

# Correspondence

## THE TRIPLE SKIRT

Woman, Though She May not Know It, Has Returned to Egyptian Style of Skirt

It makes a vast difference in this unreasonable world whether women wear their skirts divided perpendicularly or horizontally. Hooting and derision greet the perpendicular style whereas a skirt may be sliced horizontally into two, three or more sections without creating worse comment than a passing doubt as to the becomingness of horizontal lines to the figure.



eleven divisions, not with one section modestly shading into another, but each boldly outlined with stark bands of trimming.

But that there really is a teaching and shortening effect about the skirt which ran around the figure is not to be denied. The triple skirt wears as though it were a single skirt, but it bears the same relation to other skirts as a pine tree does to other trees. As the pine tree is the oldest living representative of the forests of the present world and is a contemporary of the trees of the Mesozoic age, the remains of which are still to be seen in the strata of the earth, so the triple skirt is the oldest living representative of the skirts of the present world.

It is easy enough to account for this. Though they would strip their babies for comfort in the great heat, a proud race like the Rutenau would not abate a single item of their sedate national dress in the face of the half clad Egyptians. Rutenau women whose privilege it was to wear the world old triple skirt might look with contempt upon less favored races. So if you see a fair skinned, blue-eyed, red haired woman with a haughty demeanor wearing a triple skirt you may know that it is a clear case of atavism. She has gone back some thousands of years to a Rutenau ancestress.

Neatness in the Family. Mothers of families are too apt to consider that their appearance is of small importance. The girls, of course, wish to have as pretty clothes as they can afford to give them, but, say they, "Who will notice what I wear?" so they are careless about the neatness of their shoes, the fit of their gloves, the newness of their handkerchiefs, etc., etc., and present anything but a dainty and smart appearance. Now, all this is a mistake, and it is a worse mistake for the matron than it is for the spinster, for it is likely to lessen the happiness of those whom she loves best. When we look at a fresh young girl we often notice her likeness to her mother, and when we see the mother dowdy and draggled-tailed a vision comes before us of what the daughter will be at the same age, and the vision is unpleasant enough to scare off any man who was just awakening to a sense of her charms. The vision may be prophetic or not, but all the same it has influence, and therefore it is wrong of the mother not to be as well dressed as she can rightly afford to be for her children's sake. That she will thus also give pleasure to her husband is a consideration which should make the trouble entailed seem very well worth while.

If a tablespoonful of paraffin be added to the pail of hot water used for washing tiles, it will both cleanse and brighten them.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## RUBIES THEIR FAVORITE

Gems Preferred by Many Well Known Women.

Almost every woman has her favorite jewel, and by no means are all the gems the most expensive kind. It is said that Queen Victoria's favorite jewel was a pendant of white enameled swans, and she never at any time appeared without it.

Other women who are exceedingly fond of the pigeon blood ruby are Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Bradley Martin, who has a beautiful necklace set with them which was once worn by Marie Antoinette, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Langtry and the Duchess d'Uzes, all of whom have some rarely beautiful stones of this sort. These are probably as fine as any outside of those included in the crown jewels.

"When you realize," says a well-known connoisseur of gems, "that every dollar remains in the country as permanent wealth it gives you an idea of the manner in which the wearing of jewels enriches the country."

Emeralds have advanced more during the past few years than any other stone, and you often hear of an emerald being sold at from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a karat and not perfect at that.

A New Test For Old Eggs. A new and simple method for testing eggs is based upon the fact that the air chamber in the flat end of the egg increases with age. If the egg is placed in a saturated solution of common salt it will show an increasing inclination to float with the long axis vertical. A scale is attached to the vessel containing the salt solution so that the inclination of the floating egg toward the horizon can be measured. In this way the age of the egg can be determined almost to a day.

A fresh egg lies in a horizontal position at the bottom of the vessel, an egg from three to five days old shows an elevation of the flat end so that its long axis forms an angle of 20 degrees. With an egg eight days old the angle increases to 45 degrees, with an egg fourteen days old to 60 degrees, and with one three weeks old to 75 degrees, while an egg a month old floats vertically upon the pointed end.

A Novel Photograph Frame. Our illustration represents one of the most novel devices in the way of a photograph frame, and one that for elegance is unsurpassed. For this, one fine soft chamois skin, either buff or red, four centimeters, eight by eleven inches, a paper of French wax and a bottle of mixing liquid are required. From two of the cards cut a square in the center, somewhat smaller than the outer cards, on the skin, leaving half an inch between them to form the hinges, and cut the chamois large enough to turn over neatly and paste down. In the center of the inside of each place a square of bright silk to serve as lining for the openings. Cover the cut cards separately with the skin, using stiff four paste for the purpose, and then fasten the four cards

securely together, only leaving the top open to admit the photographs. Place a weight upon it to hold it in place until dry. With the gold powder and medium, decorate both inside and out with the Japanese design given in the illustration, drawing it in with the brush. The utmost neatness must be observed throughout. The red chamois is most effective, but many prefer the buff.

Woman as an Orator. Recently many women have blossomed out as after dinner speakers at men's dinners.

There never was any reason why women should not have gained distinction in this line. But the fact remains that among the long list of women who have gained distinction in politics and the various professions within the past few years it is a wonder that so few have become speakers.

Club life is much responsible for the growing ability of women to speak creditably in public. Women used to get rid of the duty of impromptu speaking by reciting a poem or something in that line. But reciting seems to have gone much out of vogue among society women of the great cities, and thrown more upon their own native resources the women are coming out.

The woman club president is now setting the gauge for her voiceless sisters.

Seek Youthful Society. If you would stay young associate a great deal with young people take a lively interest in their hopes and ambitions, and enter into their sports with enthusiasm.

If it is true that male mosquitoes do not bite, a good many of them have been put out of business by mistake.

McCurdy & Norwell Co.

The Daylight Store

# Winter Opening Millinery Exhibit

A showing of "style masterly" in woman" headwear—a really great occasion of Fashions' newest.

The most exacting women of our city find in the McCurdy store millinery the art, exclusive ness, becomingness and correct lines that gain their unqualified indorsement.

The new dress and evening hats are really wonderful exhibitions of true millinery art. Laces and flowers, plumes, feathers and velvets are used in all conceivable bewitching combinations, and through it all the magic, unmi-stakable finishing touch of the skilled artist. A profusion of new street hats, all fashions, in the most popular shades, browns and greens being conspicuously attractive; intermediate shades and black are also largely in evidence.

Whatever the want in headwear, will be created to your liking, and remember, superior style adds nothing to the price of our millinery.

You are most cordially invited to visit this bright millinery section and inspect the beautiful creations now on show.

## Ready With the Thanksgiving Linens

Standard in beauty, dependable in quality, economical in price. Every year it becomes more and more customary to choose the Thanksgiving season for replenishing the linen closet, when such an outlay seems imperatively necessary. So it has seemed best, as usual, for us to make extra preparations for such demands, at this season of the year, more even, than in January, the linen month.

We are very proud of our showing, which comprises a most complete stock of Irish, Scotch and German linens.

Table damask, table sets, napkins and decorative linens. A great assortment. Tried and proved qualities from the practical every day sorts, to the extreme of linen loveliness.

Note the range of qualities and prices. An assortment broad enough to meet every demand. Values the best that money can procure.

This same quality would sell regularly by the yard at \$1.25, during this sale you can buy the cloth ready to hem. Size 2 x 2 yds, \$2.00; 2 x 2 1/2 yds, at \$2.50; 2 x 3 yds, \$3.00; 2 x 3 1/2 yds, \$3.50; 2 x 4 yds, \$4.00.

Napkins to match these cloths, in three sizes, 20, 22 and 24 inch, at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per dozen.

Table Damask. Heavy bleached table damask, sixty inches wide at yard, 25c. A good quality bleached damask of Irish manufacture, worth 45c, special price at yard, 35c.

All linen, Irish cream damask, sixty three inches wide, a splendid grade to wear. Regular fine quality for this special event at yard, 39c. Extra heavy, all linen, cream damask, sixty eight inches wide, a quality that sells regularly for 50c. Buy now at yard, 50c.

Heavy, all linen, cream damask, seventy two inches wide, one if bought in the regular way in the market, would have to be sold at 75c. We have 20 pieces to offer, at yard, 55c.

Heavy weight, all linen, silver bleached, German damask, sixty eight inches wide, one of the best wearing cloths that is manufactured, worth regularly 75c, during this sale, choose at yard, 59c.

An all linen, bleached Irish damask, specially good value, at yard, 59c.

An extra value in a seventy two inch width, all linen, Irish table damask, in a wide range of patterns, at yard, 59c.

We shall offer twenty five pieces of heavy, all linen, bleached, table damask, very fine weave, in a splendid range of pretty patterns. Very special value, at yard, 75c.

Silver bleached, German damask, seventy two inches wide, quality which would be good value at \$1.10, on sale, at yard, 95c.

A full bleached, heavy Scotch damask, extra fine weave, in a wide range of handsome desirable patterns, seventy two inches wide, a splendid \$1.25 number, at yard, \$1.10. Twenty inch napkins to match, at \$2.50, twenty-four inch to match, at \$3.50.

Pattern Table Cloths. An all linen, Irish pattern cloth, in a fine assortment of new designs. Size 2x2 yds, at \$1.50; 2x2 1-2 yds, at \$1.85; 2x3 yds, at \$2.25. Extra heavy pattern table cloths, made in Scotland.

The Great McCurdy Silk Sale. A silk sale of huge size and importance. The finest silk products of many looms and kinds which everybody is just now looking for, in the most wanted color effects.

The mere yardage of these silken folds is amazing, while their beauty, style, serviceability and price are drawing hundreds of appreciative and prudent-minded women.

These silks were bought by various searchings of the market, and this sale is the climax of much serious and well-applied knowledge of silks and their value.

Opportunity again beckons you—among the hundreds who have silk wants to fill and regard the importance of filling them economically.

These silks come in all the light effects, comprising warp print Louisines, Taffetas, Messalines, in a wide range of patterns. Every style for evening gowns and all extreme occasions of dress.

You can choose from \$1 silk at 79c a yard, \$1.25 silks at 89c \$1.50 and \$1.75 silks at \$1, \$1 Crepe de Chine at 69c, \$1.25 figured Crepe de Chine at \$1.

## Pyrographic Display

This very interesting branch of our business presents a scene of activity these days. Folks are thinking of Christmas needs and many wise ones are making the most beautiful gifts with a pyrographic outfit.

We have a skilled artist in this fascinating work who gives free instruction in the art—just one lesson and you can go ahead with the burning.

An outfit costs you \$1.50 and \$2.00. Better ones at \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Complete line of large pyro-etched novelties to be finished, comprising desks, dressing tables, odd chairs, stools, tabourettes, hall seats, etc.

We will sell 100 glove boxes in a fine variety of designs, ready for burning—size 12 1-2 x 3 1-2 x 4 inches, 25c.

Pyrographic Dep't. on third floor.

## Eiderdown Dressing Sacques

A feature of our showing is this special Sacque at a dollar. There is none better for the money, and it is not likely you will see as good anywhere else. These are made of ripple eiderdown, one style with crocheted edge, another with binding.

Will you not look at these full value \$1.25 Sacque for \$1.00.

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