

# Woman's World

Opinions on the Harem Skirt Are Divided Like the Garment.

Opinions are divided, like the garment itself, concerning the beauty and utility of the harem skirt. Already the curious combination of skirt and trousers has appeared in the large cities of America as well as the old world. In truth it must be said that the women who have worn the harem skirt, or the *jeupe culotte*, to give it a name that comes from Paris, were actresses who were eager to have their names and pictures in the papers.



HAREM SKIRT FOR OTHER WEAR.

Just then a woman wearing a harem skirt appeared, and the concert was killed off. The crowd cared much more for the entertainment offered by the wearer of the trousers than for an elephant playing a mouth organ. *Kepler Snyder* and *Hattie* returned to the elephant house, and the elephants followed off after the harem skirt and its satisfied wearer.

A writer in an English paper considers the case for and against the harem skirt and expresses the opinion that more can be said against the garment than for it.

"Speaking generally of the projected mode," says this writer, "it is not to be commended, since it continues the series of what may be called the eccentric fashions which we have religiously followed for almost the whole of the first decade of this century. Now and then it is permissible to be foolish and extreme, since it serves the better to accentuate the charm of more becoming or less exaggerated styles when they are brought forward, but we cannot blind ourselves to the fact that for some seasons now we have



HAREM SKIRT FOR THE HOUSE.

persistently adopted modes which have been peculiar rather than pretty, and of the harem is to follow on the 'hobble' we shall assuredly have gone a step further along our apparently determined course to make ourselves conspicuous rather than elegant.

"The woman of every nation has her physical as well as mental characteristics. The harem skirt is doubtless beautiful on the Turkish woman, and what can exceed the charm of the kimono on little *Mme. Chrysanthe*. But *Nigar* would not be as attractive in a taller light skirt, nor *Mme. Minnet* in a shorter one. Why then should we think we should be able to clothe ourselves with success according to the fancy of the fashion mongers of other countries?"



## Milady's Mirror

### Homemade Cosmetics.

Any woman who intends making cosmetics must first understand certain fundamental rules or she will only waste materials.

Fats, such as spermaceti wax and others, must be melted before being used. They may even be melted a little, but two facts are to be borne in mind. One is that direct heat must never be employed. The other is that the only way by which to melt fats is to put the tin into a hot water bath and place the tin in the bath.

When the tin is in the bath, the heat will be only warm and not hot unless the bath is made too hot.

When liquids are to be combined with grease, as rose-water in cold cream, the mixing must be slow and stirring incessant. It is better to put together they will not blend. The stream of liquid should be not more than a thread in size and if the mixture begins to harden too soon it may be returned for a moment to the bath, continuing stirring.

Still another point is that glass or china should always be the receptacle. Metals will be oxidized and with some formulas will cause the result through chemical action. Stirring if metal is employed, must be done with silver. An ivory paper cutter is good only one must be certain it is ivory and not celluloid. Bone is ideal for almost any chemical work, and a glass rod is unobtainable.

When toilet waters are being compounded they must stand always for ten days before opening and three months will bring better results. Homemade powders are rarely successful only because they are not mixed sufficiently. Ten times is more than many to pass a formula through a connoisseur.

Another cause of failure is that inexperienced persons attempt to use the perfume oils used in the world. Instead of the powder into the oils.

Smoothness is impossible in either case, but in the latter way if a few grains are absorbed at a time, all the oil is taken on and many sittings will finally distribute it the same being forced through the skin each time.

Lemon Juice to Remove Stains. There are various preparations sold by milliners to remove stains under the finger nails. With careful laws most of these can be relied upon, but if there is any doubt about a special preparation substitute lemon juice.

As a stain remover it is excellent and the woman who keeps half a lemon on the stationary washstand where she washes her hands early will have to blush for the usefulness of her nails.

Oxalic acid is also good but is injurious to some skins. It should be applied with a bit of cotton on the end of an orange wood stick. In using the lemon the tips of the fingers can be rubbed into a section of it. Later rinse well with clear water.

Stains on the sides of the fingers are quickly removed with a moist pumice stone. This is invaluable to get off the first blotches after preserving, painting or doing any disfiguring work. In cases where the skin under the nails has roughened a little powdered pumice can be moistened with lemon juice and applied with an orange wood stick.

Colored Shoes No Longer in Fashion. The smart women in New York society no longer wear colored shoes. That lively fancy at least is vanishing. Black is now far more popular. It is said the fancy colors were given up because they made the feet look "so awfully big," as one young woman poutingly expresses it. Patent leather is seen, and black velvet is the choice of the woman who can afford any number of pairs and who motors everywhere. In certain cases the uppers of the new feminine boots and shoes are made of pale mushroom tinted kid, and now and then one still sees the shoe that matches the gray or brown skirt. For dancing the favorite is a black velvet boot laced up the front and fastened at one side with a black pearl button. Black satin dancing boots wrought with gold and silver were worn the other day at a dance in a fashionable section of the metropolis.

To Save Cologne. The latest crystal and silver cologne bottles have an elongated stopper that touches the bottom of the bottle, and this facilitates the use and saving of the perfume. The cologne, with the aid of the stopper, can be quickly and economically applied to either the dress or handkerchief.

Acid Fruits, For Beauty. "To create and maintain a clear complexion," says a French beauty specialist, "it is necessary to partake of acid fruit at least once a day." This rule is easy to follow.

## WOMAN IS BALLOONIST.

Charlotte Granville Wants to Try For the Lahn Cup.



MISS CHARLOTTE GRANVILLE.

Miss Charlotte Granville, a young Englishwoman who has made fifty or more balloon ascensions, wants to test her skill and endurance against the same qualities possessed by American men. In other words, she wants to try for the cups offered for long distance flights in gas bags.

Miss Granville is duly licensed as a pilot and is a member of the Royal Aero Club of England. She can't talk part in the James Gordon Bennett race. Because the entries for that contest must be made by a club, but she is eager to make a flight in competition with Messrs. Hawley and Post, who won the cup last year and established a world's record when they flew from St. Louis into the wilds of Canada.

Ballooning possesses a great fascination after one tries the sport, Miss Granville says, and she is surprised that more American women have not tried it. She does not regard the danger as being greater than that taken daily by occupants of automobiles. The delights of sailing through the air she describes as much greater than those of bounding over a country road in a touring car.

Miss Granville began her ballooning as a pupil of C. S. Rula, the young English nobleman who was killed while making an aeroplane flight in England last summer.

White Tulle Bridal Veil. Prospective June brides will be interested in the accompanying illustration of a bridal veil. It is of tulle decorated with orange blossoms. Fashions in



bridal veils are never radical, but the one shown is up to date and could not help but please any bride and add to her attractiveness.

Useful Present For a Bride. Instead of the usual shower friends of a bride who was recently married and went at once to housekeeping gave her a box labeled "the things you have forgotten." In it there were balls of different kinds of twine in holders by which to hang them and with scissors to cut the string, a bottle of fountain pen ink, balls of various widths of tape, cards of buttons, including shoe buttons and, the cord by which to sew them on (the kind with tags on the ends), several lead pencils, pads of paper of different sizes, a corkscrew, a tack hammer with claw, tags and labels for bottles, boxes and packages, spools of thread of various sizes and papers of needles, a bottle of mangle and a tube of glue, several sheets of wrapping paper and some other everyday necessities.

Chiroprapist With a Grievance. Miss Emily A. Chapman is a chiroprapist of Los Angeles who was rejected by a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She maintains that it was because she carries her living in such a way. Miss Chapman was formerly a member of the Quaker City chapter in Philadelphia, but could not get three women from that chapter to endorse her when she went west, she says she will bring the matter before the national body, and the result is being watched with interest. Members of the D. A. R. say there may have been some other reason than that assigned, as many of the daughters work for a living.

## BARON'S GRANDDAUGHTER.

Mrs. Dandridge Spotswood to Be Prominent at Coronation.



MRS. DANDRIDGE SPOTSWOOD.

Mrs. Dandridge Spotswood, a New York society leader, will take a prominent place during the coronation festivities in London in June. Every country on the globe will be represented in the English capital at that time, and many important social events have already been planned.

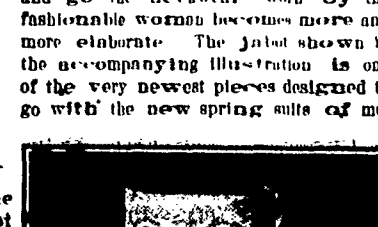
Mrs. Spotswood was Miss Katherine von Wolf. She was born in the United States though her grandfather was a baron. She has long been prominent in London society having been acquainted with King Edward before as well as after he ascended the throne. One of her first possessions is a jeweled frog she received from King Edward only a short time before his death.

Beautiful Girls Shun Colleges. Men for years have praised women college students for their beauty and have taken it for granted there is something in the college atmosphere that develops vivacity and attractiveness. But a Westchester college girl, who has been graduated less than a year recently criticized the old belief. Beautiful girls do not go to college, she said, and for the reason they know they have the best chance for marriage.

"They weigh the chances of a happy marriage against the possession of a college degree and the poor, stupid old degree is found wanting every time," she said. "The majority of college girls are those who recognize their lack of attractiveness and who determine with more than one sigh for the lot of Missions, to let themselves be carried to their own livelihood. Perhaps this may seem like a severe indictment of the girls who do go to college, and attractive to men, but I don't mean it that way. I don't mean at all that intellectual aptitude is not to be found among beautiful girls, but only that they are more fortunate in being able to choose what they will do."

Best Way to Wash Flannels. Flannels should be washed in warm water that have had a little ammonia added to them. The flannels should be rubbed between the hands, not on a board, and dipped up and down in the suds until they are free from dirt and stains. Squeeze them with the hands until as much water as possible is removed and then rinse in water of the same temperature as that in which they were washed. Wring out again hang in the shade and press them out on the wrong side while still damp. Flannels should never be placed in the sun to dry or they will shrink. Special care should also be taken when rubbing the garments to see that all the dirt is removed before they are wrung out and hung up to dry.

Newest Thing in Neckwear. It seems that as the seasons come and go the neckwear worn by the fashionable woman becomes more and more elaborate. The latest shown in the accompanying illustration is one of the very newest pieces designed to go with the new spring suits of men.



Small Girls Like Pajamas. Mothers of small girls are finding out that their little daughters prefer for their night apparel pajamas like those worn by the boys rather than the more usual luggery garments.

The just before bedtime romp, the hour of a half hour beloved by the young folk is "lots more fun," said a small girl recently, "if you're not bothered with lumpy skirts."

The pajamas for girls are cut exactly like those which brother wears, but the materials are daintier in coloring and often in weave.

Attractive Blisa. The expression "in fresh bib and tucker" will take on new significance if the mother adopts a novel idea recently seen. The ordinary child's bib is extended to the waist line, where it is cut into a belt to fasten around the waist. This shape is neat, and it stays in place. It may be made very attractive when embroidered in white with buttonhole silts, through which a ribbon may be run to tie at the back of the waist.

Novel Dress For Girl. A novel adaptation of the kimono sleeve effect is shown for the dress of a little girl. The side body and the sleeve of elbow length are cut in one piece, which has a lap extending from the front of the shoulder to the bust line, the lap buttoning over upon the double box plait, which extends down to the hem of the dress skirt. Simple, yet chic, is this little frock, a pattern of which is given in one of the current magazines.

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## Points For Mothers



Health and Beauty. Dear American ladies, you are not very graceful. You are very beautiful and you wear marvelous toilets, but you are not exceedingly graceful. I wonder why. Shall I tell you some thing I have sometimes thought since I came to your country?

Grace, real grace, is founded on natural, normal, perfect health. No, I do not mean the robust, I mean the virile, sinuous and supple. The big hips, the fat shoulders are as unhealthy and unnatural as scrawny and anaemic. Is there anything slier to see more beautiful than the absolutely sure grace of any living creature ever truly healthy? I think not.

Now you are going to ask me what these things I am saying have to do with you. Must I make myself plain? I have just explained that almost any normal healthy living creature is naturally graceful. Well, then, can you not conceive that an unhealthy and abnormal creature might almost as necessarily be awkward?

No, I am not saying all American women are unhealthy and abnormal, but to tell you the truth, it has sometimes occurred to me that a little more work, I mean by that definite and healthy occupation would make the women of your country healthier and happier, more normal and more graceful.

Dear American ladies, never stand with your weight evenly divided, your feet together and your shoulders squared—that is, never stand in this position unless you wish to look like a German officer on parade. A woman's body as she stands in a drawing room or passes to speak to a friend should always be relaxed. I call all the great Greek statues to bear witness that what I say is so.

Remember that charming broken line on the left side of the Venus de Milo—the long graceful sweep of the right side. That is the ideal of what I mean.

Always allow the weight of the body to rest more on one foot than on the other. Have the foot which is not bearing the weight lightly touching the ground. After all, it is but balancing the body.

Allow the entire side of the torso to relax with the foot and limb which is shirking the burden. That lets the hip and the shoulder down, throws up, slightly and charmingly the hip and shoulder supporting the weight. The attitude is graceful, natural, altogether feminine—Anna Pavlova in *Harper's* *Hazzar*.

Little Things. Little things are sometimes important. Here is an instance: There was cold weather and then a little warm weather and then cold again in York, Pa. An icicle formed on the waterspout of a certain house. The weather turned warm again. The icicle fell in the night and made a loud noise that awakened one of the sleepers. The awakened person found that the house was full of coal gas that was escaping through a hole in the stovepipe and that might have killed the whole family if one of them had not been aroused by the fall of the icicle.

The Game of Menagerie. All the players take the name of animals. If played indoors they sit in chairs, if outside on benches. A leader then tells a story about animals; bringing in some of the names chosen. When a name is mentioned the owner gets up, gives the sound of the animal and sits down, but if the word "menagerie" or "animals" is used all must get up and give the sound of the animals they represent. A new leader is chosen after awhile by the old leader, who is blindfolded and then feels about until he touches some one.

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## For the Children

A Baby Lima and His Knee Braces.



In an attempt to cure a bad case of knockknees a unique mechanical experiment is being performed upon a valuable baby Lima at the Cincinnati Zoological Garden. He persisted in rubbing his fore knees together. Various ways to correct the fault were tried, but until the steel forms with their straps were made and applied was any success noted. The little fellow now walks and frisks about with the braces on without having his knees bother him. The mechanical device will be continued until he has outgrown the fault.

The Admiral and the Sentry. When Admiral de Horsey, who some years ago had command of the British fleet in the Pacific, was admiral of the north Atlantic squadron he was one evening dining on shore at Fort Royal, Jamaica. On returning to his boat his way led across the barrack square. A black sentry of one of the West India regiments halted him at the gate with "Who comes dar?" Great was the admiral's annoyance to find that he had neglected to get the password before leaving the ship. "That's all right," he said carelessly, hoping to overcome the man's scruples by indifference. "You know who I am." "Dunno nobody, sah," replied the soldier sturdily. "You can't pass here." "Why, I'm Admiral de Horsey!" The man evidently thought he was being made fun of, and he replied quickly: "Well, you can't pass, I don't care if you're Admiral de Horsey." And the windup was that the admiral had to get the order of the officer of the guard to pass him.

A Pearl Diver's Peril. We all love pearls, yet few of us realize the perils of diving for pearls. The successful diver must be courageous, active and have great presence of mind. A diver once engaged in pearl fisheries in the Gulf of California tells the story of one of his many experiences:

"I had filled my bag with oysters and was about to ascend when, looking up, I saw a big man eating shark watching me. I knew that to rise to the surface would be fatal, so I moved quickly to the opposite rocks, stirred up a great cloud of mud, rose in the darkness and reached the side of the boat just in time to escape the jaws of the big fish. Had I hesitated an instant in doing what I did I would have paid the penalty with my life."

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