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# AT HOME LEARN DRESSMAKING BY MAIL

## WE GUARANTEE TO TEACH YOU TO YOUR OWN SATISFACTION

MANY women nowadays are earning $100 a week—$5,000 a year—by dressmaking. One woman, the head designer in Chicago's largest retail dry goods house, is said to receive $10,000 a year. Salaries of $25.00 to $50.00 a week are common. Graduate dressmakers are wanted right now in many good towns and cities. Never before has there been such a demand for competent designers. We teach you by mail and equip you to command a good income. Or you can start in business for yourself. Become a Graduate Dressmaker. The regular diploma of this College is issued to all who complete this course of lessons. The American System requires no charts, no patterns, no mechanical devices of any kind. It is most thorough and complete in every detail, and yet so simple and easy that a child can master it. These lessons will teach you how to Design, Cut, Fit, Make, Drape and Trim any garment from the simplest apron to the most elaborate evening gown. This study will not interfere with your regular duties. This College is endorsed by leading high-grade fashion magazines.

### MAKE YOUR OWN CLOTHES.

SAVE MONEY by drafting your own patterns, by doing your own sewing, and enable yourself to dress far better at much less than usual cost.

SAVE TIME and the worry of having to wait on dressmakers in the busy season of each year.

### WHAT ARE THESE LESSONS WORTH?

OUR STUDENTS SAY IN RECENT LETTERS: "I would not exchange the knowledge I have gained for double its cost." "I would not take $50 for what I have learned." "I have made 25 waists (6 silk ones)—all perfect fits." "I just saved the price of my course by making my own silk dress." "I have saved a large dressmaker's bill by doing my own sewing." "The knowledge gained from these lessons is enabling me to help my husband pay for our new home."

### THE CHILDREN'S DRESSES.

Every mother wants her children to be well dressed. Many are not able to have the sewing done by a capable garment maker and the ready-made garments are far from satisfactory. Our system thoroughly covers the subject of designing, cutting and fitting children's clothing.

### THE AUTHOR OF THIS COURSE.

Our readers will be interested to learn of the signal success of a western woman who had the initiative to test a new and somewhat unique idea—teaching dressmaking by correspondence. Only a few years ago, Miss Pearl Merwin, now supervisor of the American College of Dressmaking, was modestly but successfully doing such sewing as came to her, as a natural result of the merits of her work. A college-bred woman herself, she conceived the idea of putting her knowledge and experience into the hands of those less favored, by crystalizing it into a series of lessons which could easily and successfully be taught by mail. She commenced advertising in a small way, until the practicability of the idea was fully demonstrated. Her advertising may now be seen in all the leading magazines. She has over 7,000 students and graduates throughout the country, and the product of her pen is widely sought. She is a striking example of the new woman—not, however, of the mannish sort—who has "come up out of the ranks" largely by her own efforts, and that by confining her work wholly within the generally conceded province of feminine endeavor.—Clipped from the December, 1907, issue of "Human Life," published at Boston, Mass.

### "LESSONS WORTH $100.00."

Superior, Colo.

Dear Teacher:—I am very glad I have just finished my course, and I feel I have accomplished a great deal and I thank you ever and ever so much for your kindness.

Since I have been studying this system I have made five whole suits, two white waists, a whole dress and one skirt for the dress, a coat for one customer, one suit of black lawn for another, a black lawn waist for another, a graduating dress and a black brilliantine skirt. I would not sell this system for one hundred dollars. I remain,

Your grateful pupil, (Miss) ANNA LOMBARD.

### HAS A GOOD POSITION.

Dear Miss Merwin:—Your letter received and will answer at once. No, I am not looking for a position as I have a very good one now, but, of course, if I could get a better one I would accept it. Will be glad to receive letters from any of the dressmakers, and I wish to thank you for your kindness. I am glad that I enrolled as a student of your college and am very much pleased with the system. It is all that it represents itself to be. Yours truly,

(Miss) IRENE SMITH.

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