DRESSMAKERS COVER UP LINES OF MIDDLE AGE; WOMEN LOOK GIRLISH

Pleasing Variety Given to Plain Little Frock of Flowered Silk—Back of Dancing Dress Made More Striking Than Other Part of Costume by Drapery That Extends From Shoulders to Floor.

AFTER he feminine figure is apt to ... on too decided curves at the back of the waistline to conform with ... e classic ideal of beauty—wh..h always suggests youth. Dressmaker resort to various devices to give mature figures this girlish straightness at the back. One of the most ski lful of such devices is the pabel-sash of pleated chiffon, heavily weighted at the edge, hanging from a point a little above the natural waistline. A soft girdle is swathed around the waist under the panel and the curve at the back is effectually hidden. This street gown of taupe brocade is accompanied by buttoned boots with taupe suede tops.

A pleasing variety is given to this plainly made little frock of flowered silk by the sling drapery at the back of the skirt. This form of drapery has been used by Cheruit this season on many of her most charming costumes. In this case the loop of the material comes quite low, giving long lines to a not overtall figure. The blue silk gown is flowered with red post impressionist figures. The sash is of plain blue meteor and the chic little velvet hat has a blue ribbon bow and two pert red quills—just the costume for afternoon wear on sunny autumn days.

The back of this dancing frock has not been neglected, and is indeed more striking than any other part of the costume by reason of the flower-bordered drapery which extends from shoulder to floor. The arrangement of this drapery is clever. Made of a bordered liberty silk scarf, it is looped gracefully at the hip and is deeply hemmed at the foot, a weighted layer of thin cotton giving substance to the slimpsy silk. The scarf divides above the girdle, half being draped over each shoulder to the bustline. Long gloves of embroidered silk match the dainty frock.

CLUB WOMEN READY TO MEET AT HOOD RIVER

Largest and Most Successful Convention in History of Oregon Federation Is Promised.

BY MRS. SARAH A. EVANS.
(President Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.)

AS the time approaches for the annual meeting of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, the interest seems to grow daily and present indications point to the largest and most successful convention in the history of the organization.

This week has registered 120 delegates, who have reported to the Hood River committee. This does not include those who have made reservations at the hotels, which the committee reports as being swamped with applications.

During the past week all the clubs of the state, as well as officers and chairmen of the standing committees, have received the programme booklet, and from every quarter is being received the warmest words of commendation, not alone for the programme but for the compact way in which all necessary information regarding the convention is arranged.

The "made-in-Oregon" lunch, while originally intended as a bit of social diversion, is developing into a real feature and promises to be a star attraction. Several members of the Manufacturers' Association are talking of going up, and have inquired "if men will be admitted to the lunch."

Let it here be known that every session of the convention will be open to everybody who wishes to attend. Anyone may participate in the discussion of any question before the house, and will have all the privileges of the convention accorded them except presenting motions and voting.

It is this democracy that distinguishes the Women's Club from all other organizations.

When the reports are read, this year will go on record as the banner year for new clubs. Never before have the acquisitions exceeded five new clubs. This year 12 will answer to rollcall at Hood River. This same prosperity has characterized every department of the federation work.

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Mrs. George Schulmerich, in sending the application for the Creswell Civic Improvement Club to join the State Federation, says: "I must tell you about our Creswell Civic Improvement Club, and what we have accomplished.

"The 15th of last March a few ladies met and elected officers to form a club, and the next day I was informed that I had been elected president, notwithstanding I had been home in bed when the honor was conferred upon me.

"On April 1 we had our first meeting and organized a club of 24 members. Work was mapped out that could be done immediately.

"We have a small plaza in the heart of the town and a committee was appointed to see what could be done with it, in the way of planting flowers and putting up swings. We got the electric light company to donate some old poles that were not in use and one of the members sent a team and man to haul them to the plaza. The committee then had ten fine, large rope swings made. Several flower beds were planted and a general clean-up of the place was inaugurated.

"The city owned a piece of ground for park purposes, but the underbrush was so thick that a person could hardly get through it, to say nothing of using it for picnics or recreation.

"May 31 was appointed 'clean-up' day, and it was well advertised. We took our husbands and children and dinner with us and equipped ourselves with axes, rakes, hammers and nails, starting for the park early in the morning, headed by the brass band. The men chopped and slashed, while the women and children pulled and piled the brush and set great bonfires agoing.

"At noon three tables were built and free coffee served to everyone, with a good dinner and a general good time was had.

"By 4 P. M. we had two and a half acres cleared, ready for the celebration of July Fourth.

"On the Fourth we had a parade of 10 floats; we hired the band and had a splendid programme of drills, songs and various amusements. In the evening our home dramatic club, which is a fine one, gave a play to help defray the expenses. Every seat was sold and many turned away. We also sold sandwiches and coffee on the ground that day for the same purpose.

"We paid all expenses of the day and have $130 left for future work. We expect to plant shade trees and flowers in the plaza this year. We have 50 rose bushes promised for our depot park and plaza.

"We now have a membership of 50.

"The Commercial Club co-operates with us and is very helpful. The two clubs have joined to beautify the depot park and if you ever pass through Creswell you will see the effects of our work.

"We also have placed three garbage cans on the streets."

"We are now trying, through the club, to get electric service one or two mornings, so we can use our electric irons and vacuum cleaners. Our electrice service at present is only till midnight, and, in Summer, not at all in the mornings.

"The club meets the first Tuesday of the month. We expect to bring up the subject of 'better babies' at our next meeting."

In concluding this splendid record of accomplishments, Mrs. Schulmerich asks: "Now do you think we deserve a place in the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs?"

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By return mail the welcome into the state family was extended to the Creswell Civic Improvement Club.

Following is an appeal from Mrs. Moore, past president of the General Federation, on behalf of the fifth National Conservation Congress. If any clubwomen should be contemplating a visit to Washington in November, credentials for the convention may be secured by applying to the state president.

Mrs. Moore says:

In my position as vice-president of the Fifth National Conservation Congress I am impressed with the thought that the club women of America will find much to interest them in connection with the sessions of the congress which meets in Washington, November 18, 19 and 20.

The influence of many of the leaders in Washington official life will be exerted to give the congress the social prestige to which it is entitled.

The social side is, however, merely incidental to the importance of the congress from the point of view of the women of America. We are deeply interested in the questions involved in the conservation of the natural and vital resources of the Nation, and our part of the work is of real moment. All of the officers of the Fifth National Conservation Congress have an earnest recognition of the value of co-operation by the women, and they join with me in expressing the hope that you and your organization will do all that is possible to secure a generous attendance at the Washington meeting and active participation in its deliberations.

Notice will be sent in regard to delegates, details of attendance, programme, etc., in ample time to make the same known to your state organizations.

I would ask that in replying to this letter you kindly use one of the official letterheads of your organization so that our office may perfect its mailing list.

Mrs. Frank White, of North Dakota, chairman of the membership committee of the General Federation, has just sent out the following letter to the individual clubs of the state, hoping that many more of them will affiliate directly with the National body, which is composed of both clubs and federations. In her letter Mrs. White has made plain the value of this direct relation. She says:

Your club is now a member of your state federation. I am writing to ask you to consider seriously the question of joining the general federation.

It is true that through your state you have an indirect connection with the central organization, but it is not close and vital and you give nothing in return. The general federation earnestly desires to have every club in direct membership, and thus bind together all the clubwomen of our great country in a sisterhood of love and service. It is already the most powerful organization of women in the world, with a membership of nearly 1,000,000. It reaches into every state in the Union; it furnishes programmes for study to increase the intelligence and efficiency of the individual; it suggests plans and policies for the betterment of local conditions; it spreads information in regard to the great questions of the day; it is unifying the aspirations and ideals of our women; it is an increasing force for righteousness in public and private life.

The membership fee is only 10 cents per capita. I know of no other National society that asks so little from its local branches. The general federation, however, wishes to be democratic, and hence puts the fee so low that no club can truthfully say, "I can't afford it."

Membership entitles you to send delegates to the biennial meetings, but the best thing that will come to you will be the broadening of your horizon from the contemplation of National questions, and from the inspiration of knowing that you are a vital part of this great, wonderful general federation of Women's Clubs.

Will you not apply to the general federation secretary of your state for instructions in regard to joining? We need you, and you need us.

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In a dainty cover of blue the Fortnightly Club, of Eugene, presents its programme and other information for the use and benefit of its club members and their friends.

The club has taken for its study this year the modern drama, including such writers as Peabody, Strindberg, Bjornson, Synge, Yeats, Suderman, Maeterlinck, Shaw, Galsworthy, Sowberry, Gibson, Brieux and several others, selecting from each their strongest or most criticised works.

Some of the titles are accompanied by suggestive quotations, as for instance, among the questions for Galsworthy's "Strife" are: "Is the play a brief for the cause of labor?" "Are the respective ideals of John Anthony and David Roberts incompatible?"

This is a most commendable feature, as it at once opens up the topic to intelligent and well-directed discussion.

But from its announcement the club does not mean to make the year one wholly of work, for several social functions are scheduled.

A unique feature of the book is 12 quotations on "Friendship," the first letter of each spelling the word "Fortnightly." It is entitled "Friendship in Fortnightly."

The club was organized in 1893, joined the State Federation in 1904 and affiliated with the National organization in 1916. The club shows an enrollment of 97 members, with the following officers: President, Miss Julia Burgess; vice-president, Mrs. Helen de Lano; recording secretary, Mrs. Iva Gray; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Perkins; treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Rolfe.

WINDOW DRAPERIES NOW PROBLEM IN THE HOME

Two Sets of Curtains Give Most Pleasing Effect—Inner Set Should Be of Madras or Lace and Heavier One Silk or Tapestry.

MAKING THE MOST OF WINDOWS.

AUTUMN with its business of moving from one domicile to another brings up anon the problem of window draperies. To the woman not blessed with the inestimable gift of a naturally artistic eye, this problem becomes a real and disheartening one, and indeed, it is no easy matter to think out, plan and hang window draperies that shall suggest luxury, suit their environment and fit into the limitations of the family purse.

There are two important first considerations that govern or should govern the selection of window draperies, whether the window is to be completely veiled and is to serve merely as a background, or whether it commands an outlook sufficiently pleasing to be revealed. In the city, windows are intended to admit light and air, view is a secondary consideration. If the window looks out on an unlovely prospect of back yards or brick walls, far better to veil it softly with creamy net or tinted silk and set a potted fern where the fronds will be delicately outlined against the light.

The woman with an artistic sense realizes that while windows are meant to admit light, they need not admit too much light, which is demoralizing to the nerves. Sunny windows of course may be more heavily draped than windows on the north front of the house, but two sets of draperies will always give the most pleasing effect. The inner set, next the pane, will be preferably of madras, net, sheer musline or lace and the heavier curtains of silk, tapestry, velour or mercerized fabric according to the purse.

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How to Keep Face Young and Attractive

(National Hygienic Review.)

The way to ward off old age is not to fear it, not to allow one's self to be oppressed by the dread of advancing years. Use only legitimate preventives and avoid trying experiments with preparations not indorsed by physicians. An entirely safe and very effective way to keep the complexion young-looking and beautiful is to apply ordinary mercolized wax at bedtime, using it like cold cream, washing it off in the morning. This gradually absorbs the withered, faded cuticle, which is replaced by the more youthful, pink-tinted underskin. One ounce of this wax, to be had at any drugstore, is enough to completely rejuvenate a wornout complexion.

Crow's feet and other wrinkles, the first signs of advancing age, may be removed by a simple, harmless preparation made by dissolving an ounce of powdered saxolite in a half pint witch hazel. It is used as a face bath. —Adv.

Many Devices for Care of Clothes Are Cheap

Coat and Skirt Hangers, Shoe and Glove Trees and Brushes May Be Secured for a Song, and Are Indispensable to Good Dresser.

There are so many devices now-a-days for taking care of clothes, keeping them in shape, neat looking and clean, that there is not the slightest excuse even for the suit of year before last to look out of shape or wrinkly. The best of it is that these devices are most of them just about as cheap as can be and so within the price of all.

Coat hangers, skirt hangers and hangers for trousers are to be had in a hundred shapes from three cents up, so that it is not a bit of extravagance to have one for each garment. Then shoe trees and slipper extenders will keep footwear trim and neat long past its usual time, especially if it is put away in a shoe box with a lid that shuts out all dust. There are even little trees for gloves, good to put kid gloves on when they are moist from a dance or warm day.

The clothes brush heads a host of other sorts, all of which may be kept in a handy place that each one who leaves the house may be positive of spotlessness—hat brush, sleeve brush, velvet brush, all of them indispensable. It is well if each child in the family is taught the use and the value of these little things that help in the care of clothes, for he cannot learn too early.

Health and Beauty Hints

BY MRS. MAE MARTYN.

Mrs. O. L.: You complain of brittle, faded hair. You will find that keeping the scalp clean and healthy is the most effective way to restore the natural beauty and softness, but in selecting your shampoo avoid soaps or mixtures containing "free" alkali. By dissolving a teaspoonful canthrox in a cup of hot water you will have a mild, soothing, cleansing mixture that makes the head feel fine and removes all dust, dandruff and excess oil, leaving the scalp clean and pliant and assuring a beautiful growth of long, lustrous, fluffy hair.

E. G.: Nature never intended woman to have fuzz on her cheek. Get from your druggist a small original package of delatone and mix a little of the powder with water. Apply the paste to the obnoxious hairs and in 2 or 3 minutes rub off and the hairs will come with it. After the skin is washed and dried, it will be velvety and free from hair or blemish.

Katie: Yes, powder has ruined more complexions than it has aided and while you use it you can hope for nothing better than an imitation of a real complexion. Take my advice. Get from your druggist 4 ounces spurmax and dissolve in ½ pint hot water or witch hazel, then add 2 teaspoonfuls glycerine and you will have an ideal yet inexpensive lotion, which seems a part of the skin. Apply this spurmax lotion sparingly and rub lightly for an instant and it will vanish, leaving the skin clear and soft. The daily use of this spurmax lotion rids the skin of that coarse, sallow, oily appearance and renders the complexion divinely fair and beautiful.

Elaine: Yes, there is a harmless way to make your eyes sparkle, a way that will also strengthen and rid them of that dull ache and tired feeling you mention. Make and use the following eye tonic: Dissolve 1 ounce crystos in 1 pint clear water, then put 2 or 3 drops in each eye a few times daily. It is an excellent thing for granulated eyelids, to reduce inflammation and take out soreness.

Miss C.: Dandruff is the cause of your trouble. Cleanse the scalp thoroughly, then twice a week massage a little of this home-made tonic into the scalp. Make the tonic by pouring 1 ounce quinzoin into ½ pint alcohol, to which is then added ½ pint water. This quinzoin tonic is soothing and healing to itching, tender scalps and is wonderfully effective in restoring the gloss and fluffiness to dull, stringy hair and its continued use will induce a lovely growth of long, healthy, beautiful hair.

Distress: You can quickly remove that burdensome fat and regain your former figure if you use parnotis, prepared at little expense, as follows: Into 1½ pints hot water put 4 ounces parnotis and strain when cool. Take a tablespoonful before each meal until your weight is sufficiently reduced, then discontinue treatment. No ill results follow this method of reduction and your flesh and skin will be left firm and smooth.

Maurice: The sallow, yellow color of your neck and chin, of which you speak, are caused by sluggish blood and which is not properly eliminating the poisons from the system. Try this blood purifier and tonic: Into ½ pint alcohol (whisky must not be used) pour 1 ounce kardene, then add ½ cupful sugar and hot water to make a full quart. Take 1 tablespoonful of this old-fashioned blood cleanser and tonic before each meal. This is splendid for that weak, worn feeling and restores the vital organs to a healthy condition, and its timely use will save much serious sickness.

Eva: If your skin is wrinkled or saggy, you need the stimulating and beautifying effect of some simple vegetable jelly cream, which can be easily and cheaply made at home. Try this one, which is the best of many I have used: Get from your druggist one ounce almozoin and dissolve in ½ pint cold water, adding two teaspoonfuls glycerine. Use this with a gentle massage and as a jelly mask on wrinkled surface and it will work wonders on your skin, eradicating wrinkles and restoring that velvety, youthful glow.

Read Mrs. Martyn's book, "Beauty," $5.—Adv.