

NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Odd Cutaway Coat From Paris, With Skirt Fashioned to Accentuate It—A Hint of the Future.



Here is something for the woman who likes to be at the head of the procession.

This tailor-made costume is one of the very latest fancies of the designer. The skirt is of drab altessie as far as the front breadth is concerned, but the back is of Ottoman silk, made with an inverted pleat.

There is a tunic of the Ottoman silk with a fitted piece of the drap altessie around the bottom. This is cut away in front to match the cutaway in the front of the coat. These fronts are of the drap altessie and they extend around the back of the coat, which is of the silk, making a distinct double flounce when worn over the tunic.

The collar and cuffs are of velvet and the big buttons are of the silk. This gown is an illustration of how hard the big dressmaking houses are trying to change the lines of the feminine figure.

Everything points to more distinct curves, smaller waists and fuller skirts; not in the immediate future, however, as fashion, like every other conventional thing, changes slowly. But from now on look out for the wider hips and the narrower shoulders.

TUNICS MODISH FOR EVENING WEAR

Nearly four years ago, when tunic dresses first made their appearance on modish evening gowns, many people considered them just a passing fancy, which would disappear with the first change in fashion.

These skeptical ones were mistaken. The tunic had come to stay; and it is here, modified and glorified, to a great extent differing from the original in many ways, yet as graceful and beautiful as of yore.

Present-day tunics conform strictly to the line of the gown itself. While some of them are draped slightly, the majority are simply overskirts, cut often by the pattern of the skirt itself.

Long tunics, short tunics, tunics with lines modified in countless ways are the day's offering, and whether the whole separate tunic is bought at any price that you care to spend or incorporated with the dress, it is the main feature of the gown, especially the evening gown.

Beads, jewels, embroidery in thread

The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Some time devoted to the study of modern methods of keeping well will be of great benefit to you and to those dear to you. A journey or change is indicated, which will not entirely please you, and other annoyances are in store for you.

Those born today will be of high intelligence, but inclined to become too enthusiastic on subjects which interest them, and to sink their own interests in the furtherance of some cause. Education along unprejudiced lines will save many of these children from wasting their lives on useless sects and causes.

Is a note that sounds promising. Many French designers have used this, and the effect is too good to be overlooked on this side of the water. The flowers are cut out and applied, raw edges and all, to the under surface of the net, under the roses or leaves. An indistinct color effect is given that is most important in contributing a good tone to a costume. The pattern of the lace is a deciding note in the cutting of the flowers. Even silk muslin and soft cretonne are used, proving that nothing is too cheap for use, if the artist's eye is yours.

Problems of the Fair Sex Solved by Cynthia Grey

(Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.)

Not Too Old.
Dear Miss Grey: I am a young girl, 18 years old, and have been keeping company with a young man of 27. What I wish to know is, do you think it is too old for me? Some people seem to think he is, but he is such a gentleman in every respect, and I think so much of him that I think it would be hard for me to give him up.

I am working in a little city not far from my home town. My parents never have objected to my going out in the evening, providing I do not stay out later than 10 o'clock, and I never have stayed out later, knowing it to be against their wishes. But the folks I am working for think 10 o'clock is too late an hour for me to come in. Have they any right to object so long as I am in good company and it does not interfere with my work? I seldom get home until 8 o'clock, and sometimes later. How can I let them know without offending them that I do not wish to be tied down in that way?

AN ANXIOUS GIRL.
A—I do not think that a difference of nine years between a man and woman is too much, provided other conditions are favorable to a happy marriage. I believe that a man ought to be a few years older than his wife. I think, though, of course, there have been happy marriages in which the wife has been the older.

I do not think 10 o'clock too late for a young woman of 18 to return to her own home, provided she is in good company and her parents do not object. But when a girl is working in the home of others she must consider their wishes. Can you not talk the matter over with those who employ you, telling them courteously and respectfully your views on the matter? To me, I believe that if they are fair-minded people and you are as modest and temperate in your presentation of your views as you are in your letter they will accede to your request for permission to remain out until 10. I do not believe any family likes a girl in its employment to be out every night, however.

Shall She Come to Town.
A Jewess. The country is full of little girls like you, all eager to go to the city to earn their own living. But believe me, the city is full of these same little girls who don't find it the glittering place they imagined at all. You're likely to find the country a much more pleasant circumstance to the loneliness that grows in a cold hall bedroom. If I were you, were sixteen and had parents who were "a little against it," I'd take a good long think before I bought my ticket. Your course will take you six months, during which you'll earn nothing. As an inexperienced girl, particularly because you're so young, you won't likely begin on more than \$3 a week, and it takes every last little cent of that to live. Wait awhile, child. Wait till you're eighteen at least before you cut loose.

Wishes to Marry.
Dear Miss Grey:—As I have been reading your valuable information I will ask your advice in my case. I am a young man of 29. Am in love with two women. One is a widow three years my senior and has a well-fixed home, and I could get her, but I love a girl who insists upon finishing her education. I am determined to marry before I am 31. Do you think I should take it easy, or do you think I had better wait for the other girl?

TROUBLED.
What do you want to marry before you are 31 for? That is entirely too young. You had better wait for the girl you love and don't be in a hurry to marry until you are 25 at least.

About Clothing

There comes a time with the best of clothes when they begin to look the worse for wear. It is a mistake many women make of getting into a new dress just as they are with the old one. It is better to "rag them out," as they are not worth the trouble and expense of renovating. A little care would probably make the belongings members of the wardrobe into citizens of good standing.

The back of a skirt, especially the back of a tight skirt, has an unhappy reputation for getting shabby and worn. You can cure this if you are willing to take the trouble of rubbing over it on the right side a little ammonia and water, equal parts of each, and then ironing it on the wrong side while it is damp. The ammonia will take away the shiny appearance, and the ironing will smooth out the creases.

Be careful not to wear the skirt until it is quite dry, or it will crease more than ever. Sometimes a shiny garment is beyond the help of ammonia, for it has been worn until all the pile is rubbed off the surface of the cloth or serge. In this case you should lay the skirt flat on the table and pass a piece of fine sandpaper over it gently in the shiny places.

The sandpaper will roughen up the material again and make it look quite new. If you must not rub too hard or you will wear holes in the stuff.

As soon as you notice a spot of ink or stain on any of your clothes you should immediately try to get it out. If you leave the stain on for a few days it will settle into the material and be very difficult to remove. Ammonia will take out fruit, wine or mud marks. Milk will remove ink stains. After the garment has been soaked in milk it should be laundered with water which contains a little ammonia.

Salts of lemon is also good for ink stains that have been allowed to remain on the material for some time, but it is best to try the effects of milk first, as salts of lemon tends to rot the material.

KITCHEN DON'TS

Don't fail to soak all new brooms in scalding hot, salted water before using; this keeps the straw from breaking.

Don't forget the many uses of salt in household emergencies: Egg stains on silver may be removed if rubbed with moistened salt.

Don't forget that lemon juice and salt are harmless but certain removers of iron rust from all table linen and white clothes.

Don't forget when a chimney is burning that if the stove be brightly cleaned, the smoke will be in the range, the moisture generated will help to put out the fire in the chimney.

Don't forget that salt is excellent for cleaning marble or porcelain sinks. Don't forget, when using butter substitutes in cakes, that a pinch of salt is needed.

Don't forget to look over your potato bins or bags each week. One moldy potato will soon affect an entire barrel.

Don't fail to air your cellar each day, if possible. This aids greatly in preserving vegetables and canned fruits.

Don't fail to have a small brush at hand when washing cut glass. Scrub the glass well with hot soapsuds. Then rinse it thoroughly and allow it to dry without a towel.

Don't forget that if silver not in frequent use is rubbed with oatmeal it will not tarnish easily.

Don't fail to wash all lemons before using. The black specks on their skins are the egg cells of minute insects.

Don't fail to keep a small strainer hanging near your stove with which to strain all gravies and sauces.

EGGLESS RECIPES

When the price of eggs soar so high as to make their use almost prohibitive, a wise housekeeper turns to her recipes that call for no eggs at all. It is possible to make delicious corn bread and muffins, chocolate puddings and even cakes and cookies without eggs.

Some cooks offer rolled crackers as a substitute for eggs, and, in many food combinations, they succeed admirably. In frying oysters, when eggs are high-priced, make a delicious corn bread or muffin, if rolled in corn-starch moistened with milk to the consistency of batter.

Nut Biscuit.
2 cups of flour, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1 heaping teaspoon of baking powder, 1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of butter, 1 cup of chopped nuts, 4 tablespoons of sugar, milk to make soft dough. Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together. Rub in the shortening and the nuts, chopped very fine. Add the sugar and enough milk to make a biscuit dough. Shape with the hands into small balls, place well apart on greased pans, brush tops with milk, sprinkle some of the chopped nuts on top and bake in a hot oven.

The tops may be covered with sugar and water icing if desired when baked, or they may be split and jelly put between the halves. They are also delicious just served hot with butter.

Apple Sauce Cake.
1 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of butter, 1 cup of apple sauce (sweetened), 1 teaspoon of soda, 1 teaspoon of nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon mixed, 1 1/2 cup of flour. Lemon peel, orange peel, chopped nuts or a cup of raisins may be added if a richer cake be desired.

Cream the butter and sugar. Then stir the soda in the apple sauce and add to the sugar mixture. Stir the spices in. Bake in a moderate oven.

Cookies With Dates.
1 large cup of sugar, 2-3 cup of butter, 1/2 cup of flour, pinch of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg, 1/2 cup of milk, 2 teaspoons of baking powder, flour. Stone and chop the dates. Cream the butter and sugar and add to the milk. Add the baking powder and enough flour to roll out about one-half inch thick. Bake in a quick oven.

Eggless Chocolate Filling.
1/2 cake of chocolate, 2-3 cup of sweet milk, 1/2 cup of sugar, pinch of salt, 1 tablespoonful of vanilla, 1 tablespoon of butter. Grate the chocolate. Cream the butter and sugar and add to the chocolate. Stir in the other ingredients and boil in a double boiler until creamy and thick. This is delicious for layer cakes.

Eggless Doughnuts.
1 cup of sugar, 2 tablespoons of melted butter, 1/2 cup of nutmeg, 1/2 cup of sweet milk (sour cream preferred), 1/2 teaspoon of soda, 1 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder, flour to roll out. Roll out one-fourth of an inch thick and fry in deep, hot fat.

Baby and Superstition

Lots of superstitions cluster about Master Baby. The curious thing is that most of them are believed in by countries as far apart as the most civilized nations.

The most widespread of all is that, if a baby is to rise in the world, he must go upstairs before he goes down. Nearly every Scotch mother is convinced that to let a baby look at himself in the glass is to shorten his life. Every Scotch baby, too, gets a piece of silver pressed into his tiny palm before he is a day old, to bring him financial prosperity.

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The Winter Garden

There is no more depressing object than a drooping, fading plant. A single half-dead fern is enough to spoil the appearance of a whole room. Now ferns will die, and very quickly, too, unless they are cared for in the proper way.

Never let a fern or plant stand in a pool of water, for this rots the roots. You should not pour water on your fern as it stands in the china covered pot or the water will drop through the hole at the bottom of the clay pot and make a stagnant, ill-smelling pool.

Take your fern right out of the extra pot and set it on the doorstep or the windowsill and water it there if the weather will permit. Let it stay there for a half-hour in order to give it a good airing. Then it will come back into the room looking quite fresh and bright.

Plants hate gas. It poisons them, so do not keep them at night for many hours in a room where there is gas burning, or carry them out into the passage or into an unlighted room.

You must be careful not to put delicate ferns in a draft, as this would wither them. Maidenhair ferns are especially sensitive and will often curl up and turn brown if they are near an open window on a chilly day.

Remember that plants which live in a sitting-room where a fire is kept burning need more water than those that live in cooler places. If a plant stands on a mantelpiece it will want to be watered every day, but one that stands near a window will need watering only once or twice a week.

A bride should not keep her bouquet after the ceremony. As soon as the bride and bridegroom start on their wedding trip, she throws her bouquet to the guests. The story is that the girl who catches it will be the next bride.

Millions of mothers all over the world firmly believe that the baby will have bad luck if he is measured. In many parts of England this superstition extends to weighing a baby.

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