

TOD SMART.

By HARRY C. ERNEST.

Captain Andrew Baldwin of the cavalry, tired and hungry he had been engaged in a duty involving much effort and exposure entered the mess room, unhooked his saber, stood in a corner, took a seat at the table and called for a servant to bring him some refreshment. The captain was senior of the mess and a very efficient commander. When a lieutenant had been sent before him he asked of the servant who placed it there.

FRIBBLES OF FASHION.

Cloth Top Boots Will Be Popular This Spring.

The most popular shoes for the spring will be the cloth top boots with substantial soles and certainly they are most comfortable soft and easy to wear.



SMART BREAKFAST JACKET

More conservative forms are found in panel plaited effects, a plain panel alternating with a plaited one or side plaits alternating with box plaits. Homespun and herringbone, though rather heavy looking are really light in weight and it is predicted that these fabrics will be greatly favored for spring and early summer wear.

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SNAPSHOTS OF FASHION.

A Suggestion From Paris Annet Costs Lingerie Dresses. The short coat which fits loosely and hangs in straight lines is the style most emphasized in spring suits.

Some of the new lingerie dresses are charming. They are shown over flat felt silk slips in the prettiest shades. On some of them are girlish and deep bands of colored silk. Even the slabs



A SLIM-FITTING DRESS IN FOOTBALL

orately trimmed ones escape the ground, which length makes for comfort and coyness.

Slim-fitting gowns will be much worn in the spring and summer. The dress illustrated is adapted especially well to found silk and fluerite materials. The dress is unlined and made with a flat panel which is continuous and gives long lines.

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A MISSING SAFE KEY

By BEVERLY WORTHINGTON.

"Great heavens!" Mr. Purbeck Jones, who made this exclamation, had entered his office in Lombard street, London, at 10 o'clock in the morning and found a note pinned to the door, which he read and then, gone to his safe and stood with a hand in his right pocket. He was white as a sheet.

"Anything wrong, sir?" asked the chief clerk, having just opened the door. "There was no key," the man said, "I never heard the speaker. I must be pleased faintly."

"At what hour does the English man leave?" "At noon, sir." "Then it is impossible." "What is impossible?" "Still Mr. Jones paid no attention to what was said to him."

"On the morning of the sailing of the Indian mail he went to his office and found a note pinned to the door, which he read and then, gone to his safe and stood with a hand in his right pocket. He was white as a sheet."

The man was a well known figure for a week or two. He had a wife and two children at home and the comfort he could give them with so large a sum.

Even at 10 o'clock, and they had succeeded in getting only so far as through the outer plates that protected the lock. At half past 11 they found that they were still obliged to cut through as much as they had already accomplished to reach the machinery that shot the bolts, and then they would need considerable time to shoot them.

The workmen, equally disappointed, gathered up their tools and silently passed out. The clerks resumed their positions on their desk stools, but only to pretend to work. All knew that a blow had struck the man for whom they worked, and each was thinking where he would find another situation.

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THE WHITE ROSES.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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A Queer Wifed Doctor.

A French surgeon who was once attending a patient resorted to an expedient which, although extraordinary, had never resulted in his own death.

He had been commissioned to bleed the patient and other through fluidity or nervousness had met with a wretched success. The point of the lancet, he felt, was in the vein, and the blood would not flow. That point must be put out somehow. Without stopping to consider the consequences to himself, he cut the vein with his high-powered lancet.

The patient, however, was engaged in a case when a witness was put in the presence of the reputation of the physician.

The witness was staggered for a moment at the words of the lawyer. The lawyer was feeling triumphant when the witness gathered himself together and quietly remarked addressing the lawyer.

Well you have the reputation of being a poor lawyer but I have never heard any one say so.

Romance of an Inkman. Penn and Harris are used in the sign of a famous printer and dispenser of stationery and business documents.

The Order Pleas'd the Cook. The following story is told on a misadventure of the Chinese island mission, a bachelor keeping house for himself in the southern part of China.

Exchange of Courtesy. One of the keenest of journalists and wits, Moritz Gottlieb Saphir, had the better of the Irish stranger against whom he ran by accident at the corner of a street in Munich.

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