

BIG CLASPS ON BUCKLES

Waist Line Has Again Changed to Natural Location.

IS there anything more puzzling than the location of the waist line? One season's fashion insists that it should be almost under the arms, and before a few months have passed it has dropped so that the knees are only a few inches below. Just now the waist line is permitted to be exactly where nature intended it should, and the announcement is made with satiny folds and soft leather bands.

The return to the separate skirt without the remnant top restores the belt or sash to favor, and the shops exhibit some adorable examples. Whether the belt is a straight strip of heavy ribbon, or if it happens to be jeweled or studded, or tucked or shirred, in order to be smart it must have a large clasp or buckle. Just now the buckle is the thing. Some of the large silver ones, that measure fully four inches across, have a highly polished surface, with a sprawly monogram running down one side.

As a concession to the taste for barbaric effects, antique designs in carving appear on some of the more expensive articles, the lines of the design emanating from a stone setting in some part of the buckle. The color of the stone is duplicated in the material of the belt, which can be of silk or leather, the soft leathers, such as suede and glove kid, are to be had in all of the latest tones and shades.

A rather pretty and novel sash is made of moire silk, shirred into oblong medallions in the back, front and one side, the other side terminating in a rosette, and from this there is a fall of the silk, reaching to the knee; the ends of the sash are fringed and knotted. Belts of dyed chamois with large perforations have black or white silk threaded along their length and can be worn with suits the same shade of the leather.

Beads and cut steel are used profusely in the adornment of these waistbands, and one sees an occasional hint of the Persian colorings in the embroidered motifs. Some of these are in the comfortable elastic, which will always have more or less vogue.

HOLDING NEAT TRAY IS NOT DIFFICULT

There is no reason or excuse for serving a patient with a sloppy tray. No matter how heavily it is laden or how far it must be carried nothing need be spilled if precautions are observed. Do not fill tumbler, pitcher or cup full.

Never pour cream over cereal or fruit, but put it in a tiny pitcher. Individual pots for coffee, tea or chocolate are not expensive. They keep liquid warm, besides being more neatly handled.

Most important of all, when the tray is finally full, perhaps to overflowing, nothing need be spilled over the edges, if the one who is carrying it will sway the tray slightly from side to side as she walks.

ELIZABETH GARRETT OPENS THE FAIR

Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, M. P., mayor of Aldeburgh, England, opened the fair held in London by the Women's Social and Political Union. Mrs. Herta and Paul Amirson, the only woman member of the Institute of Electric Engineers, opened it on the second day; Miss Beatrice Harraden on the third; Mrs. Kendall, president of the Addressers' Franchise League, on the fourth; and Lady Constance Lytton on the fifth. The fair is said to have been a great success both financially and as a means of gaining converts for the suffrage movement in Great Britain.

STUFFED MUSHROOMS.

Peel a pound of large, fresh mushrooms and chop the stems of all but six of the largest. Fry the mixture in butter and add two tablespoonsful of tomato catsup, grated cheese. Fill the large mushrooms with the mixture, cover with crumbs and bake about fifteen minutes.

The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

THE UGLY DUCKLING.

IT WAS glorious out in the country. It was summer, and the cornfields were yellow, and the oats were green; the hay had been put up in stacks in the green meadows, and the stork went about on his long red legs, and chattered Egyptian, for this was the language he had learned from his good mother. All around the fields and meadows were great forests, and in the midst of these forests lay deep lakes. Yes, it was really glorious out in the country. In the midst of the sunshine there lay an old farm, surrounded by deep canals, and from the end down to the water grew great bunches of such that little children could stand upright, under the loftiest of them. It was just as wild there as in the deepest wood. Here sat a duck upon her nest.

At last upon her nest after another burst open. "Plepi! plepi!" it cried, and in all the eggs there were little creatures that stuck out their heads. "Well, how goes it?" asked an old duck who had come to pay a visit. "Let me see the egg which will not burst," said the old visitor. "Believe me, it is a turkey's egg. I was once cheated in that way, and had much anxiety and trouble with the young ones, for they are afraid of the water. I could not get them to venture in. I quacked and clucked, but it was of no use. Let me see the egg. Yes, that's a turkey's egg! Let it lie there, and you teach the other children to swim." At last the great egg burst, and "Plepi! plepi!" said the little one, and gaped forth. It was very large and very ugly. The duck looked at it.

"It's a very large duckling," said she; "none of the others look like that; can it really be a turkey chick? Now we shall see first. It must go into the water, even if I have to thrust it in myself."

The next day the weather was splendidly bright, and the sun shone on all the green trees. The mother duck went down to the water with all her little ones. Splash! she jumped into the water. "Quack! quack!" she said, and then one duckling after another plunged in. The water closed over their

STYLE OF GOWNS TO BE IN VOGUE ABOUT EASTER

Daily Fashion Talks.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

YOU may all make up your minds to the return of brown in all its varying and beguiling tones. Indeed, from the present indications brown will be as much the vogue as it was a few seasons past when everything from bonnet to boots was "touched" with brown, while an endless variety of adorable combinations kept the luscious tone to the fore.

The models pictured today are what Paris say will be the mode when the holidays are in the past and the Easter tide surges upon us with its flood of new ideas.

Figure No. 1 is a one-piece gown of brown crepe de chine the plaited skirt having an overdress effect marked with bands of brown satin caught at the back with a large bow. Self-color satin embroidered in soutache are used for the girdle and empiacement on the bodice. The yoke is of acure net, embroidered in gold threads.

The three-quarter sleeves have a cuff of the net and supplementary trimmings of brown satin buttons.

Figure No. 2 is a young girl's evening dress of pink chiffon, the overdress looped and caught with pink rosettes and the bodice shirred to the waistline around the décolletage. A chic addition is the fichu, draped becomingly and caught with ribbon rosettes.

Figure No. 3 is a one-piece gown of natural ponce, the bodice, in corset effect, trimmed with tucks and soutache in self tones. Tripe rows of soutache trim the very high collar of ponce.



Composure at the Table Keeps Figure in Trim

Deliberation and composure regarding food are among the essentials in training the human feminine form.

There is a society woman in Chicago who never will permit herself to recline or take an afternoon nap when not wearing her corset.

There is a celebrated singer who makes her American headquarters in New York who never is without her corset from the moment she wakes up until she retires. If she is restless in the night she fights insomnia thus:

After taking a glass of milk and vichy she stands on one foot and swings the other out and back like a pendulum from fifty to one hundred times. Her hands, meanwhile, are placed in a relaxed way at the waist line. In this manner she not only robs sleeplessness of its power over her, but at the same time she decreases the circumference of the waist and hips.

Exercise Is Necessary For Children's Health

Sufficient physical exercise and recreation are frequently denied children, both are necessary for their health and normal growth.

The amount of brain labor imposed upon school children and the daily home work to be accomplished to have her husband stay downtown to dinner when he says he is coming home, or to have him come home when he says he is going to stay downtown to dinner?

But the fact remains that the question involves one of the most vexatious perplexes of the housewife, who presides over the average home, and must do the marketing, supervise the cooking, and turn to for the serving. Irritating as these humors of the husband are, when she alone must bear them, it is only less cumulative in disorder and dissatisfaction when she has but one maid.

The keeping of a servant largely depends upon the clockwork regularity of her duties. She is as sensitive to any disturbance of the schedule which she accepted when she was engaged as is a photograph film to the light. There is generally enough elasticity in the average maid to expect occasional infractions, but their frequent recurrence, with the irksomely delayed meal, the cooked food to be kept hot, and the clean-up taking from her the time she counts her own, will disfigure the best of domestics, and the impact of her displeasure is added to the burdens of the housewife.

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Regular Hours for the Meals Demanded by Good Housewives

IT WILL strike some folks as humorous that a woman's club in New York discussed this question:

Which makes a woman madder: to have her husband stay downtown to dinner when he says he is coming home, or to have him come home when he says he is going to stay downtown to dinner?

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Famous Dinner Service Recovered From Palace

Josiah Wedgwood was commissioned by Catherine the Great of Russia to make for her a dinner service, "and to paint in black enamel upon every piece a different view of the palaces, seats of the nobility, and other remarkable places in the British Kingdom."

The views numbered some 2,000, and the service consisted of 1,200 pieces. The great potter received just a little over \$15,000 for his work, but he got little profit from it, for the production of the service cost him very nearly as much as the sum.

One man painted the whole of 1,200 of them, and received 2 1/2 pence or 3 pence for each. For a long time the service was lost to sight, but recently 800 pieces have been recovered from the pantries of the Imperial Palace of Peterhof, and are now in show cases. By special imperial permission the majority of them have been photographed, and will be included in the important book about to be published. There is a story that certain Russians did not believe that any part of the service could exist, owing to Catherine the Great's habit of throwing china at her servants.

MOLD CRANBERRIES IN ATTRACTIVE FORM

Cranberries, of course, go with turkey, and it is much nicer to eat them through a sieve and mold them than to stew them merely.

The cranberries should be picked over, then washed and measured. To each quart add one cupful of water and four cupfuls of sugar. Put in a covered saucepan, bring quickly to the boiling point, draw back and boil gently for ten minutes, by which time the berries should have burst well. If preferred, they may first be rubbed through a sieve; if molded, the berries will jelly perfectly and prove thoroughly tender.

ADMIRE AMERICANS.

Lady Duff-Gordon is a warm admirer of the American woman. "This member of the British nobility claims that an American woman can keep a secret."

She says that in America women are treated on equal terms with men. "They are better educated than English women as a rule. There is no country where woman is treated with greater courtesy. The result is seen in the independence of character and the self-reliance and dependability of the American woman."

Answers to Queries From Times Readers

Review Files. B. H. R.—By consulting the files of the Washington Times for July 24, 1902. The files will be furnished upon request at the business office.

To Reduce Weight. Miss Mabel—Don't fret about your tendency to flesh. Take reasonable exercise, walk as much as possible, have a little care as to what you eat, and then go along happy in the enjoyment of a robust constitution.

Question Grammar. S. A. S.—There is no question of grammar involved. Either phrase is correct as to syntax. "This is a summer's day" means "this is a day of summer"—the phrases are equivalent.

Bal Masque. H. G. J.—Simply send your personal card with the date and hour, and in the lower left hand corner the word "masquerade."

If your entertainment is to be an elaborate affair the term "bal masquerade" may be used instead of masquerade.

Parisian Coiffeurs Find American Women Lavish

It is amazing to see how much money the Parisian coiffeur can charm out of the pockets of his lady clients, and the Americans are among the most lavish spenders.

A miracle of tact and discretion, the coiffeur leads the talk from hair culture to fashion, and from scandal back to either. His suggestions are apt to be very practical and his counsel good.

He is, moreover, steeped in French tradition on his own subject, and the value of this tradition may fairly be estimated by the fine heads of hair to be seen on every class of the nation. Does he find madame's hair looking dull? She must get lentils, once, twice, even three times a week during the autumn and winter; they are better than any external application, though she may, if she likes, rub a little vaseline into the roots at night for a week, or two. If it becomes clogged or greasy, a dry shampoo will take it all out as if by magic.

And does madame find her locks split at the ends? She must not neglect to have them well clipped at every new moon—and so on.

ROOM DECORATIONS SHOULD BE MODEST

Do not make the mistake of trying to make your apartment look like a museum or a collection of bric-a-brac by unwise and indiscriminate buying of plaster casts, vases, and small pieces of so-called art studies.

A few good pieces well displayed, well chosen and well made are far better than a mass of trash.

There is a decided air of restfulness in the household a wad of batting covered with a cap of cloth tied around the bottle's nose. Use this on other bottles. When, even if so hasty as to try in the dark to find a needed bottle, the touch shows you have a dangerous one. Such a course may prevent a lamentable accident some time.

TO DETECT POISON VIALS.

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Despite Unusual Obstacles Usual Number Land Safely

WELL, the last hour struck, as strike it will, if we wait long enough, only to find a score or more puzzlers full head-on in a hurry-up sail for goal.

Even the troublesome rivers which by a stroke of ill luck got a bit more "jumble" than was properly coming to them failed to divert many from the well-laid course of The Times sailing party. Really, you, have no idea how very many of the merry crews landed safe and sound with their craft showing little effect from their all-week cruise.

As Many Correct Solutions As Usual. As many correct solutions came in as usual, and as usual, too, all sorts of good-natured comment accompanied the lists.

Here is one communication, however, that made me wish I could manage to provide a reward for every single individual of the Women's Page Family. It seems too bad that we cannot have some sort of rotation scheme whereby as the days pass, every contestant could have some recognition. But here goes for the letter:

My Dear Miss Carroll—I am sending in a set of answers once more, I suppose because I am hard to cure of this puzzle mania.

I have not sent in any for several weeks now, but not because of a loss of interest in the puzzles, for they appeal to me as much as ever, but for the reason that I am not one of the lucky ones and, although I always work them out to the best of my ability, I occasionally feel as though "what's the use?"

But this week they brought back the school days so plainly and each

name seemed so familiar (although some of them I had not thought of for twenty years) that I could not help writing them up. But why, O why, was that number eleven included, for I can come no nearer than Schuyllkill for it.

Hoping for more puzzles and for success some day I am very truly yours, MRS. VEIHMAYER, 1236 V street northwest.

Unfortunate That We Can Not All Win.

It surely is unfortunate that we cannot all get in first, but then look what a terrific time we at this end would have if by some mysterious and preconcerted move you all landed just at the very same minute bearing lists correctly solved and beautifully written and inscribed.

It is bad enough as it is to make a just decision, but should any such contingency as I pictured appear, I don't know what we would do. Indeed, I fear it would be another case of the "judgment of Paris," and as I recall the stories of that famous event I think nobody was satisfied—in fact, there was really a lot of trouble occasioned by the dissatisfaction. Several ladies got peevish, and the "strut up" occasioned by their wrath was awful to contemplate.

By the way, don't you all think a Christmas puzzle a good thing? I've had a clever one sent to me and just at this minute I'm thinking very seriously of letting you all see what you can do with it.

Frances Conroy

Bride Makes Departure In Way of Wearing Veil

A British bride made a new departure in the wearing of her lace veil.

It is not very becoming to cover the face with a heavy-patterned fabric. Royal brides always wear a lace veil thrown off her hair, hanging over the shoulders only, but less illustrious brides usually have a liking for going up to the altar under the friendly shade of a light-meshed tulle.

The bride referred to combined the two advantages by the expedient of having the well of old Brussels lace fixed on her hair, and then, over the shoulders and down the back, and then throwing a large square of tulle over it, reaching the knees in front and well down on the train behind, in the customary fashion.

Many brides now do not cover the face at all, however; if there is a splendid lace veil in the family's coffers, it is worn royal fashion, simply hanging over the shoulders from the headpiece of orange blossoms, which takes the form of a coronet, an all-round wreath, or a simple cluster at each side of the front of the coiffure, at choice.

A bridal robe should have but a very small empiacement of tulle or lace let in at the throat, to avoid the appearance of a party-going frock, but the sleeves at present are very often entirely of diaphanous material, as the fact that they reach the wrist in every case prevents the ball-gown effect being feared; with the lightness of the lace or mousseline-de-sile sleeve, whether it be lined or transparent, is pretty and graceful.

NURSING CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE SICK

In giving a sick child medicine raise the pillow instead of only the head. Swallowing is rendered easier. Liquid foods should be taken from a drinking cup with long, shaped spout.

A hot bath with or without mustard, to induce free perspiration, and a dose of castor oil will often prevent a heavy cold or serious illness. A few drops of oil of peppermint in the hot water dissolves the taste of the oil.

Nurse a sick child in a single bed, that it may be reached from both sides. Metal is preferred to wood because of its sanitary nature.

Burlap Material Can Be Used For Making Novel Decorations

Take a square of burlap large enough for a pillow top. A little distance from the edge begin to draw a thread, to the end of which is attached a length of colored raffia. As the thread of burlap is drawn out, the raffia follows, and is firmly woven into the material. Weave a strip an inch wide, six or eight inches long, and so on until the piece is finished. When the colors are carefully chosen, a beautiful pillow top may be made very quickly. Screens, rugs, portieres and other articles may be made in the same way. Very pretty and inexpensive rugs may be made from

burlap sacks. Wash thoroughly, and dye any color desired. They take dye beautifully. After the sacks are dyed, cut into narrow strips about two or three inches wide. Ravel the threads from each side of the strip until only a few strands are left in the center. Then take a whole sock, and begin sewing on the strips through the center. Sew very closely together, so that the fringed ends will form a thick, mossy covering. The strips may be sewed on the sewing machine, being done more quickly and also giving the body a better foundation. The result is a beautiful durable rug.



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