

Matters of Interest to Women

Some Fashion Notes

Various changes have taken place in hats since the Easter hat of a year ago. And there is a possibility of a return to sweet simplicity. The toque is to be very much worn and, though it is a picture to see, it is one that is not too much trimmed. It is picturesque in its simple lines. A certain gown of grey chiffon tulle is to have a hat of grey lace and roses.

A very fashionable woman is to wear a toque of straw draped with silk around the brim, the silk being laid on in heavy undulating folds. At the side, falling well off the back, are three short ostrich feathers. This gives the small up-to-date line for the hair and the hat.

But it is toward the picture hat that one turns at this time as being a bright and welcome relief from the somberness of winter. And this spring there will be very many hats that suggest the types of the old pictures, for Dame Fashion is endeavoring to introduce novelties in the shape of a revival of old styles. This is being done more systematically than ever before.

New Things in Dress.
Afternoon bags are now necessary. The relic carried in the morning for shopping has attained such proportions that a distinct article is required for calling later in the day. For this purpose the tiniest little bags in pleated and every possible shade of leather have appeared, fitted with a change purse and a string middle compartment for cards. Any gown may be matched in these bags.

Capuchin hoods appear on the newest wraps and driving coats. Some of these hoods are very large and long, reaching the waist line. On the reverse of the hoods the left one has buttons of fairly good size. On the right buttonholes graduated in dimension.

Fur girdles are among the newest accessories. Have made for yourself a smart little double-breasted one of some flat fur, such as pony or caracul, and ornament the front and postilion, if there be one, with the handsomest buttons you can afford. They can be worn with any short-coated costume.

Gold bracelets in the old-fashioned, heavy, wide-band effect, chased in old

The Pretty Carnival In Old Austria--Brilliant and Picturesque Spectacle



Vienna, March 9.—The annual carnival held in this city was one of the most superb seen in recent years, and was wound up by a masked ball at the palace, in which the exclusive aristocracy of the empire participated. The scene in the great hall of the Hofburg Palace was one long to be remembered, and the characters depicted by the guests of royalty were of almost every variety, the historical predominating.

At about 8.30 the guests began to arrive, at first in twos and threes, and then in large batches, until almost perceptibly there was quite a crush. To the glorious Gobelins, the sparkling mirrors, the luxuriant wealth of flowers, and the brilliant light of electric drops were added the splendor of jewels and rich dresses of the women and gorgeous uniforms of most of the strong sex.

The court entered shortly after 9, the Emperor leading Archduchess Marie Annunziata on his arm. The youthful archduchess, who has just celebrated her 18th birthday, is a member of the Knights of Malta. A large number of young women of the aristocracy were presented to His Majesty this year. To each one the monarch had a kind word to say, and soon put at ease the most bashful of the novices.

The presentations over, the Emperor took a seat next to Archduchess Franz Ferdinand, and watched the progress of the cotillon. Punctually at 11 o'clock the court retired.

English patterns, are the most fashionable form of this article of jewelry. Decollete gowns are appearing at some of the smart restaurant dinners. This European fashion is not at all general here, and even the most advanced are having their gowns as yet cut only in a deep Dutch square. The absence of a collar is almost general, and one of the many new attractive barettes on velvet or tulle bands of the standard dog collar are used to dress the throat.

Ribbon Threaded Hat
The fancy for threading with ribbon has become as popular in the realm of headgear as it has in that of the cutlery, and numbers of the new spring hats have full crowns of straw, drawn in at the base by means of a velvet ribbon threaded through the straw itself, and tied in a wide bow in front.

Straw buckles are likewise becoming immensely popular, and are costing those of velvet and silk from the scheme of matters modest; while an entire favorite, buckle entirely composed of twisted gold cords and fashioned in the new Dye-shape, will be seen on numbers of the spring hats.

A novel example of headgear is designed in a new straw, which bears a strong resemblance to the upholsterer's canvas, being carried out in an ecrú shade and trimmed with velvet in bright pinkish blue. The straw is soft, ranged in folds, the cachepeline being of blue tulle, to match the velvet.

Among the most original innovations in the realm of millinery are the wide palette quills, the fronds of which are decorated with horizontal stripes, produced by means of minute breast feathers. Three or four quills are often used on the same hat in different sections, such as white, grey, brown and yellow—each one being striped with close, narrow bands of fine feathers in a contrasting tint. Another craze is that which is shown for bands of straw, so fine as to resemble ribbon, and which are used to encircle some of the new "cloche" hats for morning wear, the straw being folded over, tied in a bow, or draped across the crown in soft, undulating folds. Some of these straw ribbons in cream and pale colors are embroidered with coarse floss silk in all manner of fanciful designs and allied to hats of dark crinoline, the lighter straw frequently forming a "blind" to the brim.

A Bow Epidemic
The ribbon bow, by the way, is enjoying a run of popularity. It never surely has before enjoyed. There is quite an epidemic of bows about, in fact, and they have assumed a decorative importance as trimmings that takes one back to the patrician days of the ancient regime when women, judged by contemporary pictures, approvingly to the Dresden china shepherdess ideal.

Somehow, for all our shempered dressing up to the part, we find ourselves very much at a loss as to what to do with the bow. It is so charming in pictures and so flat in sober reality.

Alas! how many of our ideals do the same when translated into the realm of fact!

To Relieve a Coat
The business of relining a coat, which is so often necessary at this time of the year, can be very simply relieved in the following manner: First remove half the old lining to use as a pattern by which to cut out the new lining, leaving the other half stitched to the coat as a guide.

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Household Recipes

Cream Waffles.
Two cupsfuls of sour cream, one teaspoonful of saleratus, flour enough to make rather a stiff batter. Bake quickly, split, butter and powder with sugar. Serve hot.

Brown Egg Sandwiches.
Mash the yolks of hard boiled eggs and moisten with a little butter and vinegar, work to a paste, adding salt, pepper and French mustard to taste; also, if desired, a drop of tabasco. Spread the mixture between slices of Boston brown bread cut wafer thin.

Chocolate Pie.
Beat together the yolks of four eggs with a cupful of sugar, add a cupful of hot milk, a little vanilla and three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate. Bake with an under crust only. Whip the whites of the eggs, sweeten, spread over the top and set in the oven to brown slightly.

Turnip Soup.
Boil six small turnips until soft enough to rub through a sieve. Fry an onion until it is cooked, but not brown, in a trifle of butter. Put the turnips, onions, pepper and salt in a saucepan and add a quart of milk. Stir thoroughly, and when smooth serve with a little grated cheese on top.

Cabbage Tart.
Chop fine a small head and season with salt and pepper, cook in a kettle in just enough water to keep from burning. Take half a cupful of sord milk, half a cupful of vinegar, two eggs, butter the size of an egg, beat in a trifle of butter. Put the turnips, onions, pepper and salt in a saucepan and add a quart of milk. Stir thoroughly, and when smooth serve with a little grated cheese on top.

Filled Eggs.
Boil the eggs until very hard, take off the shell, cut in half, take out the yolks, do not break the whites; rub yolks to a cream with melted butter, season with chopped pickles, pepper and salt, with a little mustard; put the mixture into the whites, cut a slice from the bottom of the eggs so that they will stand on a platter, decorate with lettuce leaves or watercress.

Princess Yolanda.
A recent photo of "the most beautiful princess of Europe," Little Princess Yolanda, daughter of the King of Italy.

Cheese Pudding.
Dry one cupful of bread crumbs in the oven, then soak them in a cupful of milk. Beat lightly three eggs, and add the milk and crumbs; grate in one half pound cheese, season well with cayenne and salt, beat in two dessert-spoonfuls of soda, a salt-spoonful of salt; then whip up well; pour into a buttered pan and bake for thirty minutes in a hot oven. Serve immediately.

Oyster Macaroni.
A delicious way of preparing oysters with macaroni is to first boil the macaroni; then, in a buttered baking dish, place a layer of macaroni and then a layer of oysters until the dish is full. Pour over it half a cupful of milk and oyster juice. Put small pieces of butter on top and cover with bread crumbs. Bake in oven, and serve garnished with sliced hard boiled eggs and parsley.

It is easier to induce two hearts to beat as one than it is to induce two mouths to eat that way.

Queen Olga.
Athens, March 20.—Queen Olga recently wore the costume shown here at a fancy dress ball. It is described in certain tendencies wrote of the dress as the Queen's "smoking jacket," and as a result of us from throwing mud at the rest of us.

Household Notes

Grease spots may be removed from wall-paper by rubbing carefully with gasoline.

Small pickles, olives and capers, minced very fine, are an excellent seasoning for a salad dressing.

To restore velvet, steam over a hot iron covered with a damp cloth, but do not brush, unless crushed badly.

If that is the case, brush against the nap, using a soft velvet brush. If very badly soiled, velvet will wash, using any good soap and water; then steam.

Wash hair-brushes in hot soda-water, then rinse in cold water, and they will be clean and sweet.

In cold weather when using frail china or glass dishes, rinse first with tepid water before pouring into them any hot liquid.

The resistance of glass jars that refuse to open can be overcome by setting them, top downward, in an inch or two of hot water.

To color lace a cream shade add a few drops of black coffee to the starch. To make the lace a greenish hue use a little cold tea.

To make ironing easier, rub the flat-irons first on sand and then over a piece of paper which has been saturated with kerosene.

To remove sewing-machine oil stains rub the stain with sweet oil or lard and let it stand for several hours; then wash it in soap and cold water.

When cooking mush for fried mush do not cook as long as for eating, pour into a deep pan after stirring ten minutes. When cold, dip the slices in beaten eggs and they will fry crisp.

If you are serving sliced bananas for dessert, try pouring a little juice from oranges or pineapples over them. The flavor is vastly improved.

To serve stewed eggs with whipped cream, put each egg on a small square of sponge cake neatly cut and pile whipped cream on the top.

Drain oysters on a napkin before making a stew. Rub the saucepan with butter, heat very hot, put in the oysters and turn and stir until well plumped and ruffled before making the stew proper.

If you need to use plaster of paris for stopping cracks, mix it with vinegar. Vinegar prevents it setting too quickly and makes it easy to manipulate.

Windows can be cleaned in winter and the frost entirely removed by using a gill of alcohol to a pint of hot water. Clean quickly and rub dry with a warm chamois skin.

Carpet beetles can be kept in check by a free use of gasoline. It leaves no stain; do not use it in a room with fire nor enter for twelve hours with a lighted lamp or strike a match.

Put sugar in the water used for basting meats of all kinds; it gives a good flavor, to veal more especially.

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Dame Fashion's Dictum



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LADY GORDON-LENNOX

London, March 9.—Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, sister-in-law of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, is about to embark in business as a fruit bottler.

With a view to developing the fruit bottling industry at home, she is going to establish works at Broughton Castle, near Banbury, and hopes next summer to take from local growers all the fruit they can supply at market prices.

In an interview yesterday her ladyship spoke hopefully of the success of her venture.

"Even if it is a failure," she said, "it will be a guide as to the future. The Banbury district is particularly suited for fruit-growing, and my proposal is to encourage its development."

"Our own country should benefit by the enormous demand for preserved bottled fruits, which is increasing annually."

Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox believes that the preserved fruit industry can be carried on as profitably and as well in England as in Germany or America. She is busy making arrangements to carry out her scheme.

Through her instrumentality fruit-growing has become part of the curriculum in most elementary schools in North Oxfordshire, Southeast Warwickshire and South Northamptonshire and she thinks this might further be developed if County Councils would take the matter up more generally.

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