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## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

"I hear that shirring is coming back into style," I said.

I thought that a most mild, inoffensive remark, and was accordingly quite surprised when the dress-making lady who was squatting on the floor hanging my skirt with the aid of a mouthful of pins, nearly swallowed them in her effort to say something.

"Never!" she ejaculated, as soon as she had managed to extract sufficient of them to make speech safe and possible. "Never, I hope, Miss Cameron. Of all the ugly, inartistic things you can do to a dress, shirring is the worst. There is nothing attractive about it. If the material is pretty, shirring hides it. If the material is homely bunching it up like that makes it more so. The only possible use of shirring is to show that you could afford to have some poor dressmaker put a lot of work into your gown."

Did I quail before this tirade that I had aroused? No, indeed; I was delighted. I realized the value of having gotten the dressmaker lady nicely started to talk on a subject on which she is such an authority, and did my best to spur her on to tell some of the other inartistic and foolish mistakes women make in gowning themselves.

And here are some of the pearls of dressmaker wisdom that she let fall.

"Never let a yoke line slant up in the slightest degree. That is absolutely fatal. The line should be straight or bow slightly downwards."

"In making the new overskirt dresses, if you have a coat of the same, be sure either that the coat covers the overskirt or that it is cut well above it, and that the skirt follows the line of the coat."

"Many of the shirt waists, even from the most expensive houses, do not have the shoulder seam far

enough back on the shoulder. This is a very bad fault, as it makes the back much less straight.

"The broad bands on the skirts at the knees that so many people are wearing are absolutely impossible. They make your figure look sawed off and your feet look enormous."

"Nothing is uglier than a long sleeve. Never mind, even if your arms are thin. They will look better bare than in the inartistic long sleeve. Have the sleeve just below the elbow, if that is painfully thin, but have it stop there."

"Dutch necks are absolutely impossible. I don't care if everybody on the face of the globe wears them. They are not good style. They look as if you had either forgotten your collar or were trying to crawl out of your dress head first. You should either have a distinctly low neck or high collar. Half breeds aren't accepted in good society."

"Never make a princess dress with out making the sleeves large and full. For some reason that accentuates the fine slender lines of the princess effect."

"Touches of black velvet on a light dress are extremely inartistic."

"A belt of separate color spoils a figure. A belt of the same color as the waist is poor taste, and of course makes you short-waisted. If you want to look trim and have the best figure possible to you, always have the belt the same goods as the waist and, if possible, stitch it on."

And, as a summing up, as it were a threading of all the pearls of wisdom onto a single string, I give the dressmaker lady's final comment:

"The Paris models from the best houses, my dear, are never elaborate or fussy. They are made on severe lines and trimmed simply with some good embroidery. The whole thing is to have pretty goods and have it made on good lines."

Myself, I don't claim to know a tremendous lot about gowns, but, having seen her products, I'm sure the dressmaker lady does, so I humbly beg to offer you her suggestions.

*Ruth Cameron*

### Women's Secrets

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## The Big Fight Between Jeffries and Jack Johnson.

To-day the eyes of the sporting world are focused round Nevada, where the great fight for the championship of the world is supposed to be in progress. The aspirants for the mastery in the domain of pugilism are James J. Jeffries, who has been termed "the Emperor of the boxing arena," and Jack Johnson, a colored fighter who wrestled the title of "champion of the world" from Tommy Burns in a fourteen round battle in Australia in 1908.

To give an extended sketch of the careers of both aspirants for the championship is not the intention of the writer; but rather to deal with the most important points in the lives of each as they are known to him.

**JAMES J. JEFFRIES**

was born in Carroll, in the State of Ohio, on April 15, 1875, but subsequently his family removed to Los Angeles, Cal., where young Jeffries was apprenticed to the boiler-making business. He is 6 ft. 1 in. in height, weighs nearly 16 stone and is said to be able to deliver a blow at an impact of 1,500 pounds. He is not reckoned a clever boxer, but he has developed a generalship in the ring far above

the ordinary. Dr. T. H. Andrews, demonstrator of Anatomy at a Philadelphia College, examined Jeffries after he had won the championship from Fitzsimmons, and gave out the following statement regarding him:—"I can very consistently say as a result, that of 2,500 men I have examined as a surgeon, including many of the world's most famous athletes Jeffries is emphatically the best specimen of muscular manhood I have ever seen." It was in 1896 that Jeffries first tried his hand seriously at boxing, and he soon became famous through having defeated every man he met with one exception—Gus Ruhlin—the referee in this case declaring the fight a draw. Then came the fight which made Jeffries famous in his line and gave him a purse of \$20,000 (?). He challenged Bob Fitzsimmons—the then holder of the title—and the fight took place on July 9, 1899, before the Coney Island Athletic Club before thousands of spectators. Jeffries entered the ring in this contest weighing 15 stone, 8 pounds, Fitzsimmons somewhat lighter, weighing about 12 stone. This battle lasted 11 rounds, Fitz going to the floor unconscious for the first time

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since he became famous and James Jeffries was the new champion of the world. It is well to remember here, however, that Jeffries was over 12 years the junior of Fitz, and the outcome may have been different if there had not been such a disparity in the combatants' ages.

Jeffries' next fight took place on October 25th, 1899, his opponent being Thomas Sharkey, the sailor fighter, before the Coney Island Club and was witnessed by over ten thousand people, and lasted twenty-five rounds, the referee awarding the decision to Jeffries on points. After the contest Jeffries said: "This was the hardest fight I ever had, and I never expect to go through such an experience again, for I believe I learned enough in this fight to knock out any man alive."

The boiler maker's next exploit was that of knocking out Jack Finnegan in half a round, or a minute and a half. Then the ex-champion, James J. Corbett, issued a challenge and a fight was the outcome, Coney Island again being the scene of the contest. This fight lasted twenty-four rounds and Corbett being knocked out by Jeffries added another \$20,000 to his already well-filled coffers. Then followed another fight with Gus Ruhlin, and a second contest with Fitzsimmons on July 2nd, 1902, the latter being defeated in the eighth round. Next came Corbett who was beaten for the second time in a battle lasting a little over 9 rounds; Corbett declaring that Jeffries was the best fighter in the world. Jack Munro was the next to fall before the onslaughts of this wonderful specimen of humanity, the fight being held at San Francisco on August 26, 1904, the contest lasting less than four minutes. Munro received one blow that nearly sent him over the ropes, and it was said that when Jeffries delivered the knock-out blow it was the greatest relief imaginable to his opponent, who was nearly scared out of his life.

With his victory over Munro Jeffries cleared the slate of the last of his rivals, and in 1905 announced his retirement from the ring. He bought a farm and devoted all his time there to the signing of the agreement with Johnson. He had conquered all the pugilists of repute in the world, and it may be said of him as of another famous warrior: "This was the greatest Roman of them all."

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