



FOR EVERY WOMAN ACCORDING TO HER NEEDS

The PRACTICAL GIRL and her APONS SHE CONSIDERS ** APRONS INDISPENSABLE



TIME AND MONEY SAVING HINTS

To Darn Cloth
 TO DARN cloth, even though much patience is required, both in threading the needle and in using the material, threads of the goods itself should always be used. Sometimes these are only obtainable in quite short lengths; but, even so, they are better than anything else; and sometimes a little patience will be able to draw out more and more from a specially wide seam quite a long thread. Next to these comes cotton of the proper color; never silk, no matter how handsome the cloth may be. Beate the rent upon a piece of stiff paper—writing paper, for instance—which will permit easy bending, but will not allow pulling away, the paper to be on the right side of the goods. Then, with a fine needle as will carry the thread slowly together over the lips of the rent, taking only the wrong side of the cloth. If the material is thick, then stitches should be carried in as far as possible without appearing on the reverse side. The regular season's first, because the woolen threads will break under very slight strain, and, second, because the woolen threads are so much more elastic than the cotton. By waxing the end of the woolen thread it may be carried over a needle with a round eye, and therefore, a finer one than would otherwise be the case.

Unfinished Skirts

UNFINISHED SKIRTS should be hung up, not folded. In fact, much unfinished work is best for this treatment; but the hanging must be properly done or the result will be worse than that of folding. If one has not sufficient closet room to give the desired space for the regular season's sewing, the following will be found very convenient: On the back of a screen rack, at the top only, a strip of ticking about four inches deep over this tack, again at the top only, a piece of muslin, long enough to form a drop

A CERTAIN old-fashioned dictionary defines an apron as "a half girde or garment covering the front of the person, used for workmen and others for the purpose of cleanliness," which definition is about as lucidly enlightening as many another prepared by learned encyclopedists. Had a reader whose eye it had been never to see an apron chanced on that paragraph he would have small conception of the wonderful evolution of the modern apron. One idea he might perhaps, gain—its mission in life to afford cleanliness to the workman.

Strange to say, this view of the subject rarely presents itself to the workman himself—unless perhaps he is at some distinctly dirt-producing occupation. As for the working woman, she is beginning to awaken to the fact that if she is to be always fresh and dainty, an apron for the office as well as at home is simply indispensable.

APRONS FOR MANY USES

Time was when many a woman looked on an apron as a badge of servitude; the sign of a lowly occupation that must be rigorously concealed; but we have changed all that. Nowadays there are aprons for every purpose, under the name of apron, use is considered. There are aprons of lawn, swiss, organdie and silk; aprons with bows, frills and ruffles; aprons for knitting and sewing, for serving afternoon tea or manipulating a chafing dish; homey, comfortable gingham aprons for wear in the kitchen and others rather more ornate, but still strictly utilitarian, that play an important part in studio or workroom.

GINGHAM FOR SERVICE

No apron proves more serviceable to the practical girl than a long, straight one of pretty checked gingham, built on the lines of a child's pinafore. With an apron of two of this kind she is ready for any emergency, even if she is compelled to do her own housework. It will so completely cover a gown as to afford absolute protection, even if she finds it necessary to wash dishes in a reception dress of delicate hue. In this era of domestic difficulties and a somewhat unsolvable servant problem, such an apron is absolutely indispensable to every housewife.

front seams at the bottom to give fullness. The armholes are made very large, so the apron may be easily slipped on and off without crushing the most delicate waist underneath. The sleeves are of the old-fashioned bishop shape, gathered into an inch-wide band at the wrist. This fastens with a button and buttonhole.

An Iron Linen Apron with Red Satteen Pippings

Patterns for such cooking aprons are easily procured, but should one wish to dispense with a pattern it can be easily made from two . . . of gingham long enough to reach to the bottom of one's dress, and allow a full breadth of hem, with enough more material to make the sleeves. Five yards of gingham will make one apron for a woman of medium height.

Two Squares of Flowered Organdy Make this Apron

See the Cat



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voies the pleasant duty of arranging flowers or doing light dusting. Take two squares of flowered lawn or dimity and finish each with a two-inch hem. In one cut a hole large enough for the shoulders to slip through easily and bind with a narrow band of the material. Cut off the upper point of the apron and the lower point of the bib and gather into a waistband, that fastens with a button. The part of the bib that falls over the back hangs loose in a graceful pointed collar effect. From one of the cut-off points is made a capacious pocket, edged with a frill.

Such an apron, besides being practical, is usually surprisingly becoming. Marked by absolute simplicity, yet essentially dainty, is a little apron that may be worn about the house by the practical girl on whom de-

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erally detract from their appearance. But somehow they rarely think of wearing aprons, or if they do, choose those that are hopelessly unattractive. There is really no reason for this apronless state of the office girl, since there are many charming models she could copy at little cost; aprons so femininely dainty and attractive, yet practical, that employers, seeing them, will think, "How sensible!"

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dimity sleeve covers, cut in a bishop model, held into a band at the cuff and finished with a little frill of the material and an elastic at the top, add to the usefulness of this apron. It is also supplied with a capacious pocket.

Whatever else the practical girl may do without in the way of clothes, she will find, when once she becomes accustomed to their use, that the apron is not only a necessary adjunct to her daily home life, but absolutely indispensable to her if she is one of that growing class of women who face the world as workers.

The Iron Gray Age

THIS does not refer to the hair by any means, although the expression iron gray hair is always dreaded by every woman. It refers to the rampant wear and tear which all of us feel with advancing years, and it is a symptom which must be attended to promptly, if you would keep from contracting a chronic habit of looking at life through the dull gray of a November evening.

A Novel Holder

If short of a nook, did you ever try using a small safety pin in its place? If not, do so, as you will find it very effective. After all, what is needed is a smooth head to drive through the casing and a loop to hold the ribbon or tape. Both of these the safety pin supplies.

goods—silk, chesscloth or whatever you will—about eighteen inches long longer than the width of the goods, leaving an inch deep. Fasten to this another piece of material, about the same width, inches deep, after hems have been put down on both sides. Stitch the two pieces together at the ends, leaving a difference in width on both sides, and stitch each side to the center of the one inch, which makes a space for each skin. Finish with feather stitching. The silk can then be drawn from the top as needed, and is thus kept from tangling and from both the best implement with which to draw the skins in place is a safety pin, as it supplies a longest loop.

Washing a Screen for Unfinished Coats

To the under strip any amount of work may be fastened with safety pins. The curtains falling over the top, add to the usefulness of this apron. It is also supplied with a capacious pocket.

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When attaching waists to this device, fold together so that the shoulders are even, and put two safety pins at the neck, one the shoulder and one the chest, to prevent any sagging of the material. Another advantage that hanging has over folding is that it does not require any space just what is waiting to be done without a top, and possibly musing anything not present at the moment.

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An Ounce of Prevention

STITCH in time saves nine," it is said, but there are some even before "in time" and thus save more than "nine." Most truly is this the case in regard to children's stockings. Our grandmothers were accustomed carefully to "run" the heels and toes of new stockings before ever they were worn, which made them so thick that, during, like the "evil day," was put "at rest." The manufacturer takes care of that now by weaving the heels and toes double, but it is a pity that we have overlooked the knees. The little bones of children are sharp and soon cut through, especially when "fallow plays marbles" or does any other of a thousand nice things that may be done if one never has to think of the consequences to one's children.

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GOVERNMENT TO OPEN

J. G. Turriff, Arcola, states Assistance Roads L. Arcola, July 6—M.P., East Assin a visit last Friday Ottawa from Reg been attending Se Turriff while in the tage of the opportu portion of his con tical significance it not are there far as he knows, o The present pari two sessions befo so far as he know pressing the govern country at least fo Mr. Turriff was a board of trade wi ing an appropriate purpose of having struced to the la tains. This, as w him, would prove penditure will the chevan, while such serve as efficient f of prairie fires. Mr. Turriff prom matter up with th ment and with Mr reaches Ottawa. H in the evening and, reserve next day.

A PLUCKY

Winnipeg Polic Man into Riv low gets in D and Dr

Winnipeg, July 5-

by plucky officer or arrest, an unk into the Assinibo borne street bridge, clock this morning indications point to unfortunate man swim the river in a cape. His coat pi were filled with st the affect, whether of causing him to s struck deep water. been recovered. It was about 2 5 when Constable R duty in that neighb man among the bus about a hundred y bridge. When halie the unknown man r gait, reached the w in without a mon He was followed by ter discharging his as he ran, also plun er. When pursuer a in midstream, and w yards of one another up his hands and c late. Then he ca been seen since.

TRENT CANAL

Ottawa, July 7—A on Saturday the big Trent Valley Canal opened. By the con work an eight foot connect towns of Bar lla and other point sand mile route. H mteux, after reviewi the canal, said the menced in 1837. H ergy been applied to as had been the case ten years, it would, structured a decade ea

CROP BU

All Depends on the Harvest Beg August

The department of issued the following crop prospects: "Spring was very seriously impending tions. Seeding o April 23th, became 15th, and was practi the end of the mont ing in upon a perfect Reports tend to greater area of wa grains owing to late son. The warm wea June have brought ordinary growth, the being remarkably eve green tint, which in strong and vigorous crops in general, ar so much as might b hind as compared w

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