

# THE WOMAN'S CORNER

UNDERWEAR THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IRONED



The summer season of 1910 brings in a new fad in the way of crepe underwear for women. The advantages of crepe are many. The ease with which crepe undergarments may be laundered makes them a boon to the business woman with rather limited purse, to the traveller, or, in fact, to any woman who seeks to escape the high prices of laundries or the discomforts of hot ironing days. The laundering of such underwear consists merely in washing, with some cold-water soap, and drying on the line. The crepe underwear had probably grown out of women's experience with crepe waists, which were so easily cared for in the home laundry. The material is cheap and comes in wide widths.

## For Needleworkers

The Chinese give us of their fashions in the last new afternoon tea. The Chinese suggestion in the design.

Scrim window curtains show square motifs of fluted lace let into the plain surface at regular intervals.

Lace cushions for sofas are new and most elegant; necessarily they belong to the daintiest boudoir.

Oriental embroideries in rich colors, embodying the Egyptian lotus flower, make effective porch cushions and table covers.

Slip-overs for porch furniture, including chair backs and cushion cases, are buttoned on that they are removable for laundering.

Chintz has become more than ever fashionable for the country home, and is considered altogether correct for small furnishings and upholstery, even in the reception room.

The embroidery hoop will be as useful to the members as to the more dainty fancy worker.

Jagged tears may be better fitted with a firm foundation on which to darn if the rent material is held smooth within a good-sized hoop or frame.

When making a blouse press the sewed-in tucks, even on cotton or linen materials, before cutting out the garment, if you would secure a perfect fit.

Skirt seams are pressed twice. As soon as they are sewed they are flattened, and once again after they are finished with tailor's stitching.

Draw in the neck of every unfinished bodice, whether low or high, to prevent its stretching until the collar is fastened on.

Bands on the skirts of tub dresses are made of the same material and should be sponged—soaked—for twelve hours, when if the material has not been shrunken.

## FASHIONS

Summer dresses for girls are delightfully girlish this season. Designs are simple, but dainty trimmings are used.

In colors, blue is decidedly in the lead and browns and tans occupy second place. Greens next, then purple.

Black and white vogue gains in strength as the season advances.

Skirts are growing narrower, and the foot band is often seen. This latter feature will grow in favor, it is said.

Persian squares are being much used for millinery purposes and bathing caps, and are often joined with two others in the making of a novelty waist.

Plouses are usually loose-fitting and of the peasant type.

The length of the new suit jackets will be from 28 to 34 inches, the favored being the 32-inch length.

One-piece dresses will remain in style for a long time, and the majority will button in front.

Wide patent leather belts are introduced upon many of the coats, and belts in leather of other colors are frequently used with the natural tone and other neutral lines.

The following makes an especially dainty dessert, and is not expensive when eggs are reasonable:

Snow Pudding.—Make a thick starch paste with four heaping dessertspoons cornstarch dissolved in a little cold water. Pour on slowly, stirring all the while, one generous pint boiling water; add a pinch salt and two tablespoons sugar. After boiling clear, add the juice of a lemon with the grated rind. If not smooth beat with egg beater. Be sure to cook it enough to remove the raw taste or the starch. Before beginning on the paste beat up in a large dish as stiff as possible the whites of four or five eggs. Pour the paste, boiling hot, in a thin stream on the beaten whites, beating as you pour. It will fluff up deliciously white and spongy. After being thoroughly beaten set in a large mold or in individual molds to cool.

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## THE MESSAGE

BY LOUIS TRACY,

Author of  
"The Wings of the Morning,"  
"The Wheels of Fortune."

"Riddles! It is you who are the conundrum, senior. I tell you, that Englishman, Captain Warden, a deputy commissioner in Nigeria, is the man we have most to fear; yet you permit one who is probably his fiancée—and surely he would not like to live in your house and spy on the actions of yourself and your friends. What will Count Von Rippenbach think when I tell him? What will the Emperor say, after all the precautions that we took that none should know?"

"Silence!" roared Baumgartner, who could hold his own in matters that demanded clear thinking and careful guidance. "You are too ready with some names, Senior Figuero, yet too sparing with others that may explain you folly. Of whom are you speaking?"

"Of the young English woman I have just met, of course. I am not good at catching these strange words, but I mean the good-looking one, the tall, slim girl in white muslin, she with the brown hair and Madonna eyes."

"Do you mean Miss Dane?"

"Yes—that is she. I remember now."

"My daughter's companion! Non-sense!"

"It is true, I tell you. Am I likely to forget a face—and such a face! Did I not describe her dress? She must have left your yacht just before Warden met her. And they are lovers. How can I be mistaken? They went away from London in the same train, to your destination. What was it? I have it written here," and he hurriedly turned over the leaves of a note book.

Baumgartner was undoubtedly impressed. Figuero's earnestness was not to be gainsaid, and he had an unpleasant belief, now he came to recall the incidents of a busy day, that Evelyn Dane was dressed exactly as Warden's unknown acquaintance was pictured.

Meanwhile the Portuguese found the memorandum he sought.

"Here it is," he snapped, all a-quiver with the doubts that threatened the destruction of his pet scheme of vengeance on the British power which had stopped the supply of slaves to the Sultan of Bagdad. "Langton in Oxfordshire—that is the place. The railway official spelled it for me. A boatman told me he knew the girl, and gave me some outlandish name as being 'Now I see he was fooling me. What was his motive? Was he also an emissary of Warden's. Let me assure you, senior, this thing begins to look ugly."

Baumgartner's heavy jaw lost some of the ruddy hue of Count von Rippenbach had been ready enough to supply the screw when his quondam confederate showed a degree of hesitancy in falling in with the project. He came from London to make, and this latest complication would strengthen von Rippenbach's hands beyond resistance. Already the laidship of Lochmerig was becoming visible, and the far-off hills of interior Africa grew more substantial in their dim outlines.

But the millionaire, though he might loathe to a Scottish gillie for a delusion, he said, with some show of dignity, "but even if you are right, we gain nothing by yielding to panic. What if Miss Dane is, as you say, Warden's belle amie? Why should that be harmful? Does it not explain his visit to Cowes? Indeed, once we are convinced that they know each other, we can turn the circumstance to our own purpose. I am far from crediting an insignificant official of the Niger Company with the importance you seem to attach to him, but granted he is a hostile influence to be feared, why not stalk him through an unsuspecting agent?"

"You don't rate him high enough," muttered Figuero. "He can handle those stupid niggers like no other man in Nigeria. He talks Arabic and Hausa and krooboy palaver as well as I do. He broke the Oku ju-ju when it was worth a thousand lives to touch a stick or a feather. If Warden gets wind of our project before we are all ready, we will fail, and you realize what that means to us."

A dinner going came to Baumgartner's aid. He wished to avoid any discussion on the last point raised by the Portuguese. It bristled with thorns. Von Rippenbach revealed some of its cactus-like properties earlier in the evening.

"You and I and the count will go into other matters fully tomorrow," he said. "As for Miss Dane, I shall clear up that difficulty without delay. As for the matter of never having her before, and keep your ears open during dinner."

So it came to pass that Evelyn, who was mightily astonished and perplexed by the arrival of the count, was concerned whom Warden had told her so much, was still more bewildered when Mr. Baumgartner availed himself of a lull in the conversation at the dinner table to say casually to her, "A friend of mine, Mr. James G. Hertz, of Boston, is staying there now. I suppose you did not chance to meet him?"

"No. Our village is three miles distant, and that is a long way in the country."

"In truth, Mr. James G. Hertz, of Boston, who was buried in Boston, could tell of yet more impassable gulfs."

Rosamund Laing was sitting next to Figuero. She noted the eager attention with which he followed this trivial bit of talk, though his limited knowledge of English rendered most of the lively chatter at the table unintelligible.

"Were you in Cowes during the regatta week, Senior Figuero?" she asked.

"It was a reasonable deduction from his presence at Lochmerig, but she little guessed the villainous purpose engendered in that alert brain by her aimless inquiry. The Portuguese felt that he was at a disadvantage among the gay throng gathered under Baumgartner's roof."

His nimble wits were stilled by the barrier of language. It put him outside the pale. Things might be occurring which he ought to know, but which were hidden from him owing to this drawback. In the beautiful woman by his side he might find

## CYNTHIA GREY'S CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Miss Grey: I am 17. When I go to a party with my brother, if he doesn't ask me for the first dance, is it proper for me to dance with the first boy who asks me? 2. Will you kindly advise me of a remedy to remove freckles? 3. When you meet a friend on the street, which should speak first, the lady or gentleman? CURLY.

1. Yes, 2. Would advise caution in using washes, at least a reliable druggist about some preparation. 3. The lady.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you please tell me how to prevent patent leather slippers from cracking? PEACHES AND CREAM.

There is no remedy that I know of.

Dear Miss Grey: 1. Could you tell me a good tonic for the hair? 2. How should a girl of 17 wear her hair? 3. Is a girl of 17 old enough to go with boys of about her own age occasionally? If so, what should she really when asked? JOLLY GIRL.

1. Try massaging with the tips of the fingers each night to stimulate the scalp, and ask your druggist to recommend a preparation. 2. Parted in the middle and turned up at the back with a bow of ribbon, or "turban" style is also suitable. 3. It's all right if her parents do not object.

Dear Miss Grey: During the full months I was keeping company with a young gentleman. One week before Christmas he dropped my acquaintance. After the new year he seemed to wish to renew his acquaintance with me. He did not send me a gift at Christmas. Do you think that I should bother with his attentions now? TINY.

Personally I should feel inclined to treat him rather coolly, if he does not explain his conduct. If he really cares for you he will soon prove it.

## PLAYTIME STORIES



### THE WILY SCOUT.

In the days of Indian fighting on our western plains two scouts were going to a distant fort, taking a message asking for help for a military post that was being attacked by the Redskins. The country was so open and there were so many roving bands of Indians that the scouts had to use the utmost care or else they would be caught by them.

In the day time if they dared travel at all it was usually on their hands and knees so that no prowling Indian could see them. At night they would hurry along carrying their boots, as in their stocking feet they made less noise.

Several times bands of warriors passed near by, but by lying flat under the bank of the river they had escaped unseen. One day they were resting behind a little mound covered with a few dry brush just as a party of Indians halted near by. At the same time a rattlesnake crawled out of his hole beside them.

They were in trouble, for if they moved to kill the snake the savages would hear them and if the snake



struck them it would first shake its rattles, which would call the savages.

Then one of the scouts had a happy thought. The snake was near him and as he was chewing tobacco he instantly spat at the snake's head. Such vile stuff was too much for his snake-ship and away he scurried into the hole again without once sounding the warning rattles.

The Indians soon went away and the scouts finally reached the fort in safety.

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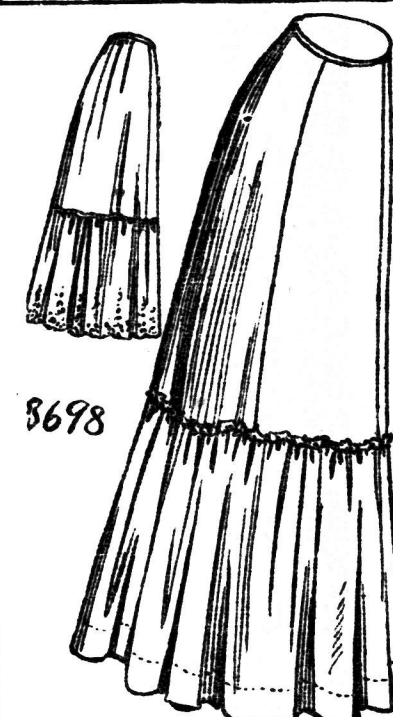
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