

Kathleen Norris Says:

From Today On

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With an almost blind husband, a mother-in-law, a small daughter, an English boy, a house to manage, Alice will have her hands full.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

IF YOU have not been saving kitchen fats and taking them in tin cans to your butcher, do it—from today on.

If you haven't been setting aside superfluous warm, plain clothing for the next clothing drive, do it—from today on.

If you haven't been investing every spare penny, and some that you cannot spare in this great war to free all peoples and settle all boundaries, then commence to do it—from today on.

If you should not be dieting, or balancing your domestic budget, or writing regularly to your soldier, or taking on a part time job as assistant nurse, then begin to do it—from today on.

One great trouble with us American women, who have known so many years of security and plenty, is that we are apt to think about all these things and a thousand others. "I wish I'd begun that—years ago. Saving dimes. Studying Spanish. Having the children's friends in for simple hospitalities. Walking two miles a day. Look at all the time I've lost! If I'd had any idea how useful it was going to be to me—or how happy it would have made Tom—or what help I could have given that poor child—or how welcome that extra money would be now—"

Chance for Fresh Start.
Some lives are spent in this sort of useless regretting. But the smart woman eventually learns that whatever the mistakes and omissions of the past, there is always today. Today may be the beginning of the new time—the time of quiet accomplishment, friendship, study, saving, building.

"I don't write him half often enough!" says the busy woman in the market. She is deciding between frankfurters, salmon, or curried eggs for dinner, the place is full of bustle and gossip and morning light; her heart goes for a moment to the man overseas, then she forgets him again. To son or husband she is apt to write often, but this man is her nephew, or a friend's son, or the casual Christmas guest who begged so wistfully for an occasional letter.

So she doesn't write, and perhaps presently learns that the chance as far as that particular sailor is concerned, is gone.

What we ought to remember is that today is as powerful, as filled with opportunity, as any yesterday was, and that a few months' concentration on the saving, the diet, the child, the foreign language, is still in our power.

In a letter yesterday I received an illustration of this and can only advise Alice M., who wrote the letter, to start all over again—from today on.

Alice is the wife of a young naval officer, she has a child of three. She writes that she adores her husband, adores her child. She has a comfortable home, and is busy with the usual activities of housework and baby care, Red Cross and canteen. Archie has been away for 15 months.

Last fall Alice met an army man who is married and has grown children; on neither side was there any pretense of great love, or any suggestion of divorce. They were lovers for a brief space; Alice does not excuse or defend this, she merely tells me that for a few weeks of what now seems to her insanity she and the major met at various times and

START NOW

Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. Today is the time to begin. If you have been delaying and excusing yourself for a long time about doing something you should—buying bonds, or rolling bandages, or saving fats—right now is the time to start. Don't bother with regrets over the past. Don't make grandiose plans for the distant future. Act today. This is Miss Norris' advice to women on the home front.

Even in a seriously complicated domestic situation, as in the case outlined in this article, the only sensible thing to do is to start over as well as possible. A young wife of a naval officer has been carrying on an affair with a middle-aged major. There was never any real love in this liaison, and it is now ended. Alice now wants to forget it, but she is afraid this unsavory episode will cloud the future. She has just heard that her husband, Archie, is returning from service, almost blind. He is bringing his widowed mother with him, and her adopted son, an English boy. This will mean two children in Alice's household, as she and Archie have a three-year-old daughter.

Miss Norris tells Alice to start today, determined to hold her marriage together, and to try to make everyone as happy as she can. There will be much for everyone to forgive and forget after this tragic war period ends.

places and carried on a secret affair. He has now gone to Africa, and her hope is that she will never see or hear from him again. Her shame over this episode is equalled only by her fear that Archie will end their marriage, always so happy and harmonious, and take her child away from her.

Archie is Coming Home.

Now comes the news that Archie is on his way home, almost blind, and that his mother, recently widowed, is about to join the family with her young adopted English son, one of the babies who was evacuated six years ago. Alice writes me in complete distress; must she tell Archie, and how to handle the long deception if she doesn't.

Well, my advice would be to pick up this complicated problem and work it out as if there was no secret to hide—from today on. We're all going to have to forget a lot of everything if this world is to be rebuilt. With an almost-blind husband, probably studying for an entirely new profession, a mother-in-law, a small daughter, an English boy, a house to manage, Alice will have her hands full. If she will go straight ahead, trying to make them all happy, trying to make each day perfect in service and love, she need never tell Archie anything at all, except that she is the wife who loves him, and who is determined to help him to blot out the cruel years that have so scarred him, and create a perfect life together—from today on.

Sources of Vitamin C

Tomatoes and oranges—both rather scarce at present—are not the only source of vitamin C. Fresh raw cabbage and turnips have been found to be just as rich as citrus fruits and tomatoes. The buffalo berry of North Dakota is outstanding in content of this vitamin, while good guava powder is phenomenally rich, with 3 per cent. The Russians and British have made a jam from rose hips. A Russian nut containing 3 per cent is being utilized also.

White Eyelet, Sheers, Organdy, For Exquisite Summer Frocks

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THERE'S a tremendous vogue for all-white this summer. You'll find in the current collections a veritable snowdrift of white dresses made of beautiful materials, ranging from exquisite filmy sheers, organdy, lawn, dainty voile, swiss and the beloved eyelets to classic piques, linsens and various other of the firm-weave whites.

Stroll around to the accessory displays and you will become increasingly conscious that designers are playing up white magic for all it is worth. Your eye will glimpse a vast showing of white jewelry with emphasis on white earrings. You will find an intriguing showing of white handbags many of which are of the new white washable plastic.

The new white footwear plays up shoe artistry in such thrilling design, glamorous white shoes become a necessary luxury this summer. The same may be said of white millinery, the supremacy of the white hat in the summer mode is style news of utmost importance. The newest gesture in white headwear is the hat made of phantom-like filmy white sheers or white horse-hair. Then too white flower hats and trims are beguilingly lovely this summer, and you can get the smartest sailors ever in various type white straws. White gloves add their dainty touch to the picture.

In the illustration we are showing a trio of lovely gowns that bring a message of the outstanding importance of white eyeleted de luxe cottons for this summer. You will find the gown to the right made of white eyelet pique will prove a beautiful buy for party wear and for gay summer dances.

The chic cardigan line of the jacket and cap sleeves are bound with pinwale pique. Vary the jacket with a black skirt to show its wartime versatility as a double-duty dress.

The lovely bolero dress of sheer eyelet cotton, centered in the picture, passes all tests for smart summer wear. Do off the jacket and you have a bareback dress for summer dances. Ruffles of pique soften the neckline and add a modish touch to the slim skirt, achieving a chic side effect. The ribbon belt is pale blue grosgrain.

Capes register an exciting style innovation this season. A jaunty little cape makes a star appearance in the versatile cotton pique dress shown to the left. This is a type frock that is a first choice with party girls and furlough brides. The wide ruffle of eyelet pique conceals a row of buttons, making it possible to remove the capelet for sunning and dancing.

The vogue for white expresses itself not only in sheer and lovely wash fabrics, but this summer great stress is being placed on perfectly charming dresses and two-piece styles made of white spun rayon, gabardine and wool sheers. These are styled to a nicety with emphasis placed on beautiful trimming detail, such as all-over braiding in matching white on novel pockets, or an all-over embroidered effect. Especially attractive is the handsome trapunto design that enhances many of these smart fashions, many of which are in beguiling off-white tones, the new white-wine shade being first in favor.

Popular with the young set is the simple full-skirted white dress that is lavish with colorful embroidery, worked to simulate an apron front. Favored for practical summer wear is the bareback dress with bolero made of nicely tailored linen or sharkskin, which is noted for its immaculate whiteness.

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Narrow Silhouette



An interesting thing about this season's print frocks is that they are styled in such versatile ways introducing new silhouettes that give zest to the mode. A glowing instance of the trend to launch "something new" and strikingly distinctive in styling technique for the summer print is seen in the attractive model pictured. In this gown selected from a collection of mid-summer styles by Chicago Fashion Industries the emphasis is on a narrow silhouette skirt contrasted by a decided tunic flare about the hips. This lovely-lady print frock will be outstanding wherever it goes.

There's News in Hat That's Merely a Brim

Designed especially for summer comfort are the new half-hats made of starched pique. The unique part of it is the hat isn't all there. The crown is missing, and for a good reason. You have all the appearance of wearing a hat, without the discomfort of too much hat on a torrid summer day. These little headpieces are one of the big success fashions of the season because of their practicality as well as their flattering ways. Some are so designed they can be laid out flat for ironing. They certainly keep pace with "the style" being designed in cloches, off-face types, Dutch bonnet effects, and other becoming versions. One of the smartest half-hats has no brim at all in front, but at the back there is a down-over-the-hair flange flaring from the fitted headband that shows the influence of the favorite fisherman type.

New Frocks Featuring Braidwork, Embroidery

Braidwork and embroidery is being artfully featured on thin spun rayon dresses also summer jacket suits. The modes are in lovely pastels or even more to be admired—subtle off-whites. Enormous patch pockets, all-over braided in exact tone of the dress, are seen on many a stunning frock. Sometimes the bow tie at the throat also is correspondingly braided. Too lovely for words are frocks of fine chambray, the jackets or bodice tops of which are all-over braided in white.

Broomstick Skirts

One of the biggest fads of the season in the campus group is the broomstick skirt. Girls with an eye to fashion and thrift are making their own this summer. The skirts are usually made of pastel chintz, but any light-weight curtain material will do. Another trick is to seam two large print squares together, gathering the top into a belt.

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A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Based on standard time, when it's 12 noon in Chicago, in Tokyo it's what time?
2. What is meant by a woman's coterie?
3. What country ranks next to the United States in population in the western hemisphere?
4. With what type of cases does the Appellate court deal?
5. From what source is saccharin derived?
6. What was the White House first known as?
7. How many islands are there in the Philippines?
8. From what does the word camera come?

The Answers

1. Three a. m. the next day.
2. Her set, or circle of friends.
3. Brazil.
4. With appeals.
5. Coal tar.
6. The President's Palace.
7. About 7,000.
8. From the Italian word camera which means chamber.

English Isn't Easy, Says Stranger in Our Midst

English looks and sounds easy to many of us, but the man from another country could tell another tale. Perhaps this little rhyme, written by a foreigner, will show what strangers to the language have to contend with:

"Will you please explain it to me Why 'in 'debt' you should use silent 'b'? I cannot as yet the hang of it get; In fact, I'm completely at sea! You say that the ocean is blue, Is a warship, then, manned by a crew? Do you give a receipt to the man in the street? It puzzles me all the day through. If a man dies you say he is dead; But a book, not the color, is read. Still, I think that's enough of this terrible stough, Good buy, Sir, it's past thyme for bead."

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