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Velvet Should Be Cut Right Way of Nap From Back to Front, Silk on the Straight of Goods—A Masculine Domestic Hint.

Dear Elsa—Yes, dear; I can well imagine what a sad time you had facing "the hat with a high rolling brim" you so feelingly wrote me about in your last letter. These facings to look well must fit on the hat brim without the slightest crease or wrinkle.

Few women, however, who trim their own hats seem to have the least notion of how to put on a facing, so don't be discouraged, for when one knows how this millinery accomplishment is quite easy. Here's the way it should be done:

First catch your hare, or hat it is in this instance, then take a piece of tissue paper large enough to cover the entire brim. Lay this flat on a table and put the hat on top of it.

Have at hand plenty of pins and draw the paper up over the brim, pinning it securely to the edge at intervals of half an inch all round the brim.

This done, cut the paper outside the edge to a point one-half inch above the brim's edge, then turn the hat over and slash the paper in the center of the crown to a point one-quarter of an inch inside of the brim line. Make eight or ten slashes across the diameter of the crown so the paper will fit well up into it without wrinkling.

Between the slashes the paper will be pointed. Cut off one inch from each point.

With great care you must remove the paper from the hat. Now, Elsa, you will have a correct pattern from which to cut your material for facing.

With a pencil mark the center of the front and back of your pattern so that when you cut out the material the grain will run all right. As your facing is of velvet you must cut the nap to run from back to front.

Cut the velvet exactly like the pattern and lay it on the hat's brim, but be careful not to stretch it while so doing. Pin it securely to the brim's edge, as you did the pattern, then smooth it into the crown and pin at frequent intervals at the crown line.

Be sure the facing lies smoothly before you begin to sew. Beginning at the center back, turn in the edge of the facing to meet the edge of the hat's brim and sew it fast with a small slip stitch—that is, running the thread under the edge of the velvet and catching it to the straw.

Now, with the hand smooth the facing from the edge of the brim toward the crown and, if necessary, readjust the piece to make it fit without a single wrinkle. This done, sew the facing at the crown line, using a long and short back stitch and strong cotton thread. The hat's lining is also sewed around at this point, concealing the line of the stitching on the facing. Then the hat is ready for the trimming.

It does not sound so terribly difficult, does it, Elsa? And I am quite sure that any one who trims hats as charmingly as you do will have no trouble facing them if you follow these directions.

A Masculine Domestic Hint.

Dick's old college chum, Tom D., was stopping in town over the week end, so we asked him to have tea with us last Sunday night. Of course the day before my maid's cousin or grandmother or some kind of relative died, so I was minus a domestic to help get the meal. But I never even missed Martha, for Tom insisted upon being assistant cook.

When I proposed scrambled eggs as a piece de resistance my bachelor assistant asked permission to add some puffed rice to the scrambled mixture. I joyfully consented, and after the butter had been melted in the saucepan he threw in a cupful of the puffed rice and let it get brown, being very careful not to let it scorch. He then stirred in the eggs and milk. The browned rice gave a deliciously appetizing flavor to the scrambled eggs and also made it unnecessary to use as many eggs as would have been needed without it.

But while the egg process was proving so interesting we forgot the toast, and it burned a bit. The man who seemed to know so many helpful things asked for the nutmeg grater and easily and evenly grated off the burned parts. These are hints worth passing on, aren't they? Hoping to see you soon in town wearing the velvet faced hat, I am, as ever, yours devotedly, MABEL.

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Swelling the Unsuccessful Ranks.

A great many men have been left behind because of their listlessness, their easy going ways. They were too slow. Opportunities would not wait for them. They would have taken advantage of them, would have succeeded, if the chance had not hurried by so fast. If the opportunity had tarried awhile, had given them a chance to look them over and consult their friends, or if they had only come back, these gentle people would now be on the heights instead of looking wistfully up from the foot of the mountain. But, alas, opportunities never return, and he who is not ready to seize them as they flit onward will have only regrets for his portion.

Sardinia.

The resemblance of Italy to a booted leg ending in a pronounced toe and heel is familiar to everybody. But how many of those who have glanced at Sardinia on the map have observed the likeness of the island to a footprint? Yet two of its oldest Greek names were Ichnusa (from "ichnos," a footmark) and Sandaliotis (from "sandal"). If these names had not yielded to Sardinia (said to be derived from Sardus, a son of Hercules) what should we be calling sardines to-day? And what of the "sardonic" laugh, which commemorates that island herb which distorted the features into a grin?—London Express.

The Sincerest Flattery.

Everything about Aunt Dorothy seemed lovely and wholly desirable to Bobby. Even an accident that broke a piece from one of her front teeth produced at last what seemed to her small admirer an attractive result.

On his first visit to the dentist Bobby bore with more or less patience the work which had to be done and then made a request.

"Right in the middle, in front," he said, "I should like a copper toed tooth like Aunt Dorothy's."

Dangerous Rights.

The Theorist—A man has a right to insist upon being the head of his own household.

The Pessimist—Ye-es, and a man also has a right to slap a tiger on the nose, but—

Worth the Price.

Mrs. Smith—You don't mean to say that he was glad when his house burned down?

Mr. Smith—Yes; the letters he wrote his wife before they were married were destroyed.

Houses of London.

The houses of London alone could more than accommodate the entire population of Switzerland.

Her Majesty.

We may joke about the cook in print, but we dare not do it to her face.

Quaint Signposts.

In the neighborhood of Warmbrunn, in the Silesian Mountains, there are to be found some very curious signposts. One seen by a writer in The Wide World represents a farm laborer sharpening his scythe, on which is inscribed in the old Silesian dialect, "To Giers village, one hour." The signpost is well carved and painted in natural colors, so that it appears very lifelike. Another signpost in the same district represents a schoolboy carrying a slate bearing the name of the nearest village, toward which the boy is pointing.

Cows Tried For Murder.

Old documents of the middle ages tell us of numerous cases where animals were put on trial for serious offences charged against them. For example, in 1370 three cows were tried for having killed a boy. The whole herd were arrested as accomplices. All were discharged but the guilty three, these being condemned to be executed. The sentence was pronounced by the Duke of Burgundy.—Our Dumb Animals.

Good Luck For Turtles at Least.

The Chinese have a peculiar custom with regard to turtles, which they consider as very good joss. Almost any day one can see these creatures, some of them of huge size, being carried on board the river steamers, not to be taken to Canton for culinary purposes, but to be dumped into the sea and restored to liberty and freedom. Good luck is thought to follow.

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Childish laughter is the echo of heavenly music.

The noblest act is that of making others happy.

Innocent amusement transforms tears into rainbows.

The outhor of harmless mirth is a public benefactor.

Amusement to children is like rain to flowers.

Wholesome recreation conquers evil thoughts.

Strive to do your duty, then you will know what is in you.

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