

Home Hints and Fashion
Notes—Bits of News Re
Women's Work.

FOR THE WOMAN OF TODAY

"We'll Ask Miss Grey,"
Is Everyone's Thought
When in Perplexity.

THE OMNIPRESENT WAISTCOAT
BY MME. CECILE DILLON.



Whether you call them waistcoats or whether you designate them as vests, you will have to have two or three in your wardrobe this winter. I am making them of striped velvet in first empire style in Paul Poirat futurist linen in watered silk, and in plain satin striped across with braid. In fact, you can make your waistcoat of any kind of material that strikes your fancy if you only make it and wear it. The ones in the illustrations are my latest and best designs.

KATHERINE LESLIE'S HOME MICHAT

WOMEN AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE.

A very great difficulty which women have to face when they are suddenly and unexpectedly thrown upon their own resources is the lack of special training in one line of work. Undoubtedly women today are characterized by an all-round intelligence. They know a little of everything. They are fairly well read; they know a little French, a little German, are tolerably good musiciens. Not infrequently they are able to turn out their own gowns and hats quite smartly. Many girls do exquisite needlework, and others draw and paint fairly well. Indeed, there are few things in which they do not dabble, or ride as a hobby. But when it comes to a question of salary earning through necessity, such women find great difficulty, through their lack of special knowledge in even one of all these things, in obtaining a position which they can fill satisfactorily to employers. In these days when there are so many women in the field, when occupations are many and salaries small the woman who succeeds is she who knows her business thoroughly. It is therefore the part of wisdom to specialize in some one line of work or business, to thoroughly master nursing, teaching, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting, dressmaking or millinery. Indeed, the special knowledge of one of these things is, when it comes to a question of bread and butter and clothing, much better than a smattering of all. The woman with a gift for drawing or painting little dreams what a name this gift may be to her. Let her specialize, get down

to work in black and white, or color if she prefers, and win definite knowledge and skill. There is an ever-growing field in illustration in newspaper and periodical literature. Has a girl a gift for dancing? Let her take it up seriously in all its beautiful aspects. Then she may fall back upon her skill in this lovely art as a means of subsistence. There is always a demand for teachers in really artistic dancing, and many women win large fees from pupils in this way. House decorating and tasteful furnishing is another line of work that calls for very special knowledge, combined with unusual taste, and no profession is more thoroughly feminine than this, or more lucrative in its results. Millinery is also a very respectable line of work for the girl who has taste and skill and originality, and a private clientele is easily obtainable by the woman who is gifted this way, and who adds to her gift initiative and perseverance and enterprise. But it is superfluous to go over the list of occupations that women may enter with profit. Every woman should specialize on some line of work. If she is rich—all the better—it will keep her out of mischief, because it will save her from the vice of idleness and empty and unprofitable days. If she become poor—for riches do take into themselves wings—she need not lie in bed at night and listen in the isolation of darkness to the howling of the wolf of poverty without. Let her work and learn while she may. It is one of life's great privileges to learn to use anything from the one to ten talents given to us at birth.

Sale of Work at Mrs. Boomer's Very Satisfactory

Annual Drawing-Room Sale for Local Council Well Attended.

Mrs. Boomer's drawing-room sale, held annually under the auspices of the Local Council of Women, took place yesterday afternoon and evening at her residence, 513 Dundas street and was well attended. The rooms were artistically draped with bunting in the National Council colors, pale and navy blue, and many pretty and useful articles were on sale. One table contained a number of unique things from England, the gifts of several friends of Mrs. Boomer in the old land.

Those Who Helped.

In the tea-room, Mrs. W. T. Edge presided, and was ably assisted by Miss Hilda Smith, Miss Puddicombe, Miss Burwell and Miss M. Harris. Those in charge of other departments were: Aprons, Mesdames Perry and Bleuthner; fancy work, Misses McDonald and Macbeth; candy, Miss Nancy Nylin; English articles, Miss McMillan; silver and brass table, Misses Ruth Stevely, Wheeler and Mrs. Bartram.

In response to an appeal for Canadian dolls to be sent to England for distribution among children of the poor at the close of the Doll Show, a number have already been sent in by members of the local council, and will be taken to England by Mrs. Boomer, who sails on the 20th of this month. Mrs. S. F. Lawson has kindly donated several distinctively Canadian dolls and it is hoped that others will follow suit.

Mrs. Boomer and the officers of the local council were very highly pleased with the success of the sale yesterday.

The Political Equality League of Winnipeg is considering the advisability of nominating a woman candidate for the position of school trustee. Miss Sprout has been appointed a W. C. T. U. missionary to Iamburgen, in New Ontario.

Health Talk Attracts Many

Mr. and Mrs. Wells Address Good-Sized Gathering of London Ladies Yesterday.

Quite a large audience of London ladies gathered Friday afternoon in Crown Hall, when Mr. and Mrs. Wells, of Detroit, addressed those assembled on the subject of health by natural means.

Mr. Wells spoke first, and stated that the great theory to remember was that the body is renewed every seven years, and that if it was to retain its vigor, the blood must be kept in good order. He compared the blood in the human system to a man who before he can build a house must cart away the rubbish, and then bring new building material. So the blood carried away the impurities and built up anew.

Dangers of Over-Eating.

Mr. Wells urged his hearers to use judgment in eating. Many people over-eat, he said, and then wonder why they suffer. The stomach was a very important part of the human system.

Mrs. Wells, who was introduced as being a graduate of the Movement Cure College, of Chicago, was a very interesting speaker. She dealt more particularly with the ills of woman-kind, and related instances of deafness and nervous prostration which had been cured by the new method of

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treatment under their instruction. She stated that generally what was needed was simply to bring about a normal condition of the body.

Mr. Wells also addressed a meeting of women in the Dundas Centre Methodist Church Friday afternoon.

TIT-BITS

President Elliott, of Harvard University, says that the poor girl is much safer than the rich. But there's not many of us but would be willing to take the risk!

One comfort about the narrow skirts is that fewer men can hide behind them.

And speaking about the n. e. one's idea of cleverness in a woman nowadays, is her ability (or do we mean agility?) to climb street car steps without t-aring hers.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm off to market, kind sir," she said. "For a bit of liver and loaf of bread."

"Beef, eggs and butter are all too high for common folks like me to buy." "But your face is your fortune, my pretty maid."

"Alas, I don't buy me liver and bread."

An editor man whom we know says he is going to write to Cynthia Grey, and ask her opinion of his hand-writing. If Miss Grey's opinion of his chirography is the same as ours, we feel certain she will be too polite to express what she thinks of it, on paper.

Positively, the meanest man came into our office today. He did all he could to make us laugh, even though we told him we couldn't without cracking a cold-sore on our upper-lip.

Little Prince John Is a Royal "Cut-Up"



The fact that his father is King George and his mother Queen Mary doesn't seem to weigh a bit heavily upon the active mind of this happy 8-year-old boy.

Few children have such a spacious playground as he. And very, very few children have the opportunity to get as much attention from serving people.

But do you think he takes to this life happily?

Not at all. He actually runs away from the governess and the nursery footman and the maid who washes and dresses him, whenever he sees a chance. Consequently it is never lonely where Prince John is sojourning—even for a moment. During a week-end house party at York Cottage he decided to do something unusual. He thought of the big bell in the nursery which is rung only on some great occasions, as the birth or wedding of some royalty.

"I'll get up and ring it," thought he. So at 3 a.m., when the whole house

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 a satisfactory answer to a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letters can be answered privately.]

Holding His Coat.
Dear Miss Grey: Should a girl offer to hold her escort's overcoat if she is seated, and he obliged to stand in a crowded car?

PAULINE.
A.—It would not be amiss for her to offer to hold it on her lap, although he would probably refuse to burden her with it.

What a Week-End Visit Is.
Dear Cynthia Grey: We have had a discussion as to what the term "week-end visit" means. Please give your opinion.
EMILY.
A.—The term undoubtedly implies more than it literally expresses. It includes the first day of the week as well as the last. Every hostess expects her guests to remain until Monday, when giving them an invitation for the "week-end."

In Public Dining-Room.
Dear Miss Grey: Please explain the proper way for a man and woman to enter and leave a public dining-room.
QUESTIONER.
A.—As they reach the door of the dining-room the head waiter meets them and conducts them to the table they are to occupy. The woman follows the waiter, her escort behind her. On leaving the dining-room the woman also precedes her companion.

Furs Are Soiled.
Dear Miss Grey: Can you please tell me what will clean white tiber fur? I've heard of washing them in gasoline, is good, can you tell me how to do it, or do you know of anything better?

Luncheon Etiquette
It is correct when serving a luncheon to use either a tablecloth or to serve the meal on a polished table embellished with lace or embroidered centrepiece and doilies.

At a luncheon given exclusively to ladies the hostess leads the way to the dining room, while at a mixed luncheon—that is, a luncheon composed of an equal number of gentlemen and ladies—the host leads the way to the dining-room with the most distinguished lady guest or lady for whom the luncheon is given on his arm, and is followed by the guests in couples and, last of all, the hostess with the gentleman who is to sit on her right. The lady on the hostess' right should be served first and the guests as they sit, first a lady and then a gentleman.

Keep Hats On.
The servant at the door indicates the dressing rooms for both ladies and gentlemen. The ladies lay aside their wraps, but keep on their hats. The hostess awaits her guests in the drawing-room, greets them cordially and introduces one to another, if this is necessary. As soon as all have arrived the waitress or butler steps to the drawing-room door and announces that luncheon is served.

It is unnecessary to wait more than fifteen minutes for a guest who is ill-bred or unfortunate enough to be late, for it is not fair either to the hostess or the other guests to let the meal spoil for the sake of one thoughtless individual.

An
The word comes from the Latin, lavare, to wash, and anciently it was used in bathing and washing.

Perfume.
by its wholesome smell, always suggestive of cleanliness, gave it large appeal to the matron and mistress of household and cottage, and it was so easily obtained that it at once found favor as a friend to be encouraged in the linen chest and the wardrobe of all. The old custom of making lavender bags still exists. This practice is of great antiquity and antedates the discovery of distillation by a considerable period. Shenstone says:

Lavender, whose spikes of azure bloom,
Shall be wreathed, in arid bunches bound
To work amidst the labor of her loom,
And crown her kerchiefs clean with mickle rare perfume.

Our grandmothers used to make baskets of lavender stalks. Another way, and simpler, for a lavender scent bag is as follows: Take of the lavender flower, free from stalk, half a pound; dried thyme and mint, of each half an ounce; ground cloves and caraway, of each a quarter of an ounce; common salt, dried, one ounce; mix the whole well together, and put the product into silk or cambric bags. In this way it will perfume the linen chests very completely.

A Queer Bakery.
Germany that turns out twenty thousand loaves of sawdust bread daily and finds a ready market for this output. Although this "wooden bread" is intended for consumption by horses only, it is asserted by the manufacturers that in case of famine it would furnish a nutritious and highly satisfactory food for human beings. The sawdust is first subjected to a process of fermentation and various chemical manipulations, and is then mixed with one-third part of rye flour, and then formed into loaves and baked in an oven like any other bread.

APPLAUSE.
This act opens with the wife addressing her husband severely.

"John, a messenger from my dressmaker called on me this afternoon."

"Saying anything pretty?" yawned the husband.

"She did. A very pretty thing. It was a note saying that my dressmaker will not make me any more clothes until you say the bill we owe her."

"Did your dressmaker send a note like that?"

"She did."

"God bless her! God bless her!"—Los Angeles Herald.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

KOMOKA.

The Komoka Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. D. Campbell, Hillview, on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 4th, 1913, with a goodly attendance, including many visitors from other branches.

A splendid program was provided. Miss M. Parson gave a demonstration talk on "Inexpensive Christmas Gifts." Mrs. A. Campbell offered suggestions on "Preparing Food for Sick." The president, Mrs. Wilkey, gave a fine address on Christmas cooking.

Mrs. Campbell expressed delight at meeting ladies at her home. The meeting then adjourned.

FLORENCE.

The Woman's Institute held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Drew, when a most enjoyable hour was spent. Mrs. Adams, president, called the meeting to order, and the usual business was transacted. The roll-call was responded to by ways of serving apples.

The program consisted of a paper by Miss Lou Walker, "The Girl's Duties at Home." This was indeed fine, and very much appreciated by all present. Miss Unsworth gave a piano instrumental, and being encored, played again artistically to the pleasure of her hearers. Mrs. Gage, formerly of the Iona Institute, was president, and gave a nice talk on the work from the Iona Branch.

Before the close of the meeting, it was moved and carried that the institute make Mesdames W. A. Gordon and John Webster honorary members of the institute. Both ladies were taken wholly by surprise, but rose and thanked the ladies for the honor conferred on them by the society.

The next meeting, in December, will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter McCraig.

The meeting closed by singing God Save the King.



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