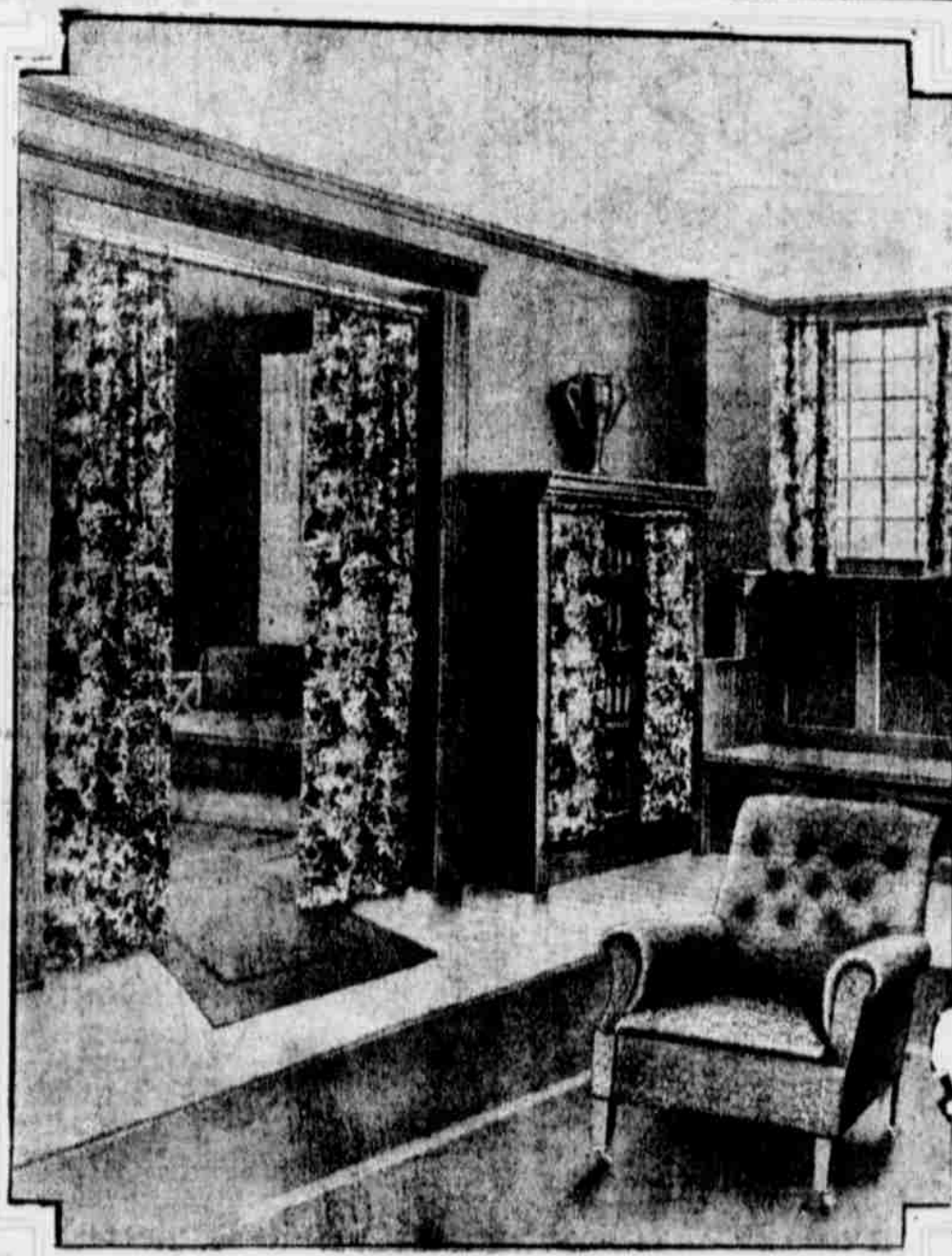
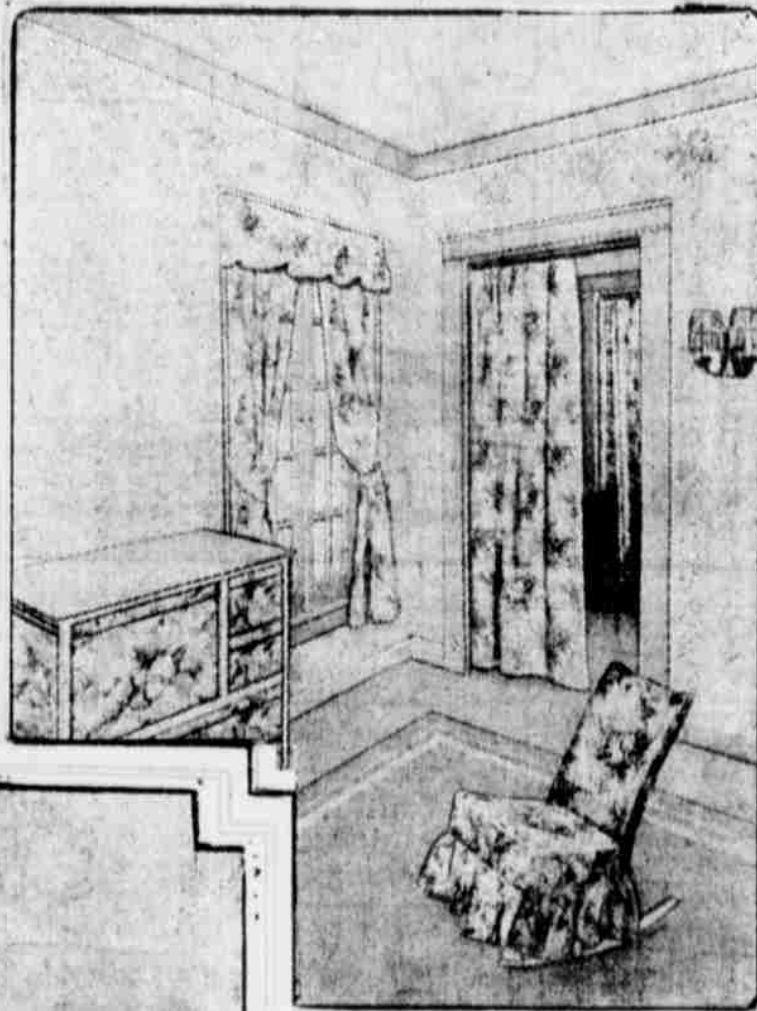


A Page of Interest for Milady

CHINTZES AND CRETONNES

and how they may be UTILIZED



THE KITCHEN

FASHIONDOM

BY MRS. KINGSLEY.
WHEN the tale of this spring's tailleur comes to be written one chapter will be headed "Taffeta." First editions of spring modes reveal taffeta as a prominent character in the style story. As there is ground for assuming that later editions may disclose this fabric as the character around which tailleur modes revolve.

The crispness of this material lends itself to achievement of the approved silhouette for spring. Dressy tailleurs, those frocks intended for afternoon wear, must follow a line of conduct that prescribes flaring skirts and flaring coats. Taffeta gathered or circular-cut, gives a skirt as bouffant an effect as any one might wish. As for coats—taffeta can be relied upon to put the desired measures of "pep" in any pelium.

Narrow tucks and stitching are two forms of embellishment favored in the fashioning of the spring's tailleur of taffeta. Some very attractive models have skirts with lower edges finished, hem-deep, with tiny tucks placed in almost overlapping position. Stitching is employed to accentuate lines of modeling, but in this, fashion prescribes that only self color thread shall be used.

A Russian Tunic Blouse.
 Among the new blouses is a most alluring model called "The tunic." Of course it is Russian in type and its important feature is an extension below the waist line, which gives the long, Russian tunic effect. This extension is either gathered or circular and falls from a trim belt to midway between hip and knee. Worn over a separate skirt of harmonizing material the new Russian blouse gives the effect of a complete costume. The idea is a practical one, for any woman can furnish the simple, well-cut skirt and purchase one of these smart blouses to complete a really stunning new frock.

In some of the smartest new waists, models color is combined with white, either in the fabric itself or by the use of different materials, such as sheer crepe and taffeta or crepe and wash satin.

FOR A COLD

PROPHOR for colds is taken in the following manner: A drop or two is placed on a lump of sugar, dropped into a small wine glass, and water and a teaspoonful of glycerine are added. This is to be used for a cold. For a sore throat a cloth is saturated in camphor water and applied to the throat. It is renewed as soon as it becomes dry. Gargling the throat at intervals with salt and water will relieve the inflammation of a sore throat.

ODDS ENDS

Gifts are now given as bridge parties, so that the hostess who possesses more of the virtue of hospitality than money may enjoy herself. Only she has a number of fresh-looking silk handkerchiefs, the neck-gloves and the lingerie, mounted over little, fluted, paper sacks which hold the powder or shirred into a sort of sachet. Sachets are especially acute these days, when only vague hints of perfume are permissible.

AT recent pathological congress in Paris it was brought out that the best cure for a bad-tempered husband is to fill him with carrots, white cabbage and cauliflower make people vulgar and stupid, says a writer. Editors, judges and other superior persons should eat potatoes, as they develop the reasoning faculties, but overindulgence will produce laziness. Green peas produce fighting propensities in girls who eat them, and altogether the subject proved an interesting one.

SOFA cushions filled with a stuffing largely composed of dried herbs of various kinds are now being sold as a cure for nerves. It is claimed that the sweet scents induce pleasant thoughts and that the sufferer, being freed from worry, falls quickly asleep, sleeps soundly and peacefully and so soon regains a normal nerve tone.

GUMBOILS are most painful and result generally from a decayed root of a tooth, which causes the inflammation and abscess that resolves itself into a gumboil. Poment the outside of the face with a hot camomile and poppy-head fomentation and apply a small white-bread and milk poultice to the gumboil. Renew frequently. As soon as the pain and swelling have disappeared, it is best to have the tooth removed. In cases where decayed and ulcerated roots have been allowed to remain, disease of the jawbone has resulted. Usually when the sufferer takes cold there will be a renewal of the inflammation, pain and annoyance.

THE many women who are objected to the daintily short skirt have finally adopted it, but only since the advent of the high boot, so that now they can pleasantly wear skirts that are a good eight inches from the ground, and it must be confessed that not only are they most comfortable, but decidedly youthful looking, which is an advantage that is not to be lightly set aside. But what is milady of the modest mien to do for evening? She is so wedded now to the abbreviated skirt and its charms that for evening she will desire to wear lace affairs that are quite as short, and what is bothering her more is that they appear so much shorter than the dainty evening slippers. She was really in despair until some ingenious person originated two lace ruffles that are to be attached to the slimmer stockings. With a scalloped skirt and dark tapers there is a quaint appeal that takes one back to the pictures of grandmother when she

ered with a richly colored design. Lacking a child of your own, you can make the coverlet for some small relative or friend. The idea is too good to waste.

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"LOVE IN A COTTAGE"

BY EDNA EGAN.

THE great trouble with middle-class Americans," said the young matron, is that we judge each other altogether too much by our outward show, and we try too hard to live up to a standard that somebody else sets for us. Now in the matter of houses one is judged by the size of one's house. The bigger the house the more respectable its owner, even if it breaks his poor wife's back.

"We had the same standard in our family. We lived in a great big draughty house in the home village—never could heat it in winter, and we had more rooms than we ever used—but they had to be kept in order, because one never knew when company would come or when one might be taken sick and the village gossip get a chance to snoop around.

"When we moved to the city we always managed to rent the biggest house we could find, within our means. Mother thought it necessary to keep up our social status. Poor mother—she's always been a slave to a big house."

"When Bob and I were engaged and Bob began talking about building our home, mother got busy right away. I wanted just a little bungalow, but mother and Bob got their heads together, with the result that we had this mansion on our hands when we came home from our wedding journey. Mamma fused herself sick getting it in apple-pie order for our home-coming, and the way she has bragged about this house to everybody she knows and we know is something awful. She likes Bob, but I honestly believe it's the house that she loves."

"Well, this place means two maids and a man for the outdoor work. Even then it keeps me busy seeing to things. And somehow Bob and I never have seemed to get close together here. I did so want a homely home."

"Mother thought it was just an eccentricity of mine. But we were so happy in the little cottage that Bob and I have decided to sell the big house and build a bit of a bungalow on a wide lot, where we can have plenty of outdoors to live in and not so much house to take care of. We'll have a woman come in to do the house-

IF, when bathing, you will put half a teacup of vinegar in either cold or warm water, but not hot water, it is very clearing and bracing and will keep the skin in an active, healthy state. It is also an excellent thing for a foot bath.

AN excellent hair wash is to take one ounce of borax and one ounce of powdered camphor and dissolve in a pint of boiling water, added to cold water in a bowl. The camphor will form into lumps, but a sufficient amount will dissolve. This will strengthen the hair and preserve the color.

TO make thin cheeks plump rub skin food in with the following movements: To treat the right cheek place the thumb of the left hand just beyond the corner of the mouth on the left cheek as a brace. Make rotary movements upward and outward, beginning at the corner of the mouth and making three diverging lines of manipulation over the cheek. With the right hand treat the left cheek. About six times over each cheek is sufficient.

NATURE has made the eyes as bright as she intended them to be, and if we try to increase their brilliancy by an artificial method we may impair the sight, says a writer. Let them have all the rest they require. Do not strain them by reading when lying down or when sitting in a poor light. Bathe them frequently in cold water and once in a while give them an extra bath with a teaspoonful of boric acid dissolved in a teacupful of distilled water. An eye cup which you may purchase at a drug store for 10 or 15 cents is the best method of bathing the eyes. Cold water strengthens and brightens the eyes wonderfully and children should be taught the habit of bathing them once or twice daily.

THE little white crescents at the base of the finger nail can often be developed by daily soaking the fingers in warm, soapy water and gently pressing the soft cuticle with an orangewood stick. Trim off any rough particles of cuticle, but do not cut any oftener than is really necessary. By daily care as directed above the growth of the cuticle will be slow. A little grease rubbed on the nails at night will also help to keep the cuticle from splitting.

AN excellent lip salve for ordinary use is the old-fashioned camphor ice. Glycerin should not be used in any case. It has too great an affinity for water and is too drying, while the camphor ice

is cooling and healing. In aggravated cases, after applying the latter for two or three nights change to the vaseline treatment, and then, having reclaimed the lips so they have assumed their original smoothness and firmness, keep them in good condition by drying them properly and by keeping the tongue away from them.

A GLASS of lemonade taken at bedtime with very little sugar in it improves a sallow skin, unless the acid disagrees with the digestion. Eating an apple before breakfast is another simple method of preserving health and improving the complexion, and if an apple is added to the breakfast menu and is eaten with a slice or two of crisp toast it will prove both appetizing and beneficial.

THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BY MRS. McCUNE.

FOR the benefit of guests who are invited to wedding anniversaries a few suitable gifts are suggested. Cotton gifts for the first year are none too numerous. For instance, the dainty guest bags filled with small cotton pads for powdering the nose make pretty and appropriate gifts. Anything in cotton toweling or cloths for the kitchen would be appropriate. A little stand to hold spools of thread can be fitted out with cotton spools and will make an acceptable gift.

The paper wedding is even more difficult to match in gifts. Pretty callendars come under the head of paper, as do attractive blotters. Sets of paper dollies for the cake or bread basket are acceptable gifts.

The leather wedding, on the third anniversary, brings a load of useful things. Leather pillows, leather covered books, blotters; leather scarfs for table or mantelpiece. Or a handsome gift, a suitcase, a traveling bag or a good-looking purse would be beautiful and welcome presents.

The fourth year of marital bliss is called the fruit and flower year, and of course, lends itself easily to decoration and gifts.

The wooden wedding, coming on the fifth anniversary of the wedding ceremony, is perhaps more often celebrated than any other. Beginning with this anniversary, it is the custom for the bride to make some sort of a stipulation against very expensive gifts. As wood covers all sorts of furniture, it is only kind for the bride to state in her invitation that only presents brought by the guests themselves will be accepted. Attractive wooden gifts can be found in picture frames, book stands, carved wooden fans, etc.

The sixth wedding anniversary is sugar. The seventh, woolen, the eighth India rubber, the ninth willow, but these are seldom celebrated, the tenth, or tin, being next on the list. This needs no suggestions, as half the kitchen utensils come under the head of tin.

The eleventh anniversary is steel, the twelfth silk and fine linen, the thirteenth lace, the fourteenth ivory, the fifteenth crystal and the twentieth china.

With the silver wedding it is customary for the hostess to add to her invitations, "No gifts will be accepted." This seldom hinders the guests from bringing some present, but it does prevent the hostess from being overwhelmed with gifts.