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Masculine Derby for Girlish Face



A ribbon cockade of striped blue and white is the feature of a severe street hat for a fair young maid. The shape is that of the masculine derby, modified with a straight brim. This is faced with dark blue velvet, which matches the straw in color. The ribbon cockade is satin, half of its width being plain blue, the other half blue and white striped. This surrounds the popular high-crown, the cockade standing perkily up in front.

CYNTHIA'S CHAUFFEUR

[BY LOUIS TRACY.]

"In fact, it was he who recommended me to Mr. Vanrenen as your chauffeur. Yes, my dear, Monsieur Marigny and I are friends. And my son is inseparable when I was saying, the Count offered to take me up his balloon, L'Envol, and I was ready to go, but the weather being so stormy, it was highly dangerous, at any rate, to cultivate the high-pitched voice that he regarded as the hall-mark of good breeding, and could not avoid hearing each in to Cynthia's praise of his ing to be was with the other car, and wrenching the girl's thoughts woman promptly from a topic dear to his heart, he said, 'I am, for the gods sake, kind to him. Little recking were able was the information he had given, he slackened speed, and had I, and leaned back in the seat, some, 'nearing Reigate now,' he replied with half-turned head. 'The town which inn do you wish to stop at?' 'I wish to go to the hotel where I am staying,' said Cynthia. 'I shall be cut off by an old-world Reigate inn, Mrs. Devar spread her hands in a gesture of helplessness. 'I am the most ignorant person in the county,' she said. 'I remember how that delightful Count Edouard laughed when I asked him if the Loire joined the Seine above or below. It seems that I was thinking of the Oise all the time. The Marchioness of Belfort told me of my error afterwards.' Cynthia laughed merrily, but made no reply. Medenham bent over the levers and the car danced on through Reigate. Mrs. Devar impressed him as a despicable type of tuff-hunter. His acquaintance with the species was not extensive; he had read of elderly dowagers who asked out their slender der means by introducing the daughters of rich Americans to English society, and of the thing was not in itself wholly in the mere bracketing of Cynthia. Vanrenen needed no such social sponsor. He was Frenchman with a suspicion that was already active enough so far as Mrs. Devar was concerned. And the Marchioness was a creature of a different order, a creature of a different order, a creature of a different order. Perhaps this mood communicated itself to the accelerator. At any rate, the Mercury seemed to sympathize, and it was a lucky hazard that kept the glorious stretch of road between Reigate and Crawley free of police traps on that memorable Wednesday. The car simply leaped out of Surrey into Sussex, the undulating parklands on both sides of the smooth highway appearing to float past in stately procession, and there was a fine gleam in Cynthia's blue eyes when the first check to a splendid run came in the outskirts of Crawley. She leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder. 'Tea here, please,' she said. Then she added, as if it were an afterthought: 'If you promise to let her rip in that style after we reach the open country again, I shall sit on the front seat.' 'I'm bribed,' he answered, and not until both were settled back in their seats did they realize that either had said anything unusual. Medenham, however, took his cup of tea a la chauffeur, helping himself to bread and butter from a plate deposited on the bonnet by a waiting-maid. When the ladies reappeared from the interior of a roadside restaurant he was in his place, ready to start. He did not offer to put them in the car, adjust their wraps and close the door. That was a renege like to keep them on his part would hint of prior knowledge that she intended to ride in front. Nevertheless, he could not repress a smile when he heard Mrs. Devar's distinctly chilly, 'Oh, not at all,' in response to Cynthia's polite apology for deserting her until they neared Brighton. Somehow the girl took her seat by his side. From a machine of mechanical energy and power it became a triumphal chariot. By sheer perfection of mechanical energy

Correspondence

Concerning the Ring.
Dear Miss Grey: I have been engaged since last fall and on the next trip to visit the girl, who lives some hundred miles away. I want to give her the diamond ring she will naturally look for, I have no doubt. Circumstances will compel me to be as economical as possible and I want to know whether or not a ring costing from \$35 to \$50 would be appropriate as a gift from a man in steady employment whose income does not exceed \$75 a month. Jewelers suggest nothing less than a stone costing some hundred dollars, and, if this is the usual gift, it is not surprising that marriage with the average man is on the decline. Such an amount will frame up a small house with furniture. If I must pay so much, then I must frame up an excuse for deferring my visit and will have to postpone the marriage. I am an orphan and have no female relatives to whom to go for advice in such matters. Can you give me some detailed information as to rings to guide me in getting the best value for my investment? Size and cost of stone, inscription, etc., kinds and quality.
X. Y. Z.
A. —\$35 to \$50, under the circumstances, is quite enough to pay for the ring. Go to some reliable concern and tell them you want as good a stone as possible for the amount, and that you simply cannot go over the amount you decide on.

RIGHT CHILDHOOD

The first character of right childhood is that it is modest. A well-bred child does not think that it can teach its parents, or that it knows everything. It may think its father and mother know everything—perhaps that all grown-up people know everything. But it is sure that it does not. And it is always asking questions, and wanting to know more. Well, that is the first character of a good and wise man at his work. To know that he knows very little, to perceive that there are many above him wiser than he, and to be always asking questions, wanting to learn, not to teach. No one ever teaches well who wants to teach. It is an old saying (Plato's, but I know not if his first), and as wise as old. Then, the second character of right childhood is to be faithful. Perceiving that its father knows best what is good for it, and having found always, when it has tried its own way against his, that he was right and it was wrong, a noble child trusts him at last wholly, gives him its hand, and if he bids it, An that is the true character of all good men also, as obedient workers, or soldiers under captains.—Ruskin.

The Sewing Room

To keep hair ribbons that are not straight across from fraying at the ends, cut close inside the selvage, on either side, for an eighth of an inch up from the end of the ribbon. This will entirely stop the fraying. If a new silk skirt has considerable "drooping" in it, press it all over with a hot iron before wearing. This will take out the stiffness and prevent it from cracking, especially along the folds near the seams, where a ready-made skirt first begins to break. A convenient little dressing sack is made of a square of fine outing flannel or other material. The "sleeves" are formed by tying a point together six inches from the bottom; then another point forms the back, while the last point is cut to a circle in the centre to form a place for the neck.

OBEEDIENCE IS BEST

By Cynthia Grey.

Beauty is the sign of health that draws all eyes after it. But if a woman makes the end and ambition of her life to be beautiful for the sake of sovereignty over others she will find her cup of bitterness full to overflowing. All of the rites of religion link personal and spiritual purity in baths and baptism and putting on of clean linen, which are the essentials of health. We have already seen the average of human age raised from 30 to 70 years. The comeliness of youth may easily be preserved even longer than that. To be charming is as beautifying as the "Girdle of Venus" whose magic was to charm, and without which she was merely a pretty woman. With it she was a queen. Juno without it was faultless, but undesired. This mythical history is a lesson to be remembered. The woman who is self-centred and anxious to please for her own personal benefit falls short of happiness for herself and others a long way. Beauty does exist without charm, and it is a blessing that charm also exists without beauty. The charm of a woman who is considered plain is shown in every action of her generous heart. She feels it unworthy of her to be dull, stilted, or indifferent, so reads carefully to be "en rapport" with the affairs of the day, alert in conversation and ready with intelligent answers to any question. She is never indifferent to the appeals of the less fortunate ones, although they may bore her; she is gracious enough to be considerate and kind in voice and manner. It is hardly possible for such a woman to be supercilious, automatic, or dull. She simply goes on the principle of making things pleasant, not because you know someone she wishes to know, but purely for the love of human nature. She is naturally blithe, sunny and grateful. "Strength and practice will make a many-pound figure move as lightly as a rubber ball and glide off like a bicycle." There are no better examples of good manners before the public than those of the leading actresses of the day. Their grace and manners are those of refinement and good taste. Girls should copy as well as admire their tone of voice, grace of gesture, and manner of walk. Queens of France used to consult with the actresses of Paris upon toilet and carriage, justly concluding that women whose business it was to please would have something to teach the rest of their sex. If you wish to draw men or women toward you take care to display as much charm of manners as is shown by those whose profession it is to please. Remember: Desire is prayer, and prayers are answered.



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Useful Recipes

Fried Bacon and Green Peppers.

Fry very thin slices of bacon crisp, taking care not to scorch them. Remove with a fork and place in the centre of a heated platter. Lay in the fat left in the pan strips of green peppers that have been freed from membrane and seeds and covered with boiling water, then allowed to stand in this water until cold, after which they should be dried on a clean dish-towel. Fry these pepper strips to a light brown at the edges and tender. Drain from all grease and lay about the edge of the bacon platter.

Baked Apples and Nuts.

Peel firm apples and remove the

cores. Remove the shells from English walnuts, and chop the meat coarsely. Put the apples into a baking pan and pour about them enough water to prevent their burning; then sprinkle them thickly with granulated sugar. Fill the hollows left by the cores with a mixture of sugar and chopped nuts, and cover the pan closely. Set in oven and bake until the apples are tender and cook uncovered for ten minutes. Then set away until cold. Serve in a dish and pour syrup over them.

Candied Sweet Potatoes.

Boil sweet potatoes and peel. While warm cut into thick slices and put in layers in a pudding dish, sprinkling each layer with granulated sugar and dotting with bits of butter. When the potatoes are all in sprinkle the top layer with sugar and bits of butter and pour in carefully a cup of boiling water. Cover and bake for

half an hour. The brown for fifteen min the dish in which th

Drop Co Cream a half cup a cup of sugar; add eggs, a half cup of full of vanilla flavor prepared flour to m. can be dropped light Drop by the spoonful bake immediately.

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