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**Suggestions That Can Be Carried Out By the Home Dressmaker**

BY ELIZABETH LEE.

IT SHOULD be a very easy matter for a woman to provide herself with dainty frocks for warm weather wear, since there are so many pretty designs and colorings among the thin fabrics to choose from and at such modest prices too. Those who are observant must have noticed the change in the weaves of the cotton goods during the last couple of years, but those who have not kept quite up to date in such matters may like to know "what will be worn" this season, also the kind of materials considered passe. No one wants to buy goods out of date. The cotton goods that will be popular this year can be summed up in a few words. "Anything that can be laundered without using starch." These include voiles, chailis, poplins, cotton ratine, goldies, crepe and printed muslin, as against dimity, organdy, Swiss, chambray and percale of former years, all of which were improved by a little starching. So fashion is kind again—as she often is—reducing the labors or the expense of the laundry as the case may be. A starched dress had to be got up every time it lost its crispness while the soft goods will last quite a whole summer with care. So much for the materials, now for color and design. There are quite a good many stripes to be seen especially in goldies, which, by the way,

**The Daily Mail Sporting Section**

News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

**INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE BASEBALL GAME**

First Games on the Modern Plan Were Played in 1839.—Was of Purely American Origin and Was Not Based, As Commonly Supposed, on the English Game of Rounders.

For many years it was supposed that baseball had its origin with the English game of rounders. A commission composed of A. G. Spalding, A. G. Mills, A. P. Gorman, A. J. Reach, James E. Sullivan, and a number of other gentlemen prominent authorities, numbering nine in all, were appointed to determine this point during the summer of 1907, the result of which the commission reported that the great game was of modern and purely American origin and originated by the Knickerbocker American Club of New York in 1845. The first beginning of baseball was in 1839, when Abner Doubleday, of Cooperstown, N. Y., drew up a diagram of a diamond which provided for eleven fielders.

**THE FIRST GAME**

The first regular game of baseball was played under the Knickerbocker Club rules at New York of June 19, 1846. Five years later the second game was played, when the Knickerbockers defeated the Washingtons on June 10th at New York by a score of 21 runs to 11.

The organizing of the National Association at Cooper Institute on

March 9, 1859, brought into effect the nine men play and the greater number of the rules now in force. Four clubs comprised a league namely: Excelsors of Brooklyn, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Excelsors were acclaimed champions having won every game during the season of 1860.

**30,000 SPECTATORS**

Six years afterwards many clubs were formed in the large cities and several leagues were playing scheduled, and as stated yesterday 30,000 spectators witnessed the championship game between the Athletics of Brooklyn and the Athletics of Philadelphia at Philadelphia.

**A SET BACK**

Owing to the civil war the game of baseball was dropped, but as soon as peace was declared the National League again resumed operations, and on Dec. 13, 1865, thirty-five clubs sent delegates to the convention which was held in New York.

**FIRST PROFESSIONAL CLUB**

The first club to put its entire team under salary was the Cincinnati's, who in 1869 established the present system of purchasing and trading players. The success of the

professional team gave the game a great impetus, and in a short while every club in the leagues of any consequence were professional.

**PRESIDENTS**

In 1876 the National League was reorganized, and up to the present date has continued to flourish. The Presidents were: Ex-Governor Bulkeley, Connecticut; Wm. A. Hulbert, Chicago; A. G. Mills, New York; N. E. Young, Washington; H. C. Pulliam, Pittsburgh; Thomas J. Lynch, and the present holder of the office, Governor J. K. Tenner.

**THE AMERICAN LEAGUE**

The American League was formed in 1882. It flourished until 1891 when the National League absorbed its interests. The American was reformed in 1900 and Ben Johnson, who was elected President, is still the holder of that office.

**OTHER LEAGUES**

At the present time there are over a dozen professional leagues in Canada and America. Although a lively war raged between the Nationals and Americans for a number of years, they are now friendly disposed to one another, and a commission of two presidents with one other member of the executives, was appointed to sit and settle all disputes that from time to time arise.

**THE FEDERALS**

The last league of any importance to be formed is known as the Federals who are causing no small amount of trouble to the Nationals and Americans, by buying up man famous players and threaten to play games in the same cities in which the big combines have now a stronghold.

**KING GEORGE A SPECTATOR**

Two of the foremost teams in the Republic toured the principal cities of

Japan, China, England and Australia after the 1913 season closed, and during the five months played almost 100 games. Whilst playing in London King George was a spectator, and after the exhibition received the ball players and expressed himself very much in favor of the great pastime of the diamond.

**RED LIONS AND B. I. S. HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS**

The Red Lions will hold their annual meeting at the R. N. Co.'s first-class waiting room on Thursday night, and the B. I. S. will hold a special meeting on Friday night at their club rooms. Both teams will elect officers and managers to act for the coming season.

**NATIONAL AMATEUR BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.**

New York, Mar. 21.—Edward W. Gardner, of New York City, won the National amateur billiard championship here to-night by defeating Morris D. Brown, of Brooklyn, in the play off of the tie for first place in the annual tournament. The game was a long and tedious affair owing to the frequent safety plays.

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**Summer Frocks for the Little Girl**

BY ETHEL DEMAREST.

Following the lead of the more important fabrics those of cotton are long ago worn in the most bouffant style. The skirt itself is usually quite plain, but an overskirt, pannier puff or tunic of some kind is imperative if one would be fashionable. A frock made from any of the soft printed materials in the tunic effect created by small over lapping ruffles would be very lovely worn by a tall, slender figure. These of more generous charms should choose the straight over skirt cut fairly straight across the front and dropping in the back. This is a good model for striped goods. The stripes should run straight up and down in the under skirt and horizontally in the upper one.

**Herbs, Flowers and Vegetables That Are Medicinal and Healing**

BY HELEN HOWE.

More persons would consider the medicinal qualities of vegetables, herbs and flowers—much of which may be had for the picking—and partake of them freely, there would be far less need of taking drugs, or the cost of doctor's visits and advice. This is the time of year when most of us are feeling "out of sorts." Now instead of flying to tonics, pills and potions bought at the drug store, why not give the "garden cure" a trial? Cabbage, brussels sprouts and cauliflower, these are the best of blood purifiers, and should be eaten very often. Spinach, "the broom of the stomach," as it is called, contains much iron, so those who are buying their iron in bottles will find the vegetable much more safe and satisfactory. Build up on vegetable iron, not mineral. Both spinach and celery are the best of medicines for those persons subject to rheumatism or gout, and should be eaten daily. For biliousness and that dizzy feeling go on a daily diet of ripe, raw tomatoes, using pepper and salt only for seasoning. Beets, peas and carrots are good for nervous persons. They enrich the blood and so nourish run down nerve centers. Thin women will be much benefited by making these vegetables part of their daily diet. The despised onion is said to be the best known remedy for those suffering from nervous dyspepsia, and since Betty Green makes them her daily diet we may be inclined to believe that it is something in the claim. She says, "I relish chewing bits of onion as most girls do gum." She takes them both raw and cooked. The best results come from the latter when it is made into the white sauce for serving with them. Torpid or diseased liver can be tried to life again through a steady diet of dandelions eaten and the liquid made into a syrup with sugar to be taken in water as a beverage. It is

employed as belts, sashes, vests, collars and cuffs, or sometimes in a bow or as buttons to catch up a bit of drapery. So if you would be modish make use of a bit of black ribbon when designing your summer frocks. A soft chiffon taffeta is the preferred weave. Everything is a bit "stand out" this season and this influence is felt, even in the ribbons, the stiffer taffeta supplanting the softer messalines. After material, color and trimming come the styles.

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At this time of year in many households the little girl's frocks are of all-absorbing interest. Figured crepe and plaid designs in gingham and other materials seem to share the popular favor for children's frocks. The group above shows a number of these. On the left is a novel little frock of plaid gingham in reds, blues and greens. The blouse portion and sleeves are of white lawn with embroidery as trimming. The skirt, collar and cuffs are of the gingham and the broad belt of gingham is elongated at the sides and back to form square tabs closely resembling a tunic. To this are attached broad suspenders which, together with belt, collar and cuffs are scalloped and embroidered in red. The companion frock of figured cotton crepe has a little shoulder yoke and triple skirt. The blouse portion opens over a narrow vest of white embroidery and tacking and is finished on the edges with narrow pleatings of net. A frock of checked gingham in blue

**A Few Helpful Moments With the "Get-There" Club**

"Business is Business." Cause of the wife's illness, was all that was left of their savings—and caught the train out of the city. What were that Young Husband's thoughts as, stricken with grief and slumped down in his seat, he gazed out at the flying wintry landscape—past each mile of which on the return trip the wife of his bosom would be borne in the baggage car—what his thoughts were is none of our concern; for they, necessarily dealt with sentiment, whereas this little story, you remember, deals with business. For the same reason, too, must we pass over his agony when he arrived at his destination and beheld all that was mortal of her who had in life been his all. Which brings us, Horace—in quite business fashion, mark you—to the moment when he was called into "the office" of the sanatorium to settle whatever still remained unpaid. Imagine, then, his amazement when he was handed a bill of \$250 from the undertaker that read "terms cash." Yes, it seems, this undertaker—the only one in the jerkwater town—always present for these terms. He was a good four miles from the ramshackle cluster of buildings on one side of the railroad track. But he was talking over the phone to the astounded Young Husband. And, perhaps, after all, that was fortunate, for otherwise there would most certainly have been one undertaker in the land just about ready to be measured for his own coffin. But there, there, Horace—such a statement as that is verging on sentiment, isn't it, and this is a happening that purports to show how sentiment has no place, under any consideration, in business! Well, so be it. Of course the Young Husband could not pay the bill. He had felt certain his \$150 would be ample to defray the small bill at the sanatorium, the cost of transportation for himself and the "corpse"—which term, you may be sure, was not his, but the business-like undertaker's. And, he had reasoned, the undertaker would send in his bill in a week or two and he would pay it out of the small estate he knew his wife had left. Which, certainly, was most unjustifiable and unbusiness-like reasoning, don't you think, Horace? Whether you do or not, that undertaker did! Yes, indeed! Once—only a year ago, too—he had trusted a man in a similar predicament and, because the estate of the deceased had been tied up at law ever since, he hadn't yet received his money. "Ya, so help him! Gott in Himmel, never again already yet would he run soch a risk again! Oder der cash or dere would be no casket!" In which contention, Horace, you and I agree—since we have abandoned all sentiment and stand pat on the axiom that "business is business." For three solid hours the Young Husband talked over the phone to this admirable Shlyock who was so excellent a business man that he needs must have his pound of flesh from even the dead! And the points discussed ran something like this: "No cash, no casket. So? Well then, Mr. Undertaker could accept it as final right now that there wouldn't and couldn't be any cash!—(One hour consumed in reaching that conclusion). Next, what equivalent could the Young Husband give? Could he telegraph for the money? No, he could not, since it was then nearly ten o'clock at night and no friend of his

