

Among Requirements of the Baby Girl



ALTHOUGH the baby girl disports herself nearly all the time in plain little slips of various sheer materials she requires occasionally finery of the finest kind. Wee tucks and narrow valenciennes laces, hand embroidery (sparingly used and in the daintiest of patterns), are relied upon for the little decorative finishings to her frocks for daily wear. And no matter how persistently repeated, these things never grow tiresome. Every mother delights in small garments finished with fine hand work. The painstaking care with which every stitch is set in place bears witness to the mother's care, whether the stitching is done by her own or other's hands.

Although the baby will look as sweet in the plainest of slips as in anything else, there are times when she requires extra finery to suitably honor a special occasion. Then the wits must be set to work to use the means at hand to make her real "dress-up" clothes. Sheer, fine fabrics in cotton or linen, dainty hand embroidery and narrow valenciennes laces continue to provide the materials. But a little oddity of cut, a little extravagance in embroidery, the introduction of a bit of gay ribbon, and the employment of the finest fabrics give the holiday air that make her dress for state occasions.

A fine dress of sheer batiste for the little lady is shown in the picture. It is simply cut, having the bottom edge trimmed into points, the elbow sleeves flaring, and also finished with shallow prints. All raw edges are cut into small scallops. These have first been stamped and buttonhole stitched with faultless exactness of needlework.

At the front a pointed panel at the bottom and top is outlined by the embroidered scallops, and the two panels are joined by a double line of scallops. In these panels beautifully made French knots are set close together in narrow rows. A small panel of the same kind adorns the top of each sleeve.

At intervals of about four inches about the skirt near the bottom slashes are cut in the batiste and their edges buttonhole stitched. Through these a sash of wide soft ribbon, in light blue or pink, is threaded and tied in the back in the simplest and limpest of bows. A narrow edging of fine valenciennes lace outlines the neck and all edges of the dress. It is set in a ruffle back of the scallops, with fine hand sewing.

Worn under this fluffy frock is a petticoat having a ruffle at the bottom made of alternating rows of valenciennes and narrow bands of batiste decorated with a row of French knots. The bottom is finished with the narrowest of edgings of valenciennes lace.

In such a frock the little wearer is as splendidly arrayed as it is possible for her to be. Even so, this finery is within reach of any mother who knows how to do fine needlework. Very little material is required, and this is not expensive. It is the exquisite, hand-wrought decoration that makes these little dresses valuable. If such a dress must be bought ready made it will mean a considerable outlay of money; if made at home it means an outlay of time—which no one begrudges the baby.

Worn at the Afternoon Concert



TWO odd and attractive hats are shown here, one of them in two views. Now that spring is near these are about the last winter designs, and the pretty baretta finished with a tassel at the side cannot be said to belong to one season more than another, for it is made of silk in twine color piped with black and having the oddest of tassels of silk fiber which looks much like spun glass.

Many similar hats, including those called "Tipperary" hats, are made of silk. They are the smallest of turbans, with very scant, soft crowns, narrow ribbon sashes with hanging ends and decorations of small flowers and fruits made of silk. These, worn with short godet veils, in coarse net bound with ribbon, are harbingers of spring which appear before the earliest robin.

The second turban shown is made of panne velvet over a round frame. The velvet is managed so that one

piece forms both the hat covering and the long, projecting loop at the back. The severe outline of the frame is softened by a wide, rich plume of ostrich at the left side. It is posed almost flat against the body of the hat, displaying its unusual width of flue to the very best advantage.

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Keeping Collars Clean.

Every woman knows how hard it is to keep a lace collar clean while wearing fur next to it. Get three-fourths yard lace five inches deep. Shirl this one inch from edges onto a tape as large around as the top of your fur collar or fur piece. Sew fine snap fasteners on tape and other part of fasteners on inside of fur piece, so when snapped together the lace stands up like a ruching around the neck. It is just a few moments' work to take it out and wash it and it keeps your collars clean.

STATE CORN PRIZES

WINNERS OF 1914 GROWING CONTEST ANNOUNCED.

SOME GOOD REPORTS COME IN

Corn Growing Contest Promoted Great Interest Among Boys and Girls Throughout State.

COMING EVENTS.

- State Federation of Retailers' convention, Lincoln, Feb. 23-29.
- State high school basket ball tournament, Lincoln, March 10 to 13.
- Nebraska-Iowa Cement Users' meeting, Omaha, first week in March.
- Omaha's Spring Style Show and Merchants' Market Week, March 8-13.
- State Press association annual meeting, Omaha, April 19, 20, 21.
- Nebraska Elks' convention, Fremont, May 11-12.
- Annual meeting of Daughters of American Revolution, at Omaha, March 15-20.
- Mendelssohn Choir Fifth Annual Spring Concerts with Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Omaha, April 26 and 27.
- G. A. R. State Encampment at Fremont, May 18 to 20.
- State Gun Club tournament, North Platte, May 18, 19 and 20.

South Omaha.—During the early part of 1914 the Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha offered to the boys of Nebraska, through the Nebraska agricultural college, \$700 in prizes for the best showing on an acre of corn. The state was divided into two divisions in order to give the western boy an equal chance with the better corn producing section in the east part of the state, and equal prizes offered for both sections. In addition a grand champion's prize was offered for the whole state, this prize being \$100, to pay expense for trip to Washington, D. C., to attend the national convention of boys' and girls' clubs. That the contest has promoted a great interest in corn raising among the boys throughout the state is shown by the success of the contest of last year, over 1,000 entries having been made when the season opened. The following is a list of the state prizes awarded:

- State champion, Vyrle Crowell, Thurston county, \$100.
- Western Division—First, Jesse Correll, Furnas county, \$50; second, Carey Bratt, Furnas county, \$25; third, Adam Riepe, Furnas county, \$10. Next five prizes, \$5 each: Eugene Gorum, Dawson county; Howard McCornell, Lincoln county; Kenneth Crowell, Webster county; Murvell Goram, Dawson county; Eugene Johnson, Lincoln county. Next ten prizes, \$2 each: Lucy Pierce, Chase county; Fred Reynolds, Lincoln county; Ellsworth Mattox, Custer county; Ellery Hooper, Webster county; Roy Carlson, Phelps county; Ashton Ashby, Harlan county; Claude Herts, Gosper county; Emmanuel Bauerle, Chase county; Preston Ledgerwood, Lincoln county; Everette Mattox, Custer county.
- Eastern Division—First, Vyrle Crowell, Thurston county, \$50; second, Elmer Lorenger, Thurston county, \$25; third, C. H. Hollingshead, Platte county, \$10. Next five prizes, \$5 each: Walter Pflug, Sarpy county; Clarence Zapp, Thurston county; Victor Cram, Burt county; Clarence Mays, Saunders county; Leo Zapp, Thurston county. Next ten prizes, \$2 each: Oskar Klein, Douglas county; George Humlicek, Saunders county; Robert Morlan, Thurston county; Harold Townley, Butler county; Diedrich Siefkes, Gage county; Milton Finkner, Johnson county; Otto Schmidt, Fillmore county; Lawrence Miller, Gage county; Edward Potter, Merrick county; Clarence Morlan, Thurston county.

New High School Building.

Cedar Bluffs—The new \$30,000 high school building of this place has been dedicated. The new building is as pretentious as any in the state for this size city. In the basement are the domestic science rooms, gymnasium and boiler rooms. On the second floor are class rooms, and the top floor is composed of office rooms and the assembly rooms.

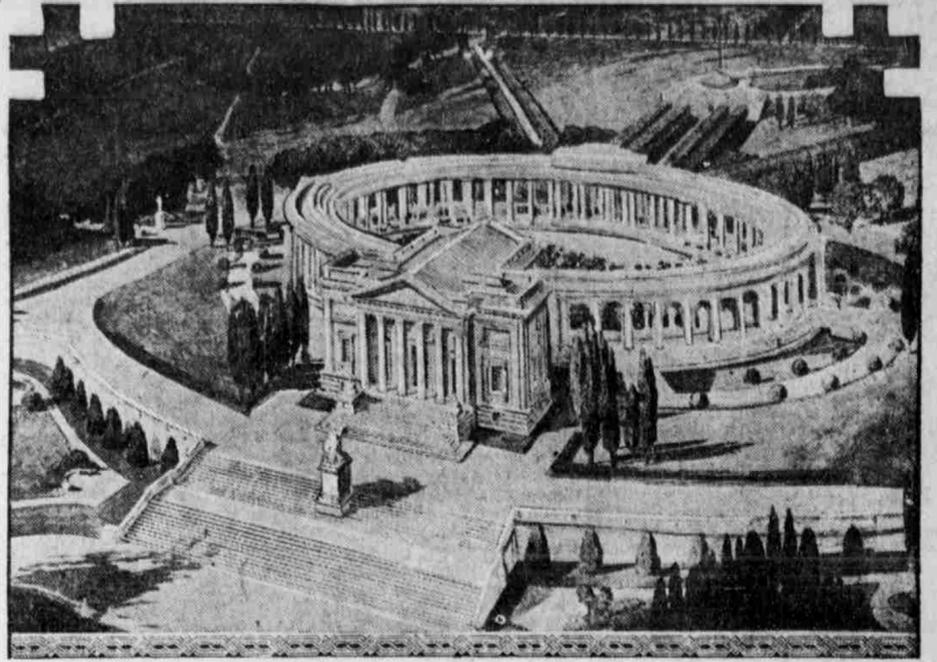
Board of Inquiry Acts.

Gothenburg.—The Union Pacific board of inquiry that convened here to attempt to place responsibility for the accident which resulted in the death of Freight Conductor N. F. Akeyson and Roadmaster C. H. Johnston, found it "due to unforeseen accident, which could not have been prevented by exercise of any reasonable precaution."

Welfare Work Is Success.

Central City.—The rooms of the Community Welfare association in this city have been the scene of exceptional activity during the last two weeks of stormy weather. This organization of a little less than one year's standing in the community is proving the fulfillment of its mission, affording a place of amusement in the best environment for the men and young men of Central City and the surrounding country. Traveling men, declare the organization one of the most progressive in the state.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL AT ARLINGTON



This is a perspective view of the design for a national memorial that will be built soon in the national cemetery at Arlington.

BOY SCOUTS DECORATED BY PRESIDENT WILSON



These six Boy Scouts were photographed just after President Wilson had decorated five of them with the eagle medal, the highest Boy Scout order, and the sixth with a medal of honor for heroism. Left to right, they are: Howard Gatley (honor medal), Clinton Allard, Frank Watson, Edward Pardee, Edward Shroy and Samuel Hardy.

GETTING MORMON CONVERTS IN BROOKLYN



Two pretty girls have been lately going about the Ridgewood section of Brooklyn, canvassing from door to door for converts to the Mormon church. The girls are Miss Gertrude Phelps of Salt Lake City (left) and Miss Edna Crowther of Mesa, Ariz. (right). They call at a home, make friends with the woman of the house, call a few days later and begin talking Mormonism. At the third visit the prospect is usually very receptive and the girls tell of the "great benefits offered by the Mormon church," what it has accomplished and expects to accomplish. A day or so later an elder of the church calls and tries to make the conversion complete.

MISS ADELE LEUVILLE



When the Lafayette kits were sent over to the French army one of the cards giving the names of contributors was that of Miss Adele Leuville. Her kit was received by Maurice Dubois of the Sixth French cavalry, who wrote to the Lafayette fund managers that he went to school with a girl of that name seventeen years ago in Nancy, France. Inquiry proved it was the same Adele, and now she has gone over to help nurse the wounded Frenchmen—and to see Maurice.

Her Comment.

Boggs—I see Professor Pupin says the telephone will be improved so rapidly that pretty soon a New Yorker can take down the receiver in his apartment and talk with his daughter in Paris or his brother in London. Mrs. Boggs (with the usual sniff)—That means, I suppose, that he wouldn't care to talk to his wife no matter where she was!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ON THE DUTCH-BELGIAN FRONTIER



German guards examining contents of a Dutch provision trader's cart on the Belgian frontier.