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Summer Styles for the Small Men

HAPPY that mother who possesses the ability, time and patience to make summer raiment for her small son.

On the other hand, the woman who makes suits for her sons can test the material by first washing a sample at home.

With these few suggestions as to the economy of making the small boy's clothing at home, let us turn our attention to fabrics suitable for such raiment.

For the small boy just out of dresses, unquestionably white pique, repp or wash poplin makes the smartest of "best suits."

For older boys, white is little used, but there is a distinct demand for black and white check suits.

The mother of two boys tells me that she does not buy a variety of fabrics for their summer clothing, but selects two full bolts of material which she first tests by washing a sample;

then she makes these two materials up in various styles to secure variety. For instance, if she has selected a dark

blue chambray with a white half-line stripe, she makes some of the little suits quite plain, with stitching for a finish.

Windsor and narrow string ties in vivid colorings come to match narrow enameled belts, and add picturesque interest to otherwise simple suits.

Starting with two very mannish little dresses, a number of good boys' styles are shown today. The one-piece garment is always a time saver for the laundress, and figure A shows one with only under-arms and shoulder seams.

Figure B shows the checked effect mentioned above. This was developed in black and white galatea, with a scarlet belt and tie. It is far better to have separate collars with this suit because several clean collars will be needed before the sensible little suit requires washing.

Figure C shows the dependable Russian suit in light grey-blue chambray, with belt and braid in very dark royal blue.

In figure D will be found one of the smart checked overcoats for small boys which any mother can evolve from a good quality of checked English worsted.

A final word to mothers: The day of the white shoe and stocking, except for very small boys on dressy occasions, is past and gone.

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SUMMER GIRL TRINKETS

AMONG the "Fads and Follies" of the summer girl of 1908, her vivid neck-remedies are best of all for the human skin.

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Let us see what the woman of the city girl without a garden plot can find uses for June roses sent by men friends and the strawberries and the vegetables brought to her door by hucksters.

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other on the counters, and are growing in favor.

If odd belts are worn at all, they seem to be metallic in effect. The leather belt is dead and gone, the ribbon belt is part of the trimming of the gown itself; but the separate belt is made of gilt or silver.

The up-to-date summer girl wears several bangles. The newest of these is rather wide and set with one large stone, either jade, imitation amethyst or coral.

The gold in these bracelets is generally the dull finish. Stunning bangles come in a very narrow band of semi-precious stones, such as Montana diamonds (rhinestones), imitation sapphires, etc.

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Some Beauty Hints in the Summer Garden

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Liquid Strawberry Rouge.—This is a delightful rouge to use, and entirely harmless. It should be applied with a bit of absorbent cotton.

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the popular color, as it goes well with any gown except a red tone, and grows with red tones should be put away until cold weather.

The out-of-town hostess should remember that the object of the average week-end party is rest. Therefore she will avoid fussiness and over-entertaining.

Do not invite more guests than your house will accommodate comfortably. Better a quartet of guests than comfortably disposed in separate bedrooms, than two or three girls crowded into one bedroom of medium size.

Your invitations should be written in the first person, and give some definite information to your guests. Tell them the day on which they are expected to arrive, Friday or Saturday, and name definitely the length of time they are expected to stay.

Enclose a timecard or state the best trains for your guests to take, and if you live some distance from the depot, and have no carriage or motor-car with which to meet guests, tell them precisely what trolley-car to take to reach your house, or give information as to village hacks, etc.

At the hour when your first guests are to arrive, be in readiness to receive them. If you have but one maid, so arrange your work that you will be dressed and on the porch or in the reception hall when the guests come in.

In each guest room have the beds freshly made, plenty of towels, a supply of stationery, pen, ink, etc., and if your garden supplies them, fresh flowers in a dainty vase.

Sensible Women Laugh at Jokes

A newspaper philosopher says "a woman loves a man, really and truly, when she laughs at all his jokes." This is bright enough, as these things go, perhaps, but it will bear abundant analysis when it comes to a solemn search for the truth—which is precisely what the newspaper philosopher hoped to avoid, doubtless.

Women have their own peculiar ideas about these things, we think. They laugh at their husband's jokes for many reasons. First and foremost, let us charitably presume, if for nothing else, because the jokes are good, and worth laughing at.

The women, though, we should remember, move off in a most mysterious way, their minds to perform. The truth is, and investigation would doubtless disclose, the woman who laughs most at her husband's jokes invariably is likewise the woman who wears the prettiest hats in her domestic circle in particular.

None of this is to a woman's discredit. Far from it, indeed. It pleases her husband to have his jokes laughed at; therefore she does a good act when she strives to please him.

An Old Maid's Husband. Lippincott's. A certain spinster was being consoled with because she had no husband. "Why," she said, "I don't want a husband, I'm just as well off. You see, I have a dog and he growls; I have a parrot and he swears; I have a cat and she stags out nights. Now, why should I get married?"

The Week-End Hostess

THIS is the season of the year when the suburban and country hostess shows to best advantage. Weary city folk are anxious to escape town noises and grime, and week-end invitations are received with appreciation and favor.

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Guests will go at once to their rooms to rid themselves of travel grime, and you can send up tea or a cooling drink, as you think best. Often just a pitcher of ice water is placed in each room, and other drinks are served after the guests come downstairs.

Breakfast Dishes

How to Serve Strawberries.—In few households is this done correctly. You have very large, sound berries, not hull them nor cut off any of the stems, but wash them in very cold water in a colander, shaking them lightly and draining thoroughly.

Mixed Fruits.—Every refrigerator has its quota of fresh fruit left-over. Perhaps you have a bit of pineapple left from last night's dinner, either cup in blocks or shredded. With this mix bananas, cut in dice, a few strawberries, and over all squeeze a goodly measure of orange juice.

Economy Eggs.—The foundation of this dish is cold boiled potatoes. Select large potatoes and cut thick slices lengthwise, as you have the largest oval possible. Have ready some boiling hot lard or clarified fat.

Butter your individual ramakin dishes and fit into the bottom of each one-half of a ripe tomato, laid with the skin down. Add just a little water and bake until the tomato is tender.

FIG. B—NEW CHECKERED EFFECT, IN BLACK AND WHITE WITH SCARLET BELT AND TIE.



Fig. D—English Worsted Overcoat in Brown and Tan Checks.

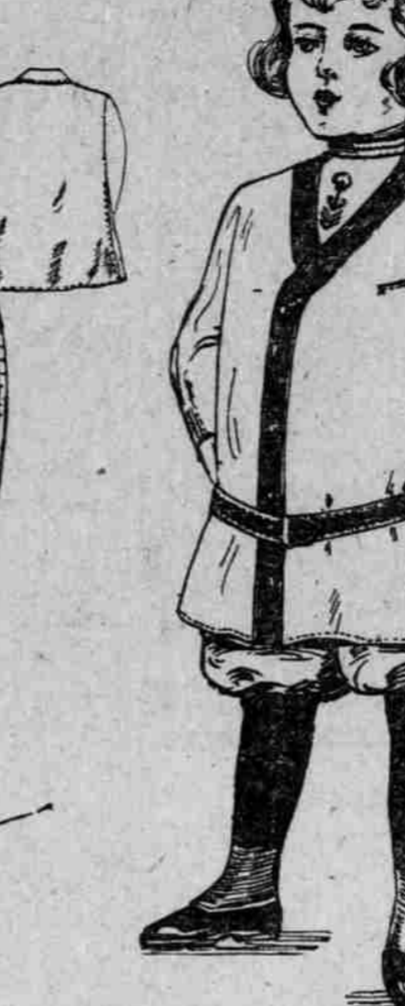


Fig. C—Russian Suit in Grey-Blue Chambray With Belt and Braid in Darker Blue.



Fig. A—One-Piece Dress in Tan-Colored Holland.



FIG. E—TWO-PIECE SUIT IN WASH FLANNEL.



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