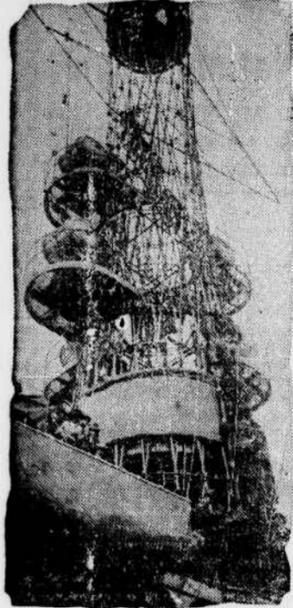


With the Ships of the Atlantic Fleet

THE mobilization at New York over, the Atlantic fleet is again back to business. The review by President Taft marked the close of the playtime of the battle ships and the 29,000 officers and men



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CLIMBING THE WYOMING'S MAST.

of the fleet got down to work once more.

From New York some of the ships went to various yards for overhaul work and some to Norfolk for target practice.

The greatest interest was manifested in the super-Dreadnoughts Arkansas

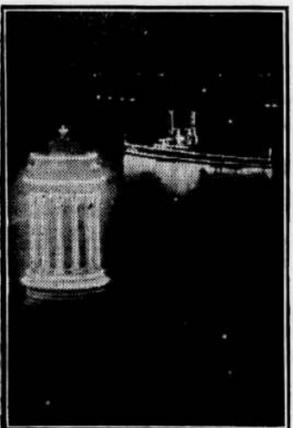


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PRESIDENT TAFT ON THE ARKANSAS.

and Wyoming, sister ships, which are the mightiest in the world. Secretary of the Navy Meyer's object of the review—to liven up interest in the navy—was certainly attained.

Thousands of persons visited the different ships of the fleet. Many of them climbed the big masts of the



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THE FLEET AT NIGHT.

gigantic Wyoming and from there obtained a splendid view of the entire fleet.

At night the ships were illuminated and the thousands of electric bulbs made a sight fascinating to behold.

THE ZEBRA GOWN.

This Smart Costume a New French Creation.



IT IS ATTRACTIVE FOR THE MATRON.

One of the great French dressmakers, known at the capital as the instigator of weird effects in dress, stands as sponsor for this winter costume, which is called the zebra gown because of its odd and striking arrangement of striped material.

Black and white velvet is draped over black satin in the bodice, and the skirt has an interesting adaptation of stripes. A panel of black satin weighted with gray silk fringe and embroidered in gray brings into harmony the color scheme. Black satin boots and a chic black hat complete the picture.

FICHU FOR LAST YEAR'S FROCK.

The woman of limited means should be delighted that the fichu is in style this season. By its kindly aid last year's gowns can be brought up to date.

A fichu of jetted net flecked with emerald green or cerise will quite transform even the dingiest of black dresses, while on an ivory satin which has seen its best days a fichu of deep ivory net will work marvels. And now that such wonderful dyed nets and laces are to be had so cheaply any old gown can be made to look new and up to date.

This Fur Set is Very New.

Interesting because of the cape arrangement is this little set of seal and leopard. The muff is in regulation style and size and is attractive simply



MUFF SET OF SEAL AND LEOPARD SKIN.

on account of the combination of pelts, but the neckpiece is particularly noteworthy.

The cape is long in the back, coming to the waist, and attached to it is a belt of leopard skin.

New Paper For Bedroom.

There is a strong tendency just now to the soft effects in French gray, pink and blue. A new design in this artistic combination has alternating half inch strips of softest gray and white, topped with a very deep border showing graceful baskets of brownish gold filled with pink and gold flowers and suspended from large bowknots of blue, simulating narrow blue ribbon. The blending admits of plain blue or a soft French pink in decorations and suggests lovely color schemes with either.

Old Wedding Rime.

I, Arthur, on Monday
Take thee, Margaret, for all Tuesday
To have and to hold all Wednesday,
To love and to scold all Thursday,
To try and abide thee all Friday;
If thou dost not obey on Saturday,
To hurt again on Sunday.

A FEW LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Charming Presents That Cost Little in Time or Money.

Any pretty trifle made to contain pins makes an acceptable gift for Christmas. A traveling convenience that is as useful at home as abroad is made by the insertion of the old time netting that lined up. The foundation of it is a strip of ribbon or silk—narrow or wide—about six inches wide and twenty inches long. Lay this flat on the surface board and cover it with two thicknesses of cotton batting. Put a layer of coarse white flannel next to this and then one of coarse hosiery net. Bind the edges neatly together with a satin ribbon matching the outside of the convenience, and then turn up four or five inches of the bottom of the strip and tack the ends to form a pocket. About five inches from the top put a plump pin cushion with corners reaching to the strip edges. Have this an inch and a half deep and stick it full of varicolored pins—blue, green, red, pink, white and the ordinary sorts. They will look best if stuck in in some ornamental manner. In the space above the cushion put black and white safety pins in several sizes.

A Neckwear Gift.

If you are in a hurry to get together a very presentable last minute gift take a look into your lacebox and rescue a few bits of lace and net, then



NET JABOT.

set to work on a stock collar and jabot like the one seen in the illustration. A wide piece of fillet lace forms the high collar, which is edged at the top with folds of malines and black velvet.

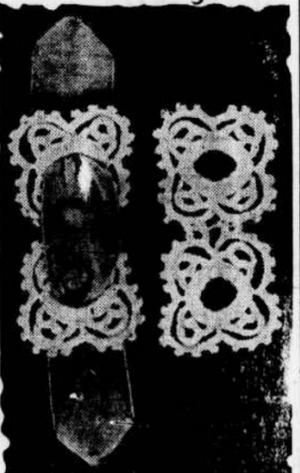
The "fall" is of gathered malines in two layers, each one trimmed with insertion matching that used for the collar. A pump bow of black velvet finishes the pretty gift.

An Easy to Make Jacket.

A combing jacket is something any woman would appreciate, especially if it is as pretty as some of those that the shops are showing. The dainty things in the big stores are all but absolutely shapeless, two perfectly straight breadths being used to form a sort of jaunty kimono sack, with pointed back and front. The two lengths have the ends cut bias, this shaping making the front and rear points, and the sleeves are made by catching the breadth edge to edge under the arm. White flannel combing jackets are pretty with blue or pink satin ribbon bindings.

Make a Crochet Buckle.

The girl who crochets can turn out in a few hours several of the crocheted buckles like the dainty one pictured.



CROCHET BUCKLE.

Mercedized white cotton of a rather coarse number is used. Velvet ribbon is looped through the buckle with charming effect.

A WINTER FANCY.

White Velours Hats Are Very Popular.



STUNNING MODEL IN BLACK AND WHITE.

The hat manufacturers know well the popularity of these pretty white velours models, and they are bringing them out by the scores for winter selling.

This white velours hat is faced with black velvet and trimmed with black and white braid used in a most effective fashion. With the hat is shown the "great-grandfather's" stock which is just now the craze with tailored suits.

EMERGENCY CUPBOARDS.

The Unique Contrivance of a Housewife Who Mends For Herself.

"You always seem to have anything handy," I said as Eleanor brought me a button just the size of the one which had unexpectedly vanished from my glove.

"My emergency cupboard," she replied, smiling, then, seeing my questioning glance, added: "Haven't I told you about it? It is rather a good idea, I think, and saves me no end of bother."

"Tell me about it now. What does it mean? It is difficult to start, I suppose?"

Eleanor shook her head. "Quite simple. It is just an ordinary cupboard which would otherwise be given over to lumber. Not at all a big affair, for there are only four shelves in it."

"And you keep in it?"— "Anything and everything which is likely to be wanted in a hurry," Eleanor replied promptly. "One shelf is a sort of needlework place, for on it are all sorts of buttons, various colored cottons, tapes, pins and so on. Then if I want to mend anything in a hurry or persons come to grief when they are here the repairing materials are ready at hand.

"Another shelf I call my hospital. There I keep bandages, cotton wool, ointment, embrocation and other things which usually can never be found quickly enough when wanted, even in the best regulated households."

"And then?"— "Oh, the other two shelves are for emergency visitors. On the one I keep a dainty tray with a cloth on it, spread with an afternoon tea set, biscuit barrel and so on. Having no maid, it used often to be a bother to leave my guests while I got tea. Now I have only to lift out my tray, add a plate of bread and butter and make the tea, and it is ready."

"And the other visitors' shelf?" I queried. "That is the one at which John always laughs," Eleanor said. "But it has been very useful more than once for all that," she added. "On the fourth shelf I keep all sorts of tinned and potted foods—soups, meat, vegetables, fruit. It is only a matter of half a dozen jars and tins altogether, but with them at hand I never fear if an unexpected lot of people come to dinner when we are intending to dine on scraps. Twenty minutes with my emergency cupboard give me a delightful meal."

Passing of Parlor.

Another sign of the times is the passing of the parlor and the making of the best room in the house the living room. Time was when the parlor was like a new suit of clothes, only to be used on special occasions. It was usually furnished with uncomfortable chairs that were covered up during the week and used on Sunday.

Times have changed, however, and people are furnishing living rooms instead of parlors. Here we find the piano and big, comfortable chairs that are ready for business all the time. Some of the big houses have the drawing room, but in the average home the living room has taken the place of the parlor. It is only another sign that people are realizing the necessity of having a house furnished in real home-like fashion.

A Wife's Tea.

Wife—John, which will you have—iced tea, bouillon, cold coffee, grape juice or lemonade?
Husband—Neither. Haven't you got something to drink?—Judge.

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