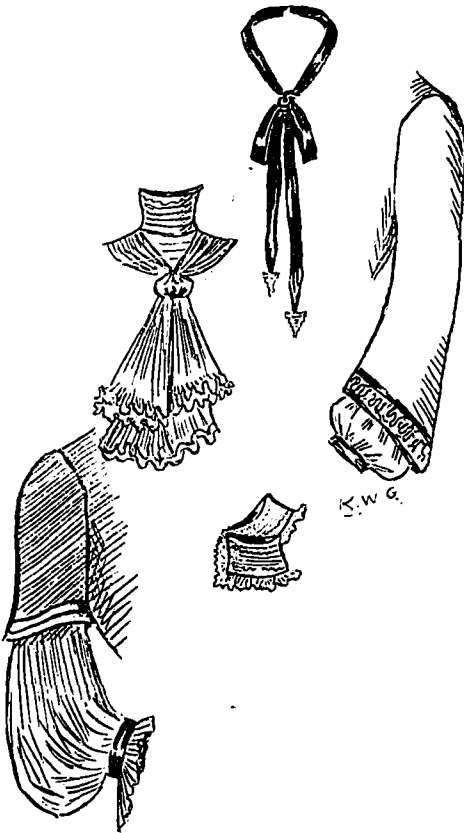


The simple blouse suitable for morning wear is well known and needs little work on it.

The more dressy ones are made in many and various ways, in white muslin, tucks, and insertion between them, form the whole waist. Sometimes, the whole muslin is tucked and the waist and sleeves cut from it.

In fact, the more varied the style, it seems all right, as long as it suits the wearer and it certainly gives free scope to the ingenious mind, which can sometimes hit upon quite a novel idea, and when asked by a friend where the very pretty, and novel garment can be bought with pride, can the inventor say: I did it.



The sketch will give a little idea how very much the sleeves of dresses have altered during the last year or two, so much so as to be not unlike those of long ago; but then fashion is always working from one extreme to another. The neck-ties also are

a great factor to the helping out a plain waist to look dressy. The lace tie is always becoming to youth or age. The velvet ribbon, with its little fancy pendant, is most becoming, and is often worn caught up and pinned on the left shoulder.

WASHING DELICATE PRINTS.

It is a great temptation every spring to buy some of the delicate prints shown on every shop counter; but if your washing is sent out, the wiser thing to do, is to buy the enduring colours.

If you are fortunate enough to get your washing done at home, by carefully carrying out the rule here given your clothing will retain its beauty for a long time. Shred a quarter pound of best yellow soap into water, and, when quite dissolved, add some of this to warm, not very hot, soft water sufficient to make a good lather; put the article to be washed into the mixture, rubbing every part till quite clean. Never be tempted to rub it with soap, rather put it in a second lather. Use cool thin starch, hang to dry in the shade. Take down, a little damp, and roll up, and set aside for an hour or so, then iron with a moderately hot iron on the wrong side.

ON GOOD COOKING.

To be a good cook means the knowledge of all fruits, herbs, balms and spices, and of all that is healing and sweet in fields and groves, and savory in meats. It means carefulness, inventiveness, watchfulness, willingness and readiness of appliance. It means the economy of our great-grandmothers, and the science of modern chemists. It means much tasting and no wasting. It means English thoroughness, French art and Arabian hospitality. It means in fine that you are to be perfectly and always ladies (loaf-givers) and are to see that everybody has something nice to eat.—John Ruskin.

KIDNEY SOUP.

Cut 1 lb. of ox kidney into small pieces. Roll them in flour, season with pepper and salt, and fry them in a little butter for 5