

Women's Ways and Fancies

Vandyke Points on Collars



Sheer organdie was used in the outlining of the charming collar illustrated. It is buttoned straight up under the chin with tiny black buttons, and the smart Vandyke points are embroidered and edged with val lace. The high collars lead in fashionable favor this spring, and the model shown is one of the very smartest offerings.

NEW TAILORED SUITS.

Spring Always Demands Its Quota of Severe Garments.

With the advent of spring the demand for tailored and semitailored suits increases. From twenty-two to twenty-six inches in length are the suit coats, but not invariably so, for the bolero and Eton effects have to be reckoned with, and they are to be quite an important feature this spring.

While the Norfolk suit is growing in popularity, it is not to be confused with the Norfolk suit of other days, for the skirt portion of this new suit has the popular flare so much in demand, and as for pockets, the new suit fairly bristles with them. In nearly every case there are at least four, two above the belt and two below. The Norfolk is sure to be popular, for there are few other styles that are as trim and smart for hard wear as is this tailored suit.

The coat cut in two portions is not only charming, but sure to be becoming to most figures. The lower part, needless to say, is cut with a decided flare, and this is applied to the upper and in most cases the fitted upper part at a line that varies.

Laces to Be Used.

Nets, first of all, in the all over laces will be in great demand for dresses and accessories for the smartest of spring and summer frocks. The nets of great modish prominence are the fillets. Those samples already received from foreign markets are supplemented by those of domestic manufacture, which compare very favorably with the foreign product. For instance, in those which duplicate the weave of Brussels nets the imitation is perfect. In those where beaded edges are desirable factors even these are accomplished.

Combinations of chantilly and fillet are to be featured. These will be especially desired in white, ecru and in black. Black applique laces will be in vogue.

Decorated Basket Ware.

There have been many pretty novelties introduced this year in the way of fancy baskets both for sewing, scraps and ornamental hanging affairs.

NEW SHIRT WAIST.

It Buttons Right Up Under the Chin. Sleeves Are Long.

The new shirt waist has no longer a decollete. It buttons up right under the chin in a high stock collar. The sleeve is set in either raglan or in a rather large armhole, and if it is a blouse model the sleeve attaches to the lining and not to the little bolero-like outside blouse.

Georgette crapes, linens, volles and embroidered batiste all make the most delightful waists. Little vests of platted lingerie, organdie or net are often set in the front. Odd china buttons give a new touch to the more tailored types and Slavic embroideries a bit of color to the light white and sand colored volles and linens.

Sleeves are long and in the shirt waists lightly gathered into a tight cuff. In the blouse models some of the imported styles show ruffled sleeves, some with a series of small puffs, others with a high puff at the shoulders, with a transparent loose sleeve that gathers into the wrist underneath.

Tailored morning skirts are of linen, crash and ratine, a corduroy stripe on a net ground. They are about three yards around the hem and cut two or three gored circular. Their style comes in this flare and in the smart way they are belted in at the waist.

A Few Don'ts.

Don't forget that children are more seriously affected by impure air than grown people.

Don't let the nursery be used as a laundry nor a larder. Food should never be kept in it.

Don't forget that lowered vitality makes children more liable to catch any infectious disease.

Don't say "don't" to your little one. Remember to tell the child what he is to do, not what he is not to do.

Don't forget that little children are easily depressed by gloomy surroundings, and this lowers their vitality.

Don't forget that you sometimes do harm to your children by doing too much for them. There are things that it is far better to teach the children to do for themselves.

Don't shake or scold a child who wakes up and cries out in the night. Often night terrors are a purely nervous affection and any harshness only makes matters worse.

Don't think that money is wasted in buying pretty paper and bright colored paint for the decorations of the nursery. Money spent on brightening life at its opening will bear good interest in health and happiness.

Don't think that any room in the house will do for the nursery, as "it's only for the children." The sunniest, most airy and most cheerful room in the house should be given to the children if you want them to be healthy.

AFTERNOON DRESSES.

Materials Must Have More Body Than Formerly.

For afternoon dresses materials with a little more body than we have used in a few years are selected. Of such quality are the new fine taffetas, failles and corded silks, and wholly adequate are they to give the bouffant effect that all are demanding.

With this effect of the skirts come the tight fitting bodices, with their narrow shoulders and set-in sleeves. This bodice effect is trying to the majority of figures, but there is hardly a doubt that some variation will result that will make it more becoming or that constantly viewing this style on all sides will in the end win us over to its possible charms.

SILK FRUITS FOR TRIMMING.

Make Them at Home and Cut Down the Cost.

Silk fruit in pale colors, silk fruit in intense colors or, for that matter, silk fruit in any color will continue to be a most popular trimming this spring. Purchased at a shop, the prices are prohibitive for many girls; but, made at home, the cost is proportionately nothing.

Circles of silk or kid, firmly packed with cotton and drawn up snug, is the recipe. Add a French knot, drawing the silk thread all the way through the fruit so that it flattens it correctly, and fasten the thread tightly to the other side, or, in gold or green silk or some contrasting color, work a tiny circle in chain stitch (before filling with cotton); then fill and draw up the cover. In the center of the circle place a French knot and tighten firmly to the opposite side.

To Clean Steel Knives.

Take the cork from a big bottle of some sort and dip it into knife powder that has been moistened a little with water. Place the knife flat on the kitchen table and rub it with the cork. In an incredibly short time the knife will be clean and beautifully polished and will require only to be rubbed off on a cloth.

Squelching a Gambler

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WHEN the stagecoach and the steamboat passed out as the ordinary means of travel a certain social status passed out with them. Both these methods of transportation fostered something that no longer exists—the society of travel. A number of persons would start on a journey in a stagecoach, and the fact that they were fellow travelers made them at once acquaintances, often friends and in certain instances lovers. As to the steamboat, while the greater number on one of them prevented this automatic sociability, it was a unique institution.

In the front part of the main saloon of a Mississippi steamboat was a little boxlike structure, in which liquors were served. Passing aft, one would see numerous tables, some of which were occupied by card players with stacks of chips or coins before them. At mealtimes these tables were placed together, forming one long table, and shortly before a meal was announced male passengers would line them waiting to secure seats. In the stern of the boat was the ladies' cabin. When dinner was ready the captain went into this cabin, bowed ceremoniously to the ladies, offered his arm to one, escorted her to a seat at the table, followed by the other ladies and the men traveling with them. When they were seated a colored man swung a huge brass bell, and the first stroke of the clapper was a signal for every man who had been waiting to plunge into a seat.

One day a gentleman in a variegated waistcoat worn by men of that day and a long skirted coat with a large rolling velvet collar stood among the men waiting for the signal to be seated. A moment before it came he turned and stepped into his stateroom to leave his hat there. As he emerged the bell rang, and a man dropped into his seat. The act was a flagrant breach of courtesy, for the gentleman had been waiting some time behind the chair, and the other must certainly have been aware of the fact.

Conscious of some one standing behind him, the seat stealer turned and looked up into a severe countenance bending over him. But there was something more severe than the face—a glittering bowie knife, whose blade was pointed down at a small bald spot on top of the interloper's head. The fellow dived under the table and effected an exit on the other side.

After dinner a young man about twenty-one years of age approached the man who had poised the bowie knife and said:

"Colonel Sinclair, I believe?"
"At yo' service, suh."
"I was especially gratified at your recovery of your seat at table. The man who proposed to dispossess you

took \$10,000 out of me at cards this morning."

"I was looking oveh the game, suh."

"I think he is a blackleg."
"One of the worst. He is a disgrace to his calling. I observed his manipulations of the cya'ds, and I must confess that they were such as no respectable gambler would use."

"My name is Hartleigh, sir. I am on my way to New Orleans to be married. I shall leave the boat at the first stop and return to my home in Memphis. The money the man took from me was intended to start a home. I must now break my engagement."

"I would not do that, suh," replied the colonel, thoughtfully feeling his chin. Then, pulling a roll of bills from his pocket, he added: "Ask him fo' yo' revenge, suh. I will observe the game and will engage that he plays falah."

Hartleigh accepted the offer, and during the afternoon he and the gambler took possession of a table and were soon absorbed in a game. Presently Colonel Sinclair approached the table and stood opposite the latter, looking down upon him with a cold stare. That look the gambler must have interpreted as an order not only to play fair, but to see to it that his victim won back the money he had lost in the morning. At any rate, he made very large bets on very small hands, by which he lost money steadily, and did not seem a bit reluctant at seeing his funds passing into Hartleigh's possession.

All the while Colonel Sinclair stood smoking a cigar, posing himself first on one leg, then on the other. After his first look at the gambler he seemed to be only interested in the game, but occasionally the gambler would dart a glance up at his imperturbable countenance and after doing so would make another big bet on a small hand.

Finally young Hartleigh counted the pile of bills and coin before him, shoved over a small sum and said:

"We're quits. I'm even and withdraw from the game."
The gambler cast a timid glance at the colonel as if for instruction, then put the amount returned in his pocket. Hartleigh and the colonel strolled out on to the guard. When they were unobserved Hartleigh seized his benefactor's hand.

"Colonel," he said, "you must attend my wedding."

"I shall be very happy, suh, to attend the ceremony. I live in New Orleans."

Then Hartleigh returned the money advanced as a stake and the two went to the little box in the bow and, standing before it, Hartleigh raised a glass and said:

"My gratitude, colonel."
"Don't mention it, suh."

Religious

Huguenot Churches and the War.

France's Huguenot churches and their dire need because of war conditions form a theme that is now being presented to the churches of this country through the medium of an official delegate. It is hoped to arouse general interest on behalf of the 450 churches and congregations of the reformed faith in France. The Episcopal board of missions is appealing for aid to make up the falling off in gifts, and suggests that every communicant give one day's pay. The plan is bound to attract attention because of its originality, in addition to the worthiness of the object sought.

"Huguenot France and the War" was the title of an interesting lecture delivered recently in New York. Bishop Courtney opened the session with prayer, and the Rev. Dr. Jowett of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church acted as chairman and introduced the speaker, the Rev. Stuart L. Roussel of Paris, who recently arrived in this country as the delegate of the French Reformed Evangelical church, which has been sorely struck by the present war.

This is the old Huguenot church of France, which, after passing through nearly two centuries of persecution, was established by Napoleon as one of the state churches of France. A few years ago it was disestablished by the government at the same time as the Catholic and Jewish churches, and government support was withdrawn, since which time it has taken a pride in providing for its own needs and also for extensive missionary operations both in France and in the French colonies.

The war, however, has so affected French finances that the very existence of many of the 450 churches and congregations of the Reformed Evangelical Church of France is endangered, and an emergency appeal is being made through Mr. Roussel to the churches in this country.

Mr. Roussel gave a graphic description of his experiences during the bombardment of Rheims and the life underground there in the champagne cellars, which extend for many miles, like the old Roman catacombs. The Evangelical Reformed church and parsonage at Rheims were utterly destroyed. The fact that this church has a congregation of over 2,000 members came as a surprise to the audience, some of whom did not know of the existence even of a strong Protestant church in France.

Mr. Roussel will visit many of the cities of the United States and would be glad to hear from ministers or congregations desirous of opening their churches to give him an opportunity of presenting his appeal. His address is care of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Room 612, United Charities building, 105 East Twenty-second Street, New York.

For the Paper's Younger Readers

FORFEITS FOR YOUNGSTERS.

Something Which Will Give Amusement to All.

When the young people are sitting around after the evening dinner here are some things to keep them busy:

Tell the culprit to grasp the right ankle with the right hand while standing on the left foot, bend it until the right knee touches the floor, then slowly rise to a standing position again. Keep the left hand extended, touching nothing. The right foot must not touch the floor nor the ankle be released from the right hand.

Put one hand where the other cannot grasp it. Do this by grasping the right elbow with the left hand. Place an object on the floor so no one can jump over it. Do this by placing the article in a corner.

Hold the foot in one hand and walk around the room whistling "Yankee Doodle."

Pose as "Liberty Enlightening the World."

Stick a pin in the center of a ball of yarn, allowing it to stand up so that the victim can catch it with his teeth. Black the top of the ball with burnt cork. Play this only on a person who will take the joke without getting angry.

Put "Mary" through the keyhole. Write the name on a bit of paper and poke it through.

Europe, Asia, Africa—A Game.

This is a game which will require quick thought and provoke many forfeits. One player takes a handkerchief and, unexpectedly throwing it at another, calls out, "Europe," "Asia" or "Africa," whichever he chooses, then counting ten as rapidly as possible. The person at whom the handkerchief is thrown must name some person or thing in or from the country called before ten is counted or must pay a forfeit. The players will often find it difficult to get their answers out in time, especially if the person with the handkerchief looks at one and throws at another.

Japanese Children's Pets.

Japanese children have pets as well as their western brothers and sisters. Tiny rabbits and an odd kind of cat with white fur, black and yellow spots and no tail, divide their affections. In many houses are also found aquariums stocked with beautiful and rarely colored fish. The katydid is likewise a great pet.

When is your nose not a nose? In winter, when it is a little reddish.

Gets Victoria Cross at Twenty



Photo by American Press Association.

Lieutenant Leach, the hero of the Second Manchester regiment of England, who was awarded the Victoria cross for conspicuous bravery on Oct. 29, paid a visit to the Boston Lane school, Manchester, where he was educated. As he is not twenty-one years old, he is one of the youngest possessors of the decoration. After six weeks of the war he was promoted from corporal to sergeant and then to lieutenant. He made eighteen prisoners after recovering a trench.

TREASURE ISLAND GAME.

This is For Boy Scouts Who Like to Roam.

The game called "treasure island" is for boy scouts and is played as follows: A treasure is known to be hidden upon a certain island or bit of shore marked off, and the man who hid it leaves a map with clues for finding it (compass directions, tide marks, etc.). This map is hidden somewhere near the landing place. The patrols come in turn to look for it, they have to row from a certain distance land, find the map and finally discover the treasure. They should be careful to leave no foot tracks, etc., near the treasure because then the patrols that follow them will easily find it. The map and treasure are to be hidden afresh for the next patrol—when they return to the starting place with the treasure in the shortest time wins. This can be played on the river, the patrols having to row across the river to find the treasure.

BOY SCOUT WELL SUPPORTED

Financial Backing Came Slow at First, but is Now Plentiful.

Reports submitted show that, whereas two or three years ago the scout work in most of the large cities was retarded because the public did not fully understand it and consequently withheld financial support, every one of these cities now is supporting the movement handsomely, providing not only the funds needed for the maintenance of local headquarters with a trained executive in charge, but also the personal service of leading citizens—educators, professional men, juvenile court judges and churchmen. Indeed, the surprising statement was made that seven cities which have raised budgets for scout work have not yet been able to find trained men to administer it. This lack, it is expected, will soon be filled now that so many colleges are providing scientific instruction in scout craft and executive scout work.—Report of Chief Scout Librarian.

LAUNCHING A VESSEL.

A Matter of Mathematics, With a Vast Amount of Calculation.

The launching of a vessel is primarily a matter of mathematics. In a ship of immense size it calls for a vast amount of calculation before the first step is taken in the actual work.

In the first place, the specific gravity of the vessel must be figured out so as to allow for the various strains to which the hull is subjected on its slanting journey into the water, with its sudden plunge as the bow drops from the ways.

An enormous amount of data must be collected to fix this center of gravity. The weight of all the material that has gone into the vessel up to the time of the launching, the distribution of this weight, the weight of chains and anchors and other material placed on board preparatory to the launch must all be considered.

When the center of gravity is fixed the successful shipbuilder knows just how to build his launching ways and just where to strengthen them. He knows then by a little calculation how low each part of the vessel will be subjected to certain strains and how best to prepare for them. He can figure almost to the second how long the ship will be in sliding into the water.—Exchange.

Death by Freezing.

It has never been clearly understood why severe cold causes death, but a variety of reasons have been assumed—the accumulation of carbonic acid, paralysis of the vasomotor centers, loss of heat, accumulation of blood in the heart owing to stagnant circulation, anemia of the brain and destruction of the red blood corpuscles.—Philadelphia Press.

Progressing.

The five-year-old daughter of a well known humorist appeared one morning at the breakfast table with suggestions of a cold beginning to manifest itself.

"Why, Kathleen," said her father, "you are a little hoarse."
"Am I?" said Kathleen, resentfully. "You said I was a little pig yesterday!"—London Telegraph.

Would Not Be So Cruel.

Alice—Now that you've broken your engagement with Jack, you will of course return the diamond ring he gave you? Betty—Certainly not. It would be a constant reminder of the happiness he had missed.—Boston Transcript.

The Home Run Season



—New York Evening Sun.