

HOME-SEWING TIME IS NEAR; GORGEOUS EVENING WRAPS

YES, the time has come to plan for spring sewing. Now that all the holiday decorations are packed away for another season, the "thank you" all written, the children back at school, too early for golf, too late for grand opera, what to do but sew, sew!

House frocks to make, a supply of dresses for the kiddies, draperies for the windows—let's study up "what's new" in spring wash goods. Notebook handy? Might want to jot down a few items for reference.

For one thing, write an opening notation that prints are outstanding

Evening wraps are reveling in a veritable orgy of gorgousness. It seems as if elaborateness cannot be carried too far to please women of smart fashion. "Temperance in all things"—except the formal coat or cape, which may carry to excess color, fur and novelty handstitching without transgressing the law of fashion.

The wrappy coat which swatches the figure is perhaps the favorite. Often it introduces a draped treatment, after the manner of the model in this picture. Superb turquoise blue velvet is the chosen medium for this exquisite wrap. It is embroidered over the hips with silver spangles and stars over a



A Simple House Frock.

for spring. Quaint china patterns and grandmother prints, printed satens, and especially printed batistes and dimities. "They say" small figures will predominate, especially on the heavier weaves, though peering into the far future one sees big-flowered organdies.

Fabrics on the order of pongee, also English cotton reps and Scotch madras are favored for washable daytime frocks, likewise rayon mixtures.

Competing with the new prints is broadcloth in a range of delectable plain colors. This is an ideal fabric for sports and simple daytime frocks, for it launders perfectly. There are

rosy silver cloth. Of course it is smartly befringed, for most of the evening wraps are. In this instance luxurious silver gray fox is the preferred trimming.

There is spirited rivalry between velvet, brocade and metal cloth for the formal wrap. When velvet is used it is in some gloriously illuminative shade, lavishly furred, shirred, draped and embroidered.

As to metal brocade, it fairly effervesces with what might be called jewel coloring, for theirs is the red of the ruby, the yellow of the topaz, the green of the emerald, the purple of the amethyst reflected amid the



Elaborate Formal Wrap.

also printed broadcloths to be had. These, with novelty rayons, show mostly small patternings.

As to styling, the trend is toward something clever and "different" from the some-time-ago popular bungalow apron effect. There is a decided favor expressed for short sleeves. Some of the newest spring models introduce the bolero—if not actually, at least simulating it. Pockets are made much of, following the inspiration, no doubt, of winter styles.

It is "pockets" which give to this dress of athen print which you see in the picture a note of individuality.

giant of gold and silver weave. Quite often huge collars of shirred velvet usurp the place of furs on the gorgeous brocade wrap.

Charming for young girls are semi-wrap coats styled either of cloth-of-silver or cloth-of-gold. Collars and cuffs of white rabbit emphasize their youthfulness.

Recent arrivals from Paris embody many decorative ideas which give promise of a continuance of elaborateness throughout the styling of evening wraps.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY. (©. 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

Ermine Dyed Beige
A cloak of most sumptuous brocade velvet, heavily trimmed with ermine dyed beige and lined with gold lame, has the amplitudinous folds of four centuries ago, and also the long, loose sleeves almost touching the ground.

On Medieval Lines
The magnificent note that is now asserting itself is not wholly due to the extraordinary fabrics. Many of the most fashionable wraps are cut on medieval lines of sweeping grandeur, according to Madame Lanvin.

Stove Pipe
A smart new hat is of black hatter's plush, exactly like a man's stovepipe hat, except for the amusing row of tailored white bows running up the left side of the crown.

Chic Goves
Gloves which accompany the smart tailored suit of glass kid, with cuffs of suede in a deeper tone are ornamented with medallions of petit point embroidery.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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Make yourselves nests of pleasant thoughts, bright fancies, satisfied memories, noble histories, facts, figures, statistics, and precious and careful thoughts, which care cannot disturb, pain not make gloomy, nor poverty take away from us—houses built without hands, for our souls to live in.—John Ruskin.

FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

Good bread is one of the first essentials in planning a menu. The following will be kinds one will like to serve occasionally:

Oatmeal Bread.—Pour two cups of scalded milk over one cup of rolled oats; milk and water may be used. Add a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of shortening and when lukewarm add one-third of a yeast cake softened in half a cupful of water. Add wheat flour to make a dough to knead from five to ten minutes. Return to the mixing bowl, cover, let rise until double its bulk. Shape into loaves and when light bake one hour. About five cupfuls of flour are required for this amount.

Nut Bread.—Take one cupful of milk, one-half cupful of sugar, one egg, three-fourths of a cupful of wheat flour and one-half cupful of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt. Mix as usual and bake in a one-loaf bread pan forty-five minutes.

Coffee Cake.—Take five cupfuls of light bread sponge, three eggs, one cupful of raisins, one-half cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, three-fourths cupful of shortening. Warm the sponge, add the beaten eggs, stir into the sponge, add flour until too stiff to stir. Set to rise until light. Mix sugar and cinnamon and spread the top of the cake with butter before sprinkling with the cinnamon and sugar. Bake twenty minutes, or more in a hot oven.

Almond Omelet.—Take half a cupful of blanched and halved almonds, place in an omelet pan with butter, stir until well coated with the butter, using a tablespoonful, then pour in an omelet mixture using four eggs. Cook as usual, fold and roll onto a hot plate and pour over a hot maple sauce. Serve at once. The nuts will be nicely browned if they are quickly coated with butter, before the omelet is poured.

A Few Good Desserts.
To avoid monotony in dessert making, the following may be used:

Butterscotch Pudding.
—Melt one cupful of brown sugar and two tablespoonfuls of butter, until brown but not burned; pour over the mixture two cupfuls of boiling milk and simmer until the sugar is dissolved. Meanwhile soak a thick slice of bread in cold water until soft, press all the water out of it, add the yolks of two eggs, a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Pour into a well buttered baking dish and bake in a pan of water for forty-five minutes. Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff, add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and the juice of half a lemon; beat again, spread over the pudding and brown in a moderate oven. Serve hot or cold.

Baked Apple Tarts.—Cook apples until tender in sirup, but not soft enough to lose their shape. Roll out rich pastry cut into squares large enough to wrap an apple. Brush the tops with water and dredge with sugar. Bake until well browned. Serve with a spoonful of hard sauce piped on the top of each. Pass the sirup that was left, also.

Graham Pudding.—Cream one-fourth of a cupful of butter, add one-half cupful of molasses, the same of milk, one egg, one and one-half cupfuls of graham flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt, and one cupful of raisins. Mix and steam in a buttered mold two and one-half hours. Serve with a sweet sauce.

Caramel Pudding.—Boil together one cupful of brown sugar and one-half cupful of water until it boils. Dissolve one-fourth of a box of gelatin in enough water to cover, add to the sirup, then when cool fold in three beaten egg whites and pour into cups to cool. The white comes to the top—the brown goes to the bottom. Serve with a custard made from the egg yolks, two cupfuls of milk, sugar and flavoring.

Baked Savory Eggs.—Cook as many eggs in the shell as there are people to serve. Prepare the same number of pieces of toast, butter slightly and arrange in a dish to be served. Cut the eggs into halves lengthwise and remove the yolks. Put two halves on each piece of toast. Have ready a small amount of minced tongue or chicken, mix with the egg yolks, adding a little softened butter, salt and pepper to taste. Pile the stuffing on each egg white, making it round up in a little mound; sprinkle with buttered crumbs and set in a quick oven to brown the crumbs. Have ready a cupful of white sauce or a thickened seasoned tomato sauce. When the eggs are hot pour the hot sauce around the eggs but not over them. Serve at once.

COTTAGE CHEESE IS EASILY MADE

Haphazard Methods of Preparing Are Not Favored.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Haphazard methods of making cottage cheese result in a product that is sometimes palatable and sometimes otherwise. Especially if there is a surplus available for selling it is important that the flavor and quality of the cheese should be uniform at all times. This is only possible when exact methods are followed each time the cheese is made. The process itself is not at all difficult if directions given by the United States Department of Agriculture are accurately followed.

The Tennessee woman whose picture is shown has been extremely successful in making cottage cheese and selling it. She packs her product in the round waxed cardboard cartons, pint size, and makes only enough at a time to be sure of quick sales. She sees to it that the stores which handle the cheese always have a sufficient supply of absolutely fresh cheese.

Farmers' Bulletin 1451-F gives directions for making cottage cheese in the right way. In the case of quantity production, a "starter" or specially developed sour milk is recommended, and directions are given for

well-flavored sour milk may be mixed with the sweet milk. When finally clabbered cut the curd into pieces about two inches square and stir it thoroughly with a spoon. Place the pan of broken curd in a vessel of hot water so as to raise the temperature to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Cook at that temperature for about 30 minutes, stirring gently with a spoon for one minute at five-minute intervals.

Then pour the curd and whey into a small cheesecloth bag, such as a clean salt bag, or lay it upon a cloth and fold over the cloth to form a bag. Then hang it on a fruit-drainer rack or elsewhere to drain. Draining may be hastened by laying the bag between two pie plates or clean boards and placing a weight on top. Sometimes the curd is poured into a colander of the cloth raised and lowered to make the whey drain faster. The cloth is finally hung up with its ends tied together. Draining should stop when the whey ceases to flow in a steady stream, to prevent the curd from becoming too dry.

Put the curd in a bowl and work it with a spoon or butter paddle until it becomes fine in grain, smooth and of the consistency of mashed potatoes. Sour or sweet cream may be added to increase the smoothness and palatability and improve the flavor. Salt to taste, usually about one tablespoonful of salt to one pound of curd. The cheese should be eaten as fresh as possible. If stored in an earthenware or glass container in a cool place it will keep for several days.

Sliced Ham and Potatoes Baked Together in Milk
If you have a casserole or any sort of baking dish which can be sent to the table, it can be utilized for serving sliced ham and potatoes, baked together in milk. If you have no suitable baking dish you can use an iron skillet with equally good results.

Have a slice of ham cut at least an inch thick. Lay it in a good-sized baking dish, add thinly sliced raw potatoes which have been sprinkled lightly with flour and pour over them enough milk to cover. Bake slowly for about an hour and a half, or until the potatoes and ham are thoroughly done. The salt and fat of the ham are sufficient to season the potatoes. If necessary add a little hot milk from time to time during cooking. There should be enough liquid to form a tasty gravy around the ham and potatoes and the top will be delicately browned like scalloped potatoes. Serve the ham and potatoes from the baking dish. If the ham is very salty, soak it, preferably in buttermilk or sour milk, before cooking it with the potatoes. The acid of sour milk seems to soften the ham and make it very tender when cooked.

WHITE MATERIALS USEFUL IN HOUSEHOLD
White sales have long been associated with the beginning of the year. The thrifty housekeeper sees ahead the need for replenishments in household linens, underwear, and sometimes in summer dress materials which can be made up at her leisure during the early spring. She counts on the January sales to take care of some of these needs, because she knows that prices will be tempting and that there will be a good choice of materials and qualities.

Useful White Washable Material.
The term "household linens" includes practically all white or chiefly white washable materials used in household furnishing, whether made of linen or cotton. The housewife checks over for possible renewal such items as bedding, sheets, pillowcases, spreads, and mattress protectors; table cloths, napkins, doilies, centerpieces, tray cloths, luncheon sets, bureau and table covers, bath and other towels, wash cloths, kitchen towels. Sometimes cretonnes, prints and other washable figured materials are placed on sale with white goods by the yard during the month of January.

Those who make their underwear at home, watch for opportunities to buy nainsook, long cloth, batiste, English broadcloth and other suitable fabrics on the "white" tables. Some of these are also attractive for dresses and blouses, as well as heavier white goods

like linen, poplin or galatea, for sports skirts and middies. Dress materials at white sales, however, are not all white. The white goods predominate, but colored gingham, prints, percales and other wash fabrics are often specially priced at this season, so it pays to be on the lookout for bargains. Both white and colored linens may usually be found among the offerings at these sales.

Bulletin Will Help.
To help the woman who finds herself somewhat at a loss to choose among the great variety of cotton materials displayed, there is a Farmers' Bulletin, No. 1449-F, "Selection of Cotton Fabrics." To get it you merely write to the United States Department of Agriculture, at Washington, D. C. In it you will find a list of the best materials to use for each of the various household purposes, and in addition, a description of each of about a hundred fabrics, telling the kind of weave it has, and the common use for it.

Why not take your daughter with you to some of the white sales, after you have read the bulletin? You can then teach her how to recognize the difference between a flimsy and a durable fabric, how to detect flared or sized materials, how to notice defects in the fiber or weave, and many other good points. The 4-H club girls in the illustration are visiting a store with the home demonstration agent to learn some of these things.

AROUND THE HOUSE
Fruit pies bake better in oven-glass pie plates than in any other kind.
Keep shoes on shoe trees when not in use to prolong their life and good looks.
Every piece of useless furniture discarded means one less thing to dust and keep in repair.

Remarkable Sunset
In the autumn and winter of 1883, a vivid red glow suffused the western sky for more than an hour after the sun set. Volcanic dust and gaseous matter from an eruption of Krakatau in Sunda straits were the probable cause.

Like Cheese
Patron (to second-hand dealer):—See here, I want my money back; this old flute you sold me is full of holes.—Paris Rire.

Feed Mules Like Horses
There is little if any conclusive evidence to support the popular assertion that mules require less feed than horses for the same amount of work, says the Department of Agriculture. Mules should be given about the same quantities and kinds of feed as horses. Mules often eat many feeds that horses will not touch, and they are less inclined to overeat and founder. When shedding their teeth at three years of age, mules should be fed with particular care.

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THROUGH A WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

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Three Cheers for the French Beauty Parlor
Dispatches from Paris tell of the latest innovation of the beauty specialists of that city, which more than any other in the world devotes itself to enhancing the beauty and charm of women. As part of one of their largest beauty parlors, they have established a "laughing school" where, we are told, "women in quest of beauty are taught to laugh easily, gracefully and, if possible, musically."

We have not been able, always, to welcome with enthusiasm suggestions and innovations which come from Paris. But this one we shake by the hand and slap on the back and kiss on both cheeks, crying, "Welcome, more power to you, we hope you've come to stay!"

For if there is one thing that women need, American women no less than French women, it is to doctor their laughs. Indeed, anything that will even draw the attention of women to the way they laugh will be valuable. For women who are meticulous about their personal appearance and even their manners, who are eager to observe and to imitate a style of a mannerism they admire in another woman will hear beautiful, harmonious laughter, and still unthinkingly continue their own discordant, disturbing sounds. A "laughing school" that can transform into "easy, graceful and musical," laughter the variety of giggling, shrieking, piping, squeaking sounds that fill the air wherever women laugh will be a boon to humanity!

The French are clever. They attach their "laughing class," not as we would to a singing school, or a course in elocution or voice culture, but to a beauty parlor! It is on the principle, doubtless, that women who would be unmoved by appeals on the ground of culture will harken when it is the beauty doctor who speaks! And providing that he knows the business of making beautiful laughter, the beauty parlor is an appropriate setting. For a woman's melodious, rich laughter is an unquestionable element of charm and beauty, while in the piercing squeak or falsetto tittering that serves some women for laughter, the prettiest face and the handsomest figure are obliterated.

Laughter to be beautiful must of course be real; but cultivating beauty in laughter need detract from its realness and sincerity no more than would cultivating a voice or a talent or teaching the fingers to play beautifully upon an instrument. It is rounding out something from within, not attaching something artificial from without. That is why we say that this latest idea of the French beauty experts is one that has our hearty approval, and we hope "laughing schools" will cross the ocean and establish a permanent residence here!

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A rare astronomical phenomenon, a total eclipse of the midnight sun, is forecast for northern Sweden in the almanac for 1927, which has been published at the university center at Uppsala, Sweden. The event will take place on June 29, when the sun is visible all night north of the Arctic circle.

Love in Action
Does't sound strange, that militant term for love?
Do we think of affection as a coy force, something gentle, shy, to be known only in delicate, subtle manifestations?
Surely, in a fine sense, love should be gentle, with delicate intuitions.
But, to be real, it must be far more than that. Quiescent love, affection that is neutral, hesitating, inactive, blights life.
"Give me," said one who both loved much and accomplished much, "not the love expressed in fine phrases. Do not tell me how much you esteem me, how great your affection is. But stand by me. Help me when I am tired. Sorrow for me when I grieve. Rejoice when I am glad. Do something for me. Give me of yourself. Then shall I know what your words have meant. Grant me love in action."
He was right. What we yearn for is love in action. Every one of us aches for the feeling that expresses itself in the glad human touch. We want a kindly word. We want a thoughtful act. We want the letter that brightens the day, the book that a friend remembers.
We long for a pleasant walk, we want a frank talk. With great desire, we wish that one we know would grant us, for a season, the comfort of his comradeship.
An old man knows in a general way that his vigorous daughter loves him. But, as he struggles into his overcoat, with his feeble arms groping for sleeves which are hard to find, a light touch, a reassuring word—"Here it is, daddy," sends him out aglow with the sense of love.
The world, always a bit tired, no matter how brave a fight it may be making, can stand any amount of true love in action.
Let all the neutrals and the hesitating, passive lovers come over into the active ranks.

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