

## THE VERY LATEST FROM PARIS

New Collapsible Straw Hat Is Just the Thing for Stormy Spring Days.

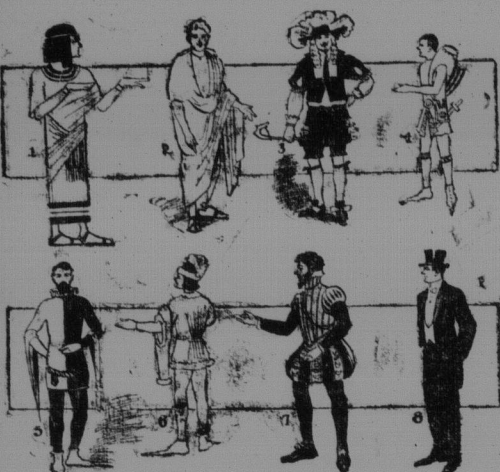


There have been folding and collapsible hats and caps of cloth, fur and velvet, but this, which comes direct from Paris, is the first of the kind made of straw. Its shape is as chic as its use is practical, and it adds ma-

terially to the comfort and attractiveness of its wearer. The straw braid of which the confection is made is red and tan mixed. The wings are of black and white satin. It is lined with black satin. The advantages of the hat, from the

viewpoint of the fair wearer, are: Its shape tends to cut the sharp spring wind; the matinee girl can fold it and let the person back of her get a glimpse at the stage; and in case of a sudden shower it can be folded and placed under a coat.

## MEN HAVE NO REASON TO SNEER AT WOMEN'S GARB



Just why the masculine element should grow so fervid over a divided skirt is not plain, but certainly it is that a deep, sun-rendering prejudice excites him to apply a yard or two of cloth, sewed together with convulsions at thread and fastened with simple buttons such epithets as immoral, unchaste, hideous, vulgar, unsuitable and hideously extreme.

Of course as far back as history holds the Greek man has always chosen clothes that perfectly satisfied the three accepted requirements of correct dressing, namely decency, protection and symbolism. As he became a dandy in communities he adopted a simple sack with three holes in it, one for his head and two for his arms.

This bag was decent and comfortable, but it lacked the adorning qualities that man insisted on having. So the Egyptian tied a voluminous sash around his waist and trimmed the neck and bottom of the skirt with a fancy pattern. And the dandy of 1370 B. C. looked something like figure 1. In his manly slip and flowing sash, The Greeks managed to contrive an even more artistic bag resembling, if I may so designate it, a little girl's dress.

And how beautiful, and how terrible, and how convenient and how unbecoming the bunch of folds the Romans called their toga, that sign of mature manhood! Can you picture a man picking up a "drunk" by the back of the neck and putting him off a street car in a virile garment like figure 2? Julius Caesar could not have done it.

But as men's petticoats: Did you know that a Chinaman wears a petticoat, that a Greek wears a petticoat and a Highlander wears a petticoat too? It verily is a wonder that woman is not called down for aping manly styles, when she dons her modest skirt. Furthermore man is responsible for originating the idea of the harem skirt, for in 1658 he brought petticoat breeches into vogue. Figure 3 is a picture of a dandy of that period with a short-waisted doublet and petticoat breeches, the lining being lower than the breeches and tied above the knee ornamented with ribbons and with a wide waistband is set about with ribbons, and the skirt hanging over them. Could any costume combine the four essentials of good dressing to a higher degree? The dainty little bows on the larger bows of the shoes take my eye especially ravishing!

From the Greek and Roman days, on down for several centuries the tunic, or little girl's dress, was the chief garment for men. It was generally low-neck, short-sleeved, tied with a sash at the waist and fell to the knee, but with the advent of the Normans in England it gave way to a pair of chaussees or parts of brilliant orange or blue, ornamented with red crisscross stripes, the whole covered largely by a long flowing robe and cloak, also of different colors. The hats looked like cheap glass-covered cheese dishes, and taking it all in all, these costumes were a bit flashy.

In the fourteenth century European costume was a monument to human ingenuity and imagination. The man pictured by figure 4 may have looked beautiful, but I can't say I see it. His skirt is a bit too short, and I should not be surprised if the women made a hue and cry over it. His garters are quite fancy and not meant to be concealed. The most

unique piece of clothing, however, is his bonnet, that he carries over his shoulder, but this probably served to prevent croup.

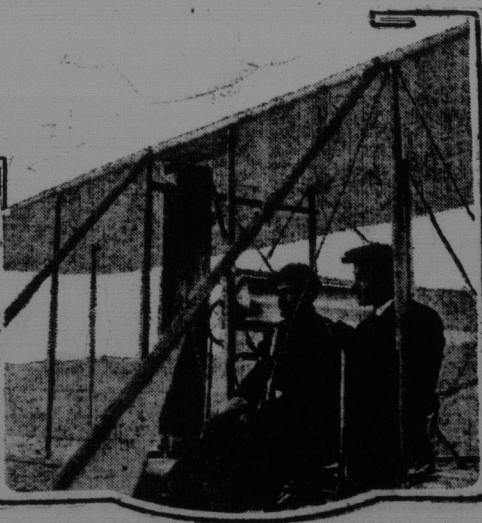
Another gentleman (Fig. 5) sports a tight-fitting tunic one-half of which with its sleeve hanging below the knee, is red, while the other half is black, while the stockings are one of black and the other of red. His shoes are only two feet long. His hood, like his sleeves, hangs nearly to his ankles.

The bagpipe sleeves of the latter part of the fifteenth century were regarded by the church as an evil, because in these so much stolen goods could be concealed. Figure 6 is a picture of a dandy of that day. Could anything be more whimsical? The green skirt fades into insignificance beside it.

By the sixteenth century the styles had grown a bit less absurd, but a man still wore a ruff of huge dimensions, and his trunk hose were stuffed with anything that would make them stand out—hair, cotton, and even brass. The gallant of this picture (Fig. 7) got caught on a nail and the brass poured from his hose like a mill. Extravagance may have died, but not so absurdly, for it was possible to make a separate yourself from your age, look squarely at figure 8—a gentleman of today, dressed in evening clothes. Could anything be more uncomfortable, more immodest, more ugly?

Yet a woman shall not wear a harem skirt!

## FIRST AIR SCOUT IN ACTION



Laredo, Tex., April 5.—Dodging back and forth over the international border isn't so easy now for the spy Sam's first scout aeroplane came into active service. This latest and biggest of the Wright biplanes, loaned the government by Robert Collier, carries two

men easily, one to operate and the other to scout, and is capable of a 200-mile sustained flight. Aviator Phil Parmelee, especially commissioned a lieutenant in the first army aviation corps, and Lieut. B. D. Foulis are the two men seen in the picture, ready for a flight along the border from Laredo to Eagle Pass.

## MAKES HUBBARD OF PITCHERS

Southern Woman has been Collecting them for Fifteen Years and now has 800—Refused \$5000 for them.

Pitchers to the number of something more than 800 compose the collection which Mrs. R. W. Mathis, of Parsons, Kan., has been gathering for nearly 15 years. There are no two pitchers alike and they range in size from one-fourth inch to 14 inches in height. There are pitchers from every country on the globe, and of every kind of ware; they range in price from a penny to \$200. It is a pleasant trip to take with Mrs. Mathis as she shows her treasures and tells where they came from. The most have been given her by friends who knew of her. In fact the entire collection started in a friendly jest, and with a small 10 cent pitcher. She has not confined herself to historic pitchers, but rather wished her collection to represent the different wares and the ideas of different nations.

About the most interesting is the baby pitcher—a perfectly formed pitcher only one-fourth of an inch high, from Old Mexico. This is of the Mexican ware and is so tiny it rests on a bed of cotton in a glass case. By its side is another of the same ware, only one inch in height. Another Mexican pitcher is a double pitcher, on which are the arms and legs of Old Mexico. An oddity from Sonora, Mexico, is one of the black and white glaze ware in the shape of the Mexican god. The largest pitcher in the collection is a 14 inch Egyptian piece with figures and emblems which is the real thing. Judging by the amount of money in it a gray pitcher five inches high is the most expensive. It has on the bottom the following: "Made of United States banknotes macerated at the United States Treasury, containing \$5,000." But there are others of more real worth and novelty than this. A very valuable one given Mrs. Mathis by Senator Porter and wife, of Caney, Kan., is of silver and from London. On the side is the coat of arms of England, raised and richly engraved. The oldest pitcher in the collection is two hundred years old and is of the old time lustreware, which was a lost art, until recently. A pitcher from Japan is adorned with a serpent which also forms the handle. Another is of the Japanese teak-wood and retains the odor. Australia is represented by a face pitcher. England has several representatives among the pitcher clan—one unique and very old has the sentence "Strach from the Coe"—straight from the cow. A miniature pitcher of the royal ware of 1734 is another English treasure. British Columbia is represented with its coat of arms on a small pitcher. France is represented by one from Paris, which is small, but unique. It represents a champagne brand, "Veuve Pommery," on. One with Napoleon's picture is also from Paris.

The pitchers from Germany are all fine, and, as the Germans like words on their ware, there are some original ones. A tiny one only an inch high, has the words "Sorgen Morgen Freude Heute." The pitcher from Denmark looks like iron but is, in fact, very light.

The pitchers from many beautiful samples of the Austrian ware, one from Carlsbad being particularly fine. It is only three inches high, but has an exquisite piece of a pot with glass splitters. Scotland's contribution is like itself, rugged and strong. A pitcher from Holland is more than a century old. A Chinese pitcher is from "King Joy Lo's" restaurant in New York. The different wares of our own country are well represented. There are pitchers from several tribes of Indians—Navajo, Pueblo, etc. Then there are two dainty specimens of Rockwood. Wood pitchers also are found, the most historical being white-tiled from a piece of tree by a boy whose grandmother planted the tree in Joliet, Ill., more than sixty years ago—one of the first trees on the townsite. One from California is of strange wood.

Mrs. Mathis has beautiful samples of Wedgwood, Etruscan ware, Liewelag, Delft, Tapestry and many others. She has 60 animal shapes, one a real Delft cow from Holland. In faces she has from Wagner to Happy Hogan, about 40. She has three from ruins of San Francisco, one from Chinatown. The souvenir pitcher is also represented with about 30, while the red painted and cut glass numbers nearly as many. She has a beautiful piece with the American Beauty and English Lord in Bavarian ware. It is difficult to find a country or ware that is not represented—Hampshire pottery, sea shells, one with cigar bands by a little Parsons girl, one from Pittsburgh manual training school modelled in clay, another modelled by a little girl from street clay, and a hammered brass pitcher—all are treasures, too. Mrs. Mathis has refused several offers for her collection and says she would not take \$5,000 for it.

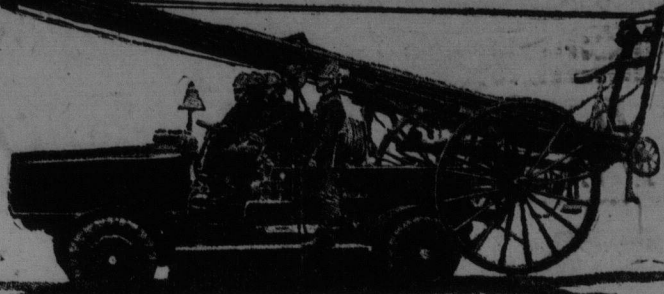
## THE QUEENS

Toronto, the Queen City of Canada, is the important business and tourist centre of the Dominion. Its many handsome churches, artistic public buildings, imposing offices, public drives, parks and gardens, are the admiration of many thousands of visitors throughout the year.

One of the best hotels in Canada is located here, the old established "Queen's," a hostelry that is especially popular with all discriminating people, standing in its own beautiful, extensive grounds, it has an air of quiet and refinement that appeals strongly to the home lover, its fame is far reaching and many remember with pleasure the hours spent within its hospitable walls.

The "Queen's" is operated on the American and European Plan. Rates being: Rooms without Bath (American Plan) \$3.00 per day up. Rooms with Bath (American Plan) \$3.50 per day up. Rooms (European Plan) \$1.50 per day up.

## THIS ELECTRIC FIRE TRUCK WILL SAVE TIME AND LIVES



THE LONDON TYPE OF ELECTRIC CAR FOR CONVEYING FIRE ESCAPE.

The New York sweatshop fire showed conclusively that to rescue people from a tall burning building by ladders, the hook and ladder trucks must reach the scene of the blaze before the frightened men and women begin leaping from the windows to be smashed upon the pavements below.

It was there seen that in the interval between the time of turning in the alarm and the responding of the ladder trucks more than a score of bodies were thrown onto the street. London has taken measures to prevent those awful "thud, thud, thuds" by having in each fire station an electric car, built especially to carry the ladder fire escapes. It is designed to assist in the rescuing of persons from the upper windows. The car makes much faster speed in "runs" than could the horse-drawn trucks, and a very few minutes might mean the saving of many lives. It has accumulators in which the electric power to drive the car is stored.

## SUFFERED SINCE HER CHILDHOOD

But Dodd's Kidney Pills made Mrs. Laprairie a new woman.

Nipissing Lady Gives An Experience that should prove of immense value to the suffering women of Canada.

Laprairieville, Nipissing District, Ont., April 7.—(Special)—After suffering from various forms of kidney ills since she was a child, Mrs. Laprairie is a well woman and once more it has been proved that no case of Kidney Trouble is too severe or of too long standing for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure.

Interviewed regarding her cure, Mrs. Laprairie said: "Since I was twelve years of age I have suffered from Kidney Disease. I was always tired. My back would ache and I always had a sharp pain in the top part of my head. My heart also troubled me."

"Hearing of Dodd's Kidney Pills, I gave them a trial, and now I feel like a new woman." Thousands of Canadian men and women are feeling just as Mrs. Laprairie does—as if life had started all over for them—just because they have cured their kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills. For the kidneys are the mainspring of life. If they are clogged or out of order, the whole body is wrong. Dodd's Kidney Pills always put the kidneys in good working order.

## ADVERTISED FOR CHILDREN

Far Rockaway Man Appeals to Newspapers for Aid to Find His Family — A Story of Family Trouble.

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