RUSSIAN TUNICS NOW FEATURED

Long Apron Drapery to Skirt Edge is Modified Form.

Several forms of the Russian tunic are now being featured, such as the box-plaited style, the side-plaited effects, the tunic with plaited panels back and front, and the gathered overskirt set on at a line about five inches from the waist. The junction of the skirt-yoke in extreme models is marked by a one-inch heading in the form of a ruffle.

Modified Form.

The long apron drapery, which reaches the skirt edge in front and is slightly drawn up in the back is a modifid form of the long tunic. Some models show the tunic straight around the bottom, and in others the measurement is extended in tapering outline from a point slightly above the knees in front to near the skirt hem in the back. When this line is reversed an underskirt shows just enough to suggest a petticoat, which may be fashioned of a suiting material in matching or contrasting shade or in net, lace organdy, Roman striped silk or mauve.

Summer Gown.

Rich hydrangea blue taffeta is chosen for a lovely summer gown, favored because of its graceful lines and softly draping effects. The bodice is much bloused, and exploits vest, revers, sleeve and neck bandings of maline lace. The skirt is decidedly "peg-top" at the sides, while the upper section of the black is shaped in a triple box-plaited tunic. Soft folds fall beneath the tunic and a quaint taffeta girdle has stand-up bows fastened at the left-front.

AUCTIONEER,

The Most Noble Charles Richard John, Duke of Marlborough, K. G., Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

The duke, a dapper figure in a country suit and gaiters, had his steward on his right hand and his solicitor on his left. His license proclaimed him a licensed public auctioneer.

"I am open to questions," he began, "but please do not ask very difficult ones. If I were a really competent auctioneer I would be able to tell you the prices obtained for land near Oxford lately. But if you want to know consult an auctioneer," he added apologetically.

He spoke with a clear, emphatic voice, and his nonchalant manner foiled the designs of the facetious at the outset. He gave the reason which had led him to adopt this unusual course. He desired to lessen the cost of transfer of small portions of land and to show his neighbors that application for land in his ownership will receive prompt and businesslike attention.

"Lot 1, several pieces of freehold building land. Nice building land," observed the duke in quite professional manner, "and convenient and handy for a developing city; sure to be ripe for building before long. Is there any gentleman who will bid me $75,000 for Lot 1?"

A burst of laughter was the reply. "Why laugh?" asked the duke, quite unperturbed. "That is the figure according to the recent government valuation!"

"It may be," remarked a man, "and if your grace would split it up into small lots you'd get all that and more."

"Well, well, well! I have made a bid which has made you laugh, so I'll make another which will make you cry," he remarked. "What do you say to $50,000? No? $25,000? Yes? Was that a bid, sir? May I say thirty-five thousand dollars? Yes?" And so the bidding continued between an old gentleman and a young undergraduate.

"Don't be shy, gentlemen," said the auctioneer at $57,500. May I say $60,000? No? Well, I must withdraw this lot."

And so it went to the end. He sold a miniature estate. "They say," he remarked at the close, "that the laboring man wants to acquire his own cottage. I am giving him a chance to do so. I thank you all for the quiet way in which you have permitted me to conduct the sale. You have made many bids, but now it is my turn to bid. So I bid you all good afternoon!"

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Famous Dancer Gives Complexion Secrets

I've learned the secret of Dolores' entrancing beauty—the wondrous charm that has dazzled the courts of Europe and captivated vast audiences everywhere. The famous dancer abhors rouges and cosmetics. Yet, despite the strenuosity of her life, she retains the incomparable complexion best described as "indescribable." An intimate friend tells me the senorita regularly uses on her face what druggists know as mercolized wax. This is applied at night in the manner cold cream is used, and washed off in the morning. It absorbs the dead particles of skin which daily appear, and a fair, soft, fresh, girlish complexion is always in evidence.

Dolores' skin is not marred by a single wrinkle, not even the finest line. She wards these off by daily bathing the face in a solution made by dissolving an ounce of powdered saxolite in a half-pint witch hazel. As your drug stores keep these ingredients, as well as mercolized wax (one ounce of the wax is sufficient), no doubt your readers will welcome this information.—Aileen Moore, in Beauty's Mirror.

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Clothing and the Weather

Any baby who perspires is dressed too warmly. Any baby held in his mother's arms for a longer time than it takes to feed him, is sure to be too warm, and to be too warm is, as most of us have realized, most uncomfortable. Remember your own experiences with hot weather when you are dealing with the little baby; and try to realize that he is always just a little warmer than you in the same temperature.

One of the things I have warned young mothers against, time and time again, is overdressing.

Do you know there are people who dress their children according to age rather than according to the weather? A baby three months old, must wear a certain amount of flannel, whether it is July or January; a baby one year old must wear certain thicknesses of clothing no matter where he is or what the temperature.

That is nonsense of course.

During hot weather baby must be kept cool. On extremely hot days in mid-summer, well babies can dispense with flannel petticoats, socks and even a shirt.

It is quite easy to slip on extra clothing during the cooler parts of the day or on a cool day; for it does no harm to change the thickness of the clothing from day to day as the weather changes. At night the clothing should be very light and loose, and air allowed to circulate freely about the crib.

The utmost care is necessary to prevent baby taking a chill; and it is well to keep the woolen band over the abdomen and the knees covered when out of doors. A chill might cause diarrhoea. I am sounding this warnning because it is easy to go to extremes in matters of this kind, often with disastrous results. Let me say again, I do not approve of socks and sandals for young children. I have given my reasons before in this column and probably shall again before the summer is over.

Train Your Shrub Trees

What was pointed out yesterday concerning the climbing vines is also quite applicable to most shrub trees. Every shrub needs initial training and later a certain amount of constant pruning.

And just here let me remind our amateur gardeners that it is much wiser to have but one or two well-trained shrubs and vines, than a number carelessly looked after. While an experienced teacher may try to help amateurs along these lines, yet remember, to be a successful teacher the teacher must know all his vines and shrubs and plants. And he also should know what every pupil possesses in the garden. Else how can he teach? Unfortunately, the list of shrubs and vines and plants is too great to allow of other than a meagre knowledge of a few of each. And it is only of these that one can successfully talk. And even then the teacher cannot tell other than a little bit of what he desires to tell.

And let me advise each one of you to familiarize yourself with but a few plants at a time, adding to your store as the seasons pass by. This will enable each of you to have at least a few good plants at all times.

Now, in the matter of shrub trees, there are a dozen or more of very easily grown trees, familiar to so many that it is often a wonder to me that more gardeners do not try to grow some of them.

There are the lilacs. But each one of you must learn your lilacs. You must learn to keep out all the ground shoots and prune at the proper time, and so enjoy splendid bloom.

There are the syringa trees, familiarly called orange blossoms. Like the lilacs, these are sturdy growers once well rooted, but they must be pruned sensibly and kept well within bounds, else they will soon overrun everything in sight. But a well pruned syringa bush is a joy to the world just now. The white, waxy blossoms rival in beauty and fragrance the lilacs.

The japonicas are rather more difficult shrubs to manage, but the growth is much slower than that of the two above mentioned shrubs. A japonica cydonia in bloom is one of the most wonderful sights of spring, and altho no faintest hint is given off by the gleaming blood-red blossoms of shining wax, yet the sight of a blossoming japonica is well worth waiting a year or more to enjoy. Here is a shrub that needs training carefully to one central stalk, and lateral branches, in succeeding years.

Careful training and wise pruning always develops budding branches. Pruning and training is best learned from experience.

A Trip Through Canada's Garden—Described by Niagara-St. Catharines Folder.

The attention of the traveling public is directed to the 1914 edition of the Canadian Northern Railway's "Niagara - St. Catharines Line" booklet, which has just made its appearance in attractive covers of red and gray.

The contents have been thoroughly revised while interesting descriptions of the new Welland Ship Canal, the world's greatest engineering undertaking, at present in progress, and the extension from St. Catharines to Niagara-on-the-Lake have been added.

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DUKE ACTS IN ROLE OF AUCTIONEER

LONDON, May 30.—The Duke of Marlborough appeared recently in the role of auctioneer—a role never before occupied by a nobleman of his rank in this country. It was not a bazaar turn, but a real sale of part of his own land.

The auction was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Oxford. In front of the rosetrum was nailed a white card, with this inscription:

NEW WARSHIPS FOR TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 30.—According to the Turkish newspapers the government has ordered in France eight torpedo craft and destroyers and three submarines to be completed within eighteen months. It is stated that the cost is to be borne by the committee which has been organizing the public subscription for the navy and other sources, but will not fall on the current budget, nor on the loan recently concluded in Paris.

TEETHING BABIES

Teething time is usually a time of worry to mothers. It is usually accompanied by nervousness, stomach trouble and extreme fretfulness. The mother can avoid all this; she can have her baby pass through the dangerous teething time without pain or crossness. Baby's Own Tablets are the mother's greatest friend at this time. They sweeten the stomach, regulate the bowels, allay feverishness which usually accompanies the coming of new teeth, and in this way make teething easy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Jellies

JELLY, beautifully colored, transparent, quivering, at once sweet and tart, is the ideal we are working for. But too much or too little sugar, or too ripe fruit, will give a thin syrup or a granular mass, very unlike what we want.

All fruits vary in sweetness, in the amount of acid and pectin, or jelly making substance, so the exact quantities of materials cannot be given. This is why some housekeepers sometimes have perfect jellies one season and failures the next. Properly ripened fruit and xprience will finally produce good jelly every time.

The amount of jelly making pectin found in cherries and strawberries sometimes is so small that it is almost impossible to make jellies with these juices alone. Other fruits may be added tho and good results secured. Apple-juice is often used for this, as inspection of manufactured "strawberry" jelly's labels will show.

The small, juicy fruits all make fine jelly, and if the jelly making property is absent it may be supplied by adding currants, and the flavor really be improved.

The next consideration in jelly making is the weather; a warm, sunny season gives sweeter, richer fruit; if it has been very wet, the juices will be watery and acid and more sugar must be used and the time of cooking be a trifle extended.

If berries are sandy or dusty, and they are sure to be if picked and brought into town and carried thru the streets, they must be washed, and this is another cause for increasing the quantity of sugar. The best way to wash berries is to place them in a sieve or colander and hold them beneath running water for a moment. Shake them as free from the water as you can and start them cooking at once. When fruits are gathered when fully ripe and not immediately after a rain, you may be sure they contain just the right amount of moisture, and it is for such fruits that recipes will be given tomorrow in this department.

About the jelly bag: These bags used always to be made of flannel, but cheese cloth is better. Double a half a yard and fold it on the bias, stitch along the straight edge so that it is cone shaped when finished. This small bag is just the right size for making jelly at home, for a great quantity should never be put thru a bag at once if it is to be clear. Put a hem around the top and insert a strong tape to hang it up by. Fasten a hook over a shelf so that the bag can hang down over a crock and the juices drip into it without spilling.

These bags must always be washed between every time of using, but never use soap, as it gives an objectionable taste that cannot be removed by rinsing. Wash thoroly in quite hot water containing borax and rinse in clear water just before you pour in the fruit juices.

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