# Frills and Fancies In Woman's Sphere

## Dainty Summer Hats With Apple Blossoms

Apple blossoms make a very charming hat trimming framing a youthful face. The artificial flowers this year were never so beautiful and natural looking, quite as if they had been plucked from an old fashioned garden. The hat shown in the illustration is of black straw piped with pink satin and with a pink satin underbrim. A black velvet band entwined with the same flowers used on the hat passes under the chin.

## HATS OF SUIT MATERIAL.

The well dressed Parisienne is wearing now a small, smart hat made of straw and cloth in combination, the cloth being a bit of the same fabric used for stunning tailored suit. One of these hats just brought over from Madeline, the originator of the idea, is of bronze milan straw with a crown in blocked effect made of tan covert cloth.

The underbrim is of the straw, and bands of straw are stitched over the cloth to form the upper side of the brim. Around the high crown are three bands of grosgrain ribbon, one cream white, the next tan color, the next brown.

The ribbons pass through a pearl buckle at the front of the hat and are tied in a flat, smart bow at the back. These little tailored hats—elongated in shape and with very narrow brims that drop over the hair or turn up in turban style—are an important style note and are the rage in Paris just now.

### Toilet Hint.

Eau de cologne is splendid in remedying a defect from which many suffer—a too shiny, greasy skin. If your face gets shiny you can never look your best, and, however much you powder it, the shininess will reappear.

But if you wash your face in the mornings in cold water to which a teaspoonful of eau de cologne has been added you will find this tendency to shininess disappear. With some people the regular use of oatmeal for softening the water effects a cure, but the eau de cologne recipe is not such a bother, for you require to sew the oatmeal up in tiny muslin bags and allow it to soak in the water some little time before you use it.

## HOW TO LAUNDER NECKWEAR

The majority of women who indulge in the ubiquitous neck decorations of the moment find it necessary to launder the dainty finery themselves in order to have it done as it should be.

It should in any case, however, be done separately from the regular wash. White crepe de chine sets should be washed in cold water and a good white soap, rinsed in cold water and ironed while wet between the folds of a Turkish towel.

Some women clear starch white neckwear, but others find a substitute in powdered borax, allowing two teaspoonfuls to a quart of water, which is said to leave the material more sheer than does starch.

Heavy lace, which will pull out of shape if regularly washed, can be cleaned by scrubbing it with a new but not too stiff nailbrush wet with soap and water, laying the lace on something flat like a plate or stone of the washbowl during the process. When finished iron it over folds of Turkish toweling or flannel to bring out the patterns of the lace.

### Fringe as Trimming.

Fringes of many sorts are still used. Some of the newest skirts show an edging of fringe at the bottom. There is a silk corded fringe that is often used with faille, and there is a fringe made of strands of beads that is used a good deal on evening frocks.

### New York Ice Cream.

Fill a sherbet glass nearly full of vanilla ice cream; add three tablespoonfuls of ice cold grapejuice, crown with whipped cream and two maraschino cherries.

## THE "SCORCH" UNDER BAN

Many housekeepers ask how to clean a scorched pan or how to keep food from having a burned taste once the pan is scorched. Scorching food is absolute and downright carelessness. That too many women are careless is shown by the amount of washing soda used.

Washing soda is a strong alkali, which "eats" the grease and scorch, but which also eats the metals of which the pots are made. When a woman carelessly throws a "handful of soda" into a pot and "lets it soak" she is soaking the scorch and the metal too. That is the reason so many pans chip or "wear out" so easily. Washing soda should be used only to clean the sink and waste pipes. How thinking women will use this strong caustic in their pots, especially enamel ones, and then expect their pots to wear is a mystery.

There should be no scorched pots. The newer fuels and methods are changing things for the better. The steam cooker and fireless cooker and aluminium are putting the "scorch" out of the home.

### The Dumb Waiter.

The value of the old fashioned labor saving device, the dumb waiter, cannot be exaggerated. Instead of carrying up the many, many things that daily have to come from the cellar they are placed on the dumb waiter. No energy is wasted, and one trip will save three. It serves the place also of the more modern linen chute. The linen chute is not to be tabooed, for it has its uses, but it is practically wasting space to have both it and the dumb waiter. In many houses the dumb waiter stops short at the second floor—the reason why has never been discovered—or sometimes it starts at the first floor instead of in the cellar, another enigma. This is as impractical as it would be to have the sidewalk end before it reaches the house. It simply doesn't answer the purpose for which it was intended.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Domestic Hints.

Never use linen to clean mirrors or windows, as it sheds lint and often causes streaks.

Wash linoleum and oilcloth with lukewarm water, then polish it with a soft woolen cloth which has been dipped in milk.

Use no soap on window glass. Use old muslin and clean, soft water. A cotton cloth dipped in a little alcohol will add brilliancy to the final rub.

If white of egg is applied with a small camelshair paint brush to fly specks on gilt frames, then rubbed gently with a soft cloth the specks will disappear.

## The Forty-two Centimeter

—New York Evening Sun.

# A Burglar, but a Gentleman

By MATTHEW R. MORGAN

MRS. GEORGE INGERSOLL was awakened in the night by a sound on the floor below. Starting up in bed, she exclaimed sharply:

"What's that?"

Her husband having been awakened listened for a few moments, then asked impatiently:

"Well, what is it?"

"Burglars."

"Nonsense!"

"I'm certain of it."

There was another sound, which was this time heard by Mr. Ingersoll. He got out of bed and, putting on his trousers, opened the door, went out into the hall and turned on an electric light, illuminating the figure of a man. The fellow put his finger to his lips, at the same time throwing open his coat and displaying a policeman's badge. Stepping up to Ingersoll, he whispered:

"Turn out that light quick."

Ingersoll turned the button. He did not need any explanation, for it was plain that there was something wrong on the premises and a cop was at work with a view to righting it. Nevertheless he asked in a whisper:

"What's the matter?"

"We got wind today that Handy Andy, this crook who is going about getting into houses and leaving polite notes after taking the valuables, was intending to do you tonight and we've laid a trap for him."

"You'd better look out. I've read a lot in the papers about that fellow. He's mighty slippery; he may get you in a trap."

"Never fear for that. I've got the house surrounded."

"I don't hear anything below," said the owner of the premises after listening a few moments.

"True enough; he's laying low. It's too bad you turned on that light. He may have been frightened. But it makes no great difference, for as soon as he leaves the house he will step into the arms of one of my men. I would advise you to go back to your room, to bed for that matter. I'm Inspector Haynes. Perhaps you've heard of me. I much prefer to handle this matter without any interference."

"Oh, yes, I've heard of Inspector Haynes. Every one knows about him."

By this time Inspector Haynes had gently pushed Ingersoll to the door through which he had come from his bedroom and, opening it, urged him in. As soon as this was accomplished he shut the door.

"What is it?" asked Mrs. Ingersoll nervously.

"Hush!"

Ingersoll went to the bed, treading softly, and sat down on it; then, putting his lips near his wife's ear, he whispered:

"Handy Andy is in the house!"

"Oh, heavens!"

"But this will be his last burglary. He won't be leaving any more notes pinned to ladies' pincushions. Who do you suppose I found in the hall?"

"Who?"

"Inspector Haynes."

"Inspector Haynes! How came he in the house?"

"Got wind of Handy Andy's intended raid and has laid a trap for him."

"You don't mean it! I hope he'll escape—that is, without any of the silver or my jewels."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, judging by what has appeared in the papers this Handy Andy is perfectly fascinating. Some say that he's a real gentleman."

"A gentleman! How can a burglar be a gentleman?"

"Why, don't you know that some of the highwaymen in England a couple of hundred years ago were gentlemen? I've read a lot about them. They say Handy Andy writes beautiful poetry."

At that moment there was a sound below, which the imagination of Mr. Ingersoll interpreted to mean a scuffle.

"They're getting him," he said.

"Poor fellow!" exclaimed Mrs. Ingersoll sympathetically.

There was a tread as of a man leaving the house and walking across the front porch; then the footsteps died away in the distance.

"My jewels are locked in the top bureau drawer in the guest room," said Mrs. Ingersoll. "I'm going to see if they're all right."

"I'll go with you," said her husband.

They went to the guest room and turned on a light. The drawer in question stood open, and the jewels were gone. On the lace cover of the dresser was a bit of paper on which was scrawled in pencil:

My Dear Friends—Pardon me for disturbing you during the night. It grieves me to have awakened any lady there may be on the premises. All is vanity. That the wearer of these jewels may be no longer vain I will take them away with me. So long, HANDY ANDY
(Alias Inspector Haynes).

"Oh, my goodness gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Ingersoll.

"Stung, by thunder!" cried her husband.

Mr. Ingersoll went downstairs, where he found that what silver had been left on the sideboard for daily use had been taken and a polite note left regretting the necessity for its appropriation.

"If we must lose our valuables," said Mrs. Ingersoll, "it's nice to have them taken by so gentlemanly a burglar."

Handy Andy not long after this was captured by a neat stratagem which was perfected by the real Inspector Haynes and after serving a part of a long term died in prison.

# In and Out of the Children's Playroom

## EVER PLAY "ACID DROPS?"

### It Creates a Whole Lot of Merriment at a Party.

Let the company sit in two rows, facing each other, the ladies in one row and the gentlemen opposite them.

Two leaders must be nominated, of whom one, a lady, walks along behind the row of gentlemen, and whispers to each a serious question, which they must in turn address later to their vis-a-vis.

The gentleman leader walks behind the row of ladies and to each whispers something of a perfectly absurd, or very biting character, which each must repeat in answer to the question asked of her by her opposite. Neither leader must know anything of the questions or answers proposed.

The gentleman at the head of his row, then, at a given signal, asks with due gravity of the lady opposite to him the question that was given to him. She will reply, with equal gravity, in the exact words of the answer that has been given her. Question and answer must be repeated thrice without the shadow of a smile.

The next couple then take up the task, and so on until every couple has gone through the ordeal. Failure in any respect whatever puts the person out of the game.

This game is so popular that an encore is sometimes demanded. In that case the ladies will ask the questions given by the gentleman leader and the gentlemen give the answers prompted by the lady leader.

### A Hint For Boy Scouts.

Practically everywhere in the United States can be found scenes and landmarks of interest and importance in the Indian lore of the region. This opens to every boy scout troop a wide field of valuable study and experience.

With a little effort it should be possible for a group of scouts to gather the whole Indian history of its territory. There are numerous sources. Maybe the public or some private library contains a county history or a history of the state which gives the more important general facts. Then from old inhabitants the local story can be pieced together.

A scout troop will find a lot of fun and excitement on hiking or camping expeditions by re-enacting the Indian stories of the country.—Chicago Tribune.

## Boys Help Germany's Wounded

Photo by American Press Association.

German lads too young for military service are by no means permitted to remain idle. They can help their fatherland in many ways, and they do help willingly and patriotically. Here is seen one of the ways in which they are useful. They are gathering contributions from the people of Berlin during "woolen week." Their collections were made into bandages by the German Red Cross for the wounded soldiers.

## PORTRAIT IN WORDS.

One of the company having gone out of the room, the rest agree upon a person (man or woman) whose identity the absentee is to guess from the answers to questions which he puts to the company one by one. The only answers allowed being either "yes" or "no," the task of recognizing the chosen person is not always easy.

The "portrait" may be that of a private person or a public character. In the former case he or she must be generally known and, of course, to the guesser.

At a signal the questioner enters the room and at once proceeds to business by general questions to settle sex ("Am I a man?") and distinction ("Does everybody know me?"), and then step by step, by a process of elimination, narrows the range of choice to such an extent that he may be enabled to "spot" the subject.

Sometimes the guesser himself is the chosen person, and it is a long time, as a rule, before this likelihood dawns upon him—if, indeed, it ever does. It simplifies answers and makes for clearness for the guesser to identify himself with the person selected. "Is it a woman?" is less pleasing and less businesslike than "Am I a woman?"—even if the questioner should be a man.

### Transpositions.

1. Transpose a legal claim and get a boy's name.
2. Transpose a native of northern Africa and get a part of a house.
3. Transpose a flap or strip of anything and get a flying animal.
4. Transpose a conjunction and get an open wooden vessel.
5. Transpose to put on as a garment and get to incline the head as an affirmation of anything.

Answers.—1, lien-Neil; 2, Moor-room; 3, Tab-bat; 4, But-tub; 5, don-nod.

## Religious

### Missionaries Wait In Hope.

The Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, issued a bulletin dealing with conditions in Turkey, as disclosed in letters received from missionaries in that country. In part this says:

"We have received between twenty and thirty letters from missionaries in Turkey, covering Trebizond, Erzroom, Van, Bitlis, Harpoot, Mardin, Aintab, Adana, Marash, Sivas, Smyrna, Constantinople, Marsovan and Saloniki. All report the situation as quiet, and many of them speak of sister stations in the same way.

"We have no fear that the storming of Smyrna will bring danger to the missionaries there, as undoubtedly, in case of bombardment of the city, the missionaries will withdraw to the college grounds outside of the city, where the American flag will be put up and probably the United States consul general will make his headquarters there during the bombardment. At Constantinople Robert college has been selected as the place of rendezvous in case the city is bombarded.

"No fear has been expressed in any letter of any possible attack on the missionaries. The Turks have made attacks on the Greeks in the Smyrna district and on the rear side of Smyrna which have been at times very cruel, and there has been some clashing among Turks of the war party and the peace party at Constantinople, the peace party being the stronger, but without much leadership, while the war party has all the German officers and the army and navy on its side.

"The reports do not indicate any special physical suffering on the part of the missionaries. The American board is getting money to all mission stations readily and is sending, in addition to that sent for the support of the work, considerable sums for relief.

"We of the American board have no fear that Russian control of parts of Turkey will materially interfere with its work. Russia has shown unusual and increasing liberality in the last ten years, and we have every reason to believe that the outcome of the war will result in large measure in a greater liberalization of Russian administration and in advancing the kingdom of God in Turkey. Our missionaries have never written in a more hopeful tone for the future."

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### Call For Great Revival.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ In America, which recently published statistics showing an unusual gain in church membership in the past year, issued a call to prayer for a worldwide revival, urging the churches not to be satisfied with the gains of the past year.

The "call" says that the spiritual advance of the church has always been marked by revivals, and adds:

"The situation in our country is from a spiritual viewpoint at a critical stage. Professing Christians are not active in winning men to Christ. The situation abroad, where professedly Christian nations are killing men by millions, is such that only a great revival of true religion can bring peace. The churches are urged to prayer for all nations and their rulers and for a revival among all church members as well as those who are in spiritual darkness."

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### Christians In Japan Start Campaign.

Japanese Christians throughout the empire have begun an organized evangelistic campaign. All sects are represented. Among the leaders are Dearing, Wainwright and Draper, Americans; Heaselet, an Englishman, and MacKenzie, a Canadian.

The movement started in Tokyo with a union prayer meeting in the Young Men's Christian association hall.

## ODDITIES IN NAMES.

### The Old English Puritans Indulged In Some Curious Freaks.

Referring to an article on the unusual Christian name as an aid to fame, a correspondent kindly submits some specimen names for perplexed parents.

In 1878 a London journal announced the marriage of a lady whose first name was—take a deep breath—Tetuanuireiaiteruiatea, but it omitted to mention what she was called in the bosom of the family. Among the Dublin marriage licenses, too, the name Atleanadiolagra occurs. And as lately as 1895 a Dorinda Cassandra appeared in the London Times. With such names one could hardly fail to get into the papers.

Odd combinations of names resulted from the system of nomenclature followed by the Puritans. James Brome in his "Travels Over England, Scotland and Wales," published in 1700, gives a copy of a "Jury Return Made at Rye, Sussex, in the Late Rebellious, Troublesome Times." The names of the twelve good men and true were Meek Brewer, Graceful Harding, Killsin Pimple, Earth Adams, Weep-not Billing, More Fruit Fowler, Hope-for Bending, Return Spelman, Fly Debate Roberts, Stand Fast on High Stringer, Be Faithful Joiner and Fight the Good Fight of Faith White.

How a present day justice would enjoy himself if a jury named in this style were called before him!—London Chronicle.

### An Exception.

Bix—No man ever succeeded in business who kept watching the clock.

Dix—Oh, I don't know. There's the train dispatcher.—Brooklyn Eagle.