

# WOMAN'S VARIED INTERESTS

## It's Fashionable to Take a Course in Nursing Now, to Prepare for Eventual War Service.

**Esther Cleveland, the President of Princeton's Daughters, Mrs. DeLancey Nicoll and Debutantes Enroll in Class.**



MISS JOSEPHINE NICOLL



MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND

**Inspired by Example of Noble Women Abroad, Women and Girls Are in Training.**

By FRANCES ENGLAND.

THE role women must play in time of great strife—this interests American women in the war of Europe. They have watched, almost with envy, the great ladies of the Continent throw open their homes to the wounded, and how even little work-aholics, too, have decided to take a hand in relieving pain.



MISS DOROTHY BLACK

Preparing for Paris.

"I know so little about all this," she whispered to her neighbor. "You see, I am going to Paris soon, and I shall want to make myself useful. I have always wanted to know something about nursing, and it seems that I have always been so busy that I couldn't find time to study it. Now that I am going abroad I feel that I must know it. I shall get everything I can out of this three months' course, so that I shall at least be able to help the wounded nurses."

Her neighbor proved to be Mrs. DeLancey Nicoll, who, self-assured and capable appearing in her gingham uniform, was jotting down notes in a big notebook, and drawing labyrinthine diagrams.

"I shall probably go to Europe soon, because mother lives there, and I run errands very frequently to see her," Miss Nicoll whispered back. "But I am not studying nursing for that reason particularly. You know I have been associated with one of the day nurseries, and I have learned a great deal about caring for the sick there, and I have watched carefully over Josephine when she was ill. I came because I wanted to correlate my knowledge and find out just how much there is to know."

Mother's Given Little Credit.

"And then, too, I think we always like to have a diploma to state definitely just what we have acquired. A mother is rarely given credit for what she does know. This was a rather 'off' reason, too, and I felt that it would be a good plan to interest Josephine in this kind of work," and she gazed happily at her red-cheeked young daughter across the room with her cousin, Miss Nancy Coleman.

"I think girls who have been brought

up like my daughter, with servants to wait upon them and every pain in life smoothed out for them, need this sort of training," Mrs. Nicoll went on. "They should learn how to do something for some one else, and they should know and understand some of the world's suffering."

"Josephine is taking it all very seriously, and she is proud of her uniform and her low-heeled shoes. She is learning how to cook for invalids, too. Even if we don't go to Europe to help nurse the wounded there, she will find this training very valuable."

The Lure of Nursing.

Just what lure nursing possesses for women is hard to determine. Yet there was never a woman but who has decided at some time in her life to be a nurse. Women like to think of themselves soothing fevered brows and smoothing out pillows of pain. And now that there are hundreds of thousands of human beings lying wounded in Europe many women feel that it is time to play the role of gentle servitude. The nursing course at the Y. W. C. A. has always been popular, but this year is unusually so. All of the classes are overcrowded and applications for membership are being rejected each day.

Esther Cleveland and Chums Attend Classes.

Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of Grover Cleveland, and her two friends, Miss Elizabeth Grier Hibben, daughter of the president of Princeton University, and Miss Barbara Armour, have all left their homes in Princeton and

rented an apartment here that they might attend this course. They spend every forenoon during the week in the little lecture room and in the basement cooking room of the Y. W. C. A.

"We have always been interested in nursing," one of the young women remarked, "and this is an excellent course. Of course, we want to be prepared to help out if we should go to Europe, even though we have made no definite plans about going."

But Miss Gladys Stout, who was in Europe when the war broke out and who returned just two months ago, has planned to go back just as soon as she finishes her course in March.

"Wild" to Get to Europe.

"I am just wild to get back," she confessed. "I was in Germany and Austria, Switzerland and England while the war was going on, and I helped in each of those countries. In Austria I rolled bandages, and in another country I sewed on shirts, and in England I helped knit mufflers. It seems when one is over there that she just must do something, even when there is not much to do."

"I really feel that we Americans aren't needed very much over there, especially in England. In fact, many of the women who threw open their homes after they had turned them into hospitals have waited in vain for the wounded."

Real Need in Austria.

"But there is real need for nurses in Austria, and that is where I shall go. They have such poor accommodations, and not many trained assistants. On one of the station platforms

## Some Students Enroll To Be Prepared for Work While in Europe.

of Germany I saw the wounded piled in rows, and the doctors operating on them right out there. It was terrible to see so much human misery. I shall not be satisfied until I am back helping alleviate it. I have come back perfectly neutral, and I shall be glad to help the suffering of any country."

Will Go to French Hospital.

Miss Blanche A. Morrell was also in Europe after the war had started, and expects to return to help in some hospital.

"I have many friends in England who have turned their homes into hospitals, and I shall help them," she said. "I don't know just what I shall be able to do. I think though, that it is largely a matter of common sense, and any one with sympathy and tact can help with the convalescents. I am very strong, too," she smiled, "and that is the big thing."

The course of instruction as outlined by Miss Henderson includes lectures and demonstrations, invalid cooking and work in practical nursing. The members of the class go three times a week to the various hospitals in the city. They are shown immediately that there is much hard, disagreeable work connected with nursing, and very little romance.

Hospital Work "Horrid."

"It was perfectly horrid at that hospital," one young girl wailed after an afternoon in a regular hospital. "Not a thing like I imagined. Why, they put me to work scrubbing tables. Imagine! Me scrubbing tables!"

"I thought they would send me to care for some interesting man, and that I could read to him and send him flowers, and everything like that. Oh, it was nothing like I imagined it would be! I shan't want to go to France to take care of wounded soldiers if they make me do such unpleasant things as scrubbing."

Thus those who cherished romantic dreams about nursing are quickly disillusioned. They are made to see it as a hard, unlovely occupation, but those who are earnest in their desire to help humanity are not deterred.

And to those of the class who have been awakened by the war, perhaps for the first time, to an appreciation of the misery of others, there is a peculiar comfort in the symbolism of the cheap, gingham uniform—service to suffering humanity. And it is to fit themselves for this service that these women are attending the Y. W. C. A. trained attendance class.

## THE PLUM SHADE AGAIN

It Is Because Sand Tones Are Ubiquitous That This Neglected Color Is Hailed by the "Ultra" Women.

SOME of the smartest trotteur suits for the winter are of the long neglected plum shade, and many of them show those very salient features of this season—the flaring, untrimmed skirt and the daring three-quarter coat, half-belted.

A model which is attracting flattering comment is a gabardine velour, the dull plum tone of which is relieved by raccoon collar and wrist bands. The circular cut skirt, rather longer than that of the ordinary trotteur, is so wide that it falls in full folds below a coat which also ripples markedly, although fitted smoothly about the hips.

Raccoon Fur Trimmings.

The fulness begins to reveal itself a few inches above the waistline at the back, for that portion of the garment is cape shaped. It starts from the neck as a huge inverted scallop into the curves of which are fitted raglan sleeves which show their shape definitely only from the front. Save for the setting of the sleeves, straight cut to the wrists, the front is in Russian style, single breasted, with large buttons of plum colored bone, and belted with a five-inch broad self-band, also button fastened. Pointed tabs, extended from just below the elbows on the top of the sleeves, button over deep cuffs widely edged at the wrist with raccoon. Verily, the pelt collar and cuff-trimmed trotteur suit is a fashion friendly to the girl who is not blessed with several sets of small furs.

Beaver is harmoniously combined with prune colored charmeuse in a bride's going-away costume. So soft and light is the material that the fulness of the underdress is not conspicuous under a polonaise the irregular fronts of which cross under an exceptionally broad girde of beaver brown velvet. At back centre, the girde joins under a long self-colored tassel, falling to the hips over the polonaise.

Part way up the back of the bodice section the V formed by the edges of the split girde follows seams running from the waist to the shoulders, across which runs a beaver band.

Wrist cuffs of the lovely pale brown fur hold in the fulness of self-colored chiffon sleeves, and Venice lace finishes the neck, opened almost to the bust line. The topcoat of seakink, drawn on over this creation, is so long that it shows only a narrow band of the satin skirt, but the contrast between its purplish shade and the dusky richness of the pelt is charming.

Petunia Velvet Tailored Costume.

Fulness on skirts do not invariably add to their fulness. A narrow effect is produced by the *foucé* on a petunia velvet tailored costume. Although the straight cut skirt is exceptionally wide, its breadth is noticeably restrained from a trifle below the knees by a closely shirred-on *foucé*. Thus is provided the fulness which fashion makers are exploiting and the restricted space for the ankles which many women appear determined not to abandon.

An artistic and unusual feature of this petunia costume belongs to its position-tailored coat. This garment, broadly belted at the normal waist with pompadour-figured velvet, has side forms, which, starting at the shoulders' outer ends, follow the seams of the back as far as the top of the belt. There the material drops over the girde and on to the hips in loose folds. Meanwhile the other edge of the side form—having merged with the sleeves to the armpits—runs under them.

The remaining edges, gathered to small compass, are joined in front to simulate a cutaway jacket. A high-collared pompadour velvet waistcoat has a collar rolling high at the nape of the neck, but lying in flat points at the sides upon a skunk band, attached to the jacket proper. Fur-bordered pompadour cuffs turn far backward upon the rather small sleeves. An interesting detail of this costume is the way in which buttons are made to serve as weights. Below the waist line of the backward edge of the oddly arranged side forms a row of self-covered ball buttons, closely set, holds the over-hanging velvet in the desired position.

## NEW CLOTHES CROTCHETS



SINCE it is determined that dance frocks—as, indeed, all frocks,—are to have wide, wide skirts, this model of rose colored goldenrod satin consented, for the pleats of the skirt are gathered closely into a band just above the ankle, to accentuate the narrowness of the foundation skirt. The bodice is quite simple, lacking even the usual corsage bloom, but to atone for it clusters of small pink roses adorn the skirt. Silver lace, draped, forms sleeves and shoulders of bodice, which ties into a long sash at the back. From McCreery.

## NEBRASKA TO SEND FOOD SHIP

Committee Named to Aid Belgians—Four Vessels Sail This Week with Provisions to Feed All in Little Kingdom for a Week.

Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France; Brand Whitlock, Minister to Belgium, and Governor-elect Willis will form the advisory committee for the Ohio Commission for Relief in Belgium, which was organized yesterday. The steamship *Hanic*, 8,300 tons, will be turned over to Ohio to fill with food for Belgium. The headquarters of the committee will be in Columbus, and E. D. Libbey, of Toledo, will be chairman of the executive committee.

A Nebraska committee also has been formed for the purpose of filling a food ship for the Belgians. Four ships will sail for Belgium this week under the direction of the American commission. These ships, according to Chairman Linden S. Bates, will carry food enough for all the Belgians for one week. The need for more contributions from the United States is still very great.

The Belgian Relief Fund amounted yesterday to \$783,944. L. A. Ault gave \$1,000, estate of S. S. \$1,600; collections by the Aseman family, \$1,010; Mrs. Huntington Wilson, \$500; the American Law Book Company, \$300; C. C. \$169; E. C. Cammann, \$50; sale of Pomeranian puppy by Committee of Mercy, \$65; "Providence Journal," \$167.50; M. C. Crawford, \$100; E. F. Whitney, \$100; the Rev. M. Vandermeusen, \$100; Jamaica Training School, \$75; Charlotte G. Miller, \$50.

Wards in the American Ambulance Hospital are to be named for the cities which furnished them. The two principal wards are named New York and Boston. The Boston committee, consisting of Mrs. Montgomery Sears, Mrs. Edward D. Brandegee, Mrs. Barrett Wendell and Mrs. Bayard Thayer has collected more than \$60,000. Two wards are named for Philadelphia, two for

Providence, one for New Haven, and one for Buffalo. There will be a division called the Lakeside Division, in honor of the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland. Dr. G. W. Crile, of this hospital, with a staff of Cleveland nurses will have charge of this division.

The fund for the American Ambulance Hospital amounts to \$285,068.28. Albert E. Goodhart gave \$100 and William M. Beck \$100.

Albert E. Goodhart also gave \$100 to the fund for the relief of French women and children which Mrs. Whitney Warren is collecting. This fund amounts to \$32,032.90.

The Japan Society will give a reception on Monday for two relief detachments of Japanese Red Cross workers from San Francisco, who will sail on Wednesday for Europe. Miss Mabai Boardman will attend a reception in their honor at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday. Surgeon General Suzuki, retired, of the Japanese navy, will be in charge of the delegation, which will consist of several physicians, twenty-two nurses, a secretary and an interpreter.

The Committee of Mercy Fund amounted to \$97,343.16. A. Monell gave \$200, and the Bible school of the Hamilton Baptist Church \$100.

James A. Rath, of Honolulu, gave \$1,000 to the Polish Relief Fund. Josef Hoffman gave \$25 and Victor Morawitz \$100. The fund, which was started by Mme. Sembrich, amounts to \$7,675.81.

The American Jewish Relief Fund amounts to \$286,593.23. Mrs. Julius Beer gave \$900; the Youngstown Jewish Association, \$1,000; Elad Sarut, \$1,450.50; Samuel Sachs, \$500; Philip Lehman, \$500; Albany Relief Committee, \$1,500; and J. J. Hanauer, \$250.

## J. S. McLENNAN WEDS MRS. TYTUS

Editor of "Sydney (N. S.) Post" Takes Bride Here—Many at Church Ceremony.

Mrs. Grace Henop Tytus, widow of Robb de Peyster Tytus, was married at noon yesterday in the chantry of Grace Church to John Stuart McLennan, of Peterhead, Sydney, N. S. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Dr. Charles Lewis Slatery.

The decorations consisted of palms and Easter lilies. The bride, who was given away by Edward Tytus Gardiner, a cousin of her former husband, was in a trailing gown of black velvet, with a small black velvet hat, trimmed with leopard skin, over which was worn a black net veil. Her ornaments were a rope of pearls and a pearl brooch.

She had no attendants, but her two little girls, in white lingerie frocks, walked up the aisle with her, taking seats in a front pew.

The ushers were Duncan Cameron, V. B. More and W. B. Osgood Field. There was no best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the vestry room of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. McLennan will spend their honeymoon in the South and later will divide their time between Sydney, N. S., and Tynningham, Mass., where the bride has a large estate purchased by her late husband.

Mr. McLennan is owner of "The Sydney Post."

Among those at the church were Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Henop, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Henop, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burden, Mrs. W. B. Osgood Field, Mrs. Edward Tytus Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Francis McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McLennan, the Misses McLennan, sisters of the bridegroom; Miss Katherine McLennan, his daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Farnum, Mrs. William Kingsland, Mrs. Robert Winthrop, Mrs. Murray Livingston and John Tytus.

From Boston there were Dr. and Mrs. John W. Elliot, Mrs. Samuel D. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. R. Clifton Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. de Wolf, Mrs. Gordon Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. James William and Mrs. E. C. W. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Donald.

## MORGAN TREASURES CHARM BIBLIOPHILES

Sixteen from Great Collector's Library Now on View at Charles Galleries.

Sixteen books, selected from among those that were most treasured by the late J. Pierpont Morgan, and which were superbly bound for him by Marguerite Lahey, are, with others by the same binder, attracting much attention at the galleries of Charles G. Morgan at Fifth and 56th sts., where they will remain on exhibition until January 12. The Morgan books were loaned for the occasion.

Perhaps the most interesting and valuable of the collection is one of the only three copies known of "Morale Proverbes of Christine de Pisan," the first book printed in England from the Caxton Press and said to be valued at \$4,000. The binding of this copy, the finest of the three, is blind tooled in fifteenth century monastic style. Another of the Morgan books bound by Miss Lahey, also in monastic design, is "The Lyttelton Tenores," by Richard Pynson.

An interesting example of binding is shown in the four volumes of the "Vie de Jeanne d'Arc," by Anatole France. The exterior shows a semis of the arms of Jeanne d'Arc and the fleur-de-lis of Charles VII in the center; a medallion with the pennant and shield of Jeanne d'Arc, and the lily and the thistle. The doublure is in bleu de France, with the Gothic border and the Morgan arms in the center.

## MME. ALDA SINGS IN COTTON FROCK

"Chansons en Crinoline" at Plaza Attracts Many Society Women.

Mrs. Riley Miles Gilbert, of 563 Park av., gave a luncheon yesterday at the Colony Club for her debutante daughter, Miss Mary Frances Gilbert. Her guests, numbering fifteen, included Miss Anne Gilbert, Miss Edith Sloan, Miss Rita Baker, Miss Eleanor Vreeland, Miss Helen Kildred Morgan, Miss Evelyn Scott, Miss Eugenia Fuller, Miss Elise F. Rice, Miss Margaret Ehrhart, Miss Garyl Hackstaff, Miss Frances Peck and Miss Wesley Lewis.

The third of the series of four Thursday morning "Chansons en Crinoline," under the direction of Mrs. R. W. Hawkenworth and Charles K. Snyder, was given yesterday at the Plaza. "The Story of a Cotton Gown" was presented. The stage was set to represent a cotton field in the South, and every process of the making of a cotton dress, from the actual picking of the cotton to the wearing of the completed gown, was shown.

Mrs. Frances Alda wore the cotton gown and sang songs of the South. Manuel Quirino, the Spanish violinist, played and plantation singers were heard.

The patronesses for the series are Mrs. Guyvenant Fish, Mrs. Charles Duns Gibson, Mrs. John W. Alexander, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mrs. Moses A. Valentine, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mrs. Ormond G. Smith, Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. Arthur Curtis James, Mrs. Edward N. Breitman, Mrs. Samuel H. Younger, Mrs. Walter James, Mrs. J. Herbert Johnston and Mrs. Douglas Robinson.

The marriage of Miss Maud Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, to Eric Winthrop, will take place in April. The exact date has not been set, but it will probably be in Easter week. The engagement was announced last spring.

Miss Gwendolin R. Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerald Condon, for her daughter, Miss Althea Gibb, receiving with Mrs. Gibb and her daughter will be Miss Margaret Mercer of London, who is a guest of Mrs. Gibb. Miss Mercer is a daughter of Brigadier General David Mercer of the Royal Marines, and Mrs. Mercer, who was formerly Miss Katherine Lawrence, of Boston.

Mrs. Edwin A. Stevens, of 471 Park av., will give a dance at Sherry's February 3.

Mrs. William Church Osborn, who was the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb in Cambridge, Mass., has returned to town.

Mrs. Clarence Winthrop Bowen and her debutante daughter, Miss Roxana Winthrop Bowen, were "at home" yesterday afternoon at 5 East 63d st. Mrs. Bowen will give another reception January 14 and a dance January 22 at Sherry's.

Marshall Field, the fiancé of Miss Evelyn Marshall, left the city yesterday for Chicago, where he will remain for two or three weeks. Mrs. Charles H. Marshall will arrive from France in a few days, when arrangements will be made for her daughter's marriage.

Mrs. John E. Alexandre will give a dinner dance at her home, 16 East 55d st., January 21, for her debutante daughter, Miss Anna B. Alexandre.

## Making a Cake When the Cupboard Is Empty

NOT infrequently happens that the most thoughtful cook will find it necessary to "strut up a cake" while at the same time she discovers to her dismay that her cupboard is lacking in one of the essential ingredients. If she lives too far from the store to go out and buy either the cake itself or the ingredient wanted, she is likely to consider the situation as hopeless—unless she has the set of wits which was compiled for the purpose of tiding her over such an emergency by a housewife who herself has faced such a dilemma and come out victorious.

Cake Without Sugar.

Sugar, too, seems an almost indispensable ingredient of a cake, yet with thick honey on hand, a delicious cake may be evolved. Cream until very light half a cupful of butter, and add a little at a time, one and two-thirds of a cupful of thick honey. Have two eggs beaten lightly, add these to the butter and honey with one teaspoonful of caraway seeds (these of course may be omitted) and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted with two cupfuls of flour. Beat the batter well, turn into a ring mould that has been well greased and dredged with flour and bake about thirty-five minutes. Ice when cold with a lemon frosting.

Cake Without Eggs, Milk or Water.

Cream together half a cupful of shortening and one cupful of brown sugar. Add a pinch of salt, half a spoonful of powdered cloves, one teaspoonful of powdered cinnamon and one cupful of chopped and seeded raisins. Dissolve one teaspoonful of hot baking soda in one cupful of coffee, and stir it into one cupful of apple sauce. Add this to the mixture, mix slowly two cupfuls of sifted flour and bake in a moderate oven for forty-five minutes. This cake should be baked in a round loaf pan.

Rule require so many eggs that they are not always practical. However, an excellent layer cake can be made after the following formula when both butter, cream and milk bottle are empty. Beat two eggs very thoroughly, add one cupful of powdered sugar, five tablespoonfuls of thick, rich cream and beat for five minutes. Sift together a pinch of salt, a coffee-cupful of flour and one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Add these to the other ingredients and when thoroughly blended, extract flavor to taste with almond extract. Bake in layer cake pans in the usual manner and when cold spread between the layers graded cocoanut mixed with sweetened whipped cream.

OUT OF winter's modes this model has emerged as embodying many of the accepted smart features. Of navy blue French serge, the suit is not unlike a street dress. The coat is short-waisted and has a flaring circular tunic. Rows of jet buttons trim both back and front of the snugly fitting body, which is fitted with a belt and a high collar, white satin faced. From Hickson.

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