

**FORMAL GOWNS FOR SUMMER;  
NEW BLOUSES FROM PARIS**

AS GOWNS designed for our hours of leisure and pleasure glide across the social scenery—at tea, at bridge—at anything after midday, or in the evening, we become more and more aware of the support that lace lends to present modes. Few frocks, for any sort of formal wear, are laceless and the role of lace grows in importance as the degree of formality advances. First come those demure and charming full-skirted and long-sleeved frocks of taffeta, with their chemisettes, collars and cuffs of lace, looking so fine-grained and dignified—and so ingenious! How much less interesting they would be without the saving grace of lace!

Following these quaint, straightforward and simple frocks, may glide in a sophisticated, carefully draped and very short satin dinner frock, its

The blouse, considered independently—that is, without reference to some particular suit or skirt with which it is to be worn, plays a minor role in spring's fashion drama. But considered in connection with a suit or skirt, it becomes a subject of much importance, for stylists demand that it reveal some kinship to the rest of the costume. It may be own sister to the suit, or first cousin to the hat, if, in some particular, it carries a family resemblance—as, for example, a blouse of champagne-colored crepe, covered with green polka dots in the same shade of green as the suit it accompanies, or a blouse of gay and vivid colors worn with a dark suit and a hat that repeats the colors in the blouse. The blouse is really parading in the mode under an assumed name, or no name at all in the varied jumps



ADORNED WITH LACE

skirt veiled with lace that extends below the hem line, and finished with a long pointed jabot of satin falling at one side. Here we have an effective example of the hem line lengthened by lace—and we shall see many more gowns employing this fascinating idea. The very next frock may be a dignified affair of crepe, with long, graceful flaring sleeves, making a background for a panel and rippling revers of fine lace from neck to hem. Lace is the note of greatest importance here. It is used in endless ways on afternoon dresses of taffeta, or crepe, or georgette, in bandings on the skirts and decorations on the sleeves and bodices.

In evening dresses lace is even more important. In yokes, panels and

dresses and the two-piece frocks that are having such a tremendous vogue. Nevertheless and notwithstanding all this dependence of the blouse on other things, Paris sponsors, as always, the good style of both tunic and overblouse, which are intended to be important additions to the summer wardrobe and to play first and not second fiddle in the costume. For these blouses, skirts or slips are to be chosen that will make harmonious and inconspicuous backgrounds. In the accompanying sketch a tunic blouse and an overblouse are types of formal styles as Paris shows them. The tunic blouse at the left is made of finely plaited, light brown georgette crepe, with embroidery in dark brown, but may be developed in any wanted



TWO MODELS FROM PARIS

medallions, but more particularly for lengthening the hem lines of fashionable skirts, it has captivated the fancy of designers. Godets of lace let into skirts, tiered skirts of lace flouncings, inserts and panels of lace, dyed to match, all help build the airy evening frocks for summer. Then there is the revival of the lace petticoat worn under a bouffant taffeta, opening in a panel down the front, the robe-de-style with plain silk bodice and bouffant skirt of lace flouncing, and finally the all-lace dress, of which one example is pictured here. The lure of the feminine lies in lace and in lace materials, and it is a universal lure—among the civilized.

color, choosing a dark shade for the embroidery.

The pretty overblouse at the right is made of navy blue, maroon crepe and embroidered in green and blue silk. In both blouses emphasis is placed on the sleeves, which are long and elaborated at the forearm.

For wear with tailored suits there are many high-necked blouses of plain or fancy silks and the scarf collar is an important feature in blouses of this type. The jabot is also an important note in these blouses, which are usually finished by a wide hip band and of about the length of the overblouse at the right of the sketch.

Among very promising aspirants for midsummer favor are overblouses of white crepe de chine for wear with white skirts. They are made with either high, open or round necklines and long sleeves.

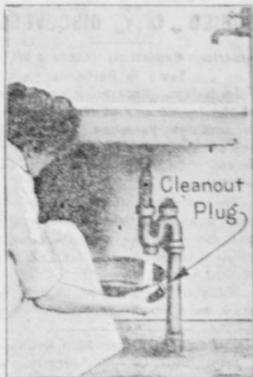
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**HOW TO CLEAN OUT  
TRAP OF A SINK**

**Dirt and Grease Adheres to  
Side and Bottom.**

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

All waste pipes and traps are subject to fouling. Dirt collects in the bottom and grease adheres to the sides. The United States Department of Agriculture in a new Farmers' bulletin, 1400, "Simple Plumbing Repairs in the Home," tells how to clear out ordinary fixture traps. Unscrew the clean-out plug, as shown in the illustration and wash out the obstructing matter or pull it out with a wire bent to form a hook. Small obstructions are often forced down or drawn up by the use of a simple rubber force cup (sometimes called "the plumber's friend") costing 30 to 60 cents. The cup is placed over the fixture outlet and the fixture is partially filled with water. The wood handle of the cup is then worked rapidly down and up, causing alternate expansion of the



Cleaning Out Sink Trap.

water from beneath the cup and suction upward through the waste pipe and trap. If a trap and the waste pipe from it are clogged with grease, hair, or lint, it is best to open or disconnect the trap and dig out the greasy matter with a stick. The use of chemical solvents in waste pipes is explained in Farmers' Bulletin 1423, "Farm Plumbing."

**High Value of Banana**

A banana is very high in food value, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. In fact, almost one-fourth is starch and sugar. In addition, it contains a small amount of protein, a trace of fat, and a small percentage of mineral matter. A banana should be fully ripe before using in order to get the best flavor and the most digestible condition. One authority in discussing food for young children suggests the occasional use of a little scraped ripe banana. In buying bananas, be sure the stem end is left on. In this way, the food is delivered in a sealed package. Baked bananas are good served in place of a starchy vegetable with meat or as dessert.

**Serve Lamb Dishes Hot**

Serve all lamb dishes piping hot on hot plates, suggests the United States Department of Agriculture. Because the fat of lamb hardens as it cools and sticks to the tongue, many persons are prejudiced against even the lean meat. Also serve with lamb currant, mint, herbbery or some other tart jelly, or a tasty sauce flavored with parsley, mint, capers, tomato, horseradish, curry powder or chopped pickle. These "cut" the fat and tone down the pronounced flavor that appeals to many but not to all.

**Five-Minute Cabbage Is  
Best to Save Vitamines**

"I was boiled to death!" read the inscription on the cabbage tombstone in a "vitamine cemetery" which formed part of a vividly instructive pantomime staged by some school children not long ago. The excellent lesson of this entertainment, showing the importance of a short cooking period for all the vegetables valued for vitamines was easily understood by those present, and as the dramatic part of the lesson was followed by directions for preparing many common vegetable foods to conserve their vitamines, they also learned how to avoid "boiling them to death."

In addition to the fact that the vitamines in cabbage are destroyed by long cooking, there are several other advantages in cooking this vegetable as little as possible. The directions given below by the United States Department of Agriculture give a deliciously flavored crisp cabbage dish which can be prepared in a very few minutes just before a meal, or prepared early in the day and quickly heated at serving time. The color is very attractive when green cabbage is used, and the kitchen and house are not filled with cabbage odor.

Wash and chop finely enough cabbage to make one quart. Simmer for about two minutes in one pint of hot milk, adding one and one-half teaspoonsful of flour. Season with salt and pepper. Cover the cabbage and heat for three or four minutes without allowing the mixture to reach the boiling point. The vegetable should not entirely lose its crispness. If more convenient, the cabbage may be cooked in this way early in the day, set away to "ripen" or develop flavor for a few hours, and reheated quickly just before serving.

**Have Pickled Tripe for  
Change on Family Table**

Beef tripe, or stomach lining, is a good food which may be preserved by pickling when beef cattle are killed on the farm. The United States Department of Agriculture gives the following directions for preparing it:

After the tripe has been thoroughly cleaned and rinsed in cold water, it should be scalded in hot water (a little below the boiling point). When sufficiently scalded, the inside lining of the stomachs may be removed by scraping, which will leave a clean, white surface. Tripe should be boiled until tender (usually about three hours) and then thoroughly chilled in cold water so that the fat may be scraped from the outside. When this has been done, peel off the membrane from the outside of the stomach, and the clean, white tripe is ready for pickling. It is usually pickled in 45 grain vinegar.

The pickled tripe is prepared for use by washing and wiping it, and after dipping convenient sized pieces in flour or egg and bread crumbs, frying it till golden brown.

**To Distinguish Rayon**

Artificial silk, or rayon, as it is generally called, can be distinguished from real silk because it is more lustrous than real silk, more stiff and harsh, and burns like cotton with a yellow flame that flashes along and leaves a small amount of gray ash. An exception is a brand of artificial silk recently introduced which gives a hard ball of ash. The yarns untwist very readily and the individual filaments spread apart in more or less of a fan shape. Artificial silk is usually weaker when wet. Therefore when garments made of it are laundered, they should be handled carefully and not rubbed. Do not wear rings when washing these articles, or you may tear holes in the fabric. Properly handled, this material is useful and attractive, the United States Department of Agriculture says.

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**Tact Called For**  
A man takes contradiction and advice much more easily than people think, only he will not bear it when violently given, even though it be well founded.—Richter.

**Silent**  
"Do you ever have any difference of opinion with your wife?"  
"Oh, yes, but she doesn't know it."  
A joke's a very serious thing.—Churchill.

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**Firmness and Obstinacy**  
What is firmness of purpose with some people is mere obstinacy in the other fellow. The former is as apt, however, to misjudge themselves as they are the other fellow. That there are a lot of human mules in this world, experience fully proves.—Grt.

**Answered**  
Gerald—Haven't I seen your face before?  
Geraldine—I think you have; I had it with me the last time we met.

**Diversion**  
"Harold, where are you going?"  
"No place, mother; just out to see a few accidents."

**Fast Age**  
"Is your sister married, Willie?"  
"I dunno; I haven't been home since breakfast."

**BUILD COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE FOR \$28.85**



Clubhouse Built for \$28.85.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Community teamwork this year in Beulah, Carroll county, Ga., has resulted in a substantial and attractive woman's clubhouse, which is not only used for the monthly home demonstration meeting but for girls' club work, a community reading room and other uses. The small cost of \$28.85 in actual money was made possible because no ground was purchased, permission being given to use the community school grounds, and all material except flooring and brick for the chimney was donated. The labor was furnished by the men of the community.

The house is built of logs. Gables

inside and out are of birch poles, and these were also used inside the cabin underneath the rafters. On the front gable is the date of erection cut from smaller pieces of birch. Cracks between the logs are daubed with gray mud. Around the walls inside are cushioned punchon benches. The house is furnished with the most-needed articles, donated by the members of the woman's club. It has at present a stove, table, curtains and utensils for demonstrations. The monthly club meetings are alternate demonstration programs and recreational meetings attended by entire families. A library will be gradually developed.



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