

In Woman's World.

WHIMS OF FASHION.

THE LATEST STYLE IN SKIRTS.

THE latest skirts, says the fashion writer of the New York Sun, are so close fitting around the hips that there is very little room for any petticoat underneath, which fact suggests the possibility of their being abolished altogether. But this is hardly probable, and the skirt makers are as busy as ever bringing out all sorts of novel and attractive models to tempt feminine fancy. One of the latest designs in silk petticoats is in three shades of one color, each in a bayadere stripe fully an inch wide. The darkest, medium and lightest shade follow each other in successive bands. The fashionable silk skirt, however, is not confined to any one sort of silk; anything and everything is made up into this fascinating garment—brocaded silks, shot and plain, striped and figured tafetas, pou de soie, satin and gros grain. The chief aim is to make them very full, with innumerable ruffles to set out the gown at the bottom. They may be pinked, hemmed, corded, and trimmed with lace; but there must be no stinting in the quantity of material used. Lining the lower part of the skirt, which is a Spanish flounce, with wool abbatris is a good plan for winter skirts, as it adds warmth where it is needed and helps the silk to wear longer.

FURS.

Fur as a trimming, or as entire garments, has more than verified predictions regarding its probable popularity; and certainly in purchasing a first quality coat or cape, it is the one expense for many winters—always ready not to injure and imparting that air of comfort or elegance belonging to a rich fur. Babies' or children's outdoor clothing is now not considered complete without fur borderings; ladies' hat brims are edged with it; narrow fur bands are the preferred garniture for the new circular or Spanish flounce, now so fashionable for the street, theatre or evening costumes; in short no one feels really stylish without wearing fur of some kind.

TRIMMINGS.

Steel shades are popular in uncut velvet and corduroy. Turquoise, large and small, are set in new head trimmings. An odd jacket is of mulberry velvet, with black silk scroll braid. Gauze silk in cream white, with lace, is used for evening petticoats. Plain, plaid and checked poplins make lovely bodices for at home wear. Children's ready-made frocks show yokes of heavy lace or embroidery. Accordion ruffles of lace are used in embellishing petticoats of fine batiste. Aluminium spangles are used to decorate blouse fronts of net and silk muslin. Black gowns in cloth and various other new black materials are very fashionable. The most beautiful net all covers for frocks over silk foundations have jet effects in stripes. A collar and a belt of bright velvet are considered "the" thing with evening waists of black jetted net. A handsome moire has a large satin polka dot; covert cloths are seen in checked and two-toned effects. Handsome designs in silk brocaded grenadines are obtainable in choice evening shades as well as in black. One of the leading fabrics for early spring tailored gowns is Scotch tweed in the modish "heather middones." Fichus and sashes are made of fine silk net and are sometimes finished off with narrow lace or baby ribbon. A Lewiston, Me., woman, who has taken time by the forelock, already has one Christmas gift for 1898 completed. The latest gift for women are the sailor knots of silk with broad ends, sometimes trimmed with tiny plaited frills. Among the latest embroideries are souave and bolero fronts, with long panels reaching almost to the hem of the skirt. Triple puffings of chiffon in white, cream black and evening tints, are sold by the yard, ready to be applied to dance costumes. A novel trimming for a velvet gown is Valenciennes lace insertion over white satin, outlined on either edge with imitation pearls. A fancy waist recently admired had a jacket, belt and collar of velvet in the new shade of pink, with sleeves and blouse front of black jetted chiffon. Fichus and sashes of net and chiffon made to match and covered with ruffles and frills are displayed among the new fancies. Bébé ribbon edging the collars give a pretty effect. If you would wear a white veil it must be of the daintiest, most cobwebby lace, with diamond-shaped dots and two or three black spots to give the effect of court plaster. This is termed the "Castellane veil."

The black satin blouse heads the list of stylish and useful waists. It is tucked up and down or around, according to the figure, it adorns, and with a satin belt embroidered with jewels, the effect is charming. One of the coming shapes in spring wraps is made like a half handkerchief of colored velvet and covered with Venetian lace. It is edged with fur in a fringe of chiffon, and supplied with the fashionable high collar. Hats with willow brims and white satin crowns are promised as a coming fashion. White violets are much used for trimming, and the whole tendency seems to be toward the use of an excess of white in the new millinery.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

HOW TO DO WITHOUT EGGS.

THE midwinter season, when the supply of fresh eggs is always limited, and dealers are making them still scarcer and dearer by storing them up for Lent, drives many cooks literally to their wits' end, says a contributor to the New York Tribune, in treating of the subject of the use of eggs. Yet it is an excellent thing for the health, as well as for the purse, to limit the use of eggs during the winter and to look about us to see what can be done without them. No winter eggs, no matter how freshly laid, are quite equal to the fresh eggs of spring. The spring is the natural laying period of all birds, and hens' eggs are not only cheaper at this season, but, because the fowls are in more wholesome condition, are no doubt better.

The idea that a good table consists in the profuse use of butter and eggs is a common one in this country, and multitudes of dishes are spoiled by their superfluous use.

A good rice pudding does not call for eggs. An excellent one is made of five cups of rich milk, one small cup of uncooked rice, well washed and picked over; one cup of raisins, washed and stoned; one cup of sugar, a scant teaspoonful of salt and half a grated nutmeg, or any flavor that may be preferred. Let the pudding bake slowly for two hours until the grains of rice have fully swollen out and each one rests in a creamy bed.

An old-fashioned Indian pudding requires no eggs. Scald one pint of milk. Add two heaping tablespoonfuls of Indian meal to half a cup of milk, and when all the lumps are stirred out thin with a cup and a half of cold milk. Add a tablespoonful of butter and a small cupful of molasses and pour in the pint of scalded milk. Add a half teaspoonful of salt and stir well. Bake the pudding an hour, then pour in another pint of cold milk and let it slowly bake for three or four hours longer, or until it is as dark as a black ginger cake. Serve it hot with cream.

It is a great mistake to use too many eggs in a custard. The most delicious of steamed, baked or boiled custards can be made with the yolks of five eggs to a quart of milk. A good baked custard may be made with the yolks of four eggs to four cups of milk. Reserve the whites of the eggs for cake or for white cocoanut pudding or for any of the many purposes for which the whites of eggs are valuable. The whites of eggs add richness to the custard.

There are few greater culinary blunders than to waste eggs on wheat pancakes. The batter in which eggs are used is much tougher and decidedly inferior to one made without eggs. Take equal quantities of flour and milk, using an even teaspoonful of baking powder to every cupful of flour, and a scant half cup of butter to every two cupfuls. Tried-out beef fat and butter in equal parts will take the place of butter in this case. About half a teaspoonful of salt must be used to every half cupful of beef fat. Indian meal pancakes require the use of an egg for every cupful of meal, and at least half a cupful of wheat flour. Use a quarter of a cup of "shortening" to every two of the mixture of flour and Indian meal and a teaspoonful of baking powder to every cup.

Nothing toughens a raised wheat muffin so quickly as eggs used injudiciously. An excellent muffin is made without any eggs. Scald a pint of milk, and when it is lukewarm stir in half a cake of compressed yeast. Rub a scant half cupful of butter, or beef's fat and butter, through a quart of well warmed flour. Stir in the yeast and milk, and beat the batter until it blisters. Let the muffins rise over night and in the morning fill deep muffin tins half full. When the batter rises to the top put them in the oven and bake them half an hour.

It is never wise to use anything out of season. If we take our food as nature supplies it, our bill of fare will be continually varying and we will have everything at its best and cheapest. The man or woman who buys hot-house peas and strawberries at Christmas time, when they are comparatively scarce, is weary of them before June, when they are in market in superb condition. Luxury may easily cheat such a person out of the best food by surfeiting him with costly but comparatively flavorless vegetables and fruits out of their season. No Southern vegetable, however carefully grown, has the superior flavor of vegetables brought to market with the morning dew fresh upon them. If we except the delicious hot-house pineapple, which is so costly that it has been quoted by political economists as an example of the greatest extravagance, no hot-house fruit has so good a flavor as that grown in our own gardens in the sun, fresh air and dew.

The housekeeper of modern means, if possessed of intelligence in regard to the market, and common sense enough not to have a longing for food out of season, can supply her table with the best of everything as well as the richest marketer in the land.

Apples can be had, year in, year out, and considering them to be such a wholesome article of food, they should be on every table; more especially since they have been proved invaluable in cases of indigestion. Apples may be eaten at any hour, and especially are they recommended to be eaten just before retiring, for a thoroughly ripe juicy apple excites the action of the liver, and ensures sound sleep. Again, apples are excellent as a dietetic, and equally excellent as a food for the brain; for the simple reason that they contain phosphoric acid. Apples, too, are said to be good for the throat, and to prevent diseases of the same. Baked apples are especially nice for children, as is also apple jam.

NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

MR. BOK AND DOMESTIC SERVICE.

THE editor of the Ladies' Home Journal is an enthusiast with an assured income, and while toasting his toes before a comfortable grate fire, may be relied upon to indulge in a great many fanciful projects, such as are the result of a comfortable and commanding social status. We fancy his advice to young women, to restrict themselves to the circle of domestic service, is perhaps a mere attempt to cater to a certain class of his readers, many of whom would be healthier if they did their own work, in part, at least. He says:—

"The average home holds out a far more comfortable time, a more leisurely life, a healthier existence, and better wages, than does the office, store or factory to an intelligent girl or woman. The same time devoted, for example, to the study of shorthand or typewriting, if given to the study of nursing or domestic service, would mean twice the income to a bright, steady girl. Unfortunately, girls will not see this, and thousands of them who are to-day struggling through an existence in the outer world, could have far more comfortable lives and better wages in excellent homes. How the average girl can deliberately shut her eyes to the opportunity which fairly glares upon her as a good maid, nurse, companion or domestic of any sort, passes average comprehension. There has never been a time when mistresses were readier or more willing to pay good wages for good domestic service—wages compared to which the pittance paid in shops or factories sinks into insignificance. And, on the other hand, the salaries of women in business, as recent statistics plainly show, are gradually on the decrease because of the willingness of hundreds of girls to work for a mere pittance. Every business house has to-day waiting lists of scores of hundreds of applicants while hundreds of homes cry out for intelligent domestic service."

[The domestic service problem can be best solved by those who require it as an aid in their homes, by shortening the hours of labor and making it less slavish and exacting.]

HIGHER EDUCATION.

The movement to raise the standard of education amongst women is deservedly a success. The latest indication in this regard comes from France. The Catholic Institute of Paris, which is the chief Catholic university of France, inaugurated last year a course of higher education for women. The experiment has been most successful and is to be continued this year. Six courses are devoted to them. M. G. Aitix is to treat of the political history of England from the 11th to the 18th century; the life of grace is to be explained by the Abbe Felix Klein, whilst church history will be in the hands of the Abbe Ratifol. Some of the other subjects chosen are—social questions, French literature in the 18th and 19th centuries, art in Catholic history, the will and the formation of character.

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

The much abused mothers-in-law are, almost continuously, being made the subjects of attack by exacting men and fretful daughters. In many homes the mothers-in-law are very little better than slaves. Here is more advice for them, taken from an American Society Journal:—

"The children will make amends for much that is distasteful in your life," writes Mrs. Burton Kingeland to 'The Mother-in-Law in the Home,' in the Ladies' Home Journal. "The very fact that you have more leisure to give them than their mother, with her many interests and duties, gives you a vantage ground, and none reward a little devotion with such responsiveness as little children.

"Exact as little as possible from the servants, and thank them courteously for what they do for you, and look for opportunities to do them an occasional kindness. Never let them think that you watch them.

"If you have property which you expect to leave to this family, do not claim special attention and consideration as a right, and if poor and dependent, do not talk of being a burden, nor luxuriate in that contemptible thing, self pity. You need not be a burden. We can all be happiness-makers if we will.

"Make it a principle never to report anything that transpires in your son's household, even in strictest confidence, to any friend or outside member of the family."

"Fat, fair and forty" was ever supposed to describe the ideal woman, but the new woman repudiates the first and last and will only retain the central adjective. With biking and boating and tennis and golf she can keep her ethereal form as its orthodox proportions, for the season of bouffés and straws, but these must go with the fall of the snow, and then start up those drearied visions of increasing weight and waists, the inevitable outcome of idle hours and suspended work. How to counteract this has long been a study of the fair daughters of Gotham, and the happy thought of golf gymnastics seems to have solved the problem. The thought was promptly taken up, and crystallized at once into another of those peculiar and undesirable clubs for women, fads with the fair sex of the land of the Stars and Stripes.

Most people neglect going to-morrow what they have put off doing to-day.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

That I will take a walk, beginning with at least four blocks daily, increasing gradually the distance until I walk an hour every day.
That I will practice deep breathing through the nostrils, instead of through the mouth, to broaden my chest and increase my lung capacity.
That I will take time, no matter how busy, to bathe my body once every day of my life.

That I will use as little strong coffee and tea as possible, that my complexion may not become sallow and coarse.

That I will never buy a piece of scented soap unless it is made by a firm whose name is a guarantee of its excellence.

That I will have my head shampooed twice monthly, and never omit brushing it at night and braiding it loosely.

That if I use powder at all, none but the very best will I buy, since cheap powders ruin every skin quickly.

That I will visit the dentist once every three months at least that he may arrest the first symptom of decay or tartar even.

That nothing shall tempt me to put a drop of vaseline or cold cream upon my face, lest a growth of down—not to say hair—appear.

That I will get some one to tell me every time I speak too loudly, that I may obtain a low voice by next year.

That I will try to do without a pillow at night, or one of very small dimensions, to keep my chin from "sagging."

That I will eat some kind of fruit or green vegetable, such as lettuce or spinach, once at least in 24 hours.

That I will not bathe my face in cold water in winter or hot in summer because some faddists say so, but will study my own comfort.

That I will not wear shoes too tight or gloves too small simply to be laughed at by others and make myself miserable.

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Dame Albina Provost, of the city of St. Henry, in the district of Montreal, wife common as to property of Joseph J. Provost, of the same place, duly authorized as executor, has instituted an action in separation, as to property against her said husband, this day.

Montreal, 24th January, 1898.
BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT No. 566.

Dame Orise Dugas, of the City of Montreal, in the district of Montreal, wife common as to property of Joseph J. Provost, of the same place, duly authorized as executor, has instituted an action in separation, as to property against her said husband, this day.

Montreal, 19th January, 1898.
BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, SUPERIOR COURT No. 567.

Dame Orise Dugas, of the City of Montreal, in the district of Montreal, wife common as to property of Joseph J. Provost, of the same place, duly authorized as executor, has instituted an action in separation, as to property against her said husband, this day.

Montreal, 19th January, 1898.
BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN, LORANGER & ST. GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.