

The Woman's Page

RATINE AND CREPE POPULAR FABRICS FOR SUMMER

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Ratine is a popular fabric just now, especially when developed in a distinctive fashion. The dress illustrated is of gray ratine with a dark blue hair line stripe and has trimmings of dark blue crepe de chine. The simplicity of the blouse and sleeve and the drape in the skirt tend to make the dress appropriate for the mature woman, especially if voile or soft silk is used rather than ratine.

Accompanying the dress is a hat with flexible brim, rolled to form an unusual off-the-face effect and developed in gray blue crepe de chine and tangle braid. The top facing is of tangle, and the navy crepe is fitted plain on the underfacing and used to drape the oval crown.

Green is truly a summer color and never more popular than now, especially when simply used as in this blouse dress in the center model. The wee pockets and the generous sash with its drapery also add interest. The handkerchief collar may be replaced by a band of white, if desired. Very short sleeved frocks make the kimono blouse more popular than ever before, and its popularity helps in making dressmaking easy. In this case, for instance, there

are just two seams in the blouse and two in the skirt.
The preference for the cloche shape will continue through the summer. This deep, bell-shaped hat of green hair is simply trimmed with a fan-shaped wing effect on side plaited black ribbon at the right side rear.

For summer wear, the most delightful versions of the three-piece costume are in the form of a short cape and dress, very often made entirely of one fabric and this fabric invariably of some soft silk in a light or cool color. Such a combination of design, fabric and coloring gives a suggestion of airiness which should always be considered in regard to costumes for warm weather wear, and besides the cape provides very desirable protection for street wear without proving burdensome in the least.

Fallow-colored Canton crepe would be an excellent choice of color for this design. The dress is of a very simple type—a long-waisted blouse portion gathered into a hip band and a skirt of straight-line effect, but with front and back knife plaited, and panels which give an abundance of fullness. Sleeves may be entirely omitted in this type of dress or a

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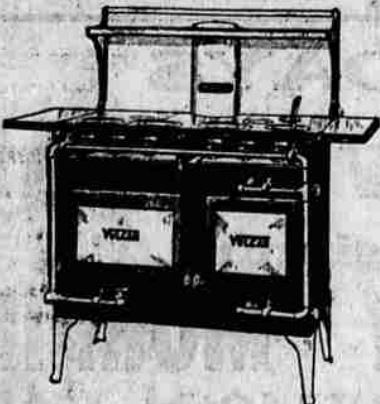


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Another way to clean a straw hat is to hold it over the spout of a teakettle when viewed from the side. To be sure that you can stand this rigorous test, carefully look at your face in profile standing in a strong light, mirror in hand.—From the Designer.

MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN



Red Apples

My children get tired of baked apples, but a red apple is always a treat. To prepare, peel and core the apple, leaving the fruit whole. To one pint of water add five cents' worth of red cinnamon drops. This will make enough sweetened syrup in which to cook four apples. The fruit should be turned carefully so that all will be evenly colored.
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Cook Pork Well

Do not eat raw pork. It is liable to be infected with a small parasite known as trichina. It is so small it can not be detected with the naked eye, nor does it make a difference to the appearance of the pork, by which its presence can be detected, nor show itself in symptoms of the host harboring it. Since we cannot tell which pork has trichina germs and which has not, it is a safe rule to cook it all. Trichinosis—the resulting disease—is very painful and oftentimes fatal.

Making Home Fit

Women have sometimes been called the "real men" but as a matter of fact they are the most contented creatures in the world. Since the home is their domain, the family can be kept well and happy, the housewife will jog along year after year with a pump which demands priming, a door which will not close tight without an extra jerk. A step which looks like an ironing board which wags in the middle.

Men, in their business, have learned that it is poor efficiency to use crude and awkward tools. It requires an undue expenditure of time and effort and energy. It discourages the worker and lessens the output. It lowers standards and morale.

Since the home is the workshop, we forget that all of these objections apply to inappropriate equipment in the home. Unless it is absolutely necessary, the housewife should make her home spruce up to correspond with her husband's business. This is a new idea which women in their clubs have suddenly realized and begun to discuss. It has led to much re-considering among housewives in their own homes to see just what is the state of affairs. Many of them are surprised to find things new, to which they have become so accustomed that they failed to realize the fault.

Some of the clubs are conducting exchange sales. This idea is that there is a place for everything, and everything has its place. There are not in their right place. That is, if Mrs. Brown has a discarded kitchen table stored in the attic of her barn, and Mrs. Jones has a table in the place for that table in Mrs. Jones' kitchen. Some clubs are bringing their discarded to headquarters where other women come to buy. Other localities are carrying on the campaign through want ads in their local newspapers.

These ideas are not new. These sales differ from rummage sales in that their object is not to make money but to make every home more comfortable and every woman the things not needed there with those in some other home which would serve it better. The money for the sales goes to the person who sells, after the expense of the sale has been paid.

By this means one home sells a baby car and buys a porch rocker. Another sells canned fruit and buys a second hand davenport. A dresser goes out and a dining table goes in. A laundry bench is sold and an electric flat iron bought, but it does not end here. When the housewife once gets to taking inventory of her surplus and her needs, she is likely to make a clean sweep of it and the result will be many homes more comfortable and easy to live in and many housekeepers with fewer aches in their backs and more smiles on their faces.

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Strawberry Recipes

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To above syrup add three cups of water, three cups of strained strawberry juice, either raw or cooked, juice of one lemon. Freeze to a slush, then add beaten white of one egg, and freeze stiff.

For fifteen minutes cook in a double boiler one quart of milk into which you have stirred, as thickening, two scant tablespoons of corn starch, and a little salt. Cool, add above syrup, and a quart of thin cream. Freeze to a slush; add two quart-boxes of mashed strawberries. Strain the strawberries if you prefer.

Mix with above syrup, one pint strawberry juice, juice of four oranges and of four lemons, one small can of grated pineapple. Cool all and, when ready to serve add enough ice water to make it good and a few sweetened strawberries for looks.

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