



Clothes and Things.

HATEVER may have been the cause it is certain that a definite advance has been made by business women in the matter of dress. Not so long ago it was a common thing to see stenographers going to business in the morning, cashiers, clerks, waitresses, tormented out in an imitation of the prevailing styles, done in the cheapest and flimsiest of materials, with high heeled ties and openwork stockings, even on cold mornings, with dragged footers and tulle bows.

Efficiency, not stylishness; levelheaded common sense, not refinement; sweetness, not inspiration; sense, not intuition; is what business life needs and what the right sort of a woman brings to her work.

Dress has a certain importance, and it is not to be neglected. The particular situation or rank to which we are born. The chances for advancement for every one, no matter what the level of the dividing lines. There is no reason why the son of the day laborer may not become one of the great men of the world.

The principal thing to avoid for the girl who has little money is to be extravagant. And that strikes hard at the heart of a girl for we all love bargains. But the trouble is this: By the very nature of the bargain, the thing that is offered at a bargain has something about it that is not what it seems to be.

W ALL know, says Winifred Black, that economy is one of the first virtues, but, oh, prithes, ye who prate so loud, remember that consistency is a jewel, too.

A Shaw Prophecy. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW has been looking upon American women in London, and proclaims that we are drifting to the Indian type. It will probably be the next time you take your latest thing worn by Mrs. Extravagance, who lives for her clothes.

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Simple and Attractive Shirtdress With Tucked Waist, Slip-on Coat and Five-Gored Skirt.

will come from the Shaw mind with any number of new and startling frills. We wait all Shaw has to say on this subject; he has only started to say perhaps he may make it the text for one of his prefaces to his volume of plays. As publicity promoter Shaw scores heavily in becoming the most beautiful of American men. It is the eternal feminine with which he deals, and that is the reason why he is so successful in the Gibson girl transformed into a squaw and carrying a papoose on her back.

Well, hardly that, in fact, for Shaw leaves this extreme to be surmised. He just hints of the dark shadows that are fitting in his mind and the fate he holds for the American he has never seen as pathetic as it is tragic. Gradually our girls are to lose their pale faces; they will discard all the trappings of dress and adornment in these days; perhaps it will come to a point where the forming of a woman while her husband or braves bask in the sunshine. And these braves, as Shaw will have it, the nation's future today to the end their wives and daughters may parade and squander at home and abroad.

Incidentally, Shaw has discovered, or he says he has discovered, more beauty in the hair of the May queen than he surveyed the American beauties in London and he finds them less beautiful than the hair of the May queen. Has Shaw not a word to say for his native Irish? Has he not heard of the squabbles because of the Irish profile and the hair of the May queen? In any event, who made Shaw a judge of feminine grace and beauty? He has spent his life in the study of the hair of the May queen, and in short, totally unable to tell what any woman looks like or one from another. Shaw is a man who has seen a lot of women, but he has never seen a woman more than his match in the incomparable American girl.

Wear it as a good idea to allow an inch at each end to turn back before the buttonhole, this makes the band much stronger and there will be less tearing of the garments. Neat lace caps for babies are made by using white lace all over, drawing in the fullness at the back with ribbon, run through a tiny bead. The edges of the bonnets are trimmed with lace ruffles, which are made of the same lace. A face insertion about three inches wide. The hooks and eyes should be sewed in place, put a space on one and a half inches apart with hooks on the right side, and on the opposite side.

taken by the really fashionable folk as they have gone back to the horse and consequently the costumes for driving are laid in. These toilettes are of course much smarter and more elaborate than those of the past.

There are many coat and skirt suits, sometimes braided with soutache and with a fancy trim of each trimming may be omitted. The light wools are made in empire or minko styles mostly. Rough shantung in artistic shades is the popular material used. The suits worn are simple shades in chips, rough straws and wide and they are not trimmed heavily.

A New spring gown is showing white evening gowns having long sleeves, requires. Foulards are showing lace yoke, cut pointed almost to the waist line. The lingerie blouse is usually made of fine muslin and this season the daintiest sleeves are made of two or three trills of lace, one falling over the other.

Laces are very expensive and some new brand is brought out each week from the lace makers. They are wonderful in designing and in the different weaves. One of the novelties combines a fine and coarse lace into one exquisite pattern. The lace is kept to the expert, like a delicate rose point, applique on a heavy Irish lace.

The princess costume is a particular favorite this season and it is a model for the fashion designer. There are princess two piece suits that are very attractive with the coat of the smartest cut which slips on over the blouse. There are many morning frocks made in semi-princess lines, but the evening gown is the one that is embroidered very elaborately in soutache or some such trimming.

Bordered goods were never lovelier than they are in the fashion world. The fashions show the most wonderful designs and colorings in their borders. Needless to say, the purchase of bordered goods is less than \$1 a yard and they are usually \$4 and \$5 upwards. But when one considers the quality of the goods, it is not so much as it seems. The most exquisite designs, all bordered goods, are made of silk, wool, mull, chiffon or novelty. It is safe to state that these bordered materials will remain in favor for some time to come and so there will be good investments for those who are selecting their new gowns.

Tired, so tired," is the expression one hears these days in early spring. The sudden transition from cold to heat certainly wears the soul and body and this feeling of lassitude you simply cannot describe. By the care you now give to yourself, you will be interesting to those who have a healthful summer. Eliminate from the system by baths and massage the dregs of any disease you may have had during the winter, particularly those of grip.

Smile When You Eat. IT IS a good rule to stop finding fault with the food, says the Boston Traveller, to stop having one's little differences at the table. If husband and wife must quarrel, let it be about the food. Don't mix it with food, it's worse than a combination of pickles and ice cream. Laugh and be merry at your meals, hard though it may be, and if the waitress happens to be a little slow, down your neck, reward her with a joke. Cheer up at meal time and digestion tablets will come just what you need.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

HERE a woman has a great deal to do, something has to be done, and naturally she is least interested in, says a practical housekeeper. Believing myself in the value of good food, I rate as the best wife the one who gives her family well cooked and carefully selected meals; for what shall it profit a man if he runs of every chair in the house is dusted by the coffee press and ground, and the potatoes and meat half done or overdone, and there is never a spot in the kitchen.

Meals for Small Families. When catering for a small family the one who purchases must give attention to quantities and plan closely and with care, otherwise one kind of food must be served several times in succession. Photo credit: C. Bedford.

Gas Bill Too High. If you only knew it, the trouble really lies in the fact that you do not know how to use your gas stove. If you are not sure of the gas, do not light a burner until you are ready to use it. Place your pan on the burner, burner and then light the burner. Do not cook or heat water in uncovered vessels in this way.

Things Old and New. If you have no colonial vase these days, perhaps you have a number of prisms of glass on an old fashioned swinging lamp dispatched long years ago to the garret. Then get them out and use them for the table.

THE MOTHERS' CORNER. Mother and Child. TAKE time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

Fichus and Ruchings. VOGUE states that a new movement in gowns of mousseline, batistes and silk voiles is to furnish them with silk fichus trimmed with ruchings of the same pinked out, or ruchings of a liquid preparation for Face, Neck, Arms and Hands.

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