

# ABOUT AND FOR WOMEN

## STREET SKIRTS MUST TRAIL

Say the Fashion Designers, But Sensible Women Won't Have Them.

The famous dress designers, whose names we all know, are insisting that street skirts must trail. But what do sensible women care? They simply won't have it. It is all very well if you can afford it to have one swagger tailor dress made in smooth face cloth in delicate tint of putty, biscuit or gray, with just the blend of ornamentation and severity that makes the tailor reception gown. This dress may trail, and you may wear it to the reception in the afternoon as late as 5:30, with the air of having "just stepped in." In reality you will have arrived in a private carriage, and your heart will be away under your belt at the mere thought of being obliged to show the trailing skirt to actually trail, even from doorway to curb. As for actually allowing a real walking skirt to trail, no delicate of any one is going to make us do it, not the "us" who have any real taste.

The limit of our concession to this senseless demand is the skirt that just touches at the back as does the dress of most modish women. One gown was regarded by its designer, too, as "the limit" in the other respects that make a street skirt desirable. It was beige-suiting, the skirt showing a deep white shaped top finished with three wide tucks. The goods overlapped at the left side seam where was a trimming of black tulle, joined with narrow cord loops. Around the hem was a wide band of head silk passementerie. The bodice had a yoke trimming of deep tucks, and button-trimmed bretelles were on the shoulders. The same button garniture appeared on the sleeves, and belt and turned back cuffs were of the passementerie.

A stunning wrap for a tailor street skirt is a coaching outer of putty cloth. At the shoulders it turns down in a deep rever that is almost a cape. Above this the jaunty collar of the tailor skirt and the perfect linen row. The outer fastens double-breasted at the bust, and shunts away until the garment hardly hangs below the waist. Such a garment is open to many practical objections, but a risk cannot be shunning and everything else, and at least no one can say, with the display made of the under skirt that you have on an old "dowd" of a dress under your coaching coat.

### GIRL MAKES A FORTUNE.

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### THE ETIQUETTE OF INTRODUCTIONS.

It is mortifying to note how many people pay little or no heed to what may be styled the etiquette of introductions. To the lover of good form there is nothing that sets one's teeth on edge on hearing an introduction so worded that a woman is presented to a man, or an elderly woman to a young one. At a tea a matron who years before had arrived at the dignity of a grandmother was piloted by her hostess to a young girl of twenty, and they were made known to each other in the well-worn words, "Mrs. Knight, I want to present you to my dear little friend, Mabel Day. Mabel, dear, this is Mrs. Knight, of whom you often heard me speak."

### BLIND WOMAN FARMER.

This the Soil Herself and Clears 250 Each Season.

While women who farm are numerous in Illinois and in the other states of the Union, a blind woman farmer is seldom seen. There lives in Oak Hill, Tex., a blind girl who has from a few acres of land, cultivated by herself, cleared about \$200 each season for several years by the growing and sale of vegetables. She began with a capital and an unfenced piece of unwatered land. There is now a neat fence about her domain, is well and a pump in the center, and she has, in addition to purchasing these, paid for a piano and a hawk to take her vegetables to the market, which is twenty miles from her home.

feeling with her sensitive fingers she can distinguish the nature and size of the plants and vegetables she raises. She is familiar with all kinds of vegetables and plants, knows the size they should attain, the color of their hue and the shape they should assume.

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WOMEN ARE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

They don't take us seriously," she said with a sigh, "they" referring, of course, to men. "No matter how seriously we take ourselves, nor how we endeavor to impress them with our seriousness, it is of no use. Only the other evening I was arguing with a man about something or other, but I know it was a subject that I knew far more about than he did and that I had much the best of the argument. At first he dignified to answer me with some sort of respect, not at all as though I was his equal, of course, but still with a certain amount of consideration. But as the conversation progressed, and he began to see that I was getting the better of him, he just laughed and pook-pooked and pretended to be amused. I could have borne that, but just as I was putting the very tassel to the cap of the argumentative climax he leaned forward and said: "Don't pucker your forehead like that; it isn't becoming."

The woman who is truly natural is generally considered the most affected, so unused are we to genuineness in this world.

LITERARY NOTES.

The title of Julian Gordon's new volume, *But Not Thy Heart*, is a quotation from Pythagoras.

The October 15th issue of *The Chap-Book* will be a special one with a literary supplement giving more than the usual number of reviews of new books.

Mr. Chatfield-Taylor finds his title for *The Vice of Fools*, in Pope's *Tale of Criticism*. "Of all the causes which conspire to blind Man's erring judgment, and misguide that weak head with strongest bias rules, Is pride, the never-falling vice of fools."

Donald G. Mitchell, who in the old days was known as "Ik Marvel," the author of "Reveries of a Bachelor," has produced another volume of essays upon authors of England, and this time they range from the later Georges to Victor. In the close of the book which Mr. Mitchell has written he promises another volume that will measure the men and women of the Victorian reign. That will complete his five volumes on English literature. However, it is doubtful if Mr. Mitchell will ever create anything as good as his first.

Early next month Mark Twain's new book, "Following the Equator," will be placed before the reading public, and such advance information as is at hand in regard to it indicates that it will in no wise prove unworthy of its author's fame. "A Journey Around the World by the Surviving Innocent Abroad" is the subtitle, and a few words of further explanation, furnished by Twain himself recently, are in themselves not a little interesting.

holes," she said, "and as for sight-seeing, I never did care for it, anyway, so I soon made up my mind that I wasn't to wear myself to death for all the old castles and art galleries that ever lived. But I had a good time; oh, perfectly splendid! Just the very best in my life. Why, I couldn't help but have it. Didn't I spend all my money?"

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RESEMBLANCE.

Because of just a turn, a trick of fate, A shadowy smile, My heart is lifted from the green grave's place To throbs awhile.

I feel that low, that forgotten tone, I feel your soul strike, And I, indeed, beloved, alone, alone, Oh, God, so like!

That trembling lash, that smile beneath the eyes, Still your heart's core; Hast thou come backward, downward, through the skies? \* \* \*

I live once more! Yet thou art dust tonight, within thy grave, "Neath wind swept sky, No likeness will I take—none such I crave— Again I die!

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LIFE'S RUGGED PATH.

"Is this the way, my Father?" "Thy own child;

"Thou must pass through this tangled, dreary wild, If thou wouldst reach the city undefiled, Thy peaceful home above."

"But enemies are 'round," "Yes, child, I know, Where hast thou expected, there thou'lt find a foe, But victor thou shalt prove o'er all below, Only seek strength above."

"My Father, it is dark!" "Here, take my hand; Cling close to me, I'll lead thee through the land; Trust my all-seeing care; so shalt thou stand, 'Midst glory bright above."

"Oh, Father, I'm weary," "Child, lean thy head Upon my breast, It was my love that spread Thy rugged path, Hope on, till I have said, 'Rest, rest, for aye above.'"

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A FUNNY WORLD IS THIS.

This world is very funny, For no matter how much money Man is earning, he will spend it, and be hard up all the time;

To his utmost he is straining To catch up without attaining, Till he makes his life a burden when it should be bliss sublime.

He who earns a thousand merely Thinks two thousand dollars yearly, Would he just the figure to make his happiness complete;

But his income when it doubles, Only multiplies his troubles, For his outgo then increasing makes his both ends worse to meet.

It is run in debt and borrow, Flush today and broke tomorrow, Financiering every which way to postpone the day of doom;

Spending money ere he makes it, And then wondering what takes it, Till he, giving up the riddle, looks for rest within the tomb.

Oh, this world is very funny To the average man whose money Doesn't quite pay for the dancing that he does before he should;

And he kills himself by trying Just a little higher flying Than is suited for his pocket and his own eternal good.—Goodall's Son.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures; the work and he will verify this statement. DeWitt's was the only one that did most if any one wishes to write to him. Chas. Rogers.

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