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**WHAT TO WEAR AND HOW TO WEAR IT**

Special Correspondent of This Paper Writes Entertainingly to Women

**LATEST FROM THE METROPOLIS**

**A Neat Ladies Shirtwaist Which Can Be Made Very Economically—How Dress that Will Be Found Convenient and Serviceable—Dress for a Little Girl.**

One of the most popular designs of the season is shown in the shirtwaist here illustrated. The collar is fastened to the waist with buttons in front. The cuffs are close to the wrist and



**Ladies' Shirt Waist.**  
button like the collar. Stitching and edged silk rectangles, in which the button holes are made, form the only decoration.

For house wear a dress like this has many advantages and can be worn over a waist and skirt. It is made in one piece and buttons all the way down the side front and has a fold of the same material on the bottom which extends all the way around ex-



**A Pretty House Dress.**  
on the front panel. A Duchess fold, edged with a band the width of the fold on the skirt, adds simplicity to this dainty house dress. The sleeves here shown are full length and finished off with a straight cuff. They can be made elbow length if desired.

This is one of the prettiest little dresses of the season. The yoke and sleeves are made of sage green cash-



**Dress for a Little Girl.**  
mere, braided with black soutache. The dress itself is navy blue flannel lined with black braid. The front is covered and fastens with one large button.—JULES THERROW.

The simplest and best lotion for chafes is: The juice of one lemon, a teaspoonful of powdered borax and one of sugar. It may be applied two or three times a day.

**Notes and Comment**  
OF Interest to Women Readers

**DACHELORS CAUGHT BY STYLE.**

If Girls Wish to Wed They Must Wear Pretty Clothes.

The girl who goes to the seaside with the intention of coming back engaged is generally well dressed. A pretty dress means so much when you are going to make an impression. Men are susceptible to good looks and nice clothes. And even to nice clothes without the good looks. If a girl hasn't actual beauty but is well dressed, men will say, "She looks like a nice girl."

Love is over in league with the dressmaker and even Beauty cannot afford to ignore the modes. It is natural for a girl to like pretty frocks, and what man is there that doesn't want a natural, human girl when he marries?

Besides, a perfect toilette explains so many things. There's the joy of life in a new hat, and the shining tresses that nestle beneath it. Good temper and vivacity lurk in the folds of the robe-de-Chine. The softness of love flutter in new laces and ribbons. A pretty dress may mean a fortune if it is instrumental in bringing about an engagement. Everybody recognizes the importance of appearances. None better than the match-making mother.

It is always when Betty is looking "lovelier than ever in her exquisite costume" that Billy decides to propose and does so.

Really men are much more sensible than is generally supposed. They appreciate the fact that a woman who takes a pride in her appearance is more likely to be a credit to them than one that just has her good looks to rely on.

Beauty fades, but new dresses go on forever. Some women have a remarkable habit of dressing badly, and even a pretty face won't save them. The result is that, if they marry at all, it is some man who doesn't bother about dress. Such men are a blot upon our fair land.

How much are veils responsible for! Unprepossessing features take on a magic charm through a veil. By the time that a man discovers faults in a nose and mouth, the charms of a perfect costume have had their effect.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

To remove pitch, wheel grease, tar stains—soften the stains with lard, then soak in turpentine. Scrape off carefully with a knife, all the loose surface dirt; sponge clean with turpentine and rub gently till dry.

White bone may be easily cut if it is first immersed in hot water for a few minutes.

To remove grease from silk, moisten the spots with chloroform and rub with a cloth till dry.

Match marks on a polished or varnished surface may be removed by first rubbing with a cut lemon and then with a cloth dipped in water.

**The Woman Who Failed.**

Sometimes I wonder if I could have held his love longer had I dressed more and been more careful that he should never see me unless I was attractively gowned. When I look back I am filled with dismay to think how often he has seen me when I must have been most unattractive. It is true that seventeen years of married life have made me careless. I remember all the lacy, delicate, perfumed lingerie of my wedding trousseau, and how he used to admire them and call them "frillkins." But now I wear the plainest and sometimes most unnecessary and even extravagant to spend so much money on lingerie. Instead, I have put it in the house—rugs, cut glass, and silver—in things I could "keep."

Oh, how foolish I have been! How much wiser to have bought some expensive morning gowns than that solid silver tea set this fall. The gowns would have made me more attractive every morning at breakfast; and the tea service—I don't think he has ever noticed it.

And in the evening for dinner—how rarely I made any effort to dress when we dine out or have some one dining with us. What am I saving them for? I can have plenty more. Oh, how blind I have been! Why have I worn them only for the benefit of others? What do I gain from the passing admiration of strangers or even friends—compared to the admiration of my husband? Is it too late to begin anew? Can I ever of face the impression years of indifferent dressing have made upon him?—From "The Journal of a Neglected Wife."

**Married Men Favored.**

In the town of Strasburg, Germany, discrimination is made in favor of married couples with children in the matter of municipal salaries. Ten per cent. is deducted from the wages of men between 20 and 25 who are not married, and afterward five per cent.

**SHREVEPORT NEWS**

Sold to the David Rankin in Missouri—He Guesses It's True.

Nearly forty years ago an Illinois farmer discovered that land on one side of a State line was selling for \$20 an acre while he might buy any amount on the other side of the imaginary dividing mark for less than a third that amount. Real estate men told the farmer that no railroad lands ever go near the Missouri lands, but he sold his farm in Illinois and bought all he could of the land at \$6 an acre.

Not long ago David Rankin, who is the man that bought the cheap acreage, took an inventory of his possessions in the neighborhood of Taylor, Mo. The inventory showed \$4,443 acres, 12,000 fattening hogs, 9,000 cattle, 810 horses, more than 100 cottages, in which the employees of the farm were housed, great quantities of farm machinery and the like. The total figures up to something like \$1,200,000 in value, says Hampton's Magazine. That didn't include the 1,000,000 bushels of corn produced annually or the 150 miles of ditches and dikes, some of which had been draining the marsh lands of forty years ago.

"They say I'm the biggest farmer in the world," Rankin says, "and I guess it's true. Lots of men have more land than I, but they use it for cattle ranges only. Mine is a farm."

Rankin never raises cattle or furnishes range. He buys the raw steers from the plains and fattens them until worth twice what he pays for the "feeders," as they are called. He never sells corn because by feeding it to cattle, according to a minute calculation of his own, he gets more ample returns. It is forty miles from the nearest to the most distant of his farms.

Mr Rankin is Scotch-Irish. He was born in Indiana in rural poverty. He made his start trading a colt for slaves and raising the latter into steers. To-day he owns an immense factory, a municipal water system, telephone company, a bank and other enterprises in addition to his farm. When the notion takes him he adds \$50,000 or so to the endowment of Taylor College, a Presbyterian school in his home town which has known his generosity to the extent of \$250,000.

**Electricity from Straw.**

While electricity has frequently been recommended to the farmer as a convenient means for ploughing, operating machinery, pumping water, etc., yet in practice he has been rarely able to avail himself of such assistance since farms cannot be located in mountainous country where water power is abundant, while coal and gasoline for engines to drive the dynamo cannot be procured with sufficient cheapness to make the undertaking a practical success. Recently in France some interesting experiments have been carried on where various waste vegetable products, such as straw, leaves, reeds, unserviceable hay and similar substances have been used as fuel in gas generators. It has been found that from such materials a low carbon gas can be evolved in vertical gas generators, and by means of a gas motor and dynamo electricity can be developed. This can be done much cheaper than by burning coal or petroleum products, and when a number of farmers unite to maintain a plant that will furnish about fifty or seventy-five horse-power it is believed the electricity could be distributed about the neighborhood with considerable economy. The method employed was to collect the material, chopping straw and like substances, and the after it is dried, pressing it into bales weighing about 1,500 pounds per cubic yard. As it has taken the farmers of the western United States to develop the co-operative telephone line, used in some cases, fence wires as conductors, so it may be possible that French agriculturists will succeed in generating electricity so economically that it can be used not only for sections, but also for practical farming.

**They Didn't Get By, Anyway.**

William Dodge in "The Man at Home" was riding in the smoking car on a little one-track road in the northern part of the State some time ago and in the seat in front of him sat a jewelry drummer. He was one of those wide-awake, never-let-you-get-the-best-of-him style of men. Presently the train stopped to take on water, and the conductor neglected to send back a flagman. A limited express, running at the rate of ten miles an hour came along and bumped the rear end of the first train. The drummer was lifted from his seat on a pitched head-first against the windshield. His silk hat was jammed clean down over his ears. He picked himself up and settled back in his seat. No bones had been broken. Then he pulled off his hat, drew a long breath and, straightening up, said: "Hully gee! Well, they didn't get by us, any way!"

**Hardly Encouraging.**

John D. Rockefeller, advising amiably with a reporter, gave home a remark on inefficiency with a story. "There was a man," he said, "who had no success at golf at all. The more he played, it seemed, the poorer he became. One day his work was particularly bad.

"Dear dear," he said to his caddy as he looked ruefully at a deep hole in the turf that he had just made with his iron, "dear, dear, there can't be worse players than myself."

"Well," said the caddy, "perhaps there's worse players, but they don't play."



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