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Toilettes Suitable for Picnic Wear

"PICNIC" means virtually every sort of summer excursion where clothes are concerned. Something suitable in style and color to a festive day outdoors, which shall be becoming and in a way very smart, yet sufficiently serviceable to suit the wear and tear of roaming over hills, along wooded paths, and possibly being on dancing little boats. A costume designed especially for such service is not obligatory, of course, but since the world overflows with picnicers in summer, fashion always pays them special attention.

The simple and yet graceful little toilettes here shown display some of the good ideas for her frolicking daughters. All of the gowns are designed for inexpensive materials, but if there is no time to make the dress at home, facsimiles of the same things may be found in the shops at very low prices.

Figure A is a dress gown which would be lovely in any pure white lingerie material with Valenciennes insertion used as in the model, and the waist girdled in the same way with a bright ribbon sash. The blouse and skirt are separate, with the bodice finished at the neck with a Dutch collar and becoming jabot. But as this low style is not suited to all throats, the model has the advantage of permitting a straight stock or slightly V-shaped cut.

Cotton crepe with embroidered dots, which sells for 30 cents a yard and is quite wide, would make this dress effectively. A somewhat heavier lace than Valenciennes should be used in this case, but whatever the choice in the lace it need not cost more than 50 cents a yard, while there are trim little insertions which sell even cheaper. As both the blouse and the skirt are cut on the straight the dress would not lose its shape with washing.

If color is liked for the design, any of the flowered muslins which sell from 15 cents up would create a very festive effect, and a cheap insertion could be made from yard-wide point d'esprit cut in strips of the required width.

For a dress after this model the medium figure will require ten or eleven yards of muslin and 14 1/2 yards of lace banding.

The hat that is shown with this dress is a peach basket shape of rough straw with roses of ribbon and tailored band of black velvet. Plain white cotton twilling shapes the neat parasol.

Figure B shows an effect which could be made in fancy batiste for 12 1/2 cents a yard, and which would be as pretty in figured calico or ginghams. The model is also beautifully adapted to Swiss, lawn or pique.

This dress is in semi-princess style, which is to say that the skirt and bodice are joined by means of a belt consisting of two strips of insertion, but the costume may also very well be made in two pieces. The square neck and slightly puffed sleeves make the little rig especially suited to young girls, though a youthful matron could wear the dress with perfect propriety.

For a 36-inch girl, chosen, 10 to 12 yards of material for the dress itself will be required by the medium figure. For the trimming five-eighths of a yard of lace or embroidery will make the yoke, and three yards of insertion and two of edging the fixings for the rest of the bodice.

With an all-white dress, a bright red or apple green parasol would be charming, and I must tell you that a dollar and a half will buy such a pretty sunshade. A wide straw hat trimmed with field flowers and knots of black velvet would make a suitable headpiece to go with this model.

A smart and useful costume which is good for all-round wear is displayed in figure C. Made of light weight wool in shepherd's check, with a banding of fancy braid or black taffeta bias, such a gown would be invaluable to the woman who often takes little train or boat trips, and it would not set off a slim, pretty figure to perfection. The high stock shown in the smaller drawing would be a useful addition to the dress if made separately, as this permits the substitution of a dressier neck fitting for the little hotel dinner or theater party, for, of course, one does not expect the exuberance of a day or two to dress too finely.

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In the making 10 yards of goods 27 inches wide, or 6 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, will be required by the medium figure.

The tailored hat worn with the model and which could be made very easily at home by covering a buckram shape with black taffeta or brown pongee is most stylishly suited to the dress.

A frock that spells a very good picnic is reproduced in figure D. There are some excellent features about this little dress, for while suited itself to the roughest wear and hottest

day, if made in one piece, and gingham, Russian crash, spotted calico, etc., are the stout materials proper for the purpose. Pale pink or blue or yellow pique would realize a charming dressy effect, and there is wide straw hat trimmed with field flowers and knots of black velvet would make a suitable headpiece to go with this model.

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day, only a high-necked and long-sleeved gumpie would be needed to make it comfortable for chilly weather and stylish enough for other than play occasions.

The dress is most useful for the rough and tumble of a joyous outdoor

ing, in which very neat insertions may be had for a few cents a yard. For a 10-year-old girl of medium figure this model requires 5 1/2 yards of material 24 inches wide.

As some species of wrap is likely to be needed by many persons for excursion, with a good coating of cold cream, rubbing this well into the pores and removing the surplus afterwards with a soft rag. A piece of fine old undervest is admirably suited for this purpose, and if the cast-away garment is of silk, all the better.

The cream takes off the first dirt and prepares the way for the scrub. Use an almond meal bag for this, shaking its contents so warm water till it is milky. If the water must be further softened add a pinch of borax. Wash the fingers in massage style over every spot.

When the skin has become sturdier, buy the best—which means the purest—soap the market affords and wash the same way with it, for all things said and done, there is no cleanser like soap.

Granted now that the face which would be bright and blooming all day on the outdoor excursion has been scrubbed for some nights in this way, and massaged and douched—if this is found beneficial—with warm and chill sprays besides, remember that the day's cosmetic must be put on over very little cold cream if you would avoid tan and freckles and have your complexion stay on.

It is a good idea, too, to arrange for a Beauty outfit when planning for the day, for then roses and lilacs may be renewed at odd moments. A little book of powder leaves is the most convenient way of carrying this embellisher, and if it is rosiest is imperative, put it on with a light hand. One end of a little rag smeared with rouge may decently summon a blush without the scandal of the whole pot.

Wrap all the beautifiers in an old handkerchief—this for the make-up rag—and put them in a corner of the handbag you mean to take to the picnic, together with a small mirror, a comb and some extra hairpins.

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Etiquette for Man and Maid

THE small picnic is usually a well-mannered affair, including, as it does, only persons well-known to one another. But it is the big picnic, such gatherings as are made up of several societies, a half dozen Sunday schools

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should remember that they lay themselves always open to disagreeable encounters at a big picnic, and so have little right to claim redress for small ribaldries. To powder the face or arrange any part of the dress without seeking utter seclusion for the purpose is a grave breach of delicacy, and if some girl is found using a little pink on her cheeks it is certainly as cruel as vulgar to tell the men about it. Though not the best taste in the world to color the cheeks, rouge is a fashionable adjunct to the feminine toilette, and so may pass muster in the scale of decency.

Even the dear little maids of 12, 14 and 15 must be very particular to the big picnic about their conduct and their boy friends and acquaintances. They must never kiss them, and they must always reprove the boys when they say unbecomingly words—words they would never utter before grown-up ladies and their mothers and sisters.

In short, everybody—from grandpa down to 7-year-old Lucy—must be on their good behavior at the big picnic. It is the only way to have a really good time, for as the copy book puts it, "Virtue has its own reward." And every true holds a dozen eyes for even the innocent done wrong thing—every hundred thousand.

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THE ART OF THE VEIL

THE veil and the art of its wearing will mark all of the season's various excursions. Let the wearer's dress be only indifferently stylish, let the girl even be plain, if she has a sense of the muffled of the required stamp, and sports it with the required air she may enter the list of the chosen.

In point of style, veils are either old or young—22, as you may say, or 60. The old lady veils are those which cover only the hat brim and fit snugly over the face—such undecorated sorts as display plain or dotted meshes, and seem always skimpy. The belles in veldom are the long draperies of beautifully colored chiffon, with rich hemstitched borders, and the huge squares of lace webbing, which, with untold coquettishness in the way of borderings, are worn completely over the hat.

The headpiece for the muffling worn completely over the hat must be fully trimmed and have a down dropping brim for the veils to show off to advantage. Whereas the long square, which wraps so gracefully around the throat, may accompany a side tilted or mushroom hat with equal art. They also look especially well with the African helmet and the beehive and peach basket hats.

Aprons of the "hives." French taste sprinkles a shower of scattered bees over some of the square veils in lace webbing, killings of lace or chiffon or narrow silk fringes edging them.

None of the very coquettish veils is cheap, and those which are especially elaborate are appallingly dear. But a person of taste could easily match many of the materials by the yard, and get borderings in the same way very nearly akin to those employed upon the imported veils. A mixture of white and violet, brown and black, gray and blue are modish lace effects to look for.

Pretty veil pins seen in the form of long stemmed lilies, fashioned entirely in green and white enamel.

For ordinary picnic or boating purposes, a plain chiffon veil in red-brown may be advised, for this color and mesh are about the only things which resist tan. These are not dear as smart veils go, for \$2.50 will buy one in quite an excellent quality.

The violet and blue tissue veils—a blue sometimes showing shadings that look like faded streaks—are the latest thing, and there are some silvery blue follies which are all the world like pieces of Summer sky.

Ah, me, why shouldn't women be lovely under these radiant, becoming and expensive masks? It is asking too much of any member of the sex to beware of this extravagance—so go to and be costly and lovely.

But treat your veil tenderly. A special

receptacle will keep the perishable webs in the immaculate condition they should be in to look well. A French veil case book of some specially precious sort with its delicate satin covers and ribbon tie strings. The veils were to be put between padded leaves, covered with thin silk and deliciously scented. A receptacle you could make yourself.

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Picnic Dainties

Club Sandwiches—These delectable morsels call for white bread toasted crisp. The filling may be of grilled ham or bacon, or of broiled chicken with the addition of a taste of either of the first two meats. A morsel of broiled ham or bacon always gives an extra zing to chicken. A leaf of delicate lettuce is put first on a slice of the toast; then comes the meat, with a sprinkling of salt, cayenne, and a squeeze of lemon juice for the final notes. Most sandwiches are better without butter, and these call absolutely for the broiling of the meat. This cooking and the toast realize the name, "club sandwich."

Mayonnaise Sandwiches—The foundation for these is beaten hard-boiled egg yolks with the crust trimmed off. When making the mayonnaise filling add a mustard spoon of dry mustard and a touch of sugar for other seasons. The whole bite will also seem far more delicious if the filling includes two fragments of lettuce, these enclosing the mayonnaise in a roll.

Herb Sandwiches—The herbless strips put up in glass jars or small boxes are convenient for these. If the herbless seems unpleasantly strong, soak the strips in cold water for half an hour. After this cook them gently in a hot pan with a little butter, and add, while cooking, a little cayenne. White bread, which is not too fresh, is suitable for the casing.

Stuffed Eggs—Roll six eggs for 15 minutes and let them stand in the same water till it is lukewarm. After this thoroughly chill them in cold water, cut directly in half, take out the yolks, and mix them into a paste with three tablespoons of freshly toasted bread crumbs rolled to a powder, one tablespoon of olive oil—or more as liked—and a dash of lemon juice and salt and cayenne to taste. If the oil and acid are not liked, use melted butter or cream and season with chopped parsley. Eggs prepared in this way are invaluable for excursion lunch baskets, as they are as filling as appetizing and not the least messy.

Anchovy Pastes—Soak the Swedish anchovies, which are put up in bottles, wash them off with warm water and let them soak for an hour in fresh olive oil. But between saltines or thin slices of day old white bread. A few drops of lemon juice improves them.

Caviar Bites—Cut rye or white bread in long inch strips and spread with a good paste of Russian caviar. Lemon juice is indispensable with such bites.

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