

WANTING and FASHION.



The Box-Cost.

Now trimmed down the street. She has no curve nor rounded line... She's straight from head to foot...

Venetian red serge, make it over with Venetian red broadcloth, in this wise:

Take the lower edge of the circular ruffle and lay it, at regular intervals, in perpendicular plaits. Of course, the plait will diminish to mere points at the top...

HOOPSKIRTS NEXT YEAR

Fashion Leading its Slaves Toward the Gradual Adoption of Ugly Crinolines.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Very evidently, very slowly, but very surely, fashion is leading us on to a style in skirts that is bound eventually to become as absurdly exaggerated as the balloon sleeves that were so ragingly popular several years ago...



Plaited Standing Collar.

The plaited standing collar, of plaited white mouseline de soie, is trimmed with a small plaited mouseline bow at its base in front...

Crossed unevenly in front.

The yoke and collar are lined with white taffeta. The skirt is made with a snug drop-skirt lining finished off at the bottom with an unusually flat circular ruffle...

JAPANESE BEAUTY TOILET.

Daily Baths and Massage a Necessity for the Women. Japanese women, says a writer in the New York Press, could give us cards and spades in bathing and beauty toiles...

Small wreaths of roses, whimsically placed, will be a feature of the Spring millinery trimming. Another ornamentation will be bachelor's buttons, or other small flowers, twisted close together on a wire...

Front Crossed Over. The front is crossed smoothly over to the left side, where it fastens invisibly, in a straight line, all the way down. At the top and bottom the lapped-over portion has the angles rounded largely off...

Another elegant visiting gown is in vogue, but it is in two parts, so that the skirt can be worn with fancy extra waists. The skirt is made to a lining of thin, oil-bolled taffeta, and is so fitted that it can be slipped about as upper part of the body or worn with a demi-train. It is trimmed, at the very edge, with a corded piping of purple velvet...

Below the Y, where the tunic crosses over, it is fastened as far down as the waist line, and from the waist line down it is all open, the edges all being piped with velvet. Across the front, a tunic extends clear to the ground. At the sides and back, it is sloped up, measuring, at the center of the back, just half the length of the tunic. A long, square piece, of the tunic is entirely unlined. At the bottom it is piped with velvet, and above the piping, two well-separated fancy bands are placed, one by means of silk stitching, applied close together. The light sleeves, of satin crepe de chine, are not more than four inches in length. They are finished, at the wrist, with a small, over-sized, and ornate cuff, of pinkish or light blue silk. The cuffs are arranged over three velvet pipings. They are arranged over long, light mitten sleeves of Venise lace, lined with white satin. Without any particular rhyme or reason, a large square cameo is placed precisely in front, at the waist line.

Why the Cameo?

As there is no belt, and as the fastening of the princess is towards the side, one wonders, "Why the cameo?" Still, since the cameo had is unmistakable here, it is worthy of record. It is quite true that the leaders in the details of finery are giving to their cameos whatever place of honor they have. They make them most conspicuous. Often one is placed at the wrist of the mitten-shaped sleeve, or it may be that two smaller ones are placed, one at each side of those high collars that are made with points below the ears. They are used for brooches for hat buckles, for girde clasps, or are placed promiscuously wherever fancy dictates.

PERFUMES OF ROYALTY.

Scents Preferred by Some Crowned Heads of Europe. Up to the conclusion of the peace of Paris, which settled the latest unpleasantness between Britain and the United States, the ladies of the Peninsular court, and Her Majesty, Queen Christina, in particular, used ylang-ylang to give their clothes and handkerchiefs a sweet odor. Indeed, they thought it their patriotic duty to do so, for ylang-ylang is one of the products of the Philippines. When, however, the islands were ceded to Uncle Sam, the fashion-able perfumers, so long as they could get a pink of perfection, lost its charms, and a substitute of a Madrid maker called in. French, of course. Water of Spain, which perfume became the United States, the India shawls were first introduced. The scents her linen with lavender, but the face powder man and concealer of toilet vinegars and cosmetics who depended upon the custom of the Queen, her daughters and granddaughters, would have to close up shop, for, no matter how many firms claim royal patronage for scented waxes...

and beautifiers, the great ladies mentioned their own complexion. Albert Edward, on the other hand, is credited with giving every new perfume that comes up a trial, because he likes to be in the fashion, and because the smell of tobacco and the stable, when it clings to his person, is offensive to him. The young Empress of Russia delights in the luxuries of the toilet table, for which she spends 100,000 francs per year with a single Paris perfumery firm alone.

THINGS OF BEAUTY.

New Shirt Waists Which Every Woman Will Admire.

Everything can be said in praise of the new shirt-waist which has at last blossomed out into a thing of real beauty, a dainty, feminine waist, which every woman of taste can appreciate. The variety is endless, and the prettiest waists are made by hand. Fine lawns and sheer linen cambric are popular fabrics in white. Alternating groups of fine tucks and lace insertion form entire waists...



TRIMMED WITH BANDANA HANKERCHIEF.

and sleeves. An embroidered heading set in between the tucks as it is used in lingerie, is another mode of treatment, and again you see bands of lawn joined with the herring-bone stitch.

There are waists of all-over embroidery; waists with half-inch tucks, edged with narrow frills of lace down the front, with four or five tucks each side, and waists of dotted batiste, striped with the finest embroidered batiste insertion. The transparent waists will be worn over colored silk slips, as they were last season, and in that way one can have quite a variety of changes, with very few waists. The new shirt-waist is made with no yokes at the back, which is tucked or plaited to correspond with the front, and the sleeves are the real dress sleeves, with a small, circular cuff, trimmed with lace falling over the hand. Fancy stocks of ribbon, lace or lawn, with a laced-trimmed bow in front, are worn with them.

The heavier shirt-waists, which have stiff cuffs, stiff sleeves, and with rare exceptions, a seamless yoke back, are made of Madras cloth, which bids fair to oust the chevrons and pique from favor. White Madras, either striped, cross-barred or spotted, is the correct thing, and it is evident that the white shirt-waist in any material is to have the lead. Colored plaques, with white spots, and white plaques, with colored spots, are both used, as well as the colored Madras, in stripes and checks. Wash silks, in corded stripes and checks, are to be much worn and come in a greater variety of patterns and colorings than ever before.

Wear White-Soled Stockings.

A frequent cause of trouble with the feet is the wearing of black stockings. Care should be taken to select those with white...

PROPER TABLE SERVICE.

Servant Should Be Circumspect of Dress, Speech and Manner.

It is customary nowadays, even at family dinners, to have almost all of the dishes handed by the maid. The maid who waits on table cannot be too circumspect in her own table manners, or in the uniform she adopts. She should in the winter wear a gown of black alpaca, with a linen collar, white bib-apron and lace cap. In handling dishes to those seated at table, the maid must be careful never to serve from the right side. This is highly improper, and necessitates an awkward posture for the one who is being waited.

Everything should be handed from the left; the dish held low, so as to cause no inconvenience, and the guest helps herself, never assisted by the maid. Water is always ready in the dining-room, and the table is cleared of everything but the fruit, etc., when she retires, leaving the family to partake of the rest of the meal unassisted. The service should be, as nearly as possible, noiseless, and the waitress should never speak unless addressed.

EAT CHEESE WITH KNIFE.

Certain Interesting Matters of Table Etiquette.

One may steer oneself carefully and safely through a long, formal dinner and be tripped up at the very end. Do you know, asks an exchange, just how to take after-dinner coffee, and how to eat the cheese which is then served?

After-dinner coffee is always served in tiny coffee cups with one lump of sugar—more is not permissible—and no cream. Sometimes the sugar is ready in the cup, but when the coffee is passed, but the more elegant way is to pass small silver spoons with the guests help themselves with the kind of sugar long. Cheese should never be eaten from the fingers, nor with a fork. If toasted, crackers or bread is served, cut a piece of the cheese and spread it on a small piece of the bread or cracker. If no crackers or bread are served, then you are permitted to eat the cheese from the cheese knife. This sounds very strange, when we have been taught from time immemorial that nothing is ever eaten from a knife, but it is true. Why it is not eaten from a fork is a...

mystery, but the reason is obvious why it should not be eaten from the fingers. For cheese is always more or less greasy and its odor cannot be effaced by afterward dipping the fingers into the finger bowl.

THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

Mother's Darling.

His hair is red and tangled, and he has a turned-up nose. His voice is loud and strident, and it never gets repose. His face is full of freckles, and his ears are shaped like fins. And a large front tooth is missing, as you'll notice when he grins. He is like a comic picture, from his toes up to his head. But his mother calls him "darling" when she tucks him into bed.

CO-EDUCATION MOVEMENT.

Women Seek to Have Doors of Johns Hopkins University Opened to Them—Wesleyan Results.

The question of co-education is being discussed with much ardor at present in several colleges in the East. Johns Hopkins is not alone any longer to escape the problem, and the arguments pro and con may be heard wherever Johns Hopkins men gather. The students of the Woman's College of Baltimore, says the New York Sun, have been looking on the graduate courses of the university for some time with covetous eyes, and finally a movement was started with which these students were identified to induce Johns Hopkins to open its graduate courses to women.

The objections urged against such a proceeding are the usual ones—that the presence of women would be a restriction on the freedom of the men, and that once the bars were down, the women might make the undergraduate department also.

In answer to these objections, the advocates of admission point out the fact that nearly all the leading institutions of the country have opened their graduate courses, without any evil consequences. The men do not seem to feel the presence of women a hindrance. They have not been included yet in the undergraduate department of Yale, Harvard or Columbia. It is probable that, in order to get some idea of public opinion on this matter, a petition will be circulated among leading professional and non-professional women and clergymen, lawyers, physicians, merchants, bankers and other professional and business men.

The failure of the Maryland Legislature to pass the bill appropriating \$2,000 for Johns Hopkins University will perhaps defer the opening of the graduate courses. The university feels disappointed and hurt over the defeat of the bill, since it has offered freely to the Baltimore people single lectures and courses of lectures ever since it was founded. It has also given substantial aid to city charities, and in many other ways has tried to do its part for the welfare of the city.

Wesleyan University, which has weighed co-education in the balance and found it somewhat wanting, is seriously considering the question of giving it up.

The Joint committee met in New York to receive the report of the New York Young Alumni on the subject of co-education at Wesleyan. No final decision was reached and it was voted that another meeting should be held before the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in March.

DON'T CONFESS NOWADAYS.

Not Many Women So Frank as This Daughter of France.

Perhaps no woman was ever better reconciled to positive ugliness in her own person than the Duchess of Orleans, the mother of the Regent d'Orleans, who gov-

INVALID ROOM.

Care Should Be Used in Selection and Arrangement.

The room occupied by an invalid should receive careful attention, as much depends upon it. In some cases even the sick one's ultimate recovery, an over-large room is desirable, as it is too hard to keep clean, and is, besides, apt to be draughty. The room should have a southern or a western exposure, and be as cheery and bright as loving thoughts can make it. Little furniture should be used, and the simplest and plainest. Heavy upholstered furniture warms the eye of the invalid, and besides, accumulates dust and microbes in an objectionable way. It is a good plan to use nothing in the room that cannot be washed thoroughly with warm water into which few drops of carbolic acid have been put.

Care of Children's Teeth.

An experienced dentist says that the carelessness of parents frequently sacrifices the personal charm of their children to an extent wholly unnecessary. The first teeth should be preserved until actually pushed out by the second, as the jaw contracts when they are removed any considerable length of time before the second set have come in.

SWIRLING SKIRTS, IN LATEST MODE.

sole, as the dye is extracted by the heat induced by confinement in the shoe and acts as an irritant poison. Itching, burning and swelling often are due solely to this cause. To mitigate the evil in some degree the stockings should be changed daily in Summer and at least three times during the week in Winter. The feet should be bathed every night in warm water and bicarbonate of soda—a tablespoonful of the soda to a basin of water—letting them remain in the solution until it becomes cool. They must be rubbed vigorously with a dry towel and then bathed with alcohol.



own homeliness. "I must have been very homely in my youth. I had no sort of features, with little, twitching eyes, a short stub nose and long, thick lips. The whole of my physiognomy was most unattractive. My face was large, with fat cheeks, and my figure was short and stumpy; in short, I was very homely sort of person. Except for the goodness of my disposition, no one would have endured me. It was impossible to discover anything like intelligence in my eyes, except with a microscope. Perhaps there was not on the face of the earth such another pair of ugly hands as mine. The King often told me so, and set me laughing about it; for as I was quite sure to be very ugly, I made up my mind to be always the first to laugh at it. This succeeded very well, though I must confess it furnished me with good matter for my "Gauguin." "One thing that always surprised me was how anybody could ever fall in love with me. I was notoriously the most homely woman in the French capital, and yet I was only 19 when I was married. I often asked my husband whether my looks did not repel him, and what he saw in me that he should fall in love with. To my question I have never received a satisfactory answer, but it seems to me that other qualities, in lack of beauty, caused his attraction."

"THE CHILDREN'S ROOM."

Should Be Made a Thing of Beauty to Little Ones.

If there is any room in the house which is destined to receive the overflow of furniture, broken and mismatched odds and ends, you may depend upon it that room is the nursery or "children's room."

It does not always occur to parents that the simplest explanation of their children's desire to be forever on the go is because they have no place at home sufficiently attractive to hold them there. The nursery should be made a place of beauty to the little ones. Instead of half-worn and cast-off furniture, it should be furnished with an entire new set of furniture is never expensive, and is bright and cheerful in a living-room.

One of the prettiest adjuncts to a child's room, says the New York World, is a picture screen. Make the screen of plain blue or red denim, on a light wood frame, and fasten the pictures on it with small brass paper clips. Every child has its own collection of photographs and picture cards, and when these are arranged artistically, the effect is doubly.

A toy chest of fine wood, of another requisite of the nursery. The children should be taught that this chest must be kept in order, or it will soon show an accumulation of litter. A weekly re-arrangement of the chest will be a most profitable and instructive lesson.

HOW IT SHOULD BE MADE.

Suggestions for Imparting Delicacy Flavor to Potato Salad.

The French have a secret with regard to potato salad that, while very simple, yet if known and applied to one American dish, would change its character much for the better. We each one of us, can bring to mind the wholesome flavor of potatoes and omelette gravy from a joint of beef, as this is often the first taste of the family of dinner to have been served. The Frenchman's secret enables us to impart this flavor, in combination with the rich of a salad. If we have at hand a small quantity of coarse ground beef, or a 1/2 pt. of beef extract. The meat is to be heated through and every trace of juice pressed out and added to taste or enough of the extract used to give a good meat flavor to four table-spoonsful of hot water.

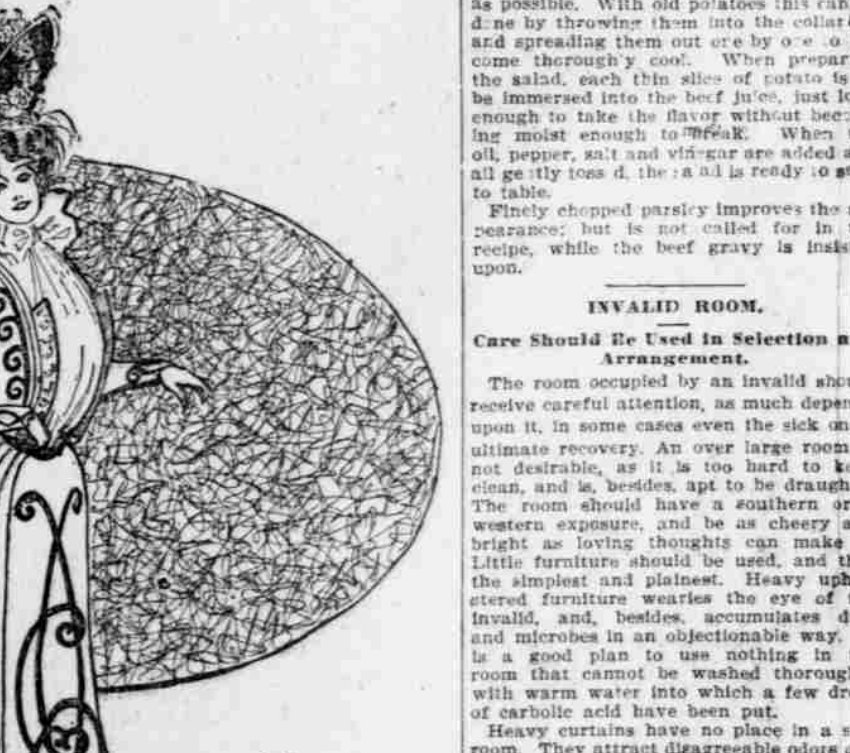
The potatoes are to be cooked as "waxy" as possible. With old potatoes this can be done by throwing them into the colander and spreading them out on a paper to become thoroughly cool. When preparing the salad, take this slice of potato to be immersed in the hot water, just long enough to take the flavor without becoming moist enough to break. When the oil, pepper, salt and vinegar are added and all the ingredients are ready to be added to the potatoes, the salad is ready to be served.

Finely chopped parsley improves the appearance, but is not called for in the recipe, while the beef gravy is instead upon.

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The first set should be brushed with the softest possible brush, and a good paste, and when signs of decay appear the child should be taken to a competent dentist for advice and treatment. In this way the child is almost assured of sound, evenly growing teeth when womanhood or manhood is reached.



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