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But These Waitresses Must Have Backs as Well as Fronts—A Pretty Walking Suit, Bunting In All New Colors—Bareges and Grenadines.

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YORK, April 5.—We all know how we laugh when we see on the stage some person show, as if by accident, a sham shirt front. Well, we can laugh this season without going to a theater, for about half of the vest fronts and chemisettes are positive, and an inane movement often makes that fact patent to all. The really well dressed



NEW WALKING SUITS.

woman has none of those makeshifts. She has her chemisette made with a back like a corset waist and her vest like that of a man, sleeveless, but fitting snugly. Then if her jacket front blows or gets pulled aside there is nothing to make angels weep. As blouse and vest fronts are to be so fashionable this year, it is but doing my duty to urge my sisters to have backs to their blouses and vests. Put not your trust in straps, neither pins nor elastics, for they are all unreliable.

A pretty vest costume is worth describing. The skirt is plain in front and has full godet plaits in the back. Around the bottom are several rows of narrow black astrakhan cloth. The gown is made of electric brown iron will serge. The vest is of cream colored cloth braided with narrow brown sashette. The jacket is braided upon the bottom and has revers of astrakhan cloth. There are cuffs of the same. The jacket could be left open in front, the fronts being faced with the astrakhan. When that is open, the vest shows very much. Some vests are double breasted and have flat gold buttons. Some have tiny round ones, and some have none at all.

A pretty walking suit for those who do not care for jackets is of goblin blue antelope cloth, trimmed with dark blue velvet, edged with black silk moss trimming. The cape is a plain military, bordered and trimmed like the skirt. There are a deep pelarine collar and velvet ruff at the neck.

The pinafore gown grows in favor for home wear, and it is certainly a pretty fancy. I admired one which was made of reseda albatross cloth, which is put forward again this year as a favorite. The skirt and pinafore overwaist were of the reseda. The sleeves and underwaist as well as the deep scalloped were made of silver silk, in dark green stripes over a striped gray ground. Around the edges on the albatross cloth were rows of braiding and little woolen balls, forming a fringe. If any lady has a dress whose first freshness is gone, a pretty pinafore overdress would be of the greatest service in prolonging its usefulness. I took note of another pretty home toilet. The dress was of cherry colored cashmere, made full in the skirt, so that it hung in rich folds that were a beauty in themselves. The skirt was plain as regards trimming. The sleeves were drooping puffs, with turn up cuffs of black velvet, edged with fur and cut very glaring. Around the neck was a deep pelarine of black velvet edged with brown fur. This is a model that could be easily followed in any soft material that drapes well.

Among the novelties of the past week I noticed the old fashioned wool barge in various soft and pleasing colors. This is a very delicate but extremely pretty material. It will be used for afternoon dresses and will be trimmed with point de gene lace, which has renewed its popularity.



HOME DRESSES.

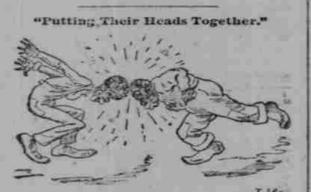
ularity. There are also new etamine and algerian cloths, and both are high novelties and very expensive too. Some of the new black silk grenadines are woven so that there is a colored silk back which shows up between the meshes. I could not tell how many styles and patterns of black grenadine there are. The woolen open work bunting are almost as handsome as the grenadines. The buntings are in all the new colors, while grenadine is seen only in black. There are several new designs in crepons, chiefly of swivel brocade effects, and the straight grained French crepon. This latter is almost classic in its effect when draped.

OLIVE HARPER.



A SPRING COSTUME WITH LACE.

Unavoidable.
Patrick Flanagan was a witness in a case whose truthfulness compelled him to give some testimony against the man on trial, who was a particular friend of his. Patrick's ordinarily rich brogue had recently been rendered more than usually unrecognizable by an accident, to which he referred with feeling in the course of his testimony. He was frequently called upon to repeat his answers, which were evidently made under protest, and between these constant requests and the long words with which the air of the courtroom seemed to Patrick to be filled his anger rose, and his confusion steadily increased.



Putting Their Heads Together.

"Don't prevaricate," said the judge at last as Patrick returned a surprisingly incoherent answer to a question addressed to him.
"Prevaricate, is it?" cried Mr. Flanagan, with angry resentment. "O'm thinkin' maybe it's jes'fild wouldn't be able to blip prevaricate in whin three av yer honor's front teeth had been knocked out av yer head, sorr!"—Youth's Companion.

"Say, mister, gimme 10 cents!" exclaimed a bootblack as he stopped a young man on Griswold street near the city hall yesterday. "Go on, you young liar!" was shouted at him.
"Who's a young liar?"
"You are."
"What about?"
"You don't have to support no family."
"Who said I did? I wasn't askin for 10 cents to support a family on, but to stake me up in blackin. Come down."
"See here, boy," said the young man as he came to a halt. "I want to go on. Maybe you think you've struck a hayseed. By what right do you ask me for 10 cents?"
"Fees, for what?"
"Fees for takin out a marriage license in that 10 minutes ago."
"I—I took out a marriage license, did I?"
"You did, and you don't want the reporters to git onto your shape either."
"What ails my shape?"
"Badly warped—feet too big—toes turn in—hair off color. Everybody says my charges are very moderate. One dime, if you please."
The young man looked indignant for a moment, but he finally seemed to think it a wise policy and handed out the coin, with the remark:
"Boy, I rather like cheek, but don't pursue this thing too far."
"No, sir, I won't. I haven't said a word about the shape of the gal, you know, and this insures my total silence. Good lands, sir, but if I'd see the reporters onto that bleached hair—they No. 8's—those lemon colored eyes—you'd never get over it all your born days. Ta ta, chappie. Good thing you happened to meet me instead of some of the avaricious crowd which never takes less'n 50 cents and then gives it away that the mother-in-law is to live with the happy couple."—Detroit Free Press.

Formal Preaching.
The skeleton of a sermon, as its name implies, is better kept concealed. It is meant for use, not for show.
Sixty years ago, according to Dr. Mines, there was a French Huguenot preacher in New York—a queer little man of unimpeachable learning and dullness—who modeled his sermons exactly after the pattern laid down in Claude's "Essay on Preaching." Usually he preached in French, but when he resorted to English the effect was irresistible.
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No Insult.
He (passionately)—Beloved, be my own! Let me share your joys and sorrows, your tiles and sneers—
She (devoted to painting)—Is this an insult?
He (abjectly)—My tongue is unreliable because of my agitation. I did not refer

to your work, but to your smiles and tears.

—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Taking No Risks.
Castleton—Don't ask me to go, Miss Summit. I went to church last Easter and dropped a poker chip into the box by mistake.
Miss Summit—Pshaw! That hasn't anything to do with this year.
Castleton (doubtfully)—I don't know. They might want me to cash it.—New York World.

Mistrust.
"Jones and Bones don't trust each other at all."
"You don't say?"
"Why, after shaking hands with each other, each one counts his fingers to make sure that none is missing."—Halo.

The Unappreciative Editor.
Alys—That nasty old magazine has sent back our story!
Mac—The mean old things! And I had tied the manuscript in such beautiful blue silk ribbon too.—Fuch.

Perfectly True.
Bings—They seem to lead a hand to mouth sort of existence, do they not?
Bangs—Who?
Bings—Babies.—New York World.

Neatly Folted.
Stupid Man—I presume, Mrs. Oldhead, that beautiful girl is your grandchild.
Angry Woman—Does that little girl look like a grandchild, pray?—Hallo.

Reorganized.
"I understand that Dr. Firely at your church now preaches without notes."
"Yes. We are on a cash basis entirely."—Newport News.

Anticipated.
"Have a cigar, Jack? I cabbaged it."
Jack (after a few puffs)—You have made a mistake. The maker did that.—Newport Daily News.

The Joker's Paradise.
Things go by contraries in China, we're told. We'd like to be there for a day. We're weary of writing of incidents old That occur in the same prosy way.

There the kind servant girl she explodes, we presume. And blows up the kerosene can. While the mule is kicked into a midnight of gloom. By the hoof of the meek hired man.

The buzzard rubs up against some one to see if he's really and truly alive. And is all mangled up to such a degree That it can't for a moment survive.

There sons all are staid, sober, earnest young men. With giddy and profligate pas. And husbands find wives who can bake now and then A cake quite as good as their mas.

The old, wayback farmer comes into the town With a strange deck of cards in his sleeves. And falls on the sharpers and does them up brown. As their pockets of cash he relieves.

The gun which so often brings sorrow and woe Because it has strangely exploded Is blown out of sight, since it really don't know That the man whom it foos with is loaded.

In China our jokers could take their old jokes, And turning them 't'other end to Might work them all off on susceptible folks As something entirely new.

The reason there's nothing fresh under the sun In the newspaper columns today Is because everything that may happen is done In precisely the old fashioned way. —Nixon Waterman in Chicago Journal.

One Advantage of Smoking.
A certain lawyer who had never smoked on account of his wife's prejudices says if he could live his life over again he should take the tobacco question into account in choosing a wife, since he regards smoking of a great advantage in a business way as well as socially. "For instance," he says, "when I am at the club, and after dinner join my smoking friends, like Maud Muller—

"A vague unrest And nameless longing fill my breast. I am among them, but not of them. There is a link missing in the chain of unity, and when I separated from my law partner he carried off our best clients, because, like him, they smoked."—Philadelphia Press.

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