

SIMPLE RULES GOVERN THE PROBLEM OF TRIM AND FASHIONABLE DRESS FOR FEMININE WEAR

GOOD TASTE IN SELECTION AND ARRANGEMENT OF MATERIALS THE SECRET OF SUCCESS



MANY a maid, despairing over the problem of how to dress neatly, daintily, and in accordance with the prevailing style, upon a very limited income, is prone to conclude that her girl friend, who is not only a model of trimness and daintiness, but keeps up with the latest turn of fashion as well, despite a slender pocketbook, was endowed at birth with some mysterious gift which enables her to work the miracle.

Undoubtedly, to a certain degree, the knack of daintiness and good taste is a natural gift, but on the other hand, there are certain simple rules, which, if habitually followed, will go far towards solving the problem of trim, becoming fashionable dress for the maid who is not fortunate enough to have been so endowed by nature.

A dainty little Portland matron, whose simple and inexpensive, yet always neat and extremely modish manner of dressing is the marvel of all her friends, posed for the accompanying pictures for *The Sunday Oregonian* and gave a few pointers on the things that count for neatness and style, for the benefit of her less fortunate sisters.

"To begin with," said she, "always be very careful of your waist line. I don't mean that one should lace, or attempt to improve upon nature in any such way; the thing is to see that your waist line is firm and trim—not uncertain and wobbly, with rebellious shirt-waist tails working out or skirt sagging. A very simple expedient will do away with all these things. Just a good, strong, flat tape, adjusted as you see it in picture No. 4, will hold the shirt-waist in trim with all the folds in their proper places.

"One should always dress the upper portion of the body first—except, of course, the shoes and stockings—and the flat tape, tied or pinned over the waist and under lingerie, will not only secure every fold and gather where it belongs, but form a firm and trim foundation for one's skirt bands. The tape, too, gives one's waist line a fixed measurement, instead of a variable one, so that the skirt-bands can be made exactly the right number of inches around, fitting snugly with hooks and eyes. These two things count more towards neatness in dressing than almost anything else.

"Another point," she continued, "is to keep careful guard over one's gloves and shoes—a vigil that will count for economy as well as for neatness and dressiness. Well-kept and well-fitting gloves, with trim boots, will render a really shabby gown presentable, and if one only goes at it right, one can easily keep one's gloves and shoes in order. In every girl's workbox there should be one of those little glove darners, which can be slipped into the finger of a ripped glove, and which render the mending a very simple matter."

man can do for her, now that the summer is wearing away, is to stain her tan shoes black. This can be done very inexpensively, and the scuffing that is so noticeable on bronze or worn white shoes or ties, seems to disappear in the process of being stained black. Metal heel pieces, if one is inclined to run shoes down at the heels, are an excellent precaution, and it is well to have them put on new shoes before wearing them at all.

"There isn't any excuse in these modern days, either for the straggling, 'scolding' locks that so spoil one's appearance at the back of the neck. For a few cents one can buy any one of the several effective styles of 'pinch-comb' or 'retaining-pin' that will hold these straggling locks securely in with the rest of the coiffure, one of these combs is shown in No. 2.

Change of the Styles.
"As to keeping up with the changing styles, it is not so difficult, even with a small expenditure, to do this, if one only studies the matter a little. In the first place, one should avoid purchasing anything extreme in tendency. The fashion can be observed without going to extremes, and if one keeps to the modified forms, one will not have to change so frequently, and more becoming results can be had. Some simple little concessions to the

prevailing novelty, such as a fluffy bit of ruching added at the neck of one's shirt-waist, will give the touch of up-to-date-ness as well as the elaborate and fancy collars of ruching and ribbon so much in favor just now.

"At the present time, too, the veil and how to drape it, means much, and should not be forgotten. The wide variety of veilings, however, gives one plenty of latitude in the matter of selecting a becoming mesh and color, and one can, with a little patience and practice before the mirror, always discover some way of draping the veil so as to have it becoming, and at the same time, in harmony with the prevailing style of drapes. These few points, if kept rigidly in mind, will help one a great deal, and at the least possible expense, to keep well dressed and sufficiently in touch with the mode to make the feminine heart happy."

Picture No. 5 shows the effect of a simple bit of double ruching, sewn in at the neck band of a shirt-waist—quite as modish and much more becoming to certain types, than one of the rather clumsy new collars would be. Picture No. 1 shows an individual, yet modish manner of draping one of the new veils.

ents could have no redress, when had she given away a calico apron or an old broken china doll the strong arm of the law could be invoked to secure its return. All this has been changed in most states, although to the shame of our fair land be it said that there is still work to be done, all of which the Women's

Christian Temperance Union is still in the field to do.

The single standard of purity which is coming to have a large place in the code of most men, was in the beginning advocated almost alone by the women of our organization. That there was but one moral law, and that the man was under the same obligation to live a life of purity and sweetness as was his sister, did not receive the credence some years ago that it now does. The writer of this article will remember when the Young Men's Christian Association secretaries gave scant hearing to the plea that they would incorporate the White Cross work in their systematic plan. If the Women's Christian Temperance Union had done no other thing than to organize the Loyal Temperance Legion, the junior branch of our society, it would fully justify the existence of the organization.

At the most conservative estimate 1,000,000 boys and girls (and I am glad to say that there have always been a goodly number of boys) have been members of this branch. We set them to the study of a book called "Alcohol and the Body," and these boys grown tall and standing at the ballot box have justified our hope in them when we put into their mouths the slogan "Tremble, King Alcohol, for we shall grow up," and they have been voting out the saloons because of their knowledge of the degenerating effects of liquor upon the body.

In like manner "Alcohol and the Mind," "Alcohol and the Pocketbook," and "Alcohol and the Nation" have borne the fruits we had expected when these were in training. It may be that some will laugh at woman's work in temperance, but we have been training citizens, gentlemen, and we are getting much satisfaction from the results of the last year's elections. When we meet October 8 next to celebrate the 25th year since dear Miss Willard organized the state Women's Christian Temperance Union in old Taylor-street church, "We shall come bringing these and many other sheaves."

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Triumph of Organization Since Its Establishment in Oregon Will Be Fittingly Celebrated by Host of Members and Distinguished Visitors.

BY ADA WALLACE UNRUH.
AN unusual interest attaches to the coming State convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, October 6, as the members will then celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their organization. In these strenuous days an organization, no matter how much sentiment may attach to it, should be able to give good evidence of its usefulness to justify its existence, and by this test the W. C. T. U. is willing to stand or fall.

When the history of the temperance battle is written, as it will be in the not far distant future, whatever will be said of other organizations, it will be set down to the credit of the W. C. T. U. that it was this organization which was instrumental in revolutionizing temperance work. Hitherto temperance effort had been almost wholly confined to strictly reform work. The drunkard furnished the field of endeavor, and the temperance pledges and moral suasion were the means upon which the temperance advocate depended to do his work. To pick up the man from the gutter, to get his signature to the pledge, to surround him with such moral atmosphere as would keep him straight—this was about the only thing thought of in the old days.

But when there came into the field of action a new force, women who had spent their days of life preparation by the cradle side, and in watching the building of character, formative work took the place of reformatory and building, instead of rebuilding, became the slogan of the new army. As a means to this end scientific temperance instruction was wrought out with painstaking endeavor. There was no such thing as written scientific temperance at that time.

At the bidding of the women, the scattered teaching of isolated men was gathered, and after infinite pains, to cull fact from fancy and to set down only such principles as would bear demonstration, as would any other scientific truth, we at last had, not a new law, as some would have us believe, but God's prohibitory law, as written in the flesh of man.

It was no small task to secure from the various legislative bodies the laws making it compulsory upon the teachers in the public schools to teach this science as they did others. In some instances it meant years of more or less patient presentation of petitions, meeting argument with argument, overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles, until it really seemed that the struggle presented the old problem as to what would occur when an irresistible force should come in contact with an immovable body. These immovable bodies did move after, in some cases, many years of contact with the irresistible force, and today we have scientific temperance laws in every state in the land. It is true there are still places where the objection is made that the teachers are overworked, which is in many cases all too true. The White Ribboners, and, thank God, an increasingly large number of mothers and fathers are answering that whatever else falls in the teaching, the child must have this instruction to strengthen him against a temptation which is all too prevalent.

When the Women's Christian Temperance Union came into its kingdom there were few states where a little girl's virtue was protected from the aggression of mature villains to the same age as her property. That is to say, a little girl in most states could give away the priceless gift of her virtue and the par-