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Economy in Dress, as in Everything, a Test of the Best Breeding.

From the New York Sun. It is to be regretted that economy is not fashionable in America. As a proof that it is an unfashionable and even a despised virtue, relegated by the rich to the supposed exclusive use of the poor, who ever hears an American woman in fashionable life, at least, utter the words 'I cannot afford it!' In reality waste only is vulgar, economy is eminently respectable and in good taste. Unfortunately, however, these who practice economy hide it with as much care as if it was a crime, or something to be ashamed of, while waste, which should be considered the distinguishing mark of the ignorant and the stupid, takes first rank with us as the heritage of the 'finest people.'

Unless you can afford to have many dresses, never purchase one, no matter how cheap and beautiful it may be, that is striking or peculiar either in novelty of material, or make-up or brilliancy of color. Select unobtrusive good materials, and make them up into simple garments. If you have but one 'best gown' you can carry its appearance much more easily from day to day with the accessories of bows of ribbon, sashes, scarfs and lace, if it is made in simple rather than an elaborate style. One skirt will outwear two trains, and it is even practicable to make a detachable train for such a dress, so that it can do duty both as a costume de promenade and an evening toilet of high ceremony. Laces of good quality and of several kinds are always a good investment. Even if not 'real,' they may be selected of the best qualities of imitation, and are more effective in transforming a well-selected 'best gown' into a variety of toilets than any other accessory that we can suggest. These things, last from year to year, and the older they are the more valuable they become, and the more beautiful if well managed.

The best materials for a 'best gown,' while of necessity lying within certain limits, are sufficient to choose from. Suppose it to be of black velvet or plush. It would last with care for five or six years. If of white or cream cashmere or Chudda cloth, it could be made to do duty, with a variety of ribbons and laces, for three seasons, and then be utilized by dyeing and turned into a walking dress for two seasons more. Black satin de Lyon or satin mervailouse, and plain black silk of good quality are excellent materials for such a dress when velvet cannot be afforded and cashmere is not preferred. Black satin of the best quality can hardly be worn out in twenty years. If, to prevent fraying, good deep seams are taken, and the bottom of the skirt well defended by a wide Titan braid, or a good binding (and for this purpose nothing is better than cloth,) a satin robe can be worn for twenty years; and when such a dress becomes passe as a dress, the stuff can be used for bows, bonnet trimmings, cording, piping, facings, revers, bindings—everything that comes under the head of trimmings or accessories.

Here are some of the best wearing, lasting and serviceable dress goods for dresses of other than ceremonious uses: Corduroy, which is very durable and will dye, cashmere, merino, alpaca, all soft-finished India cashmères, and Chudda, Shoods, and Radimir cloths, no matter by what name they are called. Fine, good flannels and all cloths wear well, and will dye. Foulard silk is one of the cheap materials that will last, and look well to the last. All linen goods last well. Fine calicoes, fine satteens, and fine printed goods of all kinds, and good ginghams are good investments. Cheap, unwashable goods are never economical.

Do not economize, or try to economize by purchasing cheap bonnets, or gloves, or cheap shoes. The handsomest toilet is degraded by an old pair of shoes, an ill-fitting or cheap glove, or a shabby bonnet. The bonnet must be of best materials, late, and fresh. In the matter of wraps it is difficult to advise. Cashmere and India crape shawls, it must be remembered, however, never go out of fashion, while velvet and satin jetted and fringed dolmans and viettes do. One of those really handsome viettes, such as give distinction to a lady's toilet, costs more than the shawl. Never wear cheap or imitation jewelry. No one is deceived thereby. If you cannot afford real and handsome

Fun and Fancy.

"What did you do with that letter that was on my table?" asked Gus De Smith of the colored boy who cleans up his room. "I took it to the post-office, sah, and put it in the hole." "What did you do that for? Did you not see there was no address on the envelope?" "I saw dar was no writin' on de'velope, but I loved yer tell dat ar on purpose, so I couldn't tell who ye was a writin' to. I see an educated negro, I see."

The Fashions.

From the New York Tribune. New flounces are gathered. Paisiers grew more bouffant. Spring chevrons are self-colored. White moire fans are in favor. Solid jet crowns are on new capotes. Plaited puffs make effective tabliers. Scotch ginghams are now offered for sale. Gold lace is coming into favor as trimming. Levantine satins are superseding Surah silks. New floral garniture is made wholly of beads. Young ladies use tulle ruches in preference to lace. A tiny silver teacup is the new watch charm. Chemise dotted tulle is used for ball dresses. Chemise ruches are stylish trimmings for mantles. India foulards are imported for ladies in mourning.

White gauze brocade with gold is used for ball dresses. A border of marchant plumea trims bridal dresses. Virginia gold is a pale shade that is to replace old gold. Diamonds are set in a row around the finger in guard rings. An interposition point in diamonds is a new Parisian brooch. Genoa point lace is worn plain on the fabric without fallings. Mother-of-pearl satins is the novelty for wedding dresses. Appliques of velvet or plush on satin are seen on opera cloaks. No wardrobe is complete during least without a severe black dress. Ponge trimmings wrought in lace patterns are among the late novelties. A gold sunflower is the aesthetic design for breast-pins and finger-rings. A short mantle of sealskin completes Paris dresses of brown watered silk. A single piece of Russian lace is made to cover the front of satin dress skirts. A garland of mixed roses is never than the corage bouquet for evening dresses.

Natural sunflowers and lilies are now used by florists to decorate drawing-rooms. Folding screens for holding eight or ten photographs are handsome when covered with plush or velvet. Primary colors and old-fashioned shades are announced for spring goods in place of the faded blues and dingy greens now fashionable.

Does Grafting Change Varieties? EDG. COUNTRY GENTLEMAN. - For one, I insist that the line of argument of the Curator of the Botanic Garden at Dublin, published in the Country Gentleman of January 5th, lies upon a wrong basis. The moisture taken up by the roots and carried to the leaves of the tree by capillary action has no positive character to give to the fruit. It does not affect the size, shape, thickness or color of the leaf. It does not make a fruit sour or sweet, or give it shape, size or color. This much of fact is known to every observer.

The stock is the graft-root, whether the tree be top or root-grafted. Alburnum from the grafts of a top-grafted tree follows down to the roots as the grafts extend in growth, increasing the size of the stock and the underground branches of large roots. The fact is patent to tree-diggers, that every considerable branch of the tree has its corresponding root. An observing old nurseryman once said to me that he always knew where to dig for the roots when he saw the top. Where small stocks or roots are used for nursery trees, the grafts in a few years constitute, essentially, the whole tree—the stock being entirely overborne or over-laid with wood from the graft. Every variety of the tree has its own particular leaf, and no two leaves are exactly alike. When we insert a Bartlett pear bud into a Seckel tree, no power in the tree can force the bud to expand into a Seckel leaf, but it will be as pure a Bartlett leaf as any grown upon the original tree. There can be no taint, because the sole work of the stock is simply mechanical, supplying only the liquid substance, which does not become true sap until after the chemical change occurs in the leaf. If vegetable physiology is not a lie, the fruit produced from the Bartlett leaf must be as purely Bartlett fruit. There can be no escape from this conclusion.

A BENSEL Orange County, N. Y. Some people—in fact quite an army—object to carrying a bundle. Young men when they enter stores have decided objections to carrying bundles, and rich men's sons have been known to hire porters to do this class of work. The present Lord Mayor of London when a young man was told to send a porter with a bundle. Rather than disappoint his employer, in the absence of a porter, he took it himself. The head of the firm was so struck with the good nature of the act and the absence of pride, that he took the clerk into the firm. Carrying bundles will not always lead to the Mayor's chair, however.

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Mr. W. C., a conceited snob, was so fond of fine clothes that he revealed in them by day and dreamed of them by night. One evening he visited a lady and removed his overcoat etc., in the hall, preparatory to entering the parlor, when the lady heard him utter the following: Taking the overcoat and hanging it up, he said: "Hang there, you \$50 overcoat?" Pulling off his gloves and putting them on the table, "Lay there, you \$5 gloves!" Placing his hat on the rack, his cane in the corner, "Stand there, you \$15 cane!" Then entering the parlor, he was about to sit down, when the lady pulled the chair from under him, and as she left the room said: "Lie there, you two-cent fool!" He has not been around since.

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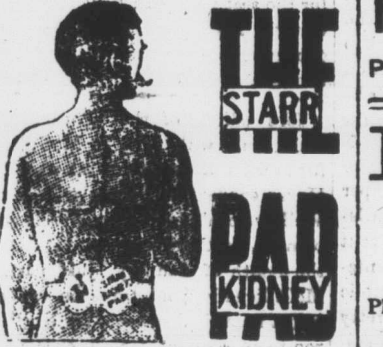
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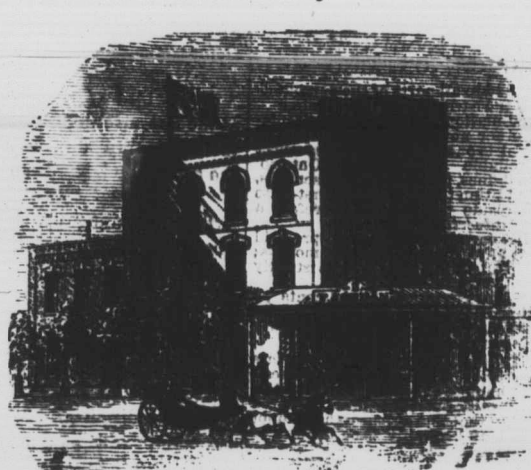
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