

WHO IS WHO NOW

HATES LONG-TAILED COATS

Senator Norris of Nebraska hates a long-tailed coat. He never wears long-tailed coats. One day he was asked why and he told this story:

When he attended college years ago at Baldwin University, in Berea, O., Norris and a little crowd of students one night conceived a merry prank. On the college campus was a towerlike building on which some repairs were being made. A large quantity of old lumber was piled up on the top of the tower. The student comedians thought it would be pretty rich to shove this lumber right over the edge and hear it hit the ground below.

They crawled into the building through a window. Two or three of the students were cutaway coats, which were considered the snappy thing for varsity men in those days, but they got through the window all right, and with their combined strength were able to heave overboard the pile of old lumber. The lumber was to be taken down, anyhow, so board the pile of old lumber. The lumber was to be taken down, anyhow, so board the pile of old lumber. The lumber was to be taken down, anyhow, so board the pile of old lumber.



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That being the case the students hastened home without needless delay. The next morning the prankish lads filed into chapel, each looking as innocent as a bunch of Easter card cherubs. Seemingly, there was no possible way they could be found out and they walked about with light hearts.

But when they were going out from the chapel exercises, the president of the college motioned to young Norris, and bade him come in his office.

"Now, Norris," said the president, in an annoying I-know-all-about-it tone, "who all were with you in this escapade last night? Tell me the whole truth, and you'll all get off easily; otherwise—well, you'd better tell me the truth." So Norris did.

It wasn't till the end of the year that he knew how the president sleuthed him out so readily. On the closing day of college, the president handed him a little cloth-covered button.

"I think," says he, "this will fit the back of your cutaway coat. Next time be more careful about going through windows when you have on a coat trimmed with buttons."

"And so you know," says Norris, "why I have hated coats with buttons over the tails ever since."

HE KNEW ABOUT THE TWINS

One day President Cleveland sent for John Barrett, now director of the bureau of American republics, and said:

Mr. Barrett, I am looking for some young man who is not afraid of hard work, and who wants to make a reputation for himself, to go as minister to Siam, to settle the claim of Dr. M. A. Cheek involving several million dollars, and also involving some delicate matters in connection with the interpretation of our treaties with oriental countries. This particular case is one of the most important we now have in the Orient. Will you accept the position as minister to Siam? But first, what do you know about Siam?"



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Mr. Barrett, couldn't remember whether Siam was in Asia or Africa, but a little thing like this didn't bother him, so he said: "Mr. President, I know all about Siam."

"Well, what do you know about Siam?" said Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Barrett was stumped for a second, and then said: "Why, Siam is the country that produced the famous Siamese twins."

Mr. Barrett went to Siam, where he stayed for four years. At the time of his appointment he was twenty-six years old, and the youngest minister plenipotentiary that the United States had ever appointed.

TO RULE HONDURAS

Dr. Alberto Membrano, minister from Honduras, in Washington, has been designated as first vice-president of Honduras to serve as chief executive of that country pending the election of a new president January 31, 1916.



CLINEBIST

Francisco Bertrand, the present constitutional president of the republic of Honduras, decided in obedience to the will of the people to retire from office next July 31, six months before the expiration of his presidential term, to enable himself to become a candidate for the succeeding period.

The Honduran constitution prevents the re-election of a president unless he retires six months before his term ends.

The Honduran congress found it necessary to elect a vice-president to succeed Doctor Bertrand. Doctor Membrano was unanimously elected "primer designado," and accepted. He will leave Washington late in the spring. Doctor Membrano was born in Honduras fifty-four years ago, and received his early education at Tegucigalpa, the capital, and at Guatemala city. Later he had conferred upon him by the University of Honduras the degree of doctor of laws, was appointed a judge, and subsequently was selected as professor of law and procedure in the university sustained by the government.

The elevation of Doctor Membrano to the presidency of Honduras is regarded with distinct approval by officials of the state department and the various Latin-American diplomats accredited near this government, particularly those of Central America, who see in him not only a man of great talent and learning, but one of moderation and respect by many. He is not only a distinguished lawyer and diplomat, but also a noted amateur botanist, and has written several interesting papers on certain phases of plant life in the tropics and in the north temperate zone.

Wasn't Familiar With the Name. "Put your John Hancock down here," said the Scotch official to the little boy from the country who had brought in some crow heads. The boy labored industriously over the blank with his pen and then innocently inquired: "How do you spell Hancock?"—Kansas City Star.

Upward Progress. A man who follows his own virtuous heart will be always found in the end to have been fighting for the best. One thing leads naturally to another in an awakened mind, and that with an upward progress from effect to cause.—R. L. Stevenson.

Cynical Clerk. The office boy in a law office of this town himself hopes to be a lawyer some day. He has begun his studies already, by asking questions of the clerks whenever he hears a legal term as to which he desires information.

The other day he approached one of the clerks with this question: "What do they mean by a contingent fee?" "It's like this," explained the clerk: "You lose the case your lawyer gets nothing; if you win you get nothing."—Rosesleaf.

Peculiar Aversions. Robert Boyle, the philosopher, could never overcome his aversion to the sound of water splashing from a pipe, and he has put on record the case of one of his servants, who could never bear hearing a knife being sharpened or a sheet of brown paper torn without bleeding at the gums.

Have to Import Hard Wood. Notwithstanding the great amount of timber on the Pacific coast, there is a very meager supply of hard wood, and much of the oak made use of in the western part of this country is imported from the eastern countries of Asia.

Ostrich Feathers Cheaper. Ostrich feathers took a slump recently on the Australian market, and many farmers are selling their birds. It is reported that as a consequence there is likely to be a considerable surplus of lucerns which has been grown to feed them, and a proposal is on foot to establish an export trade in this fodder. This, however, is not meeting with unanimous support, as it is considered by many that the product should be utilized in the country for the feeding of dairy and other stock.

TO COOK ASPARAGUS

MANY WAYS IN WHICH VEGETABLE MAY BE SERVED.

Because of its Health-Giving Qualities It Should Be on the Table as Often as It Can Be Afforded.

Much has been written and said about the health-giving qualities of asparagus. Taking all these qualities for granted, here are some interesting ways of cooking this vegetable so that it may be served many times without palling on the most exacting and fastidious appetite:

Baked With Cheese.—Drain boiled asparagus and arrange the stalks neatly on a buttered baking dish. Fry a chopped onion in butter and pour it over the asparagus. Sprinkle over it bread crumbs and grated cheese and bake brown. The asparagus can be cut into one-inch lengths for this dish.

Fried Asparagus.—Boil the asparagus, drain it, dip each stalk in beaten egg crumbs and fry in deep fat. Serve with cream sauce.

Creamed.—Cut a bunch or two of asparagus into one-inch lengths and boil until tender. Drain and put into rich, white sauce rather thick, for the asparagus contains water and thickens it thoroughly; season with salt and paprika and serve very hot.

In Rolls.—Remove the center from stale, rather long, pointed rolls and try the rolls golden brown in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and keep hot. Cut a bunch of asparagus, in the meantime, into one-inch lengths and boil until tender. Drain and put in a double boiler with a cupful of milk. Add the yolks of five eggs and stir until thick and smooth. Season with salt and a little grated nutmeg and pour into the hot rolls. White sauce may be used instead of the egg sauce if desired.

Baked Asparagus.—Cut asparagus into inch lengths and boil. Drain and put a layer in a buttered baking dish. Season with salt and pepper, dot with bits of butter, sprinkle with crumbs and finish with minced boiled egg. Add more asparagus and repeat in the order mentioned, until the dish is filled. Have crumbs on top and bake brown.

Served Cold.—Boil until tender stalks of asparagus and drain them. Chill the stalks in the oven with mayonnaise with hollandaise or with tartar sauce. It can also be served with a sauce of oil and vinegar, sprinkle with chopped cucumber pickle.

Boiled.—Boiled asparagus can be served with melted butter, pepper and salt, either on toast or without it; with drawn butter or white sauce, with a little hot cream poured over it or with melted butter and lemon juice.

Worth Knowing. No odor of cooking should greet the guest in a private home, or even an apartment which claims to be of the exclusive class.

A simple and agreeable deodorizer may be made of a handful of cloves, allowed to scorch with bits of orange peel on a tin plate in the oven. This mixture imparts a fragrance not unlike that of carnations, and, scattered about the rooms, it will completely destroy the odor of cooking vegetables or roasting meats. In the country the wise housewife may gather lavender, lavender and the sprigs, if dried out, will impart a fresh and delicious fragrance to the house linens all next winter. Lavender, that standby of old-time housekeepers, may be purchased in little bags at trifling cost and makes a delightful fragrance for the linen closet.

Fruit With Frangipani Cream. Fruit served with a frangipani cream is a delicious luncheon sweet. Mix four beaten eggs and one-half cupful of sugar well together, add crushed macaroons; chill and serve with cooking together one quart of rich milk and four tablespoonfuls of flour. After adding to eggs place the mixture in a double boiler and cook until thick and smooth. When cooled add a gill of orange flower water and four teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Chill and serve with any preferred fruit in tall glasses, garnishing the top of the cream with the fruit. Try this.

New Idea for Doughnuts. When frying doughnuts have a dish of boiling water beside the hot fat. As you move the doughnuts from the frying kettle dip hastily into the boiling water. This removes all grease and renders them more healthful than they would otherwise be.

There is another point not to be despised when frying doughnuts, and that is at present. After the water cools the grease may be skimmed from the top and used again. One will be surprised to see the amount of fat that will rise.

Orange Parfait. One cupful of orange juice, one cupful of granulated sugar, one ten-cent bottle of maraschino cherries, one pint of whipped cream. Dissolve sugar in orange juice; chop cherries fine, whip cream stiff. Mix ingredients in a tall glass, add one cupful dissolved in cold water. Put in mold and pack in ice and salt from three to four hours.

Economical Sponge Cake. Two eggs, one cupful sugar, one-half cupful hot water, one cupful flour, 1 1/2 teaspoonfuls baking powder and a pinch of salt. Beat the yolks with half the sugar, then add hot water, then the remaining sugar and flour, sifted with baking powder and salt. Lastly fold the stiffly beaten whites in. Bake 20 minutes in medium oven. Flavor to taste.

Fried Fish for Breakfast. Among the seasonable fish which fry most satisfactorily for breakfast are perch, butter fish, porgies, flounders, blue bass and both weakfish and whitefish and smelts.

Any one of these, fried and served with potatoes in some form, preferably creamed or baked, make a most delicious Lenten breakfast menu.

Tongue Sandwiches. Mince cold boiled tongue and mix it with half as much finely diced celery. Moisten with mayonnaise and pour a cupful add a tablespoonful of good tomato catchup. Spread between white bread and butter.

Cocoonnut Sandwiches. Mix half a cupful of English walnuts, three times that amount of grated fresh cocoonnut, moisten with cream, and add two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Spread between fresh buttered bread.

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery
Their Care and Cultivation



Daisies Make a Good Growth Indoors.

STARTING OF THE ANNUALS

Many annuals can be started from seed planted now for winter flowering, and with the use of the plants now growing in the garden and young plants raised from cuttings a good display can be obtained for house culture at a very small expense.

It is a good idea to pot the plants sufficiently early so the pots can be plunged in the garden, permitting them to remain there a week or two before taking them into the house. A good rule is to allow two leaves to remain on cuttings of such plants as geraniums, cutting off the top half of these leaves with a sharp knife. Any cuttings that die or rot must be immediately removed.

The Rex Begonias are propagated from leaf cuttings, that is a portion of the leaf cut and stuck in the sand.



Plants growing in the garden, which make fine house plants include: Fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, petunias, pinks, verbenas, arbutons, chrysanthenums, daisies, lilies, etc. Cut the plants back about one-half.



PEONIES

No other herbaceous plant lives so long or produces flowers equal to the peony.

Peonies planted this autumn will flower next season. The middle of September to the middle of October is the best time to plant, preferably the earlier season to permit the plants to make a good root growth before the winter sets in. The soil must be rich and the peony is a gross feeder.

Remove the soil to a depth of three feet and fill up the space to the depth of a foot with well rotted cow manure. Spade the manure in well. If the soil is clayey, mix with it equal parts sand, leaf and mold and manure for the other half. Fill up the excavation with the prepared soil, runding it up to the center, which should be six or seven inches above the level of the lawn.

In setting the plants dig a hole from one and a half to two feet deep and two feet wide. Allow a space of three feet in diameter for each plant, placing the crowns three inches below the surface, firming the soil well around the roots. This is best done by the feet of the planter.

Commercial fertilizer strong in potash should be used in the spring after the bed is started.

Havana's Water Supply. For more than three hundred years the water supply of the city of Havana was carried through an open ditch, built in 1592. The supply originated at the springs of the Almendares river, nine miles south of the city, and this source still provides an adequate flow, for the springs, which have since been fully developed, number 400 and are enclosed by a heavy wall of masonry which is constantly under military guard. An aqueduct has long since supplanted the ditch.

Flour to Extinguish Fire. It should be a matter of common knowledge, since flour is always within convenient reach, that wheat flour is the best extinguisher to throw over a fire caused by the spilling and lighting of kerosene.

Universal Desire. To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends and of which every desire prompts the prosecution.—Samuel Johnson.

FASHIONS FROM PARIS

DESIGNS SENT OVER BY FAMOUS COSTUMERS.

Doucet, Long a Favorite, Has Made a Specialty of Three-Piece Suits—New Evening Frocks Have Come From Callot.

Possibly a summary of just what the famous houses in Paris exploited might help women to understand the approaching fashions rather than a dissertation, for which there is plenty of time later.

Doucet, for example, made a specialty of three-piece suits, a few long coats and many short ones, which had a slightly empire waist line. Mid-aught blue and old rose were the colors used. Many of his best evening frocks were black, made of lace and jet and of quantities of tulle.

Callot showed evening frocks in mauve, rose, black and salmon pink. Several of the best evening frocks were in violet and lavender. A sensation was caused by a bridal gown, which Callot has not shown before, made of white satin with green embroidery, the bodice quite décolleté.

As brides have not worn the low corsage for many years, this innovation, along with the use of green embroidery, makes one pause.

The skirts were narrow for all occasions, but then Callot has never tolerated the full skirt. White satin frocks were made smoother by long swinging draperies of black tulle hanging from the shoulders in an embroidered brocade played its part, as one must always expect at this house, and figured failles com-



Here is a picture hat of yellow straw trimmed with garlands of tiny pink flowers and black velvet streamers.

In special evening frocks, a combination of variously colored crystals placed on self-colored net were used to give an opalescent effect. Everywhere one saw draperies of tulle flowing from the shoulder to the hem in another color from the gown. Here and there were frocks with the empire waist line, very much like those Josephine wore, with the huge ornament in the front holding sweeping skirt lines of plain satin.

Cheruit held her clientele firmly. Her collection is said to be as artistic and as likable as those she made in the summer and last February. One who knows this talented woman would feel quite sure that she would go toward mauve and simplicity. Callot is ornate; Cheruit is simple. It is argued by her admirers that the styles she has shown this season will outlast the moment because they are not founded on freakishness, but selected with good taste.

White Leather Belts. One of the large suits shows an unusual belt. It is of dull white leather, about two inches wide, perhaps narrower. It is fastened in front by means of a leather-covered buckle, and on the left side, a few inches from the buckle, is a little pocket, just about the width of the belt. It clasps shut with a snap fastener.

Brocade Revival. A pretty brocaded silk revived shows a pale gray satin background, with a reproduction of lace in white silk running over it as if an "insertion" of alencon or fine honiton had been allowed to draw itself artistically over the surface, showing a certain amount of the groundwork. This makes charming blouses.

Envelope Chemise is New. Convenient Undergarment Which is Sure to Be Appreciated by its Wearers.

Just about the most convenient garment imaginable is the new envelope chemise. Of course, the "envelope" part isn't very new, but the corset cover attachment is. The envelope chemise is made quite like the chemise has been fashioned for years and years, except that there is a little tab at the bottom which buttons the chemise up into a pair of panties and short undershirt combined. When the corset cover is attached the chemise may be used as a substitute for an undershirt and the corset worn right over it, as the garters will easily fasten over the edge of the chemise, since it is buttoned into the semblance of drawers. The corset cover is nothing more than a deep ruffle of embroidery, attached with a band of embroidery, inserted just below the low-cut neck of the chemise and running under the arms. This ruffle has no opening and has a drawing of ribbon or tape about the bottom, run through a casing or through the eyelet work of the embroidery. After the chemise is donned the corset is slipped under this ruffle and fastened, and the ruffle is then drawn in about the waist and the corset is entirely hidden. Thus there are really four garments in one—undershirt, drawers, short petticoat and corset cover. At this rate of condensed clothing the laundries will have to cut down their forces. A more economical garment than this could not be fashioned for the woman who boards and must pay for her

laundry by the piece, and if she is a business woman she will appreciate the time saved by being able to slip on four garments at once. The ruffle alone may be added to the bought envelope chemise, and the four-piece garment is complete.

METHODS OF CLEANING VEIL. Washable Chiffon May Be Put in Order Easily if These Directions Are Followed.

When a washable chiffon veil is soiled fold it neatly and tack the folds secured with basting thread. Then wash the veil carefully in soapy water and rinse it in salt water to set the color. Press the folded veil between a couple of heavy bath towels to get water out and do not wring it at all. When as much water has been pressed out as it is possible to get out cut the bastings and pull them Lay one edge of the veil straight on the ironing board and iron it dry with a moderately hot iron. Then iron each of the other sides dry and then iron the middle of the veil until it, too, is dry.

By ironing the edges first the veil can be ironed without stretching or pulling out of shape.

Lay the veil flat on a bed for an hour or two after it is ironed. If it is ironed in this way it will keep its shape and will not wrinkle easily.

White Corduroy Coats. White corduroy coats are featured to some extent, and will doubtless be much worn with lingerie frocks in the summer.

Flowers for Spring Hats. As for the sailors, they are here in all shapes and varieties. Trimmed with almost anything at all, they are even more dashing than heretofore, and when a woman goes out to get herself something becoming that will remain in style over several "week-end jaunts," she can't do better than to stop right here.

Embroidery Table. How many woman readers who do embroidery and like to draw their own designs or trace them have had aching arms from holding the pattern on the glass of the window and at the same time trying to trace them? Try this: Take a sheet box, cut a hole in the top and an electric drill light through the hole into the box, switch on the light, put a piece of window glass on for a cover.

Separate Belts. If one may judge by the shops, women are again going to buy separate leather belts. For many and good ones are shown. They are to wear with one-piece frocks, and with coats of linen and of wool.

SERGE FOR SPRING



Among the really beautiful frocks offered for spring are those of light-weight serge in white and delicate shades of cream. It has a short, full skirt attached to a hip yoke that is trimmed with taffeta buttons and a little that is finished with an embroidered taffeta. The cuffs are also of taffeta. The white straw hat is adorned only with a smart velvet ribbon twist.

Fineness of line and coloring. They are Parisian and suggest the reign of Louis XV, of which she is a student and an admirer, and there is also a touch of Louis Philippe.

Her tailored suits have short coats, a reversal from her silhouette of last August, which ripple at the sides from the waist. Her skirts are full, after the 1848 pattern with the fullness cleverly adjusted at the sides, leaving the fronts flat. The hem is well above the ankle, and the mannequins show high boots instead of pumps with all the street frocks. Those faced at the skirt are fitted over the hips and have been here since December. Cheruit shows many sequins as the other houses do, also paillettes and beading. The décolletage in evening frocks is exceedingly low in the back and unusually high in the front.

Most of her bodices are fitted over the bust, and are buttoned or laced up the back. There is every evidence, unhappily, that the waist that fastens in the back is to return; and that it is to be tight. She does lessen her hold on those deep, capelike collars that extended from the neck to the waist in the back with points that meet in the front.

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