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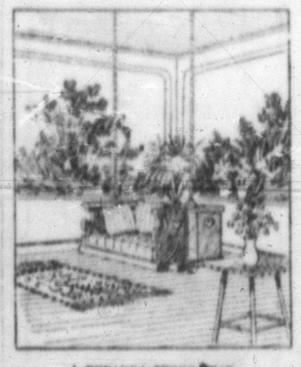
These open air rooms are coming more and more to be the places where the family and social life of the summer center, and their equipment with necessaries and comforts a matter to pique the invention of the designer and the home maker. Says a recent New Idea Magazine in preface to the following suggestions about their fitting up and use:

Bamboo, wicker and raffia chairs, such as are imported by the Chinese, Japanese and East Indian houses, and the silver birch and other rustic furniture from the Adirondacks, are found to be most serviceable and appropriate for veranda use. The raffia chairs and tables are pretty and are particularly popular just now, since the fancy for basketry in its branches has become so general.

If the porch is to be furnished complete it is best, first of all, to decide upon a plan of color and style of furnishings appropriate to the house. Wicker and bamboo, for instance, are



A VERANDA SWING SEAT.

more appropriate for the veranda of a house strictly colonial in architecture than rustic chairs and tables, and green, white or uncolored rattan than the more vivid colors that might be used against a background of stone or stained wood such as a Queen Anne cottage would have.

The question of lighting is somewhat troublesome unless the house is wired for electricity, and it generally is not. No one, of course, cares to spend a summer evening on a brilliantly lighted veranda, but a large majority of people would prefer a mild illumination, light just sufficient to keep them from wrecking their shins on the vicious edges of ambushed chairs in their murky progress from one point to another. One, two or more soft lights—bulbs suspended in Japanese paper lanterns or the more substantial over delicately painted glass—are as pretty as possible. If gas or oil is used, the flame must be sheltered by glass shades or screens in deep, soft colors.

But the daytime uses of the veranda are those of paramount importance. Here in the green shade of his own vine and fig tree the head of the house may cut the matutinal melon and partake of it with the zest that is the grace to any meal eaten out of doors. Coffee seems more fragrantly delicious, whether it really is or not, and the seeming is sufficient to stir the languid appetite.

Accumulate a little store of veranda table linen in gay colors. Keep the table service and accessories as different as possible from the conventional charm of indoor life, no matter to what point of perfection your pride and affection have brought it. A breakfast table spread with buff colored linen and laid with the gay, inexpensive crockery, a brass kettle purring merrily at one end and a small brass egg boiler at the other, the radishes in a small dish shaped like a lettuce leaf,

A FIVE O'CLOCK TEA CORNER.

the berries in another of the same sort, nasturtiums or marigolds in a bowl of amber glass, the umbrella jar full of brakes or dogwood branches or any other green of blooming thing—are these pleasantnesses not worth taking trouble to achieve?

Narrow ribbons, gimps and fine mousseline shirrings are brought into the scheme of bodice front trimming.

THE MUSLIN GOWN.

A Pleasing Design of Interest to the Amateur Modiste.

The fashion of a muslin gown is a matter well worth careful consideration; choice of design counting possibly for almost more in these pretty concerns than in other more costly materials. And certainly the choice becomes an even greater matter of moment where the manufacture is to be trusted to untrained fingers.

It is all very well for the professional dressmaker to revel in the multitudinous tuckings, ruchings, etc., which form the dominant note of the designs, but in amateur hands the result would probably result from the apparently simple process and an ugly muddled appearance only reward much anxious, wasted work.

A SIMPLE [illegible] GOWN.

Fortunately this season's modes adapt themselves kindly to simplicity where necessary, especially where skirts are concerned. The suitability of the really full skirt (not the eased model gored to reduce the size of the waist) to muslins and kindred materials needs no demonstration, while the manner in which they submit to cleansing processes is a matter for congratulation.

In the sketch the skirt is pictured bearing six small tucks divided in groups of three by a deep band of lace insertion, guipure or broderie Anglaise, according to taste and circumstances. In cutting it is a good plan to allow a good four inch turning at the bottom of each gore, which, after the seams are pressed, can be stitched up into a hem—for nothing in unlined skirts equals a simple broad hem in the important matter of the bottom edge, and in this special example it not only is the easiest method, but likewise adds to the prettiness of the whole as simulating a wide tuck. The tucks should be all run (after the seams are stitched) in the same direction and with the upper part of each toward the worker.

The bodice at first sight seems a more complicated affair, but on closer acquaintance it will be found to work out simple enough. Most prominent in its construction is the long shouldered yoke, which, slightly pointed at back, is continued down the front to the waist, plastronwise, the muslin being everywhere simply gathered on to it.

The sleeves are of the particular long elbow length, so pronounced a feature of such frocks this season (though the substitution of the ordinary bishop sleeve for less smart wear would naturally be only a matter for individual consideration), and they are set into a wide turn back cuff of the insertion, edged with deep falling lace frills.

Conveniences For the Gas Stove.

Conveniences in connection with gas stove cookery are sets of kettles made in sections, pie fashion, so that three or four kinds of food can be cooked at the same time over one ring burner; a triangular dome, also a burnished plate on which a number of irons can be heated at once; a broiler in which both sides of a steak are cooked at the same time.

Sunburn From Sea Bathing.

The sunburn that is acquired from sea bathing is as painful and serious as any such infliction can be. A physician says it is a mistake to use for this or any burn from the sun's rays creams and oils. Much better is a free application of witch hazel, which not only heals but hardens the skin, and thus acts as both curative and preventive.

Faded by Sunlight.

Sometimes the woodwork in a piece of furniture which has stood in the sunshine or heat of a register looks dry, faded and full of fine lines. Rub into it pure boiled linseed oil. Several oilings with hard rubbing may be required to bring back the color and polish.

Cobwebs.

People who bury the hatchet usually manage to keep the grave green.

A gentleman is one who is willing to concede something to his neighbor.

Cupid's arrows would doubtless be surer the mark if they were all tipped with gold.

A man never has enough money until he is able to indulge his fads without being called a fool.

The road that is paved with good intentions generally has a disinterested friend at every corner.

We often charge our adversities to the hard luck account, while the successes are owing to genius and undying perseverance.

WHEN WE GO BATHING.

Smart Caps, Socks, Girdles, Parasols, Sandals and Other Items.

Among bathing accessories headgear is by far the most important feature of the minor fashions this season. Hats and caps made of imperishable materials are shown in a variety of exquisitely dainty forms. Of course the handkerchief squares will always be more or less popular for caps, as they are by far the most practical head covering in existence. This year shows them in very decided figures and finished with a pert Alsatian bow of huge proportions. The style is universally becoming and is sure to be a boon to the girl who is conscious of her appearance. After the first dip the big bow is as fresh looking as ever, for it is made of stiff grosgrain ribbon securely wired to hold it in shape.

A triumph was achieved by the girl who instituted the stock collar with the bathing suit. Bathing stocks are made over water soaked canvas which is specially prepared for the purpose, and the oftener it comes in contact with salt water the more pliable it becomes, but never under any circumstances does it lose its shape. Waterproof silk embroidered with washable floss in cross stitch has the smartest effect imaginable.

Touches of color so cleverly arranged as the wide hand embroidered girdles show are unusually attractive. By the way, these new belts supplant the braid girdles with long ends that were always impeding the swimmer. Three large flat brass buttons fasten the wide girdles in the back or in the front, as the wearer prefers.

All sorts of linen and cotton parasols carried with bathing suits form a novel feature of the season's fashion whims.

Some of these are very gorgeously embroidered or appliqued with crotesque roses reminiscentive of the Pompadour period, while others have monograms done in heavy cotton thread. [illegible] new [illegible] canvas [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] large over the [illegible] sandals in the freedom they allow and are very smart in black and white combined. The cork soles are light and offer ample protection from sharp pebbles and shells.

It is quite the correct thing now to include a sweater in your seashore accessories. All the fashionable girls are wearing them after they come out of the water, and for those delightful little scampers up and down the beach they are simply ideal. The very smartest one is the boy's sweater knitted of very heavy wool, the kind with a turtle neck that slips on over the head. One should have the sweater several sizes larger than one's other garments, so it will go over the wet bathing suit easily.—Designer.

A Gown of the Season.

The needs of the river and the shore loom up largely in fashion at this season. The feeling is insistent for gowns

A RIVER GOWN.

of attractive and original quality, although they must be of practical value. Quite complex enough is the accompanying design in a pale mauve linen trimmed with a white and darker mauve spotted cambric, the collar and cuff finished with a tiny white hemstitched frilling. The shade hat of white straw is simply but attractively draped and rosetted with white and mauve spotted soft ribbon.

Golden Slipper.

To make this attractive drink allow for each guest peel from one lemon, which should be cut in long pieces. Put in a tall, thin glass, add half a bottle of ginger ale, shaved ice and fill with seltzer water. Two straws are placed in each glass. Then the lemon peel is wound about so as to be the length of the glass. The knob formed by the stem end is caught on the rim. The peel must be cut as free from tough white inner skin as is possible.

The Table Attractive.

The setting of the table for a summer dinner is a most important subject of consideration to the housewife. The fickle appetite engendered by warm weather must be catered to in every possible manner, and an attractive table set with spotless napery, sparkling glass and silver and decorated with fresh flowers, will go far to stimulate it.

RIBBON FLOWERS.

Not Difficult to Make and Useful In Hat and Gown Decoration.

Ribbon is being used extensively this season, and there is such a variety of colors to choose from that it is not a difficult matter to copy any simple flower. The Delineator gives the following instructions: The most easily imitated perhaps is the rose, and a wreath of the flowers is shown in the first cut, while the method of forming the petals is also illustrated. No. 9 satin ribbon was used, and the color is light pink. The ribbon is cut into lengths of three [illegible] inches [illegible] there [illegible] the [illegible] are then doubled crosswise at half their length, and the corners of this fold edge are rolled two or three times to give the curled shape to the edge of the petal. Then caught through on the wrong side of the folded ribbon, that the stitches may not show. The lower or cut edges are then plaited together to make the petal cup shaped and secured with several stitches. The two centers, the "culots," or green cups from which the stem starts, and the foliage can be bought at any shop that keeps materials for making paper flowers. The stems may be covered with rubber tubing that can be

A WREATH OF ROSES.

MAKING ROSE PETALS.

bought ready for use, or they may be wrapped with strips of green paper three-quarters of an inch wide. After the petals are made they are sewed to the centers, each petal slightly overlapping the next. From three to six petals are enough for each blossom. If too many are used the shape of the rose will not be natural.

In Cake Baking.

When pouring layer cake batter into the pans always spread it with a spoon so that it is thin in the center and thick at the sides of the pan. Layer cakes always rise in the center first of all, and spreading the batter in this way secures an even baking.

A fruit cake will be far richer, more wholesome and less likely to burn if the pan in which it is baked is set inside a second pan which is partly filled with boiling water. The cake slowly steams while it is baking, and instead of being hard and dry and possibly scorched a little when it comes from the oven it is moist and rich, without a hint of the burned flavor which is noticeable in much of the homemade fruit cake.

By adding the fruit to the cake batter after the flour has been gifted into the dish, but not stirred into the batter, so that fruit and flour are beaten in together, the former will not sink to the bottom of the cake while it is baking, as fruit has a trick of doing if it be not added in this way.

When Filling Fruit Jars.

Speaking of the safety that a silver spoon imparts to the process of filling glass jars with hot fruit, a good housekeeping correspondent says she has found the spoon very much in the way in cases where a funnel was to be used and was glad when a friend told her of a simple plan just as efficient and more convenient. Stand the jar on a steel knife blade and it may be filled with safety and ease.

Another writer says cans may be filled without using either spoon or knife if one takes the cans from boiling water, sets them on a cloth wet in hot water and fills them at once with the hot fruit.

Fashion's Echoes.

Small folding carriage parasols are a revival in old time sunshades.

Dimities grow lovelier each season, and there is a simple charm in this inexpensive material that makes it particularly suited to children's dresses.

For the small boy there is little save the Russian suit, and the variations must be made in the materials and the details. The smartest styles are the one piece blouses of pique, duck or linen.

The summer frock is often made picturesque by the quaint little fichu or the pelerine collar draped to give the fichu effect.

This is really a season of spangles. Wherever there is a smart late afternoon or evening gathering there will be seen glittering sparks galore and in almost every color.

The girl of fashion today looks most coquettish in her long sweeping gown, her big picture hat, her dainty slippers with square silver buckles, her parasol with long directoire handle and even the filmy scarf she so carelessly catches around her pretty throat.

An artistic keynote is sounded in the revival of La Pompadour rose, which comes from the realms of the gay eighteenth century. Pompadour roses form the chief decoration of parasols, fans, sash ribbons, hand bags, cardcases and dainty lace handkerchiefs.

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