

# HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



COSTUME FOR SEMI-DRESS WEAR.

There seems to be absolutely no end to the semi-tailored costume models which characterize the spring's showings, but the princess skirt and Eton jacket model appear to lead them all. Cut in thirteen gores, which flare out from the neckline to hem, the skirt is markedly graceful, three rows of black velvet ribbon set above the halcloth-stiffened hem contrasting prettily with the Alice blue English mohair. The top of the princess skirt is finished with a broad width of the velvet ribbon drawn through a silver buckle in the center front. Double rows of the narrow velvet ribbon trim the edges of the short Eton, slashed either side of the center front and back, each slashing topped by a pointed ribbon and button-trimmed strap of the mohair, the leg-of-mutton sleeve slashed and trimmed in a like manner, white plisse net lace falling softly around the arm almost to the wrist. The neck is cut in a V shape and finished with a stitched simulated collar of black velvet, plied with a feather-boned cording of the blue mohair. The hat is a jaunty white chip, tilted at a becoming angle by the high left side cache peigne, trimmed with tiny pink roses, the brim edge bound with black velvet, black velvet folded around the crown and finished in a butterfly bow drawn through a cut-steel buckle, which holds in place the full black parade aigrette.

## A Divorcee's Letters to Her Ex-Husband.

Mr. Jack Vesey:  
Respected Sir: Well, does that suit your royal highness? Why, you poor child, don't get in such a stew about my letters. You don't seem to realize what a means of grace you are to me. I feel so at rest that I beam on Gilbert every day, and he says I am getting most companionable. I don't know how you would parse that "most," but either way it is a sign of progress. But you see I am really quite desirable. I never forget that. The maid we had who used to flit everything in sight to carry it home to her grandmother, said she was a "very desirable old person."  
Life is not serious, dear. Life is an illumination, and I belong to the illuminati. I don't know what on earth they are, but it sounds great.  
Don't you suppose I know Gilbert would be as stupid as an old owl if he were not for me? When I flirt with him he acts as cross as a bear, but he likes it all the same. You say a man has no time to flirt with his wife. Well, he needn't marry me then. I think flirting is like charity. It shines best at home. I like my way of being married. It's lots of fun. I don't like your way. But I suppose that people have to be married a few times to know that my way is the right way.  
I am sitting here at the open window eating lollipops. Did you ever see anything like California? There is a dish of strawberries on the table, each berry as big as your fist, but about as much taste to them as an old rubber shoe; and peaches which seem to be made of cotton flannel. The room is loaded with beautiful, beautiful flowers to look at, and at home no one could exist in the room with so many; the air would be heavy with perfume, but never even a hint of scent escapes these queenly beauties. Well, give me the East. Better goods in smaller packages. Tasteless fruits and scentless flowers may please people who never knew the dear old strawberry beds in our summer home or the delicious perfume of even our small conservatory and beds of flowers. I was so disappointed the first dish of strawberries I ate here, that the tears came in my eyes. Oh, Mr. John Vesey! If I ever get East again I think I'll get down on my knees and kiss every brick on the sidewalks in New York. Wouldn't that be a funny pilgrimage? I suppose you are thinking that I may be able to hedge a little on macadamized pavements. In very truth I could hug even a dog from Jersey City.  
Talking about homesickness. I never saw anything in that line equal to a poor little girl who is here at the hotel. She and her brother and sister came on excursion tickets from Denver, and had a royal good time for two or three weeks, when their remittances suddenly ceased. They had their return tickets, but no money. They kept the wifes busy for a few days till they could get no further credit with either the hotel or telegraph people, and then the brother and elder sister decided to start back to Denver and see what was the matter, leaving the younger one here in pawn for their hotel bill. Poor girl! She has haunted the hotel office every hour looking for mail or a wire, but none is forthcoming. She has fairly grown old in a week, as Charles James Fox said of Lord Byron after a fit of illness. "He has aged so his oldest creditor would not know him."  
This little girl has told no one her troubles, but yesterday I waylaid her in the hall, cajoled her into my room and got the whole story from her. She broke down and cried like a baby. Well, Gilbert and Marian have just come in. Those two are up to some mischief. Such chuckling and whispering. The child will have a birthday in a few weeks, and I am to give her what same date, eh, Jack? I shall have to write you a letter that day. It is the only loving remembrance that can come now from Yours, ALIDA.

**The Glorified Polonaise.**  
It has taken six months to dissipate the prejudice against the polonaise, but it is unquestionably coming to the front—not exactly the looped and draped polonaise of twenty years ago, but a modified and, if one may use the word, glorified variation of it. Tulle shaped lace coats, trimmed with velvet and jet, are called polonaises.

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## WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters will be ignored.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
I would like to use the remedy given by you for dandruff as I am greatly troubled by it. I have a very heavy head of hair and it is very long and naturally curly. I would like to ask you how often should the remedy be applied. Once a day or twice a week and do you think using the remedy is likely to make my hair straight?  
L. C. K.

The remedy should be applied every night until the dandruff has entirely disappeared. The scalp should be kept thoroughly clean, however, and a shampoo once a week during the treatment is not too often. I do not know of this treatment ever having taken the curl from one's hair.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
Will you kindly give me a recipe for making sweet potato pie? MRS. D.

Parboil, peel, and when cold grate enough sweet potatoes to make a pound. Cream a half cupful of butter with three-quarters of a cupful of sugar and the beaten yolks of four eggs, a teaspoonful, each, of powdered cinnamon and nutmeg, the grated potato, the juice and rind of a lemon, a wineglassful of brandy and last of all, the whites of the eggs. Line a large pie plate with puff paste, fill with the mixture and bake. This is the best recipe I know of, from the Marion Harland Cook Book.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
1. Please mention the names of two or three plays that are quite funny and still appropriate for a church?  
2. Is it proper for a girl between fifteen and sixteen to go out with a young man without any other friends along?  
3. How should a girl between fifteen and sixteen wear her hair?  
4. Is a person with dark brown hair, dark gray eyes, and white skin called a brunette? KITTY.

1. "The District School," "Why We Never Married" and other similar plays are very suitable for church entertainments.  
2. If the girl's parents see fit to permit her to go with the young man she is perfectly safe and proper in going.  
3. A girl of fifteen should dress her hair in the most becoming manner possible. If it is becoming to her to wear it parted on the side and twisted into a prettily arranged bun at her neck, then she may safely wear it this way.  
4. A person of this type is nearer a brunette than a blonde, though not a pronounced brunette by any means.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
2. What is good for one who suffers with indigestion?  
3. Is it proper for a young girl to let a man see her home after a dance if he asks her to allow him that pleasure?  
4. Is it proper, if he should ask her to allow him to call on her the following Sunday night, for her to say yes?  
4. What should be done if her parents do not like him? Should she give him up on account of her parents? LUCIE.

1. A proper diet, plenty of exercise, and fresh air. For medicines, consult a physician.  
2. It is customary for the young man who takes the girl to the dance—in other words, her escort—to take her home after the dance.  
3. Yes, if she wishes to see him.  
4. A girl is very unwise who disregards the opinion of her parents in such matters, especially if she is very young.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
What kind of food can I eat that is nourishing and will keep the skin clear? A. C. R.

Avoid all rich and greasy foods, sweets, and pastries. Eat plenty of fruit, salads, and green vegetables; take daily baths, have an abundance of fresh air, and get plenty of sleep. Use exercise, and drink a teaspoonful of phosphate of soda in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast for about two weeks.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
(1) Do you consider it out of place if a young girl about eighteen wears her hair puffed all around, having several natural curls hanging from the coil on the crown of her head, to say yes? And do you think it very becoming or stylish outside of the office? I can wear it equally well parted and coiled on the neck. Which way would you arrange it if going to the theater, or in the evening?  
2. I bought a light gray long coat suit a couple of weeks before Christmas which was quite expensive, and do not feel that I can buy a spring suit. I have tried to procure goods like this to make an Eton jacket, but as yet have been unsuccessful. Everybody advises me not to buy another suit, but I have been wearing this rather constantly and am a little tired of it. I have heard that plaid skirts and black silk Eton jackets are to be quite fashionable. Does this mean for dress occasions?  
3. Can an ink stain of long standing be eradicated from the olive color of a book?  
4. Should I ask some Catholic friends to bowl at a place connected with a Protestant club?  
AN ADMIRER OF YOUR COLUMN.

1. I prefer the simple style of hair-dressing during business hours and the more elaborate way for the evening. An exaggerated version of the prevailing mode is to be avoided at all times.  
2. A leading dressmaker tells me that plaid skirts and black silk jackets will be worn. Personally, I do not care for this combination, but should much prefer a jacket and skirt of the same color, made of some of the loosely woven cloths.  
3. Not without also eradicating the olive complexion of the volume.  
4. Yes, you may ask them, and give them the option of refusing if they want to do so.

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