

THE REAL FEMININE

Fads and Fashions.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—At last it has come! Women are to wear pants! The latest changes in fashions prepared the ground for it and made it a practical, if not an aesthetic necessity. French women were the first to grasp the logic of the new departure and the American women will not be slow in adopting the new style. The French women of fashion were at last forced to admit that a body cannot possibly walk gracefully and satisfactorily in skirts two yards wide. So the dressmakers, rather than sacrifice the clinging draperies, have hit upon a compromise which they call "La Jupe Androgyne." This new garment, however, is not nearly as fearsome as its name would indicate. At the back it hangs in the usual straight "back" effect. In front, under a panel, the skirt is divided, so that each leg is encased in a separate fabric, and the wearer of the skirt is able to walk and sit much more gracefully than in one of the narrow skirts in vogue.

There is no feminine garment more useful and becoming than an evening wrap and none more easily made at home by even the unskilled woman. Considering these facts one wonders at the number of women who appear in public with pretty frocks hastily made by hand, or below ordinary tailored coats, or pinned up beneath the ugly disguise of raincoats.

The evening wrap need not necessarily be expensive. From two yards of broadcloth may be cut a big cape that will cover the wearer from neck to heels. And doubtless a rummage through one's wardrobe will bring to light some half worn party frock which is much more wisely be turned into an evening cloak lining than made to do shabby duty through another season.

The capuchin of earlier years is quickly found favor in this country, and the debutante need have no fear of being unbecomingly dressed on her way to a party or ball. A woman's face is prettiest when framed and when the frame is artistic, the wearer appears at her best. French hoods are made of tulle, of chiffons, of satin and of velvet. They are usually made on hued, outstanding, and the crown is surrounded the head like a calash of olden times.

The reproductions of Carlier's hoods made in this country are a little less airy than the originals in Paris, for, while they may be trimmed with lace and made of gold, the symbols of American wire frames. They are more like a hood or large and magnificent sunbonnet.

Some of them are of satin to match the shimmering evening cloak; others are of fine lingerie or ruffled or chiffon tulle, topped with a crown of pearls and still others of soft, beautiful swansdown or marabout. New evening cloaks, too, are made of these materials, and they may be pulled over the head when the weather is cold, or allowed to hang down the back when not in use.

A Paris blouse of hand embroidered Japanese crepe is the newest and smartest thing to be seen. These crepe blouses are made of the genuine Japanese crepe and are made of white, cream, or pink. American cotton crepe is a good substitute for ordinary blouses and this crepe is being brought into vogue. It is made of a soft, creamy white which is the favored Paris shade.

The turban grows more popular every week. It is made of various materials, including fur. Any kind of fur may be used for the purpose. These turbans rest well down on the head. The only trimming consists of a knot of satin, gold or silver fringe, or a bunch of flowers. They are worn with a fishnet veil caught on with an ornamental bar pin.

Russian turbans of white marabout and spotted ermine are destined to be taken up by the younger set for visit-



Pretty model in blue albatross for a young girl. Band trimming of blue silk braided in white soutache.

Ing hats. Both white gardenias and white magnolias make superb trimmings, superior in chic to anything else. Among the new separate waists there are Persian crepe de chine models with tucked waist and ruffled undersleeves. The yokes and frills trimming the waists are run with silk floss to give the needed color.

Now it is an Egyptian revival that is threatened. Already many small dress accessories suggest it, such as sphinx and sacred fish emblems, and queer, large discs of gold, the symbols of Amen-Ra, that figure in coiffure adornments.

A favorite plume of the moment is the tall feather of the peacock with the stem stripped of every frond and only the beautifully marked eye-piece left at the tip.

All that is long, fluffy and in tiny plaits is considered good form for neckwear, and the materials employed are Brussels net, tulle, lace and sheer linen. Again the white and colored knitted gloves are high in favor for walking.

THE MOTHERS' CORNER

Indoor Amusements.
 THE twigs from their collections, notably the dry twigs of the pine tree from which the pebbles have fallen away, can be used to make rustic furniture, fastening together with pins the pieces of different lengths, writes Nora Smith, the well known kindergarten. The bright pebbles are often much enjoyed if put in a wide-mouthed bottle and covered with water, in which they shine and shake in a fascinating way. If objects and simple pictures are drawn upon the soap with chalk, even the very little child can follow their outline with seeds—squash and melon seeds, coffee berries being well adapted to the purpose.

And then there are the stick and pea plants, using soaked peas and slender, pointed sticks, which are an inexhaustible delight. Almost anything can be made with these materials, the peas forming the points of connection between the wooden lines, a few objects suggested, such as birds, fishes, mice, wheelbarrows, swords, tents, flags, houses, furniture, boats, even letters and figures, if desired.

Blowing soap bubbles is a particularly good amusement for a stormy day. If clean clay pipes are provided and the bubble mixture is made of good soap with the addition of a little glycerine to give a greater play of color. With some practice bubbles measuring eight or ten inches in diameter may be produced and a stand for them be produced by coating the side of a tumbler. If any old soft material is laid on the floor and the room divided into halves

by a shawl or blankets hung across, the children may be arranged in two opposing camps and have a very good match game, devising their own rules as to size and number of bubbles, whether they shall be kept in the air by fanning, how much it shall count if a bubble falls or strays across the line, etc.

Building, one of the prominent kindergarten employments is as useful indoors as out, of course, either with small blocks at the low tables, or with large dice of wood on the floor. In some German kindergartens a quantity of large building logs are supplied, measuring a foot or more in length. These are kept neatly piled, and if the playroom is large enough would be an invaluable resource for indoor occupation. With these, and any smaller blocks, if a sufficient quantity be provided, the child can work out his own ideas, can build objects from stories and enjoy the free, untrammelled use of indestructible materials.

Air Means Health.
 Cultivate your noses, for they are the very best natural guides to wholesome, pure air. The educated nose may be the cause of uncomfortable moments, but it may also save hours of suffering with the winter months, the necessity for some system of ventilating the average home is keenly felt. More often than is realized, neglect of this important duty means a lowered vitality, which leaves some member of the family the easy victim of a germ.

Pure air is not free. It is true; warm air unquestionably means more heat, and there are many who declare they will not heat all outdoors, but just as unquestionably it is a real saving in insurance against sickness and possibly death.

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A good model for a girl from 13 to 17 years. Draped folds of the dress material give fullness to the blouse. Vest of Persian silk, yoke and sleeves of allover net.

able them to realize they should be interested in the doings on the farm, as well as father and mother.

The higher the standard of culture be raised in farming, the more successful we will be in keeping the young folks on the farm, where long life, health, independence and success are most sure to abound. No profession is more honorable, and few will find of success if they are honest and patient, and in doing well whatever they do, not failing to keep the virtue of economy imparted in their minds and always to live within their means.

Let parents talk much and talk well in their homes. If the sentiments children hear at home that create the element in which they grow. The impress-

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HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

Discoveries.
 CLEVER young art student recently went to a masquerade as a tube of putty. The costume was made of heavy, silver gray paper, cut in a straight tunic from her shoulders to her feet. Her sleeves were tiny puffs of gray silk, as close and inconspicuous as possible. Over her head and face was a cap of the paper, cut like the top of a tube and provided with holes for eyes, nose and mouth, while across her breast "Chrome Yellow" was printed in large letters. E. M.

What do you think of a gas range in the corner of a kitchen? One woman has found it a great comfort and convenience. Her kitchen is a large, square one and the gas range is exactly in the middle of it. It is attached to a pipe through the floor from the cellar, and all sides are open to the kitchen, being a large one, requires a good many steps to reach table, dresser or cellar-way. Now, however, the range is equidistant from each, it gets plenty of light from the windows during the day, and at night the gas shines down upon every part of the room. The board cover makes of it a very good extra table. E. B.

The Winter Garden.
 No fern will thrive in a room where the air can blow over it. This species of plant life courts cuddling during the winter months.

A wooden meat skewer is useful for loosening the dirt around flowers. It is necessary to do this to permit air to penetrate to the roots and prevent the dirt from souring.

Remember to pour boiling water in the saucers under window plants during the winter, or to put them into pans and pour enough water into the pans to create steam. This steam is wonderfully helpful to indoor plants and gives them especially in a room with dry, warm atmosphere.

Few women understand the art of watering a palm. In summer time when the plant is set out in yards or on the porch, it needs a great deal of special education along these lines. But when the palm is installed in the ordinary living room, it needs no special care. It should be watered in the ordinary way, and when the leaves are dry, a little milk has been added. After this has been accomplished, stand the plant for two or three days in a deep tub of water, so that the soil will be completely covered. If this is done regularly the lustrous palm of the

sions are indelible and should be the more to induce the young folks to day to be content on the farm and they certainly have a great deal more than in former years. The line of distinction, more wealth, and in most instances, the telephone, the R. F. D., the driving team and carriage and very many things to help them to see and feel that none can compare with the charm of the sweet occupation and independence and liberty which attends the rural life.

Every farm home should be provided with a variety of good books, musical instruments, and every thing that the day is over all may enjoy the evening's rest. Five o'clock is plenty of time to begin the morning "job" in the kitchen. The breakfast table should be prepared by 6 or a little after, and the hired men will have ample time for the morning work. Good substantial meals should be prepared, for men (as well as horses), must be well fed if expected to work well. Meals should be on time and everything kept neat and clean in the house and its surroundings. Also the barn and its surroundings. A place for everything and everything in its place should be the rule. If everything does not go on just right, don't be always complaining about it before the young folks. It will have a tendency to make them discontented with farm life. The boys may think, "Well, if father has such a hard job on the farm, I don't think I shall ever be a farmer;" likewise the girls. Every boy or girl after they are old enough to want a little spending money should be given a garden spot to be their very own, to be dug and planted by themselves and cared for and whatever they succeed in, if it is raising garden stuff, pigs, calves or a cow, chickens or anything else, due praise should be given them and should anything be disposed of that they have raised and call their own, the proceeds should be turned over to them to encourage them to be energetic and painstaking in their work. Every possible means should be put before them to en-

What Shall I Do With My Son?
 "A man once came to me," says a writer in The Craftsman, "and said, 'What do you think I had better do with my son?' And in telling him, it seemed to me that I somewhat embodied my feeling about the question of the art student. Your son said it undoubtedly has some talent for art, start him in art if you like, but first let him be a farmer. He will then do well what he pleases. For it seems to me that before a man tries to express anything in the world he must recognize in himself an individual, a new one, very distinct from others. Walt Whitman did this, and he is why I think his name so often comes to me. The one great cry of Whitman was for a man to find himself, to understand the fine thing he really is. If liberated, most people, either by training or inheritance, count themselves at the start as no good, or second rate, or ordinary, whereas in everyone there is the great mystery; every single person in the world has evidence to give his own individuality, providing he has acquired the full power to make clear this evidence."

Fluffy Ruffles Candy.
 Two cups of granulated sugar, one half cup of glucose and one half cup of water. Mix together and boil until it

summer months will not commence to pine and dwindle the moment it is put in the house.

In the Kitchen.
 Varnished paint can be kept looking as bright as when new by cleaning it with whole linseed. The method is to stir the base containing the seed for some time in water and then to use it as a cloth to clean the paint.

Here is a good use for left over oatmeal: Make a batter as for bread, add the oatmeal and beat in well. Put in a little lively yeast, and let stand overnight. Add a little salt and soda and bake on a pancake griddle. An egg or two is an improvement.

Instead of using covering of paper or oilcloth on shelves, give them a coat of two of white paint and then one of enamel. With a painted pantry the work of keeping clean is far less, and periodical cleaning of the entire pantry will be unnecessary, because by merely wiping over the enameled surface the shelves are always clean.

Various Recipes.
 Pigeon Pie.—Short crust, light and flaky. Butter a pudding dish, place strips around sides and edge. Place a tender piece of steak, seasoned with salt and pepper, at bottom of dish. Place ribbons of cabbage, one half egg and pepper inside each. Sprinkle over them their chopped livers and parsley. Small pieces of ham on each side; add half pint of good gravy and add garnish: cover with crust, cutting holes in center for feet. Brush over with egg or lard. Bake one hour.

Beane Straws.—Chop two tablespoons of butter into one cup of flour, mix in one tablespoon of cayenne, one half teaspoon salt. Roll and fold in one cup grated cheese. Wet with cold water to a stiff paste. Roll out thin, cut into strips one quarter inch wide by six inches long and bake until brown. When cold tie them into bundles with a narrow ribbon, and roll up into a chain style, or roll and cut into strips four inches long and cut rings out of some of the paste, put strips in rings after each other. They are excellent to serve with soups or salad.

Roll Potatoes. A new and easy way to make. Slice the usual way. Let remain in cold water one hour, then spread a couple of newspapers on the table with clean cloth on top, then place rows of drained potatoes on this, cover with a cloth and newspaper, roll back and forth with a rolling pin, until they will be done. A great improvement on the old way of salting a few at a time and rolling them in a cloth. The first ones are rolled they can be moved aside and the cloth filled, and so on till you are ready to fry as usual.

will crack when put in cold water. Have the whites of two eggs beaten stiff and pour the boiling syrup into them. Beat hard until the mixture is very stiff, but not too stiff to pour. Just before pouring into the pan beat in three quarters of a cup of shelled and chopped walnuts. Have the pan buttered and if the mixture does not spread easily press flat with the spoon. Mark in squares and roll up. The mixture is better to eat the nuts up with scissors than to chop them. If one wishes, candied cherries, citron and almonds can be used, too, cut small.

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"Salem, the Cherry City of the World," is the title of the newest book gotten out under the "communities" section of the Southern Pacific in connection with the Salem board of trade. It comprises about 64 pages of handsome photographs and interesting descriptive articles of the Capital City.

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Dairying, livestock, poultry, flax, lumber and other industries are also discussed in interesting fashion. The booklet is to be added to the Pacific northwest list of series of the O. R. & N. Southern Pacific.

TO CHANGE LOCATION OF MUSKETRY SCHOOL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Washington, Dec. 26.—The army musketry school, now situated at the Presidio of Monterey, Cal., will be moved to the middle west, according to a report here today that Brigadier General Fungo has recommended its transfer to a more central location.

According to the report the war department has considered the re-establishment of the school at Fort Sill, Okla. This location would make the school available to the officers of the eastern posts as well as the west. The transfer to Fort Sill would also materially lessen the mileage.

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