

PARIS DEGREE OF "TUBE" MODE

Cobweb Tulle for Evening Wear; Enter the "Tube Woman." All Curves Go; Materials Soft and Supple.

By the Countess Carlo de Carl.
Paris, Dec. 26.—Made in materials so soft and supple that they could easily be passed through a ring, and in shades so exquisite that they are like flowers in the delicate beauty, evening dresses were never more beautiful than they are this winter.

This latter style is the newest thing in fashion. With every movement these colors scintillate in the light and give off first a gleam of one shade and then a gleam of another, which with the dull reflex of the gold beneath, reminds one of the beautiful colors of the setting sun on a late autumn day.

Paquin is turning out some charming things in court dresses. He, too, is bitten with the craze for fur as trimming for soft materials, and is using a great deal on his toilettes for evening wear, either as borders for trains or trimmings for edges of skirts.

The advent of the "tube woman," who is the latest creation of the Paris modistes who cater to the ultra-fashionable, has made it necessary for the corset makers to invent new fabric and new designs for the corsets to suit the prevailing fashion.

In order to abolish all those curves of beauty which have heretofore been considered desirable, corsets are now made of elastic material, extending to extraordinary lengths, even down to the knees.

The elasticity of the fabric gives comfort to the wearer that otherwise could not be enjoyed and at the same time, the benefit of the more elastic material increases the cost of such articles, as its life is of very short duration owing to the constant and excessive strain upon it.

This is another extravagance that fashion demands, yet it is accepted readily by the heat dressed women as a means to all ends. Here must be straight now, back and front.

Sleeves for evening dresses are very varied in style, with every variety. Those short, little baby sleeves which never really go out of fashion are opened up to show the arms, and are joined together by strings of pearls or tresses of gold thread crossed and knotted, with two tassels dangling over the arm.

Long sleeves are much in vogue also. They are composed of transparent tulle or lace, with an embroidered flower pattern running up the whole length of the sleeve, from the back of the hand, where it starts, to the shoulder.

Very pretty also are these long sleeves over their only partly covering the under tulle sleeve.

Contrast to these are the gowns whose sleeves are conspicuous by their absence, with shoulder straps of ribbon or diamonds or pearls, and a row of either pearls or diamonds or any other precious stone or pearls falling in cascades over the top of the head, thus showing up its dainty contour. But prettiest of them all are those cut in one piece with the bodice which drop and leaves in nature those worn by the Empress Eugenie when in the height of her youth and beauty.

It has become impossible to go to a ball, to the theatre or even to a dinner without some of the hair. So Parisiennes have set themselves to design dainty and pretty methods of dressing the hair, and also of decorating their ornaments. And what splendid results one sees.

Quite apart from the superb and costly aigrettes, fixed in a large nodule of ribbon and placed sometimes on the left and sometimes on the right side of the head, there are also many other original fancies to be seen on all sides when at a fashionable assembly. Many of our dainty modistes, in order to have something rare and effective, have had recourse to old documents, to old pictures, etc., and even to nature. Besides the flowers and leaves in natural tones and colors, there are the flowers and leaves in gold and silver tissue, and fruit of all kinds.

Birds and butterflies, too, are seen, which appear so real that they give the impression of having just alighted in order to pay tribute to the charming head beneath them.

This winter there is a general tendency to dress the hair low in the nape of the neck and to leave the brow free. The hair is parted in the middle, waved but slightly and brought low down over the ears.

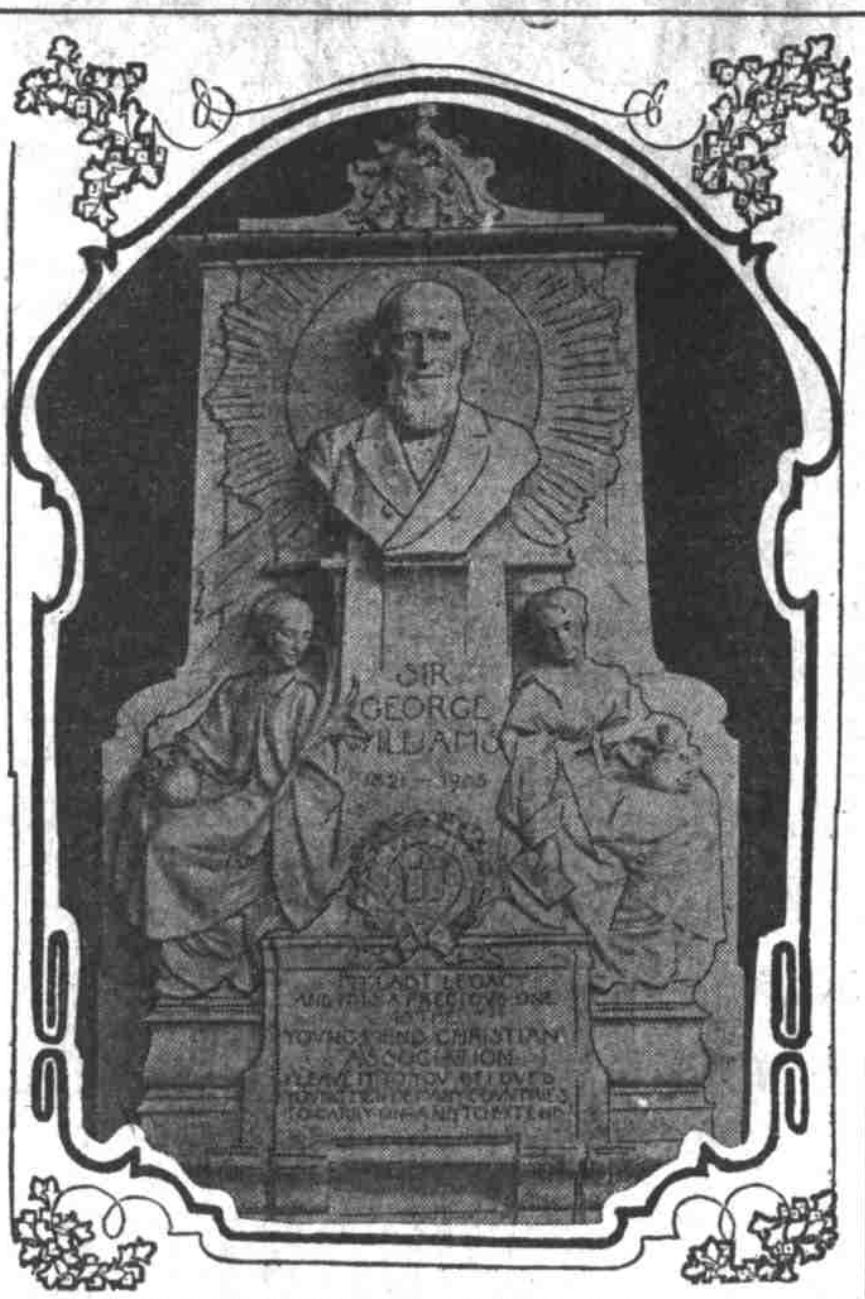
An effort has been made to revive the Cleopatra style, but this way of dressing the hair, although it enhances upon beauty of a beautiful face, renders that of a woman endowed with but moderate good looks rather unattractive. Many women are beginning to realize that waved hair has not the brilliance and glossy softness of the smoothly brushed hair of the American woman and now have their tresses brushed, but not tortured by the curling irons.

There is no diminution of the popularity of the ceinture, and there is every sign that it will be much worn over robes de dinner. They show a tendency to become wider, however.

For velvet dresses the ceinture is fixed in the middle of the back, the point raised between the shoulders. The ends disappear at the sides through a large buttonhole and reappear at the front, are crossed and again disappear in the skirt, to reappear at whatever angle of the skirt one prefers, or according to the "fines" required.

These ceintures are no longer made in black silk or satin, as in the early spring, but of the same shade of the silk or in gold or silver thread and have large gold or jeweled clasps or buckles as fastenings.

FOUNDER OF Y. M. C. A. HONORED BY MONUMENT



"Founder" Williams of the Y. M. C. A.

London, Dec. 26.—Marked honor has recently been paid to the late Sir George Williams, founder of the Young Men's Christian Association. A splendid monument erected to his memory now stands in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral—a fitting site, as it was in close proximity to this spot that the original foundation of the Y. M. C. A. took place.

The association, which began on a capital of \$3, today numbers \$20,643 members, and controls buildings and real estate to the value of more than \$5,000,000. It is one of the most flourishing organizations in the world; despite the fact that hosts of other attempts on similar lines have proved utterly failures.

His Personality.
To the personality of Sir George Williams himself is attributed a large part of the wonderful success of the Y. M. C. A., and yet, though his name is so widely known, he always kept the personal element in the background. After his death, it was found that every particle of his correspondence had been destroyed, as if he deprecated publishing his achievement to the world.

Though the Y. M. C. A. rests today on so solid a foundation, it was not always in such an enviable position, and had it not been for the personal self-sacrifice of its founder, it is very doubtful if the organization would have weathered many of the severe crises through which it passed. The scene of its beginning was an upper room of a big dry goods store—that of Hitchcock & Rogers—which stood in St. Paul's churchyard in 1844. Young Williams was a clerk in that establishment, and though but 20 years of age, he exerted a powerfully religious influence on those with whom he came in contact. He persuaded several fellow clerks to join him in prayer once or twice a week in the dormitory of the establishment, and he carried on these days, as now, "sleeping in."

Comrades Not Moral.
With reference to the morality of his early comrades, young Williams did not speak in very flattering terms, and he attributed his success as much to the non-attendance of certain of his companions as to the presence of others. When he had "converted" all of his fellow clerks, not even excepting some bitter opponents who were down on "that milkop religious business," the founders of the association—12 in number—turned their attention to outside conquests. A Mutual Improvement society and a Young Men's Missionary society came into being, and the influence of the employees of Hitchcock & Rogers on other firms in London became quite marked. Theirs was perhaps the first attempt in England to protect the interests of shop assistants, and out of that early movement has grown the great Shop Assistants' union of today.

Birth of Organization.
As to the actual founding of the Young Men's Christian Association as such, it came into being at a meeting held on June 8, 1844, with a capital collected on the spot—of \$3.12; and the first circular letter, addressed to young employees in London, was posted a few days later. Young Williams and his friends having scarcely sufficient money even to pay for postage and stationery. However, the dominating personality of George Williams carried everything before it, and the Y. M. C. A. was launched in spite of all difficulties.

One noteworthy fact in connection with Sir George Williams was that he never allowed his fervor for the success of his ethical project to interfere with strict business; and he worked so industriously for his employers that before many years had elapsed he had won his way to a partnership in the firm, which ultimately became Hitchcock, Williams & Co.

Wonderful Growth.
In less than 10 years after its foundation, the Y. M. C. A. had grown into an important organization—so much so in fact that politicians of the day tried to use it as a means of advancing political power, but its founder refused to permit it to be utilized in this fashion, and the wisdom of his decision was proved in after years. Many attempts were made by various parties to "break" the association, both financially and in other directions, but the personality of Sir George was too strong to be borne down, and he saved the Y. M. C. A. many times both from financial and internal failure.

After "capturing" London, and then the rest of England, the Y. M. C. A. idea was taken up in the United States, and in 1878 Sir George Williams visited that country and was received with great demonstrations everywhere. It was after becoming firmly established in the United States that the Christian association became a world-wide movement. For his work in connection with this organization Queen Victoria conferred a knighthood on the founder during her Jubilee Year, 1897.

A Serious Objection.
That the seafarers and cross-questioners of the suffragettes often bring confusion upon their own heads was well illustrated at a recent meeting at which Mrs. Borlman Wells was delivering an address. A man had asked several questions, and in each instance received a prompt reply. His final query was: "Why don't you get married?"

"There is one serious objection to your suggestion," replied Mrs. Wells, "and the objection I refer to is at present standing beside this platform in the person of Mr. Wells."

Evacuation of Cuba.
On Friday the departure of the cruiser "Prae" from Havana, with 400 marines aboard, will mark the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the United States.

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Mississippi will be added to the list of "dry states" Friday, when the statutory prohibition bill passed by the legislature a year ago will come into operation.

British Old Age Pensions.
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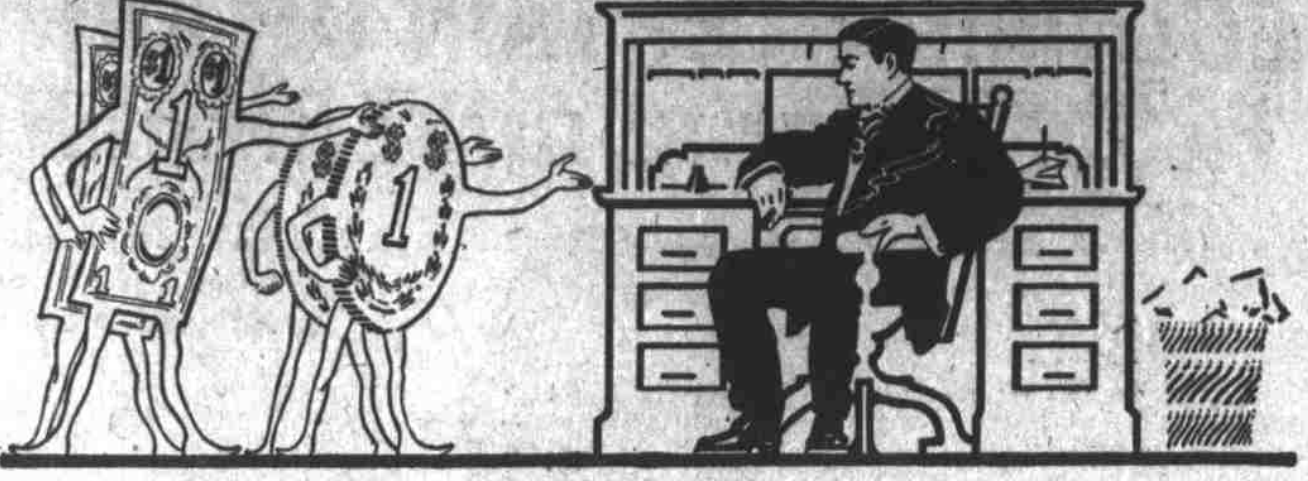
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Social Events at Washington—Large Political Affairs—Conventions.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 26.—Many and varied ingredients will enter into the dish to be served to readers of newspapers the coming week. Brilliant social doings at the White House, legislative caucuses for United States senators, inaugurations of governors, celebrations of the birth of the new year, meetings of countless educational bodies—all these and countless other events of greater or lesser interest to the public at large will have a place on the news menu for the ensuing seven days.

Invitations are out for a small dance at the White House Monday evening. This is Miss Ethel Roosevelt's coming out ball, and, as already announced, will be supplemented by three informal dances later in the season.

New Year's day in the nation's capital will be observed with all its traditional brilliancy, and another will be added to the long list of receptions at the White House, where the president and Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the hundreds of people of all classes who call to pay their respects.

Political Events.
Legislative caucuses for United States senators will be held in several states, notably in Ohio, where Charles P. Taft and Representative Burton are fighting for the seat of Senator Foraker, and in Indiana, where half a dozen Democratic aspirants are contending for the honor of succeeding Senator Hemmway, Republican.

On the first day of the new year Governor Hughes of New York will be inaugurated for a second term with ceremonies that promise to be more than usually elaborate. On the same day George L. Lilley of Connecticut and several other governors chosen at the November election will be installed in office.

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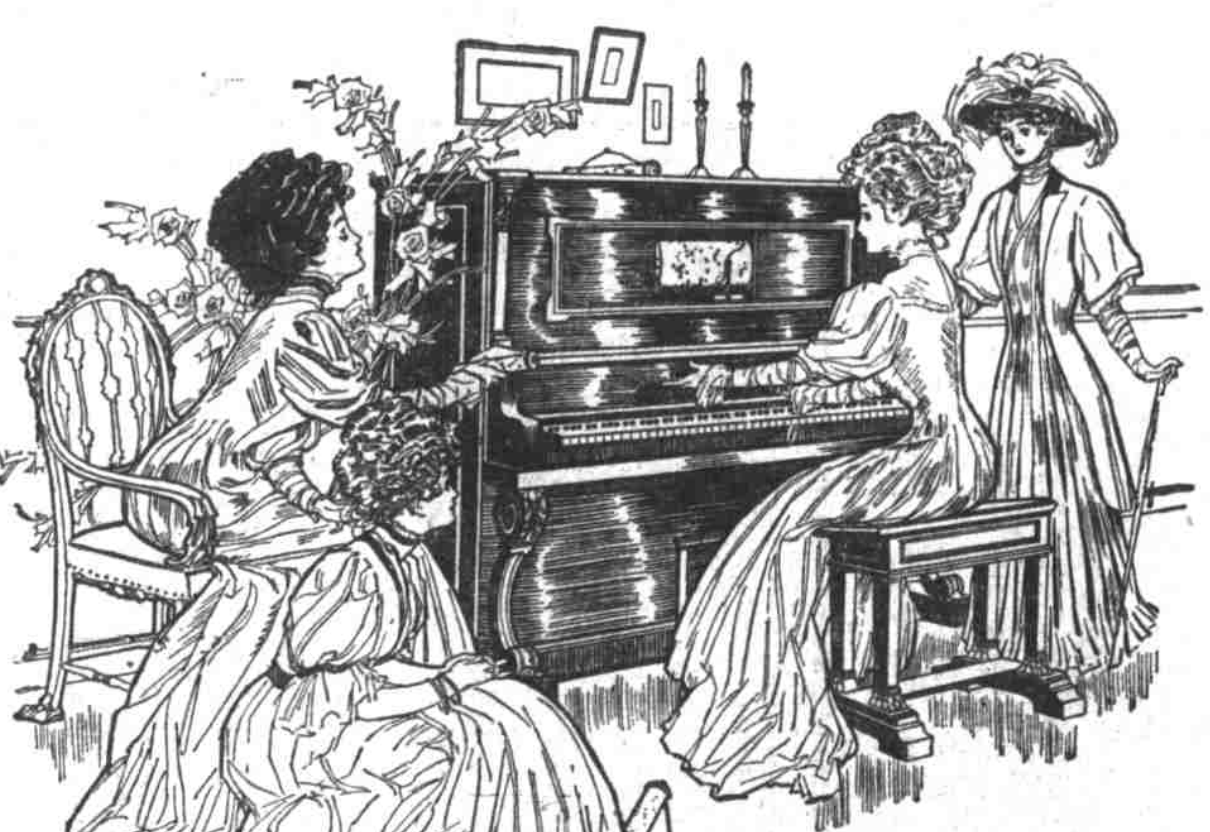
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