

FUR-TRIMMED CLOTH COATS; APRONS OF GAY CRETONNE

THE present season will long stand out in the memory of the world of fashion as record breaking in the matter of stunning cloth coats trimmed with fur. Stylists have covered themselves with glory in the designing of the cloth coat with its fur trim, proving conclusively that it can be every inch as handsome and even more practical than an all-fur garment. It is at this time of the year, when winter merges into midseason, that the advantages of the cloth coat over the one all of fur, is really appreciated. Soon as the temperature begins to

there is nothing quite so effective as a dashing gay piece of cretonne. If you would prove the efficiency of cretonne in the matter of dispelling that feeling of gloom which so takes possession of one when the sky is leaden and mid-winter snow and ice envelop the earth as far as eye can see, try the following experiment: Secure from your nearest dealer three yards, more or less, of the floweriest cretonne to be had for the buying. Cut from this cheery material a quaint "cover-all" apron patterned after the model shown in this

FAMILY BUDGET SAVES WORRIES

Spending on Paper Gives Feeling of Security.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The United States government is wondering how it ever got along without a budget, and the homemaker who has tried such a spending plan for the family income feels the same way. This scheme of spending the income on paper first gives a sense of financial security. It is the only way to make sure that every member of the family will get his just share of the family income, that all necessary expenses can be met, and that a fair portion will be saved for future needs. Such a budget is comparatively easy to make and far easier to live up to



Making a Family Budget Saves Worries.

than many families think, until they have tried it. The bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture gives these suggestions for drawing up the family budget:

First, list all the purposes for which money must be spent. Include every expenditure from taxes to shaving soap, if you can, and by no means forget savings. Only by considering every use to which the family income must be put can a balanced budget be made. Get the co-operation of all the family in this if possible and clear up any false ideas about what a budget really is.

Make the list of expenses detailed.

Hot Pot of Mutton and Barley Is Easily Made

The United States Department of Agriculture gives the following directions for making a hot pot of mutton and barley:

- 1 pound mutton
- 3 onions
- 1/2 cup pearly barley
- Celery tops or other seasoning
- 1 tablespoonful salt
- herbs
- 4 potatoes

Cut the mutton into small pieces, and brown with the onion in fat cut from the meat. This will help make the meat tender and improves the flavor. Pour this into a covered saucepan. Add two quarts water and the barley. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Then add the potatoes cut into quarters, seasoning herbs, and seasoning, and cook one-half hour longer. This recipe will serve five people. Rice can be used in place of barley.

HOT PUDDINGS FOR DESSERT SATISFY

Cottage Pudding Is an Acceptable Conclusion.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hot puddings for dessert were more popular a generation ago than they are now—partly because many of them took much time to prepare and cook and partly with our newer knowledge of diet, a rich heavy pudding is considered inappropriate at the end of a rich heavy meal. But when for some good reason the other courses and dishes of a meal have been less satisfying than usual, a good plain hot dessert such as cottage pudding may be a very acceptable conclusion to a dinner. Perhaps smaller than ordinary portions have been served—or one has used up a number of leftovers—or there may have been unexpected company, necessitating a change in menu. Whatever the reason for choosing it, cottage pudding is appetizing and filling, and is one of the easiest desserts one can have, for it can be put in the oven about the time the first part of the meal is served, and will be ready to take out in about half or three-quarters of an hour, depending on the kind of pan in which it is cooked. It is therefore a good "last-minute" and emergency dessert, served either plain or varied in many ways.

The recipe below is given by the United States Department of Agriculture:

- Cottage Pudding.**
- 1 cupful milk
 - 2 1-3 cupfuls sifted soft wheat flour
 - 1/4 to 1-3 cupful fat
 - 1 egg
 - 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
 - 2-3 cupful sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoonful salt
 - 1/2 teaspoonful flavoring

Mix and sift together the dry ingredients. The eggs are beaten slightly and added to the other liquid ingredients, which are then stirred gradually into the dry. The melted fat is added last to the batter, rather than mixed with the liquids. Bake in a fairly hot oven (about 350 degrees Fahrenheit) if muffin pans are used to make individual servings; or at a more moderate temperature (about 325 degrees Fahrenheit) in a tin loaf.

Cottage pudding is usually served hot with a sauce, which may be hot or cold. It may be hard sauce, whipped cream, chocolate sauce, a canned or stewed fruit sauce, or one of the slightly thickened hot sauces such as lemon, orange, raisin, or vanilla, which sometimes have egg or cornstarch as the thickening agent. Small amounts of canned fruit may be utilized to advantage in such a sauce, as, for example, some leftover canned pineapple or peaches.

A cupful of nut meats, seeded raisins, sultanas, dried currants, or dates may be added to plain cottage pudding batter to make a more elaborate dessert. Except for the sultanas and currants any of these should be chopped into convenient pieces and lightly floured. They are added when the batter is mixed. A chopping bowl is more satisfactory for preparing the nuts or fruits than a meat grinder. Chopped dried figs, either just as they come, or stewed and drained of all liquid, may be added if liked, or stewed fig sauce may be used with a plain pudding. Canned blueberries (also fresh blueberries and blackberries in season) and canned cherries are other fruits which may be added.

Giant Statesmen, Present and Past

It is impossible to make a just comparison between senators of today and those who loom large in senate history. It is much like the attempt to measure modern lawyers against the legal giants of the past. We select a few great names and forget the abundant mediocrity. Two things are certain. One is that the problems with which senators must nowadays wrestle have not decreased in number or complexity. The other is that the senators to whom these problems are presented must divide their time between the task of solution and the political work essential to success in open primaries and in state-wide elections.

"The result is that senators are much more closely in touch with the life of their constituents and more responsive to their will. Whether in the end this makes for better government and sounder statesmanship is a question which each citizen must answer according to his conviction. At present it is a purely academic question. The open primary and the state-wide election were necessary parts of the modern revolt against abused authority. It is too soon to affirm whether or not the change is salutary and permanent. However this may be, it is certain that the senate is no longer Mount Olympus, but it is also true that Pennsylvania avenue is a very different thoroughfare from Main street."—Senator George Wharton Pepper, in the Forum.

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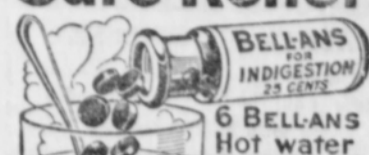
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MODELS FOR MIDSEASON WEAR

Rise with "January thaw," the heavy fur coat loses in favor, being accounted burdensome. Then it is that the cloth coat asserts its practicality—which all goes to show that the purchase of a stylish fur-trimmed cloth coat is a very wise investment.

The flaring hemline is becoming the rule rather than the exception in the modern cloak versions. Sometimes the flare ripples all around the bottom of the coat, but most generally it occurs at the front or the sides. It is the side flare treatment which individualizes the coats in the picture.

Favored materials for coats practical to wear until the coming of summer include pinpoint bolivias, suedes, a lovely valentine gift. One could

picture. Sew deftly together, beautifying the apron with finishings and pipings of black satin, for it is fashion's latest whim to trim cretonne with black satin. If, as you study and enjoy the colorful cretonne wreaths and bouquets, you are not inspired to sing of "the flowers that bloom in the spring," perhaps the cure is not complete. In which instance it would be well to repeat the process, making two aprons instead of one—for now is the time to stock up on picturesque bungalow aprons, preparatory to the coming summer months to be spent in one's country home.

By the way, a cretonne apron makes a lovely valentine gift. One could



A VERY CUNNING APRON

brodelcloths and plaid woollens for sports.

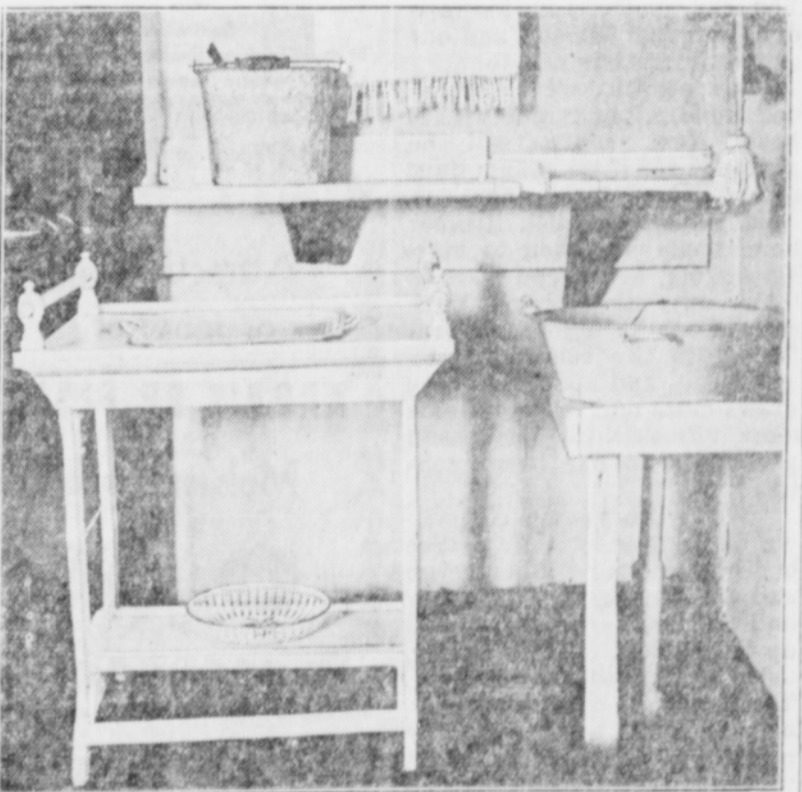
Colors for cloth coats are most attractive, such as deep wine shades, red, cracklehead blue, hunter's green, rust, black and particularly gray. By the way, gray is made mention of repeatedly in spring forecasts not only for topcoats but for the entire costume including the millinery to accompany it. There is also a noted preference for red and brick shades. Squirrel, fitch, fox, gazelle, leopard and wolf are the popular furs used in a trimming way.

As a means of creating cheer,

make it like this one in the picture, although other cunning ideas can be carried out. A little tea apron of cretonne with the bib cut in the shape of a heart would bring a note of valentine cheer. Perhaps a sewing apron would be more appropriate for the "one you love best." This is easy to accomplish. Stitch another heart on the lower skirt portion which shall serve as a receptacle for scissors and darning cotton, thus is the erstwhile tea-apron converted into a sewing apron.

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VIRGINIA WOMAN MAKES INEXPENSIVE SINK



Homemade Sink, Drain Board and Tea Wagon.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"Necessity is the mother of invention." Like many farm women, the one whose sink is illustrated was without running water in her kitchen, and without any convenient arrangement for disposing of waste water. Dish-washing was a needlessly hard task, and yet the cost of a new sink was prohibitive.

Inspired by suggestions from the extension agent from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the United States Department of Agriculture, this woman, who is a widow with three small children, living in Albemarle county, Va., solved her problem by cementing an old dishpan to a drain pipe, as shown in the picture. A hole was made in the bottom of the dishpan to fit the

pipe, and this was covered with a 10-cent rubber stopper when dishes were being washed. The result from this and other inexpensive changes which she made was so successful that she won the county prize for the greatest improvement in her kitchen at the lowest cost. She has a narrow work shelf near this improvised sink, on which to put the clean dishes, and a wheel tray made of an old washstand, by means of which she brings the soiled dishes to the sink. As the bucket indicates, she still has to get her water from a pump in the yard, but she does not have to carry any waste water, and will doubtless achieve a simple system for having running water as soon as she can afford the additional expense.

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