

**HINTS FROM PARIS**

**GREEN AND PRUNE WILL BE THE POPULAR COLORS.**

**Materials Will Be Lighter in Weight—Sleeves Are to Be Smaller—Skirts Will Give More Slender Lines to the Figure.**

Tailor made costumes, except those strictly for business use, are to be made with a demi-train. There will be little or no trimming on the tailors' skirts outside of the inevitable stitched bands, tucks, pipings, etc.—but house and evening gowns make up for this by throwing simplicity to the winds and displaying every kind of extravagant lace incrustations, painted flowers, ruchings, paillettes, etc.

The favorite gown for next season will be made on princesses. We are threatened to become as surfeited with this mode as we were last year with the 1830 costumes. The most exquisite princess frocks are made on a strongly boned silk foundation and worn with a corset. Shell finesses of pleated silk laid in conventional shell pattern around the bottoms of skirts are the newest idea in the way of skirt finesses.

will stay with us. Fashion will permit a high-necked and long sleeved silk slip to be worn under it, the slip to be white or some very pale shade. A great many "cote effects" are seen in the review of autumn styles. These start from just below the chemisette and run to the foot of the skirt, giving a sort of princess effect to a two piece gown.

Almost every waist in the dressmaker's exhibit displays a borbis or revers of some kind. The material for this, even on the heavier frocks, is delicate and filmy—usually lace or very fine embroidered linen.



**A Dainty Little Apron.**

Freshly aprons serve the double purpose of protecting the frocks and rendering their young wearers attractive. This one is quite novel, made in suspender style, and is adapted both to white lawns and similar materials and the colored ones of harder usage. It is made with waist and skirt portions, which are joined by a belt, and the suspenders, the portions of which are attached with pearl buttons, but at the center fronts the waist and skirt are cut in one, so giving unbroken lines at that point. In this instance white dimity is finished with machine stitching, but if a more dressy effect is desired, the suspenders and bands can be made of insertion.

**NEEDLEWORK NOTES.**

The lovely old palm pattern is conspicuous in broderie Anglaise. A soft pillow filled with sweet clover gives a delicious and refreshing odor. Many prefer clover to a pea filling.

To give a bedroom a dressy appearance, during the daytime figured denim or pique spreads with deep gathered flounces and a rounding border of the same conceal all signs of blankets or bed linens.

Hands and cut-out motifs of white muslin are applied to some of the main in white serge or cloth and if skillfully used may give originality, yet detract little from the desired severity of line and finish.

The piece bag and the button box are important adjuncts of mending and should be near to hand, while in the basket itself should be a smaller box or bag with pieces of braid, the firm Scotch tape, both black and white, elastic and webbing in all the usual widths.

**The Women of Paraguay.**  
In Paraguay the women are, in the proportion of seven to one, as compared with men. The consequence is that the men are taken great care of and everything which is unpleasant or might be risky to the life of a man is done by the women. The streets are cleaned, ships are loaded, oxen are driven by them and it is even said that they have taken part in their country's wars, acting as substitutes for their men folk.

**To Clean Chamber Vase.**  
Remove the dirt by washing in warm water, applying soap. Dry slowly, do not bear the fire, as that will harden the leather.

When it is almost dry rub between your hands until pliable and soft. After it is quite dry give it a good beating with a soft brush.

The piece of wax tracing board, which is used for tracing cloth over the pattern, should be immediately warmed and used while it is still soft. It should be used in a warm room, and should be kept in a warm place when not in use.

**QUEENS WHO DRESS POORLY.**

**Display Poor Taste in Selecting and Wearing Clothes.**

Wilhelmina is the worst, according to this critic of royal garments, and Edward's Queen is but little behind her, for, although she chooses clothes fairly well (or has them chosen for her), she does not know how to put them on or wear them, does not know how to wear her hair, or what to wear upon her head.

The Dowager Margherita alone of all these crowned heads knows clothes. Some of them, according to the dressmaker critic, cannot even wear their crowns becomingly, and make their robes of state look like hand-me-downs from a bargain counter, while their every day clothes, placed on them by scores of maids, look as if they had been thrown at the wearer and alighted upon her form haphazard.

That England's Queen manages to dress even as well as she does is because she has made a chum of a well-dressed American woman, who has shown her how to shop and something of how to wear clothes.

The Kaiserin wears her hats too far back upon her head, and her hair is of the short and fuzzy order around her forehead, which is hopeless in these days of luxuriant locks. She makes the mistake of drawing the rest of it back skin tight from her face, and this is one of the reasons that she is never at her best in evening gowns.

The Kaiserin has not many individual ideas about her dress and leaves the details to her dressmaker. Her good figure and the fact that her riding hats are worn over her forehead in a way that suits her, makes her riding dress the most becoming that the Empress puts on.

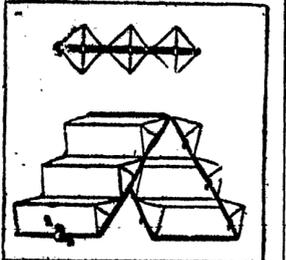
Queen Christina is too near Paris not to be well tinged with some of the good ideas that come from that metropolis, but she wears her clothes with a stiffness which is distressing even in spite of the youthfulness of her slender figure.

Queen Helena of Italy, in spite of her beauty, will never have the taste of Margherita. Although she appears in stunning creations upon great occasions, her clothes usually have more of the appearance of comfort than great smartness. She has odd notions, too, about wearing her gowns a great many times, which she will do if she happens to like one particularly. Not long ago some one remonstrated with her about the number of times she was seen in a violet frock, and she remarked that, as the King liked it, she did not see any reason for not wearing it.

Queen Olga of Greece, beloved by her people as she is, has never shown great taste in her dress, and has always cared more for comfort.—New York Mail.

**Folding Bread Pans.**

The original claims made for the baking pan here illustrated are that it presents the least amount of oven bearing surface possible and at the



same time is entirely exposed on all sides to the heat. Despite the square shape of the loaves produced by the pan illustrated, there is no difficulty in removing them without breaking the crust, as the pan cover constitutes just one-half the section of each loaf.

**HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.**

Paint may often be removed from the most delicate fabrics by patient rubbing with chloroform.

Colored goods should be ironed on the wrong side.

Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take paint out of clothing even if it be dry and hard. Saturate the spots as often as necessary and wash out in soap suds.

Celery can be kept for a week or longer by first rolling it up in brown paper. Then pin it in a towel and keep it in a dark, cool place. Before preparing it for the table place it in a pan of cold water and let it remain for an hour. This will make it crisp and cool.

When a broom becomes shorter on one side than the other and the ends of the straws become as sharp as needles, dip it into hot water, trim it evenly with the shears and you will have a broom nearly as good as new.

**To Clean Mirrors.**  
There is quite a knack in cleaning looking glasses to make them brilliant.

Begin by washing the glass first with a sponge dipped in spirits of wine, then do it over with a clean sponge and cold water. Dry with a soft duster that is free from fuzz, and polish with a leather or silk handkerchief.

If the glass is very dirty, dust the front whitening or powdered blue over it before polishing.

Be careful not to splash the spirits of wine over the frame or to rub over any sliding.

If the glass is very large do a small portion at a time, so as not to wet all over at once.

**BABY'S DAILY MOUTH WASH.**

**A Detail Often Neglected Until Trouble Arises.**

If mothers wish their children to have good teeth and the system to be in generally good condition, special attention must be given to the mouth from the time the infants are born.

Babies' mouths should be thoroughly cleansed twice a day with lukewarm water, for upon the care given them depends the strength of the first set of teeth, and if a clean condition does not obtain the stomach will be affected, besides the breath being unpleasant. Also that the mouths of small children are so delicate that they need special attention to keep them from getting sore, and should be swabbed out as often as convenient to prevent future suffering and sores, is the opinion of the head nurse of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, New York.

"It is necessary for cleanliness to wash out a baby's mouth at morning and night, and, if possible, cleanse it each time directly after taking food," she says.

"One of the best plans I know for a mother to follow in nursing a young child is to keep handy a cup of sterilized water and a piece of soft absorbent cotton so she can cleanse baby's mouth as soon as it has been fed. I think the water should be slightly warm, so it will not shock the little one, who will like to have it done.

"Washing out an infant's mouth is by no means an easy task, for instead of rubbing the gums or even wiping them, they must be lightly patted with the cotton to avoid bruising the delicate skin.

"Each day mothers should look carefully under the tongue and around the gums to make sure there is no canker that young babies are subject to.

"As soon as a small red sore appears the mother should treat it with burnt alum, which will usually cure it. If after two or three applications it has not disappeared, I would advise calling in a physician, for the continued soreness shows that it is caused by a disordered stomach that needs attention. As these small red spots are painful if neglected, every mother should keep alum in her home in powdered form to save the infant suffering.

"After making it black in a hot oven for two or three minutes the alum should be put in a small paper funnel that is placed in baby's mouth directly above the sore and then blown onto the red spot, where it attacks.

**CONCERNING WOMEN.**

The nursing sisters employed at San Isidro grow so tired of poor fare and rigorous discipline that they went out on strike. They wrecked an entire wing of the hospital and made a bonfire of the medical stores.

A bride and bridegroom cycled to St. John's Church, Epping, East London, on separate bicycles. After the wedding they returned to the bride's residence on a tandem.

With a heart attuned to "nature study," a little Hungarian girl in the Canadian Northwest, exclaimed: "Yah, teacher: It's certain beautiful on our prairie, where the birds, and the small sheep run about raw."

Keep your mouth shapely and of good color and you have won more than a point. Keep your figure by exercise and the elasticity of your carriage by attention in walking and nobody will question gray hair and a few wrinkles. The hair turns gray, nowadays, from several causes, and climate and city living play havoc with the skin. Remedy these defects if you can, but do it without risk, or not at all.

**Care of Metal Beds.**  
If metal beds are chosen with an eye to their keeping bright, and then given just a little care, there's no necessity for their turning dull and tarnishing.

Be careful, in getting your bed, to see if the trimmings (or the bed itself, if it is all brass), are carefully finished. If you don't know the signs yourself, ask some one who knows; it may cost a little more than you thought, but it will be less in the long run.

Enameling can be done (re-done, that is) at home with very little trouble. And enamel paint costs so little that there's no excuse for letting a white iron bed go shabby, even though frequent handlings may have scoured the enamel in places.

Once in every few weeks, too, an enameled bed should be gone over with a soapy rag. It is surprising how much dirt will come off and how fresh the enamel will look after its cleaning.

**Perfumed Sheets for Sleep.**  
Lavender-scented sheets are said to induce sweet slumbers. The odor is exceedingly fresh, clean and wholesome and old-fashioned housewives always scented their linen and drapery. Italian orris-root and French vetiver, a dried root, may be substituted for the lavender if the latter cannot be procured.

**Divorces in Maine.**  
In Maine divorce is almost as easily secured as in South Dakota, and every year the number of applicants for the legal unbinding of marriage ties increases. In the year ended June 30, according to the report of Dr. A. G. Young, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, there were decreed in Maine 248 divorces, or one divorce for every 4.4 marriages solemnized.

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