

# FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

## Why Plain Men Attract.

A fact that no one can deny is that for some women a really plain man seems to have a definite power of attraction. Can it be that, if beautiful themselves, they find a charm in their opposite; or is it that they brook no rival near the throne, and see in a handsome man more or less of a competitor? asks Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart in The Strand. A good looking husband or brother attracts notice, and her royal highness, woman, may refuse to be in the background. At any rate, there can be no doubt that an ugly man seems often to wield an influence that is quite uncanny.

The trend of the times may have something to say on the subject. A modern woman, with her brains and her freedom and her strenuous ideals, has no use for what is weak, insipid, and decadent. She has no place in her heart for the scented exquisite, who waves his hair, twists his mustache, manures his hands, and admires his face in the looking glass. In fact, pink and white prettiness is now at a discount, and most of us would sooner see our men brown and battered and serenely conscious of their own lack of attractions. Rough-hewn, features, we say, show strength, and a plain form may be the shell of a great soul, a keen brain, and soaring ambitions. Certain it is that the Adonis type has gone out of fashion. The woman of to-day scorns the "beauty man," avoids him as a friend, and disregards him as a husband.

## Russian Military Suit.



Very smart and jaunty is the little suit of dark blue mohair sicilienne, intended for wear under a heavy fur coat. The Russian belted smock is suggested in the coat, which opens over a vest of white broadcloth, this vest and the turndown collar, which is a continuation of the long revers, being braided with crosswise trips of gold soutache. Tiny gilt buttons fasten the front of the vest and above is a little yoke of tacked cream net. Lines of black silk braid and a black belt passing through gilt rings add to the military air of the little suit.

## Needlework Notes.

A child's thimble is useful to slip into the tip of a kid glove while mending it.

An odd hatpin holder is a bag of ribbon embroidered in flowers and filled with rice.

Crossbar muslin with hand embroidered scalloped edges makes a dainty and serviceable school apron for a small girl.

A fancy letter for marking towels is made of slanting satin stitch, French knots and feather and outline stitches.

Embroider your name on a narrow piece of silk ribbon and sew it on the strap of your parasol. It provides an excellent and inconspicuous mark of ownership.

Pretty sewing bags are made of flowered silk gathered on oval embroidery hoops, with a bow of ribbon at each corner and the hoops ribbon-wound.

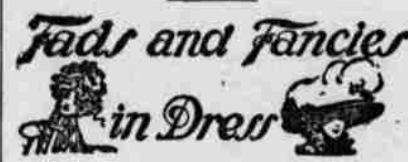
A tiny sewing outfit, to fit in the traveling bag, will be no end of a comfort for one going visiting. It may be made of linen or silk, with just a bit of embroidery to give it a chic air.

## Threading Needles.

There are women who are so sensitive about growing old that they stop sewing in public as soon as they begin to find it hard to thread a needle. But difficulty in threading a

needle is not limited to the aged. Here is a hint which will make the task easier.

In threading a needle hold the needle firmly between thumb and first finger. The thread is held in the left hand with a short end extending from between tips of first finger and thumb. The knack lies in pressing the two thumb joints hard together, keeping thread taut, when it will be found to go easily into the eye.



The large rolling-pin brim shrdlu Small boys are wearing tam-o-shanter hats in cloth, bearskin and corduroy, the ear flaps silk lined.

The large rolling-brim hats of the Gainsborough type hold first place for afternoon and evening wear.

Fine gold wire is entwined through curls, while immense cabochons of dull coloring appear in the hair.

Mandarin is the name given to a yellowish tan, while Corinth is an extremely faded shade of old rose.

The new scarfs this year are wide, perfectly flat and very long, many reaching to below the knees in front.

Two rich materials, tapestry and fur, are to be found on some lovely little turbans, and the effect is beautiful.

As trimming on daytime dresses and evening robes, beads are used with great success. They are seen in all colors.

Nun's veiling is a material particularly suitable for the small mourning hat. It drapes easily and is light in weight.

The wrist or elbow puff is a familiar sleeve treatment at this hour. But the puff is not the baggy thing of old. It is moderate to the point of modesty.

One-piece dresses made without collars are often supplied with that very necessary article in a separate neck-piece made of gold net, finished with a velvet bow at the front.

## Hand-Run Tucks.

"I have discovered an easy way of making hand-run tucks in lingerie," said a seamstress. "Crease the first tuck as usual for machine tucking and adjust the tucks, but do not thread the machine. Then run through the tucker. The needle will leave a distinct line, along which to run your hand sewing. The marker also leaves a line for the next tuck. It is best to sew each tuck as it comes from the tucker, as handling obliterates the marks."

## Ragged Shoe Linings.

The buyer of one of the largest stocking departments in this city says that the stocking trade is increased to a large extent by the carelessness with which men and women wear shoes with ragged linings. Even a small hole in the lining of a shoe is sure to repeat itself in the same place in the stocking, and when there is a large opening it is sure to ruin the stocking. Shoe departments mend shoe lining for their customers at small expense.

## Right and Wrong Walking.



Women who desire to appear attractive should pay considerable attention to their manner of walking. The effect of a beautiful gown is often ruined by the wearer's unsightly stride. It requires no scientist to discover character delineations unfolded by the woman's walk. The most casual observer is at once conscious of some important phase of her character. Her walk, if graceful, natural and unexaggerated, expresses gentility. If women only realized what a story is told by the walk, how careful they would

be to cultivate a walk which tells a pleasant story.

## Health and Beauty Hints.

Borax and ammonia lighten the color or brown hair.

The best cleansing agent for greasy hair is a solution of one tablespoonful of tincture of quillaja in one quart of hot water.

That the eye must have plenty of rest goes without saying. Nowhere does lack of sleep make itself felt more quickly or unpleasantly than in the eyes.

The habit of taking medicines of any sort for headache is vicious and in the end harmful, says a writer. While medicines sometimes give temporary relief, they do not remove the causes.

For a delicate child give nightly a warm bath, followed by a gentle, thorough rubbing with warm olive oil all over the body and limbs. This simple, safe, home treatment works wonders if given a fair trial.

Good health is partly dependent upon freedom of the body, and to attain this the abdominal muscles upon whose motion depends the activity of the digestive functions should be allowed room for unhampered movement.

Do not, even in a case of emergency, risk making a child's bed up on the floor; the impure air that is near the floor is most pernicious, and there is also almost a certainty of drafts, which will result in a stiff neck or toothache.

## Coquettish Theatre Bonnet.



One is fairly captivated with the little bonnets which pretty women are wearing at the theaters, says a New York writer. These gay little head dresses—for they are scarcely more than that—do not hide the waves of the coiffure and make a most charming frame for the face. This bonnet is of coarse white net over blue satin, the net being darned with rows of baby blue velvet and ribbon, a frill of net finishing the edge. Turquoise colored beads and pearls also decorate the cabuchon.

## An Ice Poutice.

In many cases of inflammation an ice poutice is a very useful application. It is made in this way: Spread a layer of linseed meal, three-quarters of an inch thick, on a piece of cloth, and upon the meal put at intervals lumps of ice about the size of a marble. Sprinkle meal over the ice and cover all with the cloth, turning the edges over. In this way the ice will last much longer than it otherwise would, and the poutice will be quite comfortable.

## Aids Working Women.

The New York Equal Suffrage society, of which Mrs. Clarence Mackay is the president and leading spirit, has reduced its annual dues from \$5 to \$2. According to Mrs. Mackay, this reduction is for the purpose of getting self-supporting women as members. She believes that women wage-earners need the ballot more than any other class to protect themselves against the man-made laws regulating hours of work.

## "Sour Grapes."

She could cook, she could not bake, she could not wield a garden rake, she could not sew, she could not darn, she could not knit socks out of yarn and she could not a husband get; so she became a suffragette and joined a club who motto said: "Till we can vote we shall not wed."

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