

The Fashions and the Home

Chic Bathing Suits



Want to know what's what in bathing dresses? If so, study the models illustrated here. The mermaid on the pedestal wears a gown of waterproofed blue taffeta, with a cap to match. The surplice collar is edged with a ruffling of the silk, and the elbow sleeves have turned back cuffs. The other costume is a draped model of waterproofed black taffeta. It also has a surplice collar.

FOR CLEANUP DAY.

If you get paint on your clothes rub the mark at once with a rough rag wet with turpentine. This removes the stain and does not leave a mark.

Hot water marks can be removed from japanned trays by rubbing with sweet oil. When the marks have disappeared, rub with dry flour and a soft cloth.

When paints have become scratched with matches rub them first with a slice of lemon and then wash with soap and water. This removes all traces of the match scratches.

When cleaning a doormat, especially if light colored, put the mat into a bath of soapy water and scrub with a hard scrubbing brush; then rinse well in cold water, standing it up to dry.

When linen becomes rusted from the iron oxalic acid and hot water applied before washing removes the stains. After using the acid rinse the linen a few times, which leaves it beautiful and white.

Brooms should be washed frequently, whenever they are soiled or full of dust, in hot soapsuds until they are clean and then rinsed in clear, hot water. They should then be dried thoroughly, in the sunshine if possible, before they are used again. Washing helps to lengthen the life of both brooms and brushes.

CARPET CLEANING PROBLEM.

How to Get Rid of Spots and Wash When Very Much Soiled.

Many a housewife is in despair when she notices spots which mar the beauty of her living room carpet or bedroom carpet, but there is a way to remove them. Mix together a quantity of fuller's earth and enough boiling water to make a paste. Apply this mixture to the grease spots while it is quite hot and do not brush it away until it is thoroughly dry. Equal quantities of magnesia and fuller's earth moistened with boiling water will prove especially efficacious if applied to the spots.

If carpets are very dirty they may be successfully washed as follows:

To every two gallons of boiling water add one ounce of yellow soap and one dram of soda. With a clean flannel dipped in this liquid wash the carpet well, doing a small portion at a time. Rinse with clean hot water and allow the carpet to dry. The colors will be greatly improved by afterward applying a cloth dipped in ammonia.

To Get Rid of Red Ants.

Buy one ounce of oil of sassafras and a small brush. Paint around the openings of sugar bowls, cake plates, refrigerators, etc., and you will find the ants will disappear, never to return. As a matter of precaution, apply the oil a second time during the season and the following summer.

IN THE KITCHEN.

When cleaning knives mix a little common baking soda with the scouring brick and you will find the knives clean much easier.

After tins have been washed and dried place them near the fire for a few minutes before putting them away, as this prevents them from rusting.

To save smarting eyes when peeling onions use a pan full of water and peel the onions under water. If the onions are to be fried dry them before slicing.

When you have a quantity of meat left over from the previous meal and desire to make hash or croquettes, boil the meat for an hour or two. This renders the meat tender and the croquettes will be far more palatable than if the hard dry meat is simply chopped up, as most housekeepers do.

Old Bedspreads.

A bedspread worn at the edges, but with the center in good condition, may be converted into a pretty tablecloth by trimming off the worn portion and dyeing any preferred color with a good dye. Turn a two inch hem, adding, if a more elaborate finish be desired, an inexpensive cotton fringe or a crocheted edge of the same or a contrasting shade. A large spread may sometimes furnish sufficient good material for a couch cover or slumber throw, finishing as above described. If designed for use in a room with many windows dye a shade darker than that permanently desired, since most cotton fabrics, home dyed or otherwise, fade somewhat in a strong light.

Dainty and Cool.

A dressing sack introducing two materials is made of pale yellow batiste and embroidered batiste in the same shade. The lower part of the sack and the right sleeve are made of the plain material, while the left sleeve and part of the bodice are made of the embroidered batiste.

Dents in Furniture.

Dampen the marked part with water, cover with several thicknesses of wet brown paper and then hold a hot iron close up to the paper, but not actually touching, until all the moisture is absorbed. This quite effectually removes all dents.

A MATTER OF OPINION

By MABEL M. GARRISON

"I UNDERSTAND," said Austin Ordway, "that Ned Hargraves has become engaged while I have been away."

"Yes," said one of the ladies, "and he's throwing himself away."

"In the opinion of the men or the women?"

"I never speak in praise or condemnation of another," replied the lady, "except for myself alone."

"And, without referring to you at all, I must say that I never take a woman's opinion of another woman."

"Why so?" asked several ladies at once.

"A woman is influenced by her likes and dislikes. She has no sense of real justice."

"And would you rely on a man's opinion of a woman?"

"A man of mature age."

"Yourself, for instance?"

"I am forty; too old to be caught by sentiment, too young to be fooled as an old man."

This bit of conversation took place when the ladies at dinner were accustomed to leave the men to smoke with their coffee.

It was about a week later that Ordway received an invitation from one of the party informally for a game of whist. He met there a widow, Mrs. Cheever, somewhere between twenty-two and twenty-five years old. She was modest and shy almost to timidity. Nevertheless there was something about her that grew upon Ordway.

Ordway asked permission to call and became a frequent visitor at her home, a suit of apartments in which she lived with a servant. He took her out occasionally either to drive or to places of amusement, and it was not long before his friends began to speculate upon a probable engagement. One morning he was surprised to receive a note from the lady who introduced him to Mrs. Cheever, in which she said substantially that, having heard of his attentions, she wished to disclaim any intention to recommend the lady she had introduced as a suitable person for him to marry. If he made a match with Mrs. Cheever he must do so on his own responsibility. Ordway was surprised.

Later on he received a second note from another of the women he had met at the dinner party. This note was a

positive warning against Mrs. Cheever. Ordway kept the note a secret for two days, then showed it to the woman it condemned. She looked troubled, but told a very straight story which agreed especially with Ordway's opinions in matters between women. She said that she had robbed the writer of a lover.

Ordway at last found the young widow so necessary to him that he asked her to be his wife. She declined at first, giving as a reason that she would bring him nothing; indeed, could not make even a respectable show at the wedding. Ordway told her that he could support her comfortably and gave her a check for \$1,000 to spend on a trousseau. This, after many protestations, she finally consented to accept, and the matter was settled.

The next evening at 8 he went to the widow's apartments to consult with her as to her preference in the matter of an engagement ring. There was no reply to his ring at the door. Convinced that there was no one within, he applied for information at the office of the janitor.

"The lady moved out this morning, sir."

Ordway caught at a banister for support.

"Did she leave any message for—for me?"

"She left no message for any one, sir."

That was the last of Mrs. Cheever for Ordway.

He did not inquire at his bank if his \$1,000 check had been presented, but he found it charged against him when his account was balanced. He kept away from his friends as much as possible, and when rallied with queries as to when he was going to be married turned away with a sickly expression.

One morning at breakfast he opened a note from the woman who had introduced him to Mrs. Cheever apologizing for her part in a plot that had been concocted by the ladies of the dinner party in which he had expressed his views of women's testimony with regard to women. One of the party said she knew a woman of twenty-three who had divorced three husbands and had one or two left who would be a good subject for Ordway to test the value of his judgment of woman upon.

For the Juniors of the Family

"IT," A JOKE GAME.

You Must Find the Persons Players Have in Mind.

One of the players is asked to go outside while the company thinks of some person in the room, and on his return he has to guess of whom the company has thought.

The players then arrange themselves in a circle and agree each to think of his or her right hand neighbor.

The one outside is then called in and commences to ask questions. Before replying the player asked must be careful to notice his or her right hand neighbor and then give a correct reply. For instance, supposing the first question to be "Is the person thought of a boy or a girl?" the answer would possibly be "A boy." The next person would then be asked the color of the complexion, the next one the color of the hair, if long or short, etc., to which questions the answers would, of course, be given according to the right hand neighbor.

Nearly all the answers will contradict the previous ones, and something like this may be the result: "A boy," "very dark complexion," "long yellow hair," "wearing a black Eton jacket," "with a dark green dress," "five feet high," "about six years old," etc.

THE RATS AND THE SNAKE.

How the Rodents Outwitted Their Creeping Enemy.

A traveler in the desert once saw a number of rats cutting off branches of cacti with their sharp teeth and then carrying the branches to the entrance of their hole.

In a short time they had made a complete circle of cactus branches around the hole, and the only way to get in was by jumping over the branches.

Soon after the work had been finished a rat came scampering up, looking very much alarmed, and it and the other rats all jumped over the cactus branches and went into their hole.

The reason for their excitement was soon seen, for in a very little while a snake came creeping up, intending to enter the hole and secure a rat for his dinner. When he got to the cactus branches, however, the snake stopped. The cactus spikes pricked, Mr. Snake could not get by at all, and so finally he went away leaving the rats laughing at him and quite safe in their hole.

Shaking Hands With the Queen



Photo by American Press Association.

The queen of England is fond of her smaller subjects. Her majesty is here seen greeting children at a railroad station while on a tour of her great country. The queen herself is the mother of six children, five sons and a daughter.

A MOST AMUSING GAME.

The game of cockfighting is most amusing, and, although only two boys can play it at one time, they will keep the rest of the company in roars of laughter. The two who are to represent the "cocks" having been chosen, they are both seated upon the floor.

Each boy has his wrists tied together with a handkerchief and his legs secured just above the ankles with another handkerchief. His arms are then passed over his knees, and a broomstick is pushed over one arm, under both knees and out again on the other

side over the other arm. The "cocks" are now considered ready for fighting and are carried into the center of the room and placed opposite each other, with their toes just touching. The fun now commences.

Each "cock" tries with the aid of his toes to turn his opponent over on his back or side.

The one who can succeed in doing this first wins the game.

It often happens that both "cocks" turn over at the same time, when the fight commences again.

Father's Day



—Washington Star.