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WOMAN THE MODERN MARTYR

Corsets Worn That Discard Comfort Heavy Hats and Tight Skirts—How Jewelry is Smart This Season—When It's Not Becoming.

Dear Elan—Have you a current event club in your town? Well, if you haven't, why don't you gather together the matrons and girls of the community, those who can rise above discussing the latest fashions or the domestic situation, both good topics in their place, and say every two or three weeks, give them a little talk, a resume of the big happenings of the day—things doing in the political, economic, artistic and literary world? "I've all read the papers and current magazines," you say. Yes, certainly you do. But how interesting it would be to come together and intelligently discuss the world's work!

I can picture the charming talk that might take place next summer on your delightfully roomy colonial porch. The

make a mess at the middle of the back, the lower skirt is crumpled, pulled, brought round to the front and fastened just within the top hook and the surplus ends tucked into the corset. This removes any strain around the waist lines or hips and is a smoother and better thing than to draw inches through the extra front hook. Fastened in this way, it is easy to draw in the hips and keep them so securely girded that the corset does not slip and slide on the figure.

The Russian Frisk. And, while on dress hints, what do you think of this little Russian frisk? It is one I have just had made and like extremely. The frock has the side fastening that is so fashionable this season and the girl which appears on most dresses that are not provided with belts. Oh, yes, we've found our waist line this spring and are accentuating it with all kinds of pretty girdings. You may be interested in knowing that the little costume is carried out in knitted silk, one of the new fabrics of the spring. And I wear with the dress my new set of lapis lazuli, including a stunning close dog collar of the blue stones. Never has blue jewelry been more in favor than at present, and lapis lazuli is considered very smart. It is being shown in charming cuff buttons and whole sets for the tailored shirt waist as well as in oriental looking necklaces and chains.

In wearing blue jewelry one's complexion must be taken into the reckoning. It is not safe to say that all blue eyed women can wear this popular color. Turquoise, for instance, brings depths of blue in certain sure eyes, while others turn green. Never go in for turquoise extensively if they are to be worn close to the face without first testing them in every possible light. Lapis lazuli is distinctly for the brunettes of blue-black hair and clear skin, though blonds also can wear it.

New Way of Serving Asparagus. At a recent luncheon here in New York the asparagus was very daintily served. The vegetable came to the table in a bread boat. One of the long loaves of bread, with pointed ends, had been directed of its brown crust and scooped out to make room for the asparagus. It had been brushed with melted butter and placed in the oven to get a fine biscuit color. The asparagus from a tin had been cut into short lengths and scalded. These were turned into the boat, and over them was poured a bechamel sauce made with a cupful of rich milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, a tablespoonful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt and a dash of nutmeg. Put the water and butter into a saucepan bring to boiling point, then add the flour, salt and sugar, mix over the fire all the mixture leaves the sides of the pan, remove from the fire and add the almond extract and the eggs, beating each one in thoroughly. Set away in a cool place for one hour. Put on a baking tin in small rounds, brush over with beaten egg and bake in a hot oven for forty minutes. One-half this recipe will make a dozen small puffs. When cold split them open on one side and fill them with the following mixture: Roll together one cupful

of sugar and one-third cupful of water until it forms a soft ball when rolled in cold water. Pour this gradually into the beaten white of one large egg, beat until stiff. Add one teaspoonful of almond extract, one well beaten egg, one cupful of chopped nuts, one-quarter cupful of sugar and one-quarter cupful of thick cream. Beat until thick and fill into the puffs. Sprinkle over with confectioners' sugar and serve in a silver cake basket decorated with roses.

An Artistic Easter Dessert. Save the shells of your eggs for several days before Easter. This is done by making a hole about the size of a dime in the small end and pouring out the contents. Rinse in cold water and set the shells in the refrigerator.

Make a jelly of blancmange, coloring it with several harmless vegetable dyes. Divide the jelly into portions for different colorings.

Set the eggs, holes upward, in a pan of cornmeal or sand and fill the shells with the jelly. This should be done the day before the dessert is to be used.

Make a nest on a shallow glass dish of split lady fingers or strips of candied orange peel. Crack the shells from the eggs and arrange them on a bed of moss on the nest within a mound of whipped cream in the center.

CHIC STYLES

An Attractive Costume—The Simplicity of Valued Fabrics.

Almost everything is revised now days, and the black with green, with its coverage of dull gold or oxidized silver lace, with black chiffon, is an effective illustration of this trend. The draped princess is the preferred model for the dressy frock, and the two toned skirt in street-waile and in this summer materials is one of the favorites.

A pretty little pongee frock that was recently seen has a two tiered skirt with box pleated bodice. The collar of the Russian type elaborately braided in motifs of the natural colored pongee.

Every really normal boy loves a game of baseball and desires a correct suit in which to play the game. The suit illustrated is practical and simple. The trousers are comfortably full.



BOYS' BASEBALL SUIT.

and can be padded on left side. There is very little work attached to the making of such a costume, and it is always possible to give individual touches that are done in the way you wear the suit.

JUDICIOUS

The May Mission pattern is cut in half of front cloth to fourteen yards of cloth. Send 25 cents to the publisher, 100 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., for the pattern. It is made in two sizes, 12 and 14, and is suitable for boys of any age. The pattern is made in a simple, practical style, and is suitable for use in any climate.

SEASONABLE FANCIES

Blond is One of the New Colors. Also a New Blue Tone. Blond is one of the new colors. At first glance it looks like the old champagne shade, but a comparison reveals the fact that the new blond has a dash of brown in it instead of the tinge of yellow evident in the champagne color.

There is a new shade of blue in spring materials, a rich, warm shade. It reminds one of a pale shade of sea



AN EARLY SPRING WAIST.

Set or Allow blue, suggesting the shade of Gray were absent. Belts and waist lines are assuming importance this season. Many new dresses show the natural waist line sharply defined by a girde.

Those sets in jet are pretty and serviceable, for there is no need to become discolored.

The waist illustrated is charming at all seasons, especially so, just now, when bordered materials and furnishings are to be met at every turn in the present instance, dotted swiss makes the waist and matching border the prettier, while the yoke is of all over embroidery.

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SENSIBLE LITTLE WARM WEATHER FROCK.

girls could bring their sewing and after the feast of reason abundantly supplied by their hostess, your clever self there would be a flow of afternoon tea dainties, the sort you know so well how to make.

A current event talk I attended last week given under the auspices of the Daughters of 1812 has aroused my enthusiasm anew for this kind of get-information-quick entertainment. The clever speaker that morning—a woman, by the way—spoke very eloquently of the benefits of the proposed postal savings banks to people living in out of the way communities. The idea is to have Uncle Sam for the people's banker and to send small savings to him through the post, just as letters are sent. He would give a receipt for the money and 2 per cent interest. A spirit of thrift would be awakened in persons living far from banks and far from their savings banks.

The bill has passed the senate, and let us hope the house will act upon it this session.

The Modern Martyr.

To drop the political outlook and dip into the forecast of spring and summer modes, the first thought after reviewing the styles designed for us this season is what true heroines are the women of today who wear clothes as they are ordained by the life in the dress of fashion! These women go forth in tight, long corsets that discard comfort, enormous hats which won't allow them to lean back in a car or closed carriage and in high heels that are always catching in something or other, skirts which make it impossible for them to take a normal step, silly little wrist bags that must be clutched constantly or they will get lost, and heads weighed down with swirl turbans, extra braids and curls under their "Chantecler" or "airship" hats. And women wear all this toggery so smilingly that men think—But what does man think when he beholds a fashionably dressed woman? Perhaps he doesn't know that her clothes are uncomfortable, for he hasn't worn them, and no woman on earth would confess to him how she feels in them. Yes; women of fashion or those who aspire to be such are braver than the martyrs of old, for the martyrs remembered sometimes. But what woman ever wavered in her stoles, no matter how her clothes were hurting her?

It seems to me if women accomplish great things in the future it will be because of their training in discomfort. But here is a comfortable corset first worth noting. Instead of letting the strings dangle at the waist, the



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