

Original Home Dressmaking Designs
By The Evening World's Fashion Expert

The Josephine Waistline, Soon to be Vogue, Will be the Delight of All Maids and the Distraction of Those Matrons Who Have not Preserved Their Good Figures.

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"What is behind this constant talk of the revival of the Josephine waistline? Has it any foundation? Are the new models showing it?" These are questions asked me by one of our readers. I can answer to the last two questions, decidedly "yes," but at the same time I would like to add, more popular than the normal and long waistline, for Dame Fashion this year seems to have been exceedingly generous, probably due to our own American way of doing things.

"As for the first question, there is a lot of thinking behind the talk, especially by women over forty. They realize that though Josephine created and was able to wear such a waistline when already past her youth, she had a beautiful figure which she wanted to show off, and a pretty, youthful face, which made the style particularly becoming.

"So, though the Empire may be worn by women over thirty or forty, it is understood that a good figure is a prima requisite.

"As for youth, youth can wear anything these days—all styles seem especially made for her—all except the stout girl, and one does not see a very few of them yet. But the Empire is a really attractive style and should be taken advantage of while it is in fashion, by those who can.

"For those who cannot, however, there are the Russian lines and the conservative normal lines, among which they will be sure to find satisfaction.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGN.

The pretty evening frock I am showing to-day was designed especially for the miss, for the short tunic as may well be seen is too coquettish in its flare for the matron; also, the simple marking of the waistline is not consistent with her rightful dignity. But for a miss the line of sparkling beads which confines the few gathers of bodice and tunic lends a peculiar charm. Of lavender pussy-willow taffeta, the bodice is completed with a square fitted yoke of beaded net, and tiny puff sleeves of lavender chiffon cloth.

These are also favored with a line of beads to hold their lower line of gathers. That the waist shall not out-shine the skirt the latter is given an under-ruffle or tunic of beaded chiffon which contrasts wonderfully with the band of deep lavender velvet ribbon awaying about it. Only three inches of the lavender chiffon cloth foundation skirt is allowed to show, but that much is appreciated, and completes a delightful effect.

There are many possibilities in this design for other combinations of materials, such as chiffon velvet for the bodice and tunic portion, with cream lace for yoke, and under ruffle and chiffon for sleeves and skirt. Also, satin could be used in place of the velvet, or as the figure at the right suggests, satin could form a plain foundation dress over which elegant lace may be hung to excellent advantage.

Colored silk ball fringe would add an effective touch on the tunic edges, while the square fitted yoke of velvet to match the satin foundation part would lend richness.



KEEPERS CLUBBED THEM, SAY BOYS ON HART'S ISLAND

Commissioner Davis Postpones Investigation—Superintendent Suspended.

A reign of terror on Hart's Island, caused by the alleged wholesale clubbing of boys by keepers at the City Reformatory, is being investigated to-day by Commissioner of Correction Katherine H. Davis. Martin J. Moore, Superintendent of the reformatory, has been suspended. No charges have been preferred against him.

Although Commissioner Davis is not willing just now to throw any light on the scandal, The Evening World to-day learned that there is at the present time lodged in Commissioner Davis' desk a batch of affidavits sworn to by boys of eighteen and

nineteen who make charges of cruelty. It is charged in the affidavits that keepers who take a dislike to prisoners manufacture occasions for the use of short "billyes" they carry. Whenever word reaches the island that Commissioner Davis or any of her deputies are crossing over from Manhattan "billyes" disappear. It is said, and are not unshared until department heads have departed.

One entire affidavit is devoted to the case of a young man afflicted with heart trouble. There are 400 inmates of the reformatory and they have daily drills. The heart trouble victim suffered as a result of the exertion and is said to have fallen in a faint twice. But he was not excused. Finally he succeeded in calling the attention of a physician to his condition. A card was issued exempting him from drill or work.

When called out on the parade ground with the rest of the inmates the youth showed his card. It is charged that this act enraged the keeper to such an extent that he obtained a thick limb of a nearby tree and proceeded to beat the boy. Rumors were spread that he was going to die, but he finally pulled through.

The first hearing in the investigation was scheduled at 11 o'clock this morning. Commissioner Davis announced, however, that it had been postponed.

Commissioner Davis gave out a statement at 1 o'clock this afternoon, in which she says: "In order to ensure a perfectly fair consideration of the allegations, I have arranged with Overseer Moore to hear the charges and produce witnesses for and against, in the presence of a jury, composed of a representative chosen by me, a representative chosen by Overseer Moore and one chosen by the Civil Service Commission. Inasmuch as the overseer is not a veteran, he is not entitled to be represented by counsel, but I have made these arrangements because I am

willing and anxious to give every opportunity for a fair and open hearing."

HANGS HIMSELF IN CELL

Overseer Spaullet, a prisoner in East Fifty-seventh Street prison, charged by his wife with unbecomingly hanging himself in his cell such a feat this morning.

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MAN HELD AS CLEVER HOTEL SNEAK THIEF UNDER \$20,000 BAIL

Ernest Shandean, credited by the police with being the cleverest hotel sneak thief in the country, was arraigned in the Court of General Sessions to-day before Judge Malone to plead to an indictment charging him with stealing \$8,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Albert H. Goodman in the Manhattan Square Hotel on Nov. 18 last. The prisoner was captured in Philadelphia by Detective Maddox. He had been cutting quite a social swath in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Assistant District Attorney Smith told Judge Malone that Shandean has been convicted five times and that other indictments charging him with robbing hotel guests will be found. How Shandean, although his picture is in the Rogues' Gallery, was employed as a chauffeur by Frederic W. Vanderbilt was told by Mr. Smith, who asked that bail be fixed at \$20,000.

"How does that strike you?" Judge Malone asked the prisoner, who was not represented by counsel.

"It strikes me as ridiculous," replied Shandean.

"What is your idea about what the bail should be?" inquired the Court.

"Oh, I could easily furnish a \$10,000 bond," Shandean answered.

"I thought as much," remarked Judge Malone grimly; "consequently

the bail in your case will be \$20,000." Shandean went to the Tombs.

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JUDGE DAYTON UNDER LABOR UNION FIRE AT IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Witness Says He Called Mine Workers' Officials Criminal Conspirators.

WHEELING, Va., Feb. 15.—Testimony that Federal Judge A. G. Dayton of the Northern District of West Virginia had spoken derogatory of the United Mine Workers of America was presented to the sub-committee of the House of Representatives investigating the charges against Judge Dayton when the hearing opened to-day. The members of the committee, Representatives D. J. McGillivuddy, H. G. Danforth and Warren Gard, arrived here yesterday from Parkersburg, W. Va., where testimony was taken last week.

James Gates, of Chambers, Pa., an organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, was the witness who startled the large crowd in the court room with his testimony. Answering questions propounded by A. M. Belcher, an attorney of Charleston, W. Va., he declared he had heard Judge Dayton make the statement that the United Mine Workers as an association was a criminal conspiracy and the officers were in jail.

Gates, who had worked for the United Mine Workers in connection with the strike at Colliers, W. Va., cited the case of Joseph Hobbitt, a foreign miner, who was unable to speak English. Gates said Hobbitt had been arrested at Colliers and "railroaded to jail" on a charge of contempt of Judge Dayton's court, having been sentenced to six months in jail the day after his arrest.

Gates testified that the prisoner had been denied an attorney and was not allowed to have an interpreter, and that while serving his sentence he became insane. He further testified that Hobbitt is still mentally unbalanced and is being cared for by the United Mine Workers.

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