

FOR SLIM FIGURES.

The Cutaway Style Is Especially Designed.



THE 'DUKEY BIRD' COAT.

There is something undeniably elegant and chic about the cutaway—'dukey bird' coat, as it is familiarly called. This suit of wine colored Bengaline is trimmed with matching velvet, and dull kid boots with buttoned wine colored cloth tops accompany the costume.

A FAVORITE GEM.

The Best Turquoise Women Wear Comes From Omar's Land.

By far the largest part of the world's turquoise comes from the mines near the Persian city of Nishapur, where Omar Khayyam was born and lies buried. The mines are situated in a range of mountains rising to a height of 6,000 feet. The highest point at which turquoise has been found is 5,800 feet above sea level, and the lowest point 4,800 feet. The geologic formation of the Nishapur mountains is porphyries, greenstone, limestone and sandstone, the turquoise being found in veins in the rock. The methods of the Persians who operate the mines is quite antiquated, for only ladders and pulleys are used in the rough shafts. The most highly prized turquoise are of a deep azure color, and they must have a certain property called the 'rust,' which may be likened to the so-called 'water' of the diamond, or the 'luster' of the pearl. The deep azure color of a turquoise may fade soon after being exposed to light and air. Consequently tourists buying the stones in Persia have to guard against turquoise that have been kept in damp earthenware pots.

Housework Superstitions.

You should always mark a cross on the top of a cake or a pan of bread before you set it to rise. This will prevent the devil from jumping on it and crushing it down flat.

Never turn a bed on Friday or the person who sleeps in it will have bad nights for a week.

Breakages always go in threes. So if you have broken one thing, you should immediately smash two more worthless ones—empty bottles or something of that kind—so that the breaking may be over and done with.

Never put a pair of shoes on a table, for this leads to a quarrel.

If two people wash their hands in the same water they should spit in it and cross it, otherwise they will quarrel very shortly.

A black cat that comes into the house of its own free will brings good luck. If you spill salt you should cross it and throw some of it over your left shoulder.

Women Farmers to Meet.

The third international congress of the Women Farmers' association will be held at Ghent, Belgium, on June 13, 14 and 15 of this year, while the tenth international congress of agriculture is in session at the Universal exposition. The president of the organizing committee is the Baroness Rosart de Hertling, and Miss Constance Pitt of Plunkett House, Dublin, is the secretary for Great Britain.

The first associations of women agriculturists were instituted in Canada and the United States fifteen years ago, while it is scarcely six years since associations of a similar kind were formed in Europe. In 1911, following the lead of Belgium and at the inspiration of its leaders in this movement, Austria-Hungary and France formed numerous associations.

Folding Desks for Small Rooms.

Dainty little desk tables of white-enameled wood fold up like camp stools and can be tucked away behind a screen or in a closet. When opened the white table has a square top to which are attached blotter, cabinet for paper and envelopes and various desk supplements, all fastened down under straps.

ROUND THE GLOBE

Amber is divided into 100 different kinds.

Lowles versus Katz was the title of a legal case in England.

Sixty nine banks hold city funds of Chicago, totaling \$21,500,000.

Lyons, France, is trying to drive out local birds and to restrict sales.

As a better exporting country Australia now ranks second, Denmark being first.

Pittsburgh club men have decided to abolish the batman as a dangerous nuisance.

Operated much like a job printing press is a new rapid printing machine for photographs.

Esperanto is taught in some of the state supported schools in England, France and Germany.

All over the world oil fuel is gradually taking the place of coal and other less easily handled fuels.

A steamship line has offered to carry free to England the first 2,000 tons of cotton grown in South Africa.

An electric alarm that gives warning when a home roof begins to move has been invented by an Australian.

Brazil is to have the largest reservoir in the world after the dam at Oros, in the state of Ceara, is built.

A manufacturer of artistic furniture in Paris has just completed a chair the fore legs of which are of solid gold.

A Michigan knitting mill is making artificial silk from vegetable fiber and converting it into hosiery and underwear.

An electrical machine for cutting umbrella covers in a New York factory cuts 350 thicknesses of fabric at once.

As much as \$5,000 has been paid in South Africa for a male ostrich of a good strain and producing exceptionally fine feathers.

Dr. E. H. Swain of Washington predicts that the women of the future will have a thick neck, broad shoulders and other masculine features.

The Germans are doing a great road building work in Africa, and at the same time date the possessions of that country in the dark continent will be in touch with the rest of the world.

For the first time a New York inventor has patented an electric machine which applies water to a floor and scrubs it as it is pushed forward and draws up the soiled water as it is drawn back.

In the stomach of a crocodile which was shot by Mr. Wells on the Marcano estate, Madras, were found a python thirteen feet long, two tobacco pipes, a number of pieces of whisky bottles and a pair of trousers.

Tan Teong, a Chinaman residing in Malay states, was recently fined £20 with the alternative of three weeks imprisonment for selling his adopted baby girl for £10 to buy a coffin in which to bury his wife.

Exports of American pianos have tripled in the last nine years. American pianos are popular in all parts of the world. In Mohammedan countries pianos are used to repeat portions of the Koran.

There is a good deal of vacuum cleaning done in France by large machines that go through the streets and clean houses and apartments by hose reaching to any floor. The individual vacuum cleaner is little known.

There is today in Paris a concierge who is reaping a small harvest of tips from visitors to an attic which a quarter of a century ago was tenanted by the present king or Serbia in the less palmy days of his pretensions.

An officer of the United States navy has found that the power of a high speed vessel's propeller is increased about 10 per cent by placing ribs on the faces of its blades to decrease the partial vacuum that always occurs there.

Silk merchants of Tientsin, China, have learned a lesson from the looting of their shops during the revolution. The entrance to each shop now is narrow and the door made very heavy and plated with iron. The small street windows are protected by iron bars.

Miss Mary Blake of London was recently charged with 'insulting and behaving in a bad manner' for six months. Her offense consisted of insisting on remaining with a woman prisoner who was being tried by men in a court full of men.

A doc in a bread pan, a woman with dirty fingers poking chocolate cakes, a woman with a half dressed baby and waiting on customers with her free arm were among the sights that greeted the Chicago council's subcommittee on health recently on a bakeries inspection trip.

Dr. F. R. Bergius, the scientist who has been conducting experiments in producing artificial coal, has by employing a high temperature and a high pressure changed cellulose to peat in a few hours. The same change by the process employed by nature, he states, required 7,000,000 years.

Dr. Vincent Llorente, physician to the Spanish royal household, has returned home after completing a two months' study of methods employed in American institutions for the deaf and dumb. He was sent here by the queen of Spain to collect data regarding the education of Miss Helen Keller.

One of the world's great peppermint farms, consisting of 1,250 acres, is located near Saginaw, Mich. It is part of the prairie farm which nine years ago was largely covered with water. Since then it has been drained and dyked. The aromatic crop is worked up in two distilleries for the manufacture of peppermint oil.

For the Children

Baby Arabian Camel Born at the London Zoo.



Photo by American Press Association.

The queer, long legged, awkward looking creature here pictured is a baby Arabian camel. He was born at the London Zoo not long ago, and his photo was taken shortly after his birth. His mother is seen beside him. The young animal is a member of the dromedary species of camel, which differs from the Bactrian in having but one hump on its back. The dromedary is larger than its two humped cousin and is supposed to have originated in the desert of Sahara. At the New York Zoo there is a baby camel of the Bactrian species. It is now about a year old and is very tame—the mother is used to carry children about the park, and the youngster is always with her, parading solemnly at the mother's side as she walks along with a load of children in the saddle.

The Breadfruit Tree.

The breadfruit tree is a native of the South Sea Islands, where its fruit is of as much value as cereals are in more temperate regions. It is now to be found cultivated in all tropical countries. The tree, which has large, glossy leaves and white flowers, attains to a moderate height; the fruit, which is globular in shape, being about the size of a melon.

There are many varieties of this useful tree in cultivation, and as their different fruits do not ripen at the same time a nearly constant supply is afforded to people who depend upon it as their chief source of subsistence. The fruit is gathered just before it ripens, when it is found to be full of a starchy matter, which is its principal value as an article of diet. It may be cooked in various ways.

A very common practice is to bake it whole in hot ashes and scoop out the interior, which is of a soft consistency, tasting like potatoes boiled and mixed with milk. It is also cut in thin slices, dried in the sun, and then ground into a kind of flour. The tree yields other valuable products besides food. A native cloth is made from the fibrous inner bark of the stem, and a useful kind of glue is also obtained, while the wood is serviceable.

A Lucky Find.

In 1867 a Boer farmer's child took home to her mother a pretty white pebble she had found on a river's bank. It was seen by a traveling trader, who sold it for \$2,500. Hearing about this, a native shepherd came forward with another pretty pebble, the 'Star of South Africa' for which the Earl of Dudley paid \$125,000. Thus was discovered the wonderful diamond field to which South Africa owes its prosperity.

A Useful Thumb.

An ingenious inventor has made a small horseshoe magnet in the side of a tailor's thumb. The thumb picks up needles by magnetism.

Angels News.

The tiger and the elephant, the lion and the bird. They made the most awful noise That you have ever heard.

They raced across the desert, And they kicked up all the sand, For they were feeling mighty fine, These beasts of Jungle Land.

They'd just received a message From the camel at the zoo 'Twas the first communication That had ever gotten through.

'Twas just a wacky paper, Dropped by some human hand, But clearly heralded by the beasts Who formed that jungle band.

Because it told the pictures Of the friends they'd lost, since Who'd sailed away on summer day And never would come back!

And so, dear little children, Cut the pictures out by hand And send them to the angels In far-off Jungle Land.

Perhaps they'll find amongst them A dear familiar face That's gone beyond the ocean To join a different race.

For those who travel onward Will oft hear news from home, But those who sit beside the hearth Hear naught from those who roam.

—Philadelphia Record.

Cookery Points

Dishes For Convalescents.

Orange Eggnog—Two tablespoonfuls of sirup stock, juice of an orange, one teaspoonful lemon juice, half a cupful cold water, an egg. Mix together sirup stock, orange and lemon juice. Separate egg, beat yolk light, combine, adding water. Pour on to stiffly beaten egg, white, beat well and serve at once in a tall glass.

To make sirup stock for sweetening and drinks, boil together two cupfuls sugar and a cupful of water for five minutes, using as needed.

Grape Juice and Egg—One egg, half a cupful rich milk, a tablespoonful sirup stock, a quarter cupful grape juice. Separate egg. Beat yolk light and add milk, sirup stock, a quarter cupful grape juice and pour into glass. To the beaten white add a little powdered sugar and a taste of grape juice. Serve on yolk mixture. Chill all ingredients before using.

Oyster Stew—Three-fourths cupful rich milk, six oysters, a quarter cupful hot water, a teaspoonful butter, salt and pepper. Wash oysters, discard liquor and steam over hot water till edges are curled. Scald milk, add to the butter, pour in steamed oysters and liquor, and season and serve with hot toasted crackers.

Cuddled Egg—One egg, half a cupful rich milk, a teaspoonful salt, one-eighth teaspoonful salt, speck of pepper. Beat egg and seasonings together slightly with milk. Scald milk, add to the mixture, return to double boiler and cook until set. Serve on buttered toast or wheat crackers.

Stuffed Cookies.

Stuffed cookies are somewhat of a novelty, and a very pleasing one. They are quite dainty enough to occupy an honorable place on the afternoon tea table, and they are guaranteed great popularity, particularly among the young folks and the masculine contingent. The ingredients for the cookies are a cupful of white sugar, half a cupful of butter, an egg, half a cupful of milk, one teaspoonful vanilla and three and one-half cupfuls of flour with which two teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been sifted. Make a filling of half a cupful white sugar, half a cupful of a lemon and a teaspoonful of juice of a lemon and a teaspoonful of flour. Cook this until it becomes thick, and they will bear much watching during the process. Roll the cookie dough very thin, as usual, and cut into small rounds, place these in pans, put a teaspoonful of the filling in the center of each and place another cookie generally on top. Bake in a moderately hot oven.

Ginger Snaps.

Ginger snaps demand a prominent place upon any cooky roster, and their claims are not to be denied. A tried and true recipe bids one put into a mixing bowl a cupful of brown sugar, two tablespoonfuls of ginger, a generous pinch of salt, one tablespoonful vinegar and a scant cupful of dripping (if you have no beef dripping, try lard). Mix these ingredients well together and add a cupful of molasses. New Orleans preferred, which is boiling and into which has been stirred two rounding tablespoonfuls of soda. Mix with enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll as thin as possible and bake in a moderate oven.

Lamb Kidneys a la Terrapin.

Cut six lamb kidneys in half, throw into cold water and let boil about fifteen minutes. Make a white sauce of two level tablespoonfuls of flour and the same of butter and half a pint of milk. Stir the butter over the fire to melt and add flour and stir until smooth, and then add the milk and stir and cook until smooth and creamy. Cut the kidneys into smaller pieces and add to the hot sauce with a hard boiled egg, chopped fine, salt and pepper to taste and a teaspoonful of minced parsley. Cook a few minutes and serve. A little sherry wine may be added if desired just before sending to the table.

Tripe and Oysters.

This is a delicate dish that is well liked for luncheon or tea Sunday night. Stew until perfectly tender one pound of honeycomb tripe and cut it into narrow strips. Put a tablespoonful of butter into a saucepan, with a small onion chopped fine. Cover and cook until soft and hot brown. Gradually add a tablespoonful of flour and then half a cupful of milk, and when it begins to boil put in the tripe and twenty-five oysters. As soon as the gills of the oysters curl, season with half a teaspoonful of salt and a dash of paprika and serve.

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SPRING FASHION.

Pretty Wrap For Coming Season.



CHIC MANTLE IN WHITE CLOTH.

Many of the prettiest wraps for early spring wear fall to the hip only. This little mantle of white cloth is gracefully draped—under-bands of black velvet caught with pearl and jet buttons. It is worn with a gown of black charmeuse, white buckskin oxfords having jet buttons, and a black hemp hat. This daring multiple combination is only for the devotee of fashion, but could be modified to suit conservative taste.

New Dress Trimmings.

Black is greatly in evidence. Wool blends in soft, dull colorings are used again.

Sometimes chenille is combined with shining ribbon like braids in novel effects.

Serpentine effects are to be used on suits, coats and tailored costumes.

If you are planning some unusual design use the new tubular braids and work out something original.

Have you seen the button braids? They are very new and quite different. For the tailored suit there are many 'binding' braids, flat, shiny and good looking.

Newest of the new is the astrakhan braid, which is woven to look like and does resemble the genuine fur.

Tenise and oriental colorings are used in the novelty trimmings and braids usually the narrow widths.

There will be plenty of lacelike tinsels and gold effects in the evening trimmings—dull and bright gold and silver in the different finishes.

Beaded trimmings, too, are to be fashionable, and so also will be the heavily embroidered trimmings—the embroidery done on sheer net and standing out in bold relief.

Transparent Effects in Blouses.

The new blouses designed to be worn with coat suits suggest transparency, though they are really quite opaque. This effect is achieved by mounting

one shade of chiffon over another and putting her underneath. This blouse combines blue and cream chiffon and shadow lace. Worn with a tailored suit of blue mohair, a natty turban of blue hemp and neat patent leather boots with buttoned tops of blue cloth it will surely excite admiration.

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Good Form

Good Table Manners.

It is sometimes difficult to make young people, particularly boys, appreciate the value of correct table manners. "Aw, what's the difference?" they ask when told not to eat with their knives.

The difference is that as a whole table etiquette is based upon the fundamental principles of convenience, neatness and self restraint. Disregard of it causes the offender to appear slovenly, greedy and inconsiderate of the sensibilities of others, says the Woman's World.

Sit erect at the table. Don't sprawl with your elbows on the table. Don't attempt to bring your mouth down to your food; raise the food to your mouth.

Don't shake your napkin out with a flourish, unfold it and spread it across your knees. Raise one corner of it to your lips as occasion arises.

In your own home or in a house where you expect to be a guest for several meals fold your napkin when you are through with it. If a guest for one meal only crumple the napkin slightly and lay it unfolded beside your plate. The assumption is, of course, that it will not be used again until it is washed.

Do not break crackers into your soup. Look at the next person you see doing it and observe what an unsavory looking dish it produces. Never dip crackers or bread into any sort of liquid.

In dipping up soup move the spoon toward the outer edge of the dish. Take the soup from the side of the spoon.

When in doubt use your fork as a pretty fair table rule. The knife, of course, is absolutely tabooed except for cutting and spreading. The spoon is used only for liquids and soft desserts. Vegetables served as side dishes are usually eaten with a fork.

In cutting meat take the knife in the right hand and the fork in the left, cut off a proper mouthful, lay the knife down beside the plate, transfer the fork to the right hand, holding the tines pointed downward, and raise the meat to the mouth. It sounds slow, to be sure, but rapid eating is neither healthful nor pleasant to watch.

American Manners.

"Have Americans Any Manners?" is the title of an article by Frederick Townsend Martin in the November Number of Harper's Bazar. His discovery of manners here is introduced by the following definition: "Good manners are neither more nor less than good behavior. Behavior is the perpetual revealer. Good behavior is the reflex of good character. Good character is neither birth, wealth nor fashion, but in the mind. To possess character is a dignity in itself, higher than any titular rank or anything we can borrow from dead men's bones."

His article in the Bazar goes on to say: "Manners are of more importance than laws, are stronger than laws. Indeed, it has been well said that upon good manners in a great measure the laws depend. The law can touch us here and there, now and then, but manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation like that of the air we breathe. How often has it been said that good manners are made up of petty sacrifices!"

"American conditions are conducive to the development of the best manners, because in America recognition depends not upon birth, nor upon wealth, but upon the force of one's character. America is the country of democracy, in which people do not borrow merit from the dead; in which, so to speak, every one is his own character and every one his own heir, and devises his own future and inherits his own past. In America a grand, father is not a social institution; men do not live in the past."

Announcing an Engagement.

The announcing of an engagement is of importance to almost every woman at some time of her life. How to do it in the nicest way is the perplexing problem. It can be done quite simply and naturally by both families informing all their friends and relatives, and the prospective bridegroom telling all his men friends how lucky he is, while his fiancée makes haste to make known to all her girl chums the surprising information.

It can, if the girl's mother prefers, be announced at a dinner or dance given especially for the young people. Of the world may be informed of the important news at a pretty luncheon given to the close friends of the bride to be and also her fiancée's mother and sisters, if he has any.

These latter, of course, are informed privately of the happy event before this festivity takes place, for it would be extremely selfish and ill bred for any man to allow his nearest relatives to learn first of such a thing in the presence of strangers.

Sometimes the announcement at these affairs is made by the girl's mother simply telling the guests, as soon as they sit down at the table, that she takes pleasure in informing them of her daughter's engagement to Mr. Robert Blank.

Whereupon the guests should at once offer their congratulations and best wishes for the young couple's future happiness.



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