NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

CHECKS ARE GOOD FOR SPRING WEAR

Combinations of Black and White and Colors Being Shown.

SMART STREET SUITS

Reveal Many New Features, Snappy Buttons and Belted Effects.

Checks are quite popular for street suits, being chosen, like the ruffled frocks mentioned yesterday, most successfully by the youthful devotee. The paramount popularity of black and white supplies an unbounded field for the displaying of most effective shepherd's plaid materials, the checks ranging from diminutive patterns to huge inch checkerboard designs seen mostly in sporting dog costumes. Colored checks are also pronounced in excellent taste, pretty combinations of blue and white, green and white, and brown and white being among the very newest.

Plain and Conspicuous.

The street tailleurs fashioned from these checked materials are decidedly plain and conspicuous for the absence of trimmings, buttons being the chief of these with an occasional introduction of braids and strappings, or a touch of color in a one-tone silk of elegant quality introduced in collar, cuff or vest.

One of the most delightful models of this type is developed in a neat black and white check. The coat is cut on the popular Norfolk lines, with shortened waistline, the fulness of this jaunty little coat being adjusted under the buckled belt. Smartly cut jet buttons add exclusiveness to the general effect, and an interestin" feature is the introduction of a smart white pique collar, which rolls over the tailored revered collar of the cloth. A side-pleated full skirt is short enough to display stunning white-topped black patent boots, laced high in the new side effect. A plain sailor with "striped band" completes the smart costume and supplies an important feature—the combination of stripe and check in street attire.

WOMEN OF FRANCE SHUN CONFERENCE

Meeting of Internationalist Women at Hague to Discuss Stopping War.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, April 16.—Arrangements for an international women's congress at The Hague, to be held April 28 to 30, are now complete. Delegates from Great Britain, Germany, the United States, Belgium, Russia, Norway, Sweden Denmark, Austria-Hungary and Italy have accepted the invitation of Holland, and a special ship has been chartered for the contingents assembling in Great Britain. The foreign office has raised no objections to the project, but the committees responsible have of course been much occupied with the formalities of securing passports, which in time of peace would be unnecessary. The shipping company has followed its now usual custom of demanding an indemnity from the passengers against war risks. The number of British delegates is rather over one hundred. The American deputation of fifteen women includes Jane Addams. There is no French contingent, partly, it is explained, because of the irksome residential qualification which must precede any grant of a passport by Great Britain to any alien passing thru this country; partly because of the bitter feeling engendered in France by the German occupation and partly because French women are already overburdened with war duties.

No Allusion to Cause of War.

The program omits any reference to the relative national responsibility for or conduct of the present war. A Dutch committee has drafted resolutions, to some of which the British deputation will propose important amendments. The first resolution calls upon the belligerent countries publicly to define the terms on which they are willing to make peace, and for this purpose immediately to call a truce. The British group, while insisting on a statement of terms, will move to omit the demand for a truce during their consideration.

Important Resolution.

Another important resolution reads as follows: "This international congress of women urges the powers to come to an agreement to unite in bringing pressure to bear upon any country which refuses to refer its case to arbitration or conciliation."

The British group makes it clear that it does not regard the agenda as authorizing a peace at any price propaganda. Further resolutions are in favor of the democratic control of foreign policy, of no transference of territory without the consent of the men and women in it, and of the more enlightened education of children on the question of war. The British delegates do not accept as timely the Dutch definition of the conference as a protest against this horrible war.

Notes of Women's World

Annual meeting, election of officers and attractive musical and literary program of Women's Canadian Club this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, McGill street.

Afternoon tea and a sale of home-made confections will be held this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock by the Women's Guild of St. Mark's Church, in the parish house, Cowan avenue.

A sale of home-made cooking and children's clothing will take place at 2591 Yonge street, this afternoon from 2 until 6.30. The proceeds will be in aid of the relief department of the North Toronto Women's Patriotic League.

A special meeting of the Toronto Drama League will be held on Monday at 8.15 to consider and adopt a constitution and for general discussion bearing upon the projected work of the society in the coming year.

A meeting of the Political Equality League will be held on Thursday, at 8.15, in Oddfellows' Temple, when Professor Sandford will speak on "Differences in the Mental Life of Men and Women."

St. Joseph's College Alumnae are invited to be present at solemn high mass in the college chapel on Sunday, April 25, at ten o'clock.

The "shower" for Canadian soldiers held at the home of Mrs. Hale at Russell Hill Drive, resulted in a most generous supply of varied articles and $200 in cash. The articles contributed were in response to an appeal from Col. T. Birchall Wood, A.Q.M.G. and will be forwarded shortly.

Today is the last opportunity to see Professor Coleman's collection of most interesting little pictures, now on exhibition in the Y.M.C.A. building of the university. Proceeds of entrance fee go towards University Base Hospital.

Girls of the Somers School of Physical Culture did patriotic service, when instead of making their own costumes as in former seasons for the "Festival of the Lilies," they gave the work to women who otherwise would have been unemployed, the aggregate of payment amounting to $107.

The regular meeting of the Bathurst W.C.T.U. will be held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McGill, 39 Gore Vale avenue.

A "Made-in-Canada" tea will be served by the Local Council of Women who have charge of the tea-room at the Arena today. The following will take part in the musical program: Miss Edna Crawford, Miss Constance Buck, Miss Sydney Aird, Miss Gertrude Tomlin, Miss Rita Haynes, Miss Kathleen Reade and Miss Lina Drechsler Adamson.

A balance on hand of $649.50 is reported by the Needlework Guild. During the year several thousand garments were made and distributed to 36 charitable institutions. The officers of last year, re-elected by acclamation, are: President, Mrs. Alfred Hoskin; secretary, Mrs. John Boyd; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Macklem; convenor of distributing committee, Mrs. Thompson.

Miss F. G. Fitzgerald, the newly appointed head of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Toronto, is a native of Prince Edward Island and for some time previous to her appointment here, had been in charge of various hospitals of the order thruout Canada.

On Monday at 3.30 p.m., the Lytle W. C. T. U. will meet in the Eaton Memorial Church parlors.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Suffrage Society will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George E. Robinson, 46 Appleton avenue.

Members of the Toronto Suffrage Society are urged to assist in the work of the surgical department of the University Base Hospital, on Thursdays, when Dr. Margaret Johnston and Dr. Stowe Gullen are in charge of the work.

The Westminster Chapter, I.O.D.E., will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, at 3, in the High Park Lawn and Bowling Club Rooms. Instructions will be given for Rose Day.

AN EXCELLENT REMEDY FOR LITTLE ONES

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Chapter VI.—A Detective's Chivalry.

As Mrs. Temperley heard her name called from the room within, she swayed slightly, hesitated a moment, and then, placing her hand upon the knob, she pushed open the door. From where she stood the room seemed vacant. Walking slowly and followed by the other members of the party, she approached the foot of the bed. As her gaze rested upon the man lying there, she gave a shriek, and weakly staggered into the chair at the dresser. Molineaux removed the handkerchief from his face, sprang to his feet, and towering over her he fairly shouted:

"You killed young Moreland here last night."

Mrs. Temperley burst into tears and was about to speak, but Molineaux stopped her, and, with a wave of his hand, dismissed the others. All save one departed. Miss Edith, unknown to either Molineaux or Mrs. Temperley, slipped behind the portieres hanging from the windows. Thinking himself alone with the cowering woman, the detective said almost kindly:

"Tell me about it."

Sobbingly she said:

"A year ago my life was very miserable. My husband, you know, is very ill, and under the stress of this illness abused me terribly. One day I was in the park with my husband and his man. It was early spring and the trees had not yet taken on their summer garb. It was all so bleak and miserable, and the surroundings seemed reflected on me. A party of young people in an automobile came speeding along to where I was walking with my husband in his chair by my side. In the party was Miss Edith Burnham. I had known her for two seasons. She stopped the car, and the entire party got out. Edith introduced me to Mr. Moreland, and he was very charming to me. We talked a few minutes, and then they went away. Somehow I felt better after that. Something seemed to have come into my life."

"And then, afterwards, you met Moreland frequently?" asked Molineaux.

"He called me on the telephone two days later, and then called me again the day following, asking me if I could go motoring with him. I knew I shouldn't have done it, but my husband was going out in his wheel chair and I was to be alone, so, in a wild, insane moment, I told him I would go. He called in half an hour, and we went speeding thru the park. Unfortunately, my husband saw us, and when I arrived at home he choked me and threatened to kill young Moreland if he came near me again."

Mrs. Temperley paused in her confession. Molineaux waited. He seemed uneasy and unwilling to harass the troubled woman by insisting upon her continuance. She seemed to know what was expected of her, however, and after but a moment she continued:

"Our acquaintanceship ripened into real affection; at least, on my part. He sent me flowers, and the morning of his death we went to Bonnett's, and he purchased a dozen beautiful white roses. I couldn't take them with me, as I was due for an engagement at lunch-time, so he said he would send them privately to me. I was so happy that day, and——." She broke off into a fit of sobbing.

With his hand on her shoulder, Molineaux said:

"Come to the night of the murder."

"Well, that night, while the ball was at its height, Edith Burnham came to me, her face radiant with happiness. She told me she had a secret, and took me into a secluded corner of her room. There she showed me a beautiful diamond ring, saying she was engaged. I congratulated her, and asked her who the lucky man was. She replied, at the same time cautioning me not to tell, that it was Jack Moreland. I don't know what ever gave me the strength to control myself. I wanted to grasp her pretty round throat and choke her. This girl had taken from me the man I loved, the one man that meant everything to me. I grew faint, but pulling myself together, I rose from the chair, wished her all the happiness in the world, and turned away. I didn't know what she thought. I didn't care. I wanted to find Moreland and tell him what I thought. It wasn't long before I found him, and in a whisper I requested an interview. Into the same corner, where but a few moments before I had learned of his perfidy, but now again deserted, we hastened. I asked him if it was true—this engagement to Edith Burnham. He laughed, said no, and asked me to accompany him upstairs, where he could explain. I went with him, almost in a trance. Once in his room, he locked the door and tried to seize me in his arms. A wave of repulsion swept over me, and I broke away from his wild embrace. This seemed to anger him. It was then I saw him in his true light. I remembered what my husband had said, and I told him I would call my husband up, informing him of my husband's threat to kill him if we were ever in each other's company again. I started to the telephone; he grabbed me again; I seemed to lose my reason. I grasped the first thing I could lay my hands on; it was the knife.

"I struck him with it. He staggered away. I lifted the receiver from the hook, and started to call my number, when I saw him fall. In an instance I realized what I had done. The past and the future flitted thru my mind's eye in a tangled mass. What should I do? I hurried from the room, my first thought. On the landing I could hear the music of the stringed orchestra. The ball was in full progress. What it meant to me, this awful act of mine, then descended upon me like a pall. Never again, if I were found out, would such gaiety belong to me. Realizing I must brazen it out, by a great effort I went into the ballroom, mingled with the crowd, and was there when Mr. Burnham, white-faced, staggered into the room and told of what had happened upstairs. I haven't slept since. My life is ruined, and I was not to blame—I was not to blame."

Mrs. Temperley fell at Molineaux's feet, weeping violently. For an instance he paused, but only for an instance. Then, half lifting her, he placed her again in the chair, and gently stroked her hand. He stood thinking, looking into space. Suddenly, a smile lighted his countenance. He turned quickly and opened the door. To the startled people outside he said:

"Come in."

Almost tremblingly, they entered. Then Molineaux said:

"Mr. Burnham, I can find nothing to incriminate Mrs. Temperley. I was wrong. She is innocent. I must look elsewhere for the culprit."

Without another word the detective then turned, waved aside the thanks of the weeping woman and walked toward the door. As he was about to leave a soft voice said:

"Mr. Molineaux."

He turned. It was Miss Edith.

"That was a noble thing to do. I have heard it all from behind the curtain. I am so sorry for her, and so glad!"

Embarrassed, Molineaux bowed his thanks. She offered her hand and said:

"Come to see me sometime."

The great detective, who but a moment before had sacrificed his reputation to save a poor, misguided woman from the awful consequences of her folly, realized that the great love which until now had been denied him, had come into his life. He promised to call, sometime. Then he said adieu and departed. As he was leaving the massive stone porch he paused a moment, took a cigaret from his case and lighted it. His smile broke thru the cloud of smoke as he thought of the girl in the house, then, taking a bit of pasteboard from his pocket he looked at it a moment and tore it into tiny pieces. It was the address of George Bonnett, florist. With its scattering to the four winds of Heaven disappeared the last clue to the guilt of Mrs. Temperley. As he finished, a girlish face appeared at the window at his back. Unknown to him she watched him get into his automobile and drive away. Then, with a little satisfied smile, she disappeared from view.

(The End).

A HEAVY DEMAND FOR WAR STAMPS

Public Getting Accustomed to New Stickers, Altho Many Forget.

With the supply of war-tax stamps still inadequate the Toronto Postoffice officials had to wire to Ottawa yesterday for a million more stickers. There has been much confusion since the tax came into operation over the matter of using inland revenue stamps on mail matter. Postmaster-General Casgrain settled the difficulty by sending a wire to Postmaster Rogers to the effect that the inland revenue stamps could not be used on first-class mail.

Already some 12,000,000 war-tax stamps has been distributed in the Toronto district of Ontario. The heavy mail on Thursday night was followed by one that was slightly below the normal on Friday. The increase was due to the fact that advertising firms took advantage of the opportunity to place their claims before the public before the higher rate went into effect.

The mail was normal again last night, and with a large shipment of the war-tax stamps arriving in Toronto this morning, the rush was nearly met. The tax on railway and steamship tickets is causing a little inconvenience, and will do so until the public gets accustomed to the new order of things. The railway men point out that the United States has had a war-tax for several months, and that the levy on steamship tickets is greater on the other side of the line than it is in Canada.

Summer Nearly Here.

The summer is nearly here and your furnace will soon be out. This is the time to have your piano tuned. If you would have the work done by experts and experienced men, phone Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Ltd. Heintzman Hall, 193, 195, 197 Yonge street. Phone Main 6587.

ANGLICAN GRAND RALLY.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Alban's Cathedral a grand rally of the Anglican Sunday Schools in Toronto will be held. A large attendance is expected, and the children's Lenten offering for missions will be presented. Ven. Archdeacon Davidson of Guelph will be the preacher.

Desserts for Baby

It is usually wise to give the baby a dessert with the idea of adding a little extra nourishment to his meal rather than simply to gratify his taste. Desserts made with milk are usually the most nourishing for the baby and also the most easily digested.

Junket. Junket is one of the first desserts the baby may be allowed. It may be given when he is one year old and used at the end of his dinner or else made part of his supper. It is made in the following manner:

Warm a pint of fresh milk to 98 or 100 degrees Fahrenheit; add a teaspoonful of sugar, a pinch of salt and two teaspoonfuls of essence of pepsin, liquid rennet or a junket tablet; stir for a moment, then allow it to stand until it is firmly clotted, which will take about twenty minutes at the temperature of the room; then place on ice. Junket may be frozen and used in place of ice cream in summer or for variety.

Irish-Moss Blancmange. Another nourishing and dainty dessert for the baby is Irish-moss blancmange:

A quarter of a cupful of Irish moss, a cupful and a half of cold water, a cupful and three-quarters of milk, a quarter of a saltspoonful of salt, and a third of a teaspoonful of vanilla. Soak the moss in cold water for about twenty minutes, then place it in a double boiler with the milk. Cook from twenty to thirty minutes or until it thickens when dropped on a cold plate; then add the salt, strain thru a very fine sieve or thru cheesecloth; add the vanila and strain again; pour into a cold wet mold and cool quickly, then place on ice until it hardens. A little milk and very little sugar should be served on it. Care should be taken not to make it too stiff.

Soft Custard. The milk and egg desserts are usually those next given to the baby. Soft custard is the best one to begin with:

One cupful of milk, one egg, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a saltspoonful of salt, a quarter of a teaspoonful of vanilla.

Scald the milk in a double boiler, beat the egg, add the salt and sugar and pour the scalded milk on gradually. Pour back into the double boiler and stir constantly until it looks creamy and the foam has disappeared; then remove at once from the hot water, cool and add flavoring.

Pruning the Rosebushes

This is another thing our gardeners had better attend to now. I notice in my own little backyard that some of the rose bushes are already showing signs of many fat leaf-buds. If some of the extra growth is cut back, all the growth that would otherwise go to those branches can be utilized elsewhere.

It is as a rule a good plan to prune the rosebushes early, for this reason. But, remember, all rosebushes should not be pruned the same way. Rosebush pruning is a science in itself, and depends almost entirely upon the kind of bush you have—and as a rule our gardeners have several kinds—and as well, upon the individual characteristics and needs of each especial bush.

We cannot expect our new gardeners to know their rosebushes yet, but if they plant even one rose bush (and while they are at it let them plant a good three-year-old), they should study that bush during this summer and find out all the things they can about it.

As e say, rose pruning is a science in itself, and the best we can do in this department just now is to indicate a few of the fundamental principles of rose pruning.

It is a good rule to prune roses back hard after planting, since this gives them a good start, but after this initial pruning, all cutting should be regulated by the amount of the annual growth of each bush.

A variety that is naturally vigorous and well suited to the soil so as to make shoots three or four feet long in one season need not be cut back too much at this annual spring cutting. Weak growers should be severely pruned back to within a few inches of the ground in an endeavor to stimulate the development of a good stout cane or two.

Most of the ramblers are best pruned late in the summer, but all gardeners should go over the bushes now and cut back two or three inches beyond the spot where life now shows. Winter frosts always kill off a few inches, and the great principle of growing is to have always strong, stout, vigorous canes.

Other climbers that have developed good stout canes need only a little pruning each spring, unless the vine has reached a good age. As a rule new climbers should be cut back the first year, well, and after that, provided you have managed to develop a couple of stout canes, prune back only the ends, a foot or more, according to the length of the canes.

Be generous in the use of your pruning scissors where young and weak, and also where old vines are concerned; but be chary in all other cases.

Meaville—Will you be kind enough to send your inquiries always thru The World office? We are going to start on the lawn question on Monday. Of course you have already done the first raking and cleaning up, I take it. If not, do it now.

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SPENT SOCIAL EVENING.

Members of the Single Tax Association of Ontario turned out in large numbers last night, when a social evening was held in the Queen Mary tea rooms.

EVOLUTION OF BIRD MUSIC.

Prof. W. Harvey McNairn gave an extremely interesting address yesterday afternoon at the Royal Canadian Institute on the Evolution of the Songs of Birds, to an appreciative audience made up of members of the Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds. It was announced that next Friday Mr. Kurata of the Ontario Museum would speaks on the Birds of Japan.

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