

AT THE CROSSING

By CORONA REMINGTON.

Katherine Engel deftly placed the cover on her typewriter and rose from the table. The man turned away from the window. "You're making my life miserable, Katherine, by holding out this way. I know you were meant for each other and your father's prejudice is childish."

GOOD SUIT YEAR FOR THE SHOPS

Weather Has Been Satisfactory—Not Too Warm and Not Too Cold.

PRICES LESS THAN YEAR AGO

Decline in Cost of Clothes Most Noticeable Feature of Season—Duvetyn Leads in Popularity, Fashion Writers Assert.

Never has there been a better "suit year," as they have it in the vernacular of the shops. The weather has been just right—not too warm and not too cold. And just at this time, says a New York fashion correspondent, one sees the newest creations in the way of winter suits and all-the-year-around suits and fancy suits and plain suits.

Duvetyn Family in the Lead. A critical observance of all of the best-dressed women about town discloses the fact that of all materials duvetyn and the allied weaves that belong to that family are the ones which are displaying their popularity above all others.

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Showing Popular Type of Velours Suit With Fur Trimming.

and well made are most of these piled fabrics that when washing does occur it can very easily be removed by a little judicious steaming. The colors of these newest of fabrics are perhaps their greatest charm, for it has been many years since we women have been able to indulge in such subtleties of color expression.

out, for, with the present rage in New York for skirts that are short and with this added favor for longer coats there is left but a small portion of space that can be allotted to the skirt. There are reasons to be thankful for this, the latest whim of fashion, too. For, while the legs that protrude from the short line of the skirt must necessarily be cold, still upon the remaining portion of the body two layers of material are lavished—more than we have had to keep out the chilly blasts in many winters gone by.



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SKIRTS ARE QUITE SHORT

From all the skirts that could be noticed the conclusion was drawn that they are still "in our midst," and all prophecies about French tendencies to the contrary notwithstanding, quite, quite short. Some of them might be called too short for beauty of proportion, but, be that as it may, the longer skirt as yet looks out of place in and around New York.

The sleeves of the very nicest of the suits are fitted in the last degree of perfection. The armholes are as small as they possibly can be and still remain in the class of the "perfect fit." Our American suit shows not the least tendency to go large and kimono-like in the armhole. It keeps the well-made tailored look, and sometimes it is astonishing to see how far back an armhole can go and still keep its uninterrupted contour.

Trimnings, of course, are the important features of any new winter offerings in the way of suits, for trimmings are necessary in order to keep up the warmth of the proposition, and whether they are in the form of trimmings that are permanently attached or whether they are the popular fur sets, still they become a part of that suit. The shorter furs are the ones that are receiving the most attention.

FURS THAT ARE LIKED

Beaver and nutria and mole are the ones that are best liked for collars and cuffs on the brown and taupe shades of duvetyn, and their colors blend so very harmoniously with the shades of those favorite materials. The longer haired furs, as far as suits are concerned, have sunk into the background just now. All of the suits have that slick look that is out of key with the longer and more irregular looking skins. Astrachan and Krimmer are very popular, and these furs are particularly lovely when they are combined with the rich dull-red shades. Baby lamb has sprung into favor for this sort of trimming, and this season it is the fancy of the best designers to dye this fur, not only black, which has been the accepted color in the past, but any of the gray and tan and brown shades to harmonize with the color of the material with which it is combined.

The fur sets that are designed to be worn with suits have very slight neckpieces and muffs. They are mere accents for the collars and cuffs and the smartest of them do not attempt to be of the cape variety, the matching muffs keeping the small, regularly rounded shape that is always the accepted thing for a muff at any time. Indeed, the high prices to which furs have ascended make this fashion for restraint in their use almost a grim necessity.

RULED KING IN SUCCESSION

Three Sisters of Noble Family Who Became the Favorites of Great French Monarch.

King Louis XIV of France fell in love with the three sisters, one after the other, the daughters of the marquis of Nesle. The first was not a beauty, but she was a clever woman and a good dresser. Her reign ended after three years, when her younger sister appeared. The king's devotion to the first sister was a secret until Louis, after indulging too heavily in champagne, paid a call upon his wife, who was so disgusted by his condition that she ordered him to leave her presence. He was bitterly angered, and a few days later he publicly acknowledged his devotion to Mme. de Mally.

BIG RANCHES ONLY MEMORY

Progress of Civilization Has Done Away With the Picturesque Life of the Old West.

The big horse ranches have virtually gone out of existence with the passing of the Long X in Montana, says the Christian Science Monitor. The big cattle ranch long since succumbed to the onward march of the sheep ranger and the wired fence, and it was felt to be only a matter of time before the horse ranch would follow suit.

In this connection it is interesting to recall the circumstance that though the horse was unknown on the American continent when the Spaniards arrived, prehistoric evidences of the animal have been discovered in both North and South America. The Indians, who had domesticated the llama, the alpaca, and the dog, knew nothing of the horse, and were astonished by the sight of the strange and unfamiliar animals which the newcomers rode. Yet, with their introduction by the white races, horses which escaped soon ran wild and flourished on the same ranges where their ancient cousins had apparently lived, showing how well the country was suited to their needs.

THE ANCIENT WRITERS

The excellence of the ancient writers does not consist in a trick that can be learned, but in a perfect adaptation of means to ends. The secret of the style of the great Greek and Roman authors is that it is the perfection of good sense. In the first place, they never use a word without a meaning, or a word which adds nothing to the meaning; they knew what they wanted to say, and their whole purpose was to say it with the highest degree of exactness and completeness, and bring it home to the mind with the greatest possible clearness and vividness.

Evil in Deception

Lying, a term in which we include deception of every kind, is the root of more evil in the world than the love of money ever was, though the latter is responsible for enough, in all conscience, and the two evils work handily together. If frank honesty were the rule of the world, boys grown into men, would sin occasionally, but not frequently or continuously, as many of us do now. Deception is the great protector of crime, the great shield of vice. Eliminate it absolutely and you sever the tap roots of profligating, defrauding of the employer, impurity, hypocrisy in the church, political corruption and wars of aggression.—Exchange.

Thermometer Scales

There are several different systems of dividing the thermometer scale. The one in common use in all English-speaking countries is the Fahrenheit. In this the boiling point is 212 degrees, and the freezing point 32 degrees above zero. In the Centigrade thermometer, the freezing point is taken as the zero, and the boiling point is reckoned at 100 degrees. It will thus be seen that the 100 degrees on the Centigrade scale and the 180 degrees (212 minus 32) on the Fahrenheit scale represent the same difference in temperature namely that between boiling point and freezing point.

Beauty Chats

By EDNA KENT FORBES

CRACKED FINGERS

I AM indebted to one of my readers for the following letter, which was sent me after some advice on the cure for cracked nails. The letter came some time ago, and I have saved it to use as the season approaches when nails and fingers split from the change of weather.

Says my correspondent—whose name is withheld by request—"I had cracked fingers for nearly two years before going to our family doctor. He said the condition was due to a generally anemic condition of the blood and that this was partly due



Now is a Good Time to Begin Getting the Hands in Condition to Avoid Chapping.

to constipation. Tonics for the blood and salines for the bowels were necessary in addition to the constant use of olive oil on my fingers."

Olive oil, she added, had afforded her only temporary relief, but her case was a most unusual one. But this advice is excellent, and should be followed by every woman who suffers more or less from this unpleasant affliction. Salines or salts need not be used if some other laxative is used in their place. Salts as a rule are the most effective, though some women cannot keep them on the stomach.

For ordinary cases, the woman should do most of her work wearing rubber gloves, keeping the hands from direct contact with dish or scrub water, especially if the water contains borax or ammonia, or some such drying solution. Ashes, stove polish, etc., should be handled with gloved fingers. Then the hands should be rubbed with olive oil or vaseline after the nightly hot water and soap washing, old loose gloves drawn on, if the fingers are badly cracked, and kept on all night. This is as much to protect the bed linen as to keep a supply of oil right against the skin.



THE table fork is comparatively modern. It was first introduced in Venice by a Byzantine prince, and its use rapidly spread throughout Italy.

In an inventory of the court of Charles V of France, dated 1579, there is mention of silver forks; but for some time the use of these instruments was satirized. Certain French and Scottish convents even forbade them as sinful. Their original form was two-tined; the three and four-tined varieties came later.

How It Started



Proof of It. "Isn't Hal a live wire?" "I should say so! He touched me for a tinner this morning, and I tell you, he shocked me."



LASA week when Saturday was just a week's work. I no longer get a lotta money but no more I stoppa one place where alla the ers for geva look. Was laza week sella da paper but he gotta panna left wot he no sella yet.

He asks me, "Please, meester, ilka buy da paper?" I say, "Wot meester you no sella before dees? Every body stoppa read for go to bed now. I aska eef he wants getta rich one day. He say no wants getta rich."

Jusa buy hees hudda buncha dees for Sunday. Hees name Jimmy Brown and he tella me hees fadda go dees longa time. He say tomorrow wot was when hees mudda gonna hava a birthday.

"I ilka to buy my mudda some deers so I try sella more paper," he say. "Eef I sella every one I gotta panna money. I betta, meester, my mudda sure glad eef I geva her flowers for de present. Wanta you please buy just one paper?"

You know I reada paper longa time before dat night. But I ilka dat laza Jimmy Brown alla right. I no wanta been getta wise so I say I gotta twenty-five keeds my family and ev'ryone wanta newspaper and I buy da whole works.

And righta queeck Jimmy smilla in beeg and go buy hees mudda some flowers. He say, "Thanka you, meester," and den he walka home, munda plenty noibe weath wheeside. He was glad hees alla right.

Jusa between you and me no for sprada round to Jimmy, I no wanta twenty-dva keeds and I no wanta all dat paper. But I wanta see Jimmy geva hees mamma da beega beega for present. I buy ev'ryone da paper, he gotta and when he see gusa I throw een da waits can.

Prety queeck I no feela much deers more and I starta whieeple, too. Dees sitting make me feela good alla de sudden. Mobbe was dat tuss Jimmy wheeple.

Wot you tink?
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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE NECKLACE. The finest necklace you can wear is made of beads of silver paid for on a thread of service time. For those who stand in need of you. Each shining bead. The token of some kindly deed. (Copyright.)

IN HUMOROUS VEIN

Obvious Proceeding. "How rapturously he is gazing at the beauty of her liquid eyes." "Sh! He is drinking it in."

Hard on Him. "What's your idea of eternal retribution?" "A profligate worrying about his income tax."

His Views. "Are you saving up for a rainy day?" "What's the use? Things will never be wet again."

An Unknown Tongue. Edith—"What do you do when Jack talks football to you?" Helen—"Well, I try to look intelligent."

Not Gay, But—Patience—"Don't you think he is a say deceiver?" Patricia—"Oh, I have considered him particularly say."

Fruits of Labor. "Life has some plums?" "Yes." "But more prunes."

Paradoxical Need. "I assure you, a new camera is positive necessary." "And yet it is a negative proposition."

Ill Luck. "Sorry, sir, but we have nothing but hard water."

A Fitting Title. "That rich fellow has a beautiful money?" "Yes; a regular dollar."

Well Done on the Game. "What's your favorite sport?" "Football."—Boston Transcript.

Quite So. "Is electricity a good medium for electricity?" "Well, that's a question."

Kindness. "I should say so! He touched me for a tinner this morning, and I tell you, he shocked me."