

Discarded Flour Bags Make Suitcase Outfit

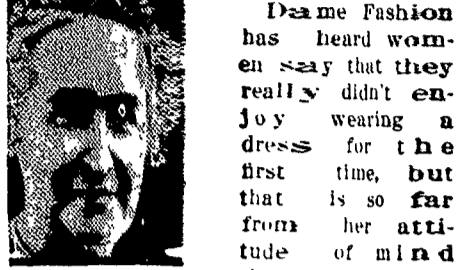
The seasoned traveler betrays herself by the way her suitcase is packed. The woman who is used to journeying lither and yon knows just what to take and how to pack it so that at the end of the trip her clothes come out fresh and unwrinkled.

The set consists of a cover for blouses or frocks, a pair of shoe cases,

Dame Fashion Smiles

By Grace Jewett Austin

Whoever made that old adage, "You can't have your cake and eat it too," was luckily not thinking about dresses.



Grace J. Austin.

Dame Fashion has heard women say that they really didn't enjoy wearing a dress for the first time, but that is so far from her attitude of mind that she is always tempted to take a grain of salt with the hearing.

Honestly, now, isn't it just one of the biggest pleasures that material things are able to give—that of starting somewhere in a brand new gown?

Now maybe that first-pleasure-feeling is where the "not eat and have" comes in, for of course that first lovely thrill is gone with the original wearing. But what Dame Fashion was thinking about is that dresses may often give a steady pleasure to the wearer until they are just "done gone."

When we start off on that trip to Europe, with only a few hours' notice that we all dream about—a passpor in the world does one get a howp that quickly—we shall surely have to wear a familiar gown, and that is precisely what every travel-direction says: Be comfortable at the starting; familiar clothes, and especially, familiar shoes.

Dame Fashion heard from a wholesaler that men's wash suits and trousers are promising a tremendous late-summer sale all over the country. Talk about the power of politics! Nothing would convince Dame Fashion to disbelieve that because thousands upon thousands of men heard over the radio and read in the press that the only way men could be comfortable in the heat of the Houston convention was to wear tub suits, is the factor that is making those same thousands decide that what is good for Texas is good for hot days in other parts of the country.

And listen to this! These same wholesalers say, "Long hair is being taken into consideration in the design of many of the new hats; the crowns in some instances being deeper in the back to allow for the hair."

What a joy it is to say, "I told you so!" After diligent study of advance-style pictures, Dame Fashion said, "They may talk about their frills and fullness, but these new dresses look pretty straight to me. And now the wholesale report comes, 'The straight line silhouette remains.'"

The whole secret is, that unless we are exceedingly young and charming, we are a little afraid of looking like the picture of our great-aunt, Jane Marla, in the Civil War picture album. If we adopt too many spreading skirts and frills.

Long Lines Flattering to After-Fifty Figure



Long lines are flattering to the after-fifty figure, says the Woman's Home Companion, especially if it is inclined to be a little heavy. In this frock the cross-over front panels create this becoming effect in a simple easy manner. The yoke and panels are cut in one with the extra fullness gathered to the yoke. The skirt has inverted box plaits at either side of the front. There are also two similar plaits in the back of the skirt. The design is readily adapted to many types of materials. For early fall navy blue crepe de chine is suggested and for late fall a lightweight woolen.

Cheese and ice cream naturally contain the skim milk solids. The slight effort which it takes to see that the bread and other bakery goods purchased for the family are made with skim milk solids will be rewarded by increased health and vitality during the trying months.

Ants Never Found at Loss in Finding Water

In a thirsty land where, as sometimes happens in South Africa, a three-years' drought dries up every blade of grass, the white ants always were found by M. Marais, a South African naturalist. The ants are water-finders and well-sinkers.

On a Transvaal farm while a man's well was being sunk the borers came upon a tiny two-inch shaft running in size and shape of which are obviously there before them! They had sunk an ant well 65 feet deep to where water was to be found.

Up and down this shaft, night and day, water-carrying ants went, each bearing its drop of water. It took each ant half an hour to get down to the reservoir, draw its water, and bring it up to the nest. Then down again it went. There appeared to be night shifts and day shifts, and the night ants worked the hardest.

It may be true, as declared by M. Forel, the greatest living authority on ants, that they are creatures working almost wholly by instinct, and only to the extent of about 2 per cent by intelligent or reflective observation; but when it comes to water finding, their intuition makes them hard to beat.

Napoleon Urting in Work He Set Himself

Many witnesses have testified to Napoleon Bonaparte's amazing powers of continued work. Koedener, who was his close companion during the consulate, wrote:

"He can work 18 hours at a stretch. It may be at one piece of work, it may be at several in turn. I have never seen his mind without a spring in it, not when he was physically tired, not when he was taking violent exercise, not even when he was angry."

Napoleon robbed hundreds of his fellow workers of youth and health because he demanded too much of them when he demanded from them what he extracted from himself, says Emil Ludwig in his biography of the Corsican. His private secretary would be sent for at a late hour and would get to bed at four in the morning; at seven the poor man would find new tasks ready for him and would be told they must be finished within two hours. During the consulate he would sometimes begin a sitting with his ministers at six in the evening and keep it up until five the next morning.—Detroit News.

Insect Hunters

Giant hunting grasshoppers nearly five inches long, that prey on small animals such as mice and the young of ground-nesting birds, are found in the Congo.

They rival the kangaroo as jumpers and can leap a considerable distance on to their prey. The hunting grasshopper is not so great a leaper in proportion to its size as the king grasshopper, the young of which, even before its wings are developed, can jump a hundred times its own length. Very few men can cover more than twice their own length in a jump.

The hunting grasshopper is the largest of all grasshoppers. Its great front lip hides a pair of jaws as effective as a hay-chopper, and its appetite makes it a plague to mankind.

"Fishing" With Stones

What was the very first missile employed by primitive man? It is stated that the Eskimos, Egyptians and the Chinese were the first piscators, and they used spears centuries before the introduction of the net; but the mention of spears does not suggest an ancient date, whereas "stoning," which does not seem to be mentioned anywhere, would appear to be the handiest and most natural implement that primitive man would seize and use for his immediate purpose.

This method, strangely enough, is in common use today in some parts of India, particularly in the Northwest province, where the burly Pathan awaits by a river's brink, with stone in uplifted hand, to squish the heads of passing fish!

Contempt of Court

Motorists cannot be too careful in dealing with country magistrates when they get into trouble, as young Mr. Newall of Cambridge, Mass., discovered up in New Hampshire.

"The way of the transgressor is hard," opined the judge, as he extracted a fine of \$15 from the youth for overspeeding.

The Perfect Picnicker

Saw a teamster at his midday meal. His table was the earth and his cutlery a rather battered looking ax. The menu consisted of a tin of bully beef, a bottle of tomato sauce and a loaf of bread.

The beef was hacked open with the ax, the neck of the sauce bottle was knocked off, also with the ax, and the bread was torn into lumps in his hands. A bill of cold water washed it down. For simplicity and an absence of fuss or frill I'll say that the teamster's methods take the dust.—Sydney Bulletin.

Ancients Stored Wine in Earthenware Jars

The vessels chiefly used in the early days for holding wine were invariably the skins of animals. These skins were formed into crude flasks and the have water. The reason has been found by M. Marais, a South African naturalist. The ants are water-finders and well-sinkers.

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Time Has Swallowed Up Ancient Marvels

Of the seven wonders of the ancient world the only satisfactory survival is the first group, the pyramids and the great sphinx. The foundation and many fragments of the mausoleum have been disclosed by modern excavation; the structure was destroyed by an earthquake. Mounds indicating the position of the walls and gardens of Babylon have also been identified.

The Colossus, composed of brass cast in pieces, was overthrown by an earthquake in 224 B. C. The pieces lay there for many centuries, until the Turks took Rhodes. They sold the brass to a merchant, who is said to have employed 900 camels to carry it away.

The temple of Diana was burned in 356 B. C. by Erosartus, an obscure individual who thought thus to make himself famous. It was rebuilt in a less pretentious manner, and survived until the coming of the Goths in A. D. 253. Barbarian invaders are thought to have destroyed also the Olympian Jove and the pharos of Alexandria.

Red Flood Lighting

That effective flood lighting of buildings need not be necessarily of white or light color, and that the use of lights is not restricted to white lights has been demonstrated by the use of red lights exclusively on a large manufacturing plant located on the principal railroad between Philadelphia and New York. This building is of brick and built on simple lines. When the white lights were tried the lines of mortar between the bricks seemed to be offensively accentuated. The white were replaced by red lamps and the effect was more than satisfactory. The structure seemed to stand out from the surrounding properties and its impressive size was made apparent without unduly revealing the homely lines.

Saskatchewan River

Saskatchewan is an Indian name meaning "swift-flowing" or "rapid," and although it is the name now borne by the great river which rises in Alberta and flows through Saskatchewan and Manitoba into Lake Winnipeg, it was not its original name. Saskatchewan was given by the Indians to more than one stream. For example, it was an early appellation of the present Minnesota river, in Manitoba, while Saskatchewan is the name of a tributary to Severn river, Ontario.

Family Devotions

When tea was over at the children's party, the hostess asked the smallest boy if he would say grace?

"What's that?" asked the honored guest.

"Why, don't you know?" said the surprised hostess. "What does your father say when he has had a good dinner?"

Correct

Little Betty was bragging about her ability to add. Her uncle gave her a problem to solve.

"If I gave you two rabbits in the morning and three rabbits in the afternoon how many rabbits would you have?" inquired the uncle.

"Six," cried little Betty.

"Just as I thought. Two and three are six," answered the uncle.

Moose as Advertisement

A mouse that catches flies was the novel window display used recently by an automobile man in Sydney, Australia.

Heedless of the large crowd watching him, the tiny rodent would dart from his hiding place in a corner and spring up the window pane or take a flying leap. He would always "go" his fly. He kept the window clear of all the buzzers, and the dealer says he was the best and cheapest attraction he ever had.

NEW ENGLAND THANKS RED CROSS FOR HELP TO FLOOD VICTIMS

3,500 Families Alleviated in Nine Months' Reconstruction Program; Organizers Spent \$1,200,000.

Letters, resolutions, and statements from individuals, many of whom received assistance from the organization, have poured into national headquarters of the American Red Cross in the last few weeks, testifying to the appreciation of the people of New England for the reconstruction work the organization did following the destructive floods of last November.

Completing expenditures in excess of \$1,200,000, its workers were for nine months active in the affected area extending financial assistance to families suffering losses when the torrential rains sent streams tumbling over their embankments to play havoc in parts of five states. The reconstruction program in New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts was virtually completed some time ago, but the last relief award was just recently made in Vermont, where heaviest losses were suffered.

Of the funds expended, more than \$529,000 came from the national treasury of the Red Cross, as contributions from the public to the relief fund totaled only \$742,173. Financial assistance was given to 3,504 families, involving approximately 16,000 individuals. This help consisted of restoring homes and other buildings, procuring household goods and furniture, providing clothing and assisting small business houses to re-establish themselves and get back on an operating basis.

For farmers, who suffered especially heavy losses in Vermont, assistance was extended in reclaiming land which had been washed out by the water or covered with silt, stones and other deposits; providing new farms where the land was damaged beyond reclamation; rebuilding homes and barns; restocking farms with implements and live stock; and providing feed and seed until farmers were in a position to take care of their own needs.

In a statement commenting on this relief program among the farmers, Commissioner of Agriculture E. H. Jones, of Vermont, said:

"I regard the farm rehabilitation which has been made possible from funds disbursed by the Red Cross as an extremely important factor in the recovery from the flood which is being made by the State of Vermont as a whole.

"On behalf of the farmers who have received this generous assistance," he said, "I desire to express our hearty thanks and appreciation for it together with my personal gratification that the agricultural rehabilitation of Vermont has been so liberally aided."

The Vermont State Red Cross Advisory Committee, composed of seven prominent citizens, headed by State Auditor Gates, of Montpelier, held in a formal resolution passed just prior to the closing of the work, that the Red Cross came to the aid and assistance of the suffering people of the area, furnishing relief in emergency cases by supplying food, clothing, shelter and medical aid to the needy and sick.

"It has in a very substantial way," the resolution continues, "assisted in rehabilitating the loss and damage caused by the flood and has greatly aided in a supreme effort to restore Vermont and her people to a normal condition."

Chairman Gates, of this committee, in commenting on the relief work, said he believed that "the spirit which brought the Red Cross to Vermont stimulated rehabilitating activities everywhere in the area, and the rapidity with which we have come back is due in no small degree to the efforts of this organization. It was, indeed, a task, and much credit is due it."

Another expression of appreciation for the reconstruction work came in a recent letter to Chairman John Barton Payne, of the Red Cross, from Fred A. Howland, of Montpelier, Vermont, president of the National Life Insurance Company. Mr. Howland said he feels that the Red Cross "has been very generous in its handling of the Vermont situation, which undoubtedly presented new and troublesome problems somewhat different than the organization has had to cope with in other parts of the country."

Although the Red Cross has officially closed its relief headquarters in the flood area, many families will continue to receive help for some time. Approximately \$169,000 will be disbursed in Vermont by Red Cross chapters within the next few months in the form of trust funds for specially needy families, and for the completion of certain relief projects now under way. This money has already been awarded to specific families, and no new or additional appropriations will be made, Red Cross officials say.

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Helena N. C. C. W. Holds Convention

Butte, Mont., September 1.—Mrs. Milo La Rock of Deer Lodge was elected president of the Helena Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women at its seventh annual convention which closed here Tuesday. Mrs. La Rock succeeds Mrs. A. M. Sterling of Bozeman in this office.

\$1,000,000 Buildings For Detroit Diocese

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Detroit, Sept. 1.—The million-dollar building program of St. Cyril and Methodius seminary and St. Mary's college, at Orchard Lake, was pledged support at the fourth annual alumni convention held at the institution recently.