killed.

STUDYING THE PANAMA CANAL SLIDES



The great slides which have blocked the Panama canal have become a matter of such concern to the United States that President Wilson appointed a commission to study the causes of the slides. The photograph shows General Goethals and the commission viewing the slides and watching boats go through the canal.

SHOES FOR SUFFERERS FROM THE WAR



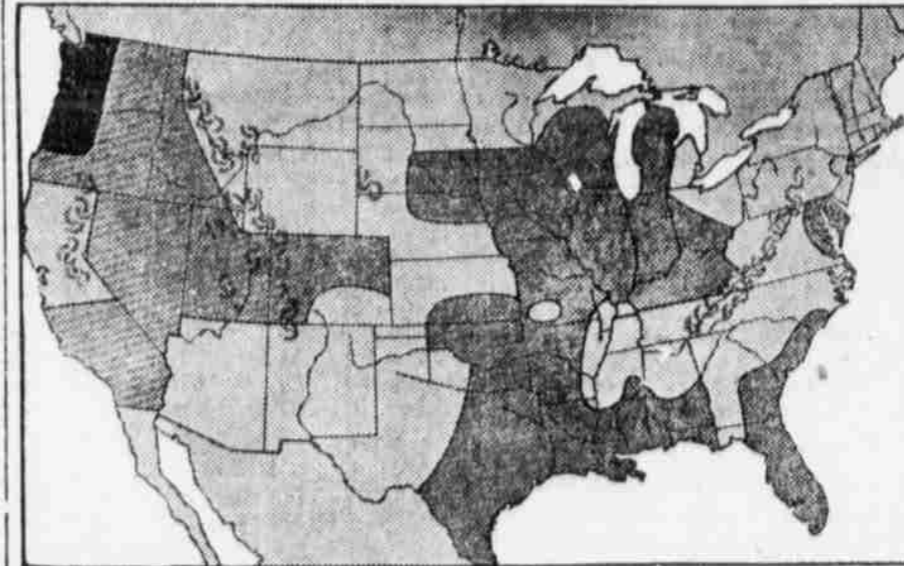
Mrs. Price Post, prominent in the social life of Tuxedo Park and New York, is one of the many society women engaged in the work of obtaining shoes for the war sufferers of Belgium. She is seen in this picture with two little Belgian-Americans who have come with their mite to help the unfortunates in the country from which their parents came.

FLEW FOR PAN-AMERICANS



Juan Domenjos, aviator, recently made one of the most daring air voyages ever seen in Washington. The flight was made over the White House and "White Lot," and was for the entertainment of the hundreds of Pan-Americans in Washington for the Pan-American Scientific congress. The feats of Domenjos were watched by his wife, a noted beauty in Brazil, where the couple now live. She is shown in the picture talking with him just before he took to the air. Domenjos, while now engaged in aeronautic work in Brazil, makes his home at Biarritz, France.

BUSINESS FORECAST FOR FOUR MONTHS



The United States chamber of commerce has sent out from its Washington headquarters this map giving a forecast of business conditions in the United States during the first four months of 1916. The map was made after an exhaustive study of industrial and commercial conditions by the experts of the chamber. As will be seen, the localities having "good" prospects (those unmarked) are the Atlantic and a large part of the southeastern states, those between the Mississippi and the Rockies and a part of California. Those where the prospects are "fair" are in gray, and the only section where the outlook is declared "poor" is a part of Washington and Oregon, marked black.

Strength of Pennies.

The penny fund for sick and wounded has forwarded the eighth million pennies (worth two cents each) to the headquarters of the British Red Cross society and St. John Ambulance association, making a grand total of nearly \$167,000.

This has been raised by means of a systematic house-to-house collection, asking for a penny from every man, woman and child. The money goes towards the Red Cross work at the various fighting fronts. Already many districts have finished most successful collections, but there still remain others where the work has not begun.

Popular Advice.

"I understand you have a centenarian here?"
 "Yes. A hale and hearty old gentleman who is a great comfort to all who know him."
 "How is that?"
 "He has no set rules. He advises everyone who wants to live long to do just as he pleases."