

The Country Homemakers

Conducted by Francis Marion Beynon.

FASHION VAGARIES

Fashion has gone mad. She has gathered up every known eccentricity of dress—sashes, bustles, slits, frills, bouquets and vests and heaped them promiscuously on the new apparel for spring. Even the sacred precinct of the tailored suit has been invaded and these aforesaid dignified and irreproachable garments are frilled and twirled and peg-topped as to skirt, and vested, rippled and belted in the coat until there is nothing left of their former delightful simplicity.

The one idea of present fashions seems to be to get the dress as narrow as possible at the bottom, as wide as possible over the hips and as sloppy as possible at the waist. This combination of possibilities makes what is now known as the fashionable garment. To this end many skirts are seen with four or five inch, plain or scalloped, frills running three deep around them between the waist and the knees. Others have a wide flaring overskirt which ends at the broadest part of the hips.

To be really chic the bodice must have a droopy, all-gone look. Nearly all the sleeves are cut in one with the waist, without a shoulder seam and many are webbed underneath the arm. The fronts are filled in with little fancy colored or white vests and the low necks are much be-ruffled.

Altogether they are the giddiest, foolishhest fashions that have ever happened in my memory and yet it is difficult not to wear them, for all the ready-made garments are made in the same style and all the patterns are cut on the identical lines of the ready-mades and all the dressmakers and tailors rave about them and protest loudly and vehemently against making old-fashioned clothes.

MILLINERY

And now, as to the hat, the crowning glory or dishonor of any costume. Perhaps, all things considered, headwear is more reasonable and pretty than any other part of feminine apparel. The hats are small, snug-fitting and comfortable. At present the trimmings are stiff and ungraceful, hard little bobs of feathers stuck on the sailor brim at intervals, equally stiff feather mounts standing up like sentries at the side or back, or tall ribbon mounts no less uncompromising in character. There is one striking exception to the sternness of this headwear and that is the little flat pancake model trimmed with lace and flowers. Pretty petite women, with baby features, should look well under these models, but they offer small consolation to the woman of ample dimensions or the mother of a family, whose face is trouble wrinkled.

SUFFRAGE SOCIETY IN MOOSOMIN

I am reminded by one of the most earnest suffrage workers in Saskatchewan, Mrs. Jenjie White, of Moosomin, that I have neglected to announce that a Political Equality League came into being in that town last month.

There were over fifty women present at the organization meeting, a very large number of whom were sincerely interested in the movement. I, myself, had the pleasure of assisting in the organization.

This is, I believe, the first suffrage society of any kind in the province of Saskatchewan, and it was debated for some time whether they should call themselves the Political Equality League of Saskatchewan, or the Political Equality League of Moosomin, but the latter name was finally decided upon with the idea that the more comprehensive title could be substituted, if in the future the need arose.

While there is no doubt that the first suffrage society has fallen into good hands in the very intelligent and capable women of Moosomin, it is nothing less than a reproach to the cities of the province that this enterprising

little town should have anticipated them in taking up this work. One must make an exception, however, in favor of Moose Jaw, since the president of the W.C.T.U. of that place did try very hard to have an organization meeting at the time of the Grain Growers' Convention.

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CHRIST PREACHED LOVE

Dear Sister:—I am not a subscriber to The Guide. My sons take it and I read it. I am taking the liberty of writing you and sending you a paper

made of parchment, and the new wine in fermenting would burst the bottles and all be lost. And the new patch, on account of its weight and strength, would take from the garment, and the rent be made worse.

Christ came with a new dispensation, not the old Jewish law, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. He came to bring kindness and love and to establish the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Christ died for the Truth, but man, in his blindness, patched him onto the old Jewish law. For the church today we have a place of brick and stone, instead of the temple not built with hands. Christ said: "Some say, Lo,

that are good, and some that are fine. I like such writers as Wolf Willow, tho do not always agree with her ideas. I suppose she forms her ideas from her view point, while I may look at the same problem from a different position. I don't mind one opposing another's ideas, as that often starts an argument that brings out the real value of the subject and by which we are all enlightened.

I agree with Della, in March 4 issue. Women should mind their own business, so should men mind their business, but the fact is that the business of the two sexes are so blended that it is hard to tell where one stops and the other begins, and, for that reason, I hope she will allow me to disagree with her on woman suffrage.

There is one thing I would like to see the contributors all do, that is sign the name that they are known by in their neighborhood. One should not write anything for publication that they are ashamed to put their name to.

W. E. KEEFER

BETTER TEACHING FOR GIRLS

Dear Miss Beynon:—I was just reading Herberta's letter, in The Guide of February 4, where she spoke of Crippen's companion going free. How often it is the other way, the girl in the most of cases is ruined for life and shunned by the most of (so-called) good people, while her betrayer is received in the best society, because he can pick up and go where he is not known.

I heard a young girl of twenty, not long ago, say: "Oh, all my brothers were wild when young." That girl thinks nothing of going out with a man she knows is not fit to speak to her. When I asked her would she marry such a man, she said: "How do you know that those young men you receive in your home are honorable? You have no idea of their past lives." And, really, it has set me thinking. It makes one realize how hard it is to guard our girls, as you don't know who they will meet at friends' places. If all mothers realized how much they influenced their daughters and taught them to shun even the appearance of evil, it would be better.

I have two girls and three boys, and I hope my boys will be as pure and good young men as my girls are good women. I would just be pleased to see the bad men cut by a'l, altho I am no believer in girls over fourteen or sixteen being ruined thru ignorance. You will have hard work to find in most of our present schools a girl who does not know far more than is of any use to her. If more mothers told their daughters, when, say, twelve years old, all that was needful for them to know and created in them a proper pride of being pure in all the relations outside the home, those things would not be so common. Please don't set me down as an out-and-out crank. I just get hot, tho, when I think of some of the present laws as regards the moral side of life.

I should like to thank Wolf Willow (was it not?), who sent in the recipe for flaxseed, as just when I read of it I was very much dreading my approaching sickness. I took the flax as directed, and had a very easy time, being not over half an hour sick and that not very bad. No one should be at all afraid to try it.

Now, I must close, as my baby has got tired of playing with his daddy and wants a sleep. You see I am not one who has to complain of my husband. In fact, an old lady said one day: "I never saw a man help his wife as much," and she is over sixty-five. I feel so sorry for anyone without a good husband. Every good wish in the work, Miss Beynon.

DAUGHTER OF ERIN.

One of our correspondents has sent me word that a learned doctor informed her that the flax-seed treatment was bad for the child, making it liable to rickets and producing soft bones.



Examples of some of the most moderate garments shown this season

that tells the truth about war. It is all so horrible that I thought you would use your influence to spread this truth. I also send a clipping which I hope you will publish in the Country Homemakers' Department. I believe women should vote, and believe in a new party.

Christ, asked why He and His disciples did not fast and follow the customs of those that came before, answered: "Do men put new wine into old bottles, or a new patch on an old garment?" The bottles of that time were

here is the church, and some say there is the church, but I say unto you wherever the Spirit of God is, there is the church, and the kingdom of God is within you."

MRS. MARGARET J. CORBETT.

I think you forgot to enclose the clippings.—F.M.B.

DIFFERENT INTERESTS BLENDED

Dear Miss Beynon:—I have never written to your department before, but read it carefully. Occasionally I find a letter that I don't like, quite a few

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