

Milady's Forum for Household Topics

Little Variations of Fashion That Appeal to the Well-Dressed Woman



Beads Are Here to Stay

PERHAPS the great scarcity of beads of all sorts has somewhat to do with their increasing popularity. You know, they have been "in" for quite some time now. And, what is more, they give charming indication of remaining indefinitely. Milady seems to offer no objection to that. How could she, when beads are responsible for things as lovely as this frock?

It is of satin in the softest, pearliest of grays, and classically straight from the shoulder. Further softness is given by a guimpe of tulle, which, by the way, is removable, so making it possible for the wearer to be strictly decolette or semi, as she chooses, and all with the one frock. But the beads, being quite the most striking thing about the dress, demand special attention. Shimmering iridescent things, they are in exquisitely intricate designs. Note the almost severe route they take, too.

FASHIONDOM

MOLE, beaver and sable promise to be the favorite furs during the coming season, although there is considerable caracul seen and talked about.

Military heels are continuing good style for fall.

Gray squirrel is finding wide favor among the fall furs.

Compellingly pretty camisoles there are that open up the back.

Colored lingerie waistcoats are attracting favorable attention.

Hand-painted felts are the smartest hats recently launched for fall wear.

Silk duvetyne is combined with satin in stunning effects for fall suit models.

Liberty red and infantry blue are two new fall shades which the war has given us.

The new neckwear modes show a decided influence of the prevalence of military styles.

The plumed and the tunic blouse are again admitted as favorites in three-piece suit models.

The collar on your suit blouse must be very, very large, or not a collar at all, but a bound neckline.

The latest veils fit closely over the crown of the hat and fall in long graceful folds down the back.

A very lovely evening scarf is made of red and gold brocade and trimmed with narrow bands of fur.

Oriental girdles of seed pearls are frequently the only ornaments on transparently lovely tulle dance frocks.

Simulated tucks make awfully fetching trimming and at the same time define the waistline on some sweaters.

For every fall hat there must be an accompanying feather. Perhaps this is on the theory that fine feathers make smart hats.

There is more than a rumor that in spite of the lavish use of fur as a trimming, separate fur pieces will be decidedly smaller this year than last.

With the revival of Chantilly lace scarfs for evening wear has come a renewed interest in high tortoise shell combs and gracefully twisted coiffures.

Hats with velvet crowns and brims apparently composed entirely of uncur-



Hand Scalloping, An Unusual Trimming

It is especially unusual used on a semi-tailored silk afternoon frock made with a plain vested blouse and a straight, full skirt. Yet it is the only trimming this French-blue tulle dress can boast, and beautifully sufficient it proves. The deep silk collar, cut very informally and so that it rolls up high and becomingly against the throat, is treated to big hand scallops done in a darker shade of blue than the dress, with a huge round eyelid in every scallop. And, strangely enough, this embroidery idea stops right here. One might reasonably expect to find it repeated at cuff and sleeve ends, but no!

The modest white vest is of alternating bands of organdy and dotted net. The sleeves are very fashionably tight, narrowing cuffless to the hand, and finished with a row of tiny self-covered buttons. The narrow tulle sash is crushed over the gathers at the waist and knotted in a negligent sort of loop at the left side, falling in long ends to the bottom of the plain gathered skirt.

ed ostrich plumes woven together are immensely becoming for formal evening wear.

Smart little fur coats, quite short and featuring a combination of skins, are worn with the utmost chic with a heavy woolen skirt banded at the hem with fur.

Veils are so insistently popular that some hats feature three at once—a small face veil, a square lace panel hanging straight across the front of the hat, and

Whether or not you have a perfectly good set of furs, you must have your winter suit trimmed in addition, for to get too much of the stuff would be quite impossible in the present mode.

Imitation furs and pile cloths are being used quite as extensively as the genuine fur for trimming, and indeed they are vastly to be preferred to the cheaper grades of the genuine article.

HERE IS A FAMILY SPREAD FOR HALLOWE'EN

BY LUCILLE DAUDET.

IN these war days there is an empty chair in many a family, and men friends are scarcer than ever. Very young sets will doubtless have their parties as of yore, but the "in-between" set is pretty well broken up by now. But that does not argue that the night of ghosts, and witches, and gruesome things must go uncelebrated. What about a strictly family party? The strictly family affair is usually held on Thanksgiving; but then that is a much more solemn occasion than Hallowe'en, isn't it?

Can't you just see Mother and Father masqued? Then there are your "sisters, and your cousins, and your aunts" you know. Really it ought to prove a tremendously jolly affair. But you must insist on every one coming in costume, else many of the older members will appear dressed as usual. And the grotesque costuming is half the fun.

Now, by way of planning, let us begin first of all with invitations. Little cardboard bats with one side black and the other white make novel cards. A bit of free verse something like this will give particulars:

On Hallowe'en we meet,
The Club Familia.
Disguise thyself and
Wink both eyes.

64 Gordon Terrace Nine o' the clock.

Then there are decorations and refreshments to consider. Upon these two depends not a little of the success of the evening. There will be witches, bats, black cats, pumpkin heads, caldrons, brooms, cobwebs, and moons to be tastefully distributed. An old automobile headlight with battery attachment covered with orange tissue paper would make a tremendously effective harvest moon. Needless to say, it should occupy a most conspicuous place in the decorative scheme. Gruesome cobweb effects may be secured by hanging smoke gray net over the doorways, and in all nooks and corners of the room. A spider or two suspended from the drapery helps to make things more realistic. Bats are swung on strings from the ceiling, cats may be perched on mantels, cardboard witches riding brooms might hang from the chandeliers; and with a few jack-o'-lanterns and caldrons sprinkled about the whole atmosphere ought to be quite shivery.

But the table ought to be a veritable

"chef d'oeuvre" as far as decorating is concerned. Let the cloth be of black crepe paper with red figures pasted thereon. Demons, scorpions and bon-fires are but a few suggestions. Candle-light alone is sufficient for the spread. And very clever candleshades can be made from black and red paper, the black over the red, cut caldron shape. For a centerpiece, how about using a mirror the edge of which is surrounded by black tissue paper rocks? If the overhead lights are covered in dark red paper, the reflection will be much more effective. Then the caldron lampshades, four of them, might be arranged at equal spacings along the mirror to form a guard of honor. A small black sailboat with an ugly red-eyed witch at the helm sounds appealing, doesn't it?

Every one will agree that the simple, old-fashioned refreshments are the best choice for this old-time form of entertaining. Roast pumpkin, nut and raisin sandwiches with brown bread, deviled

ham and minced olive sandwiches, fruit in abundance, nuts, fudge, molasses candy and cider are substantial goodies. The roast pumpkin would be delightful served right in the shell. Thin wooden plates decorated to simulate tree bark might contain the sandwiches, fruits, nuts and candy. And tree bark cups or halved coconut shells make awfully woody receptacles for the cider.

And after "tummies" are attended to, there must be play. Of course, there will be bobbing for rosy apples, and popping corn, and toasting marshmallows, and fortunes; in fact, all of the old, yet ever new, pastimes for witches night. Apple bobbing may be made just a wee bit different by the concealing in their snowy depths of a ring for the bride-to-be, a thimble for the spinster, a button for the achiever of fame and a coin for the rich man. There are endless other things that you can do to make the evening memorable, but space does not permit of my telling you here.



WAY to give money that is certainly novel is to fold a new bill in such a way that only the portrait upon it will be seen, then fit it into a pretty little gilt frame such as may be found at almost any department store. To people who dislike to give money outright this idea may fill a want.

UPPER shelves of a kitchen cabinet or cupboard are often hard to reach. Place a step, using a small iron bracket, on the lower panel between the two doors and a handle on the upper panel between the doors containing the shelves. By grasping the handle and stepping on the bracket, one can reach the shelves without a chair or step-ladder.

IT is possible to have ice water even when the ice man fails to deliver the goods. Fill an unglazed earthenware jug with cold water and stand it in a soup plate filled with water. Then wet a towel thoroughly and wrap it around the jug, allowing the ends of the towel to rest in the soup plate. In this way it will become icy cold in a very short time.

PAD your ironing board with several thicknesses of an old blanket, drawing smoothly and tacking on one edge. Now take the best part of an old sheet and pin it together at one edge of the board, seam it up, hem the ends and slip it on as you would a pillowcase. If you make two slips you can always have a clean cover.

TO keep windows open and yet feel no draught while sleeping, take an old sheet or a piece of cloth as long as the bed and about a yard and a half wide. Fasten a loop of tape or elastic to the corners of one lengthwise edge, loop over the posts at the head and foot of bed on side next to the window and you have a screen that will keep off all draught but still give plenty of fresh air.

ONE sees the most frivolous dancing boots, high of heel and paper thin of sole, with street garb for shopping and runabout wear in town; but such boots are not correct according to the canons of conventionality. Pretty boots of bronze or light colored glazed kid are intended for formal wear with a dancing or reception frock, when one travels by limousine or brougham; the walking costume in tailored style demands a smart walking boot with long, slender lines, and heel, high perhaps, but not too curved for comfort.

IT is said that there is no sure way of preventing chapping, as one can not always guard against heat, cold and moisture, any of which may produce it. But since this condition is the result of unnatural drying of the skin, it may be guarded against in a general way by keeping the skin soft with some oily substance. Glycerine, glycerine and rose water, vaseline and cold cream are all useful for the purpose, and as applications after chapping has occurred. For chapping of the lips, which is most frequent as well as most annoying, plain, old-fashioned camphor ice is about the most satisfactory remedy. It has a very soothing effect, relieves the smarting and burning and one application last a long time.

HERE'S an easily constructed homemade baby crib: Take a wooden box 38 inches long and 28 inches wide and 28 inches deep. Take four pieces of wood (portiere poles are best), cut 6-inch pieces, fasten to box at bottom corners and put casters on; pad the box a little inside and out and cover with pretty cretonne or silkoline; make a ruffle to put at bottom to hide the legs

and finish off the top of crib with a ruching of the cretonne. A baby is perfectly happy in a crib of this kind, for it can be drawn to any part of the house, being narrow enough to go through the doors easily. The change from room to room will keep the baby more contented. If the crib is made right it will be very pretty and cost very little.

WHEN trimming the neck and armholes of a corset cover use lace and then, instead of stitching, try beading to run the ribbon through, try crocheting just a chain from point to point on the lace, using 40 or 50 crochet cotton; the result is most satisfactory as the ribbon will run through easily and the chain-stitch will outwear any heading.

VISITING is an art. To make people feel at home in their own house is the highest point of human conduct. "He was never any trouble," said a certain woman of her husband, who, though he had never supported her, had nevertheless made her happy thirty years. What an epitaph for a permanent visitor! To visit properly requires supreme gifts. Silent visitors often get on one's nerves more than the parrots. Their staring eyes, their maddening acquiescence in everything done for them, their almost inexhaustible lack of enthusiasm, leave one dead and cold and weary. In contrast, we all know the jumping guest, who is always ready to meet your slightest suggestion, with projectile-like activity, and who bounces about the place from morning till night, jostling your sacred and inviolable ideas and tramping roughshod over your mental gardens.



A Ribbon-Crowned Felt is Unusual

A STRAIGHT length of heavy white grosgrain ribbon is used to cover the entire crown of this chic little felt hat for fall. The hat itself is black, and the white ribbon, which affords a very effective contrast, is secured around the edge of the brim, drawn up over the crown in soft folds, and fastened in a bow in the back. One end of the latter is even allowed to hang gracefully over the edge. Then, lest the ribbon covering seem too detached from the hat itself, it is fastened down to the fabric across the front and on the sides by the most attractive silk embroidery in black and white and yellow. The whole thing is ridiculously simple and naive, and the effect is one of almost careless, unstudied grace. Perhaps it is this very simplicity which makes it so alluring and lends to it just that illusive charm called distinction.



This Negligee Features the Envelope Closing

DON'T the points in front lap over exactly like the flaps of an envelope? The right side goes over the left, and the latter is drawn through a long eyelid and weighted down in place with a ball-and-tassel button. The triangular corners are heavily marked with crocheted motifs. The garment itself is made of a perfect rectangle. It is just as if a straight length of heavy white crepe de chine were thrown over the shoulders and a slight curve cut out across the back for the neck line. The sleeves are measured off by ball-and-tassel buttons threaded through eyelids worked in the wide hemstitched hem. The hemstitching is done in white, but all the crochet, including the buttons, is a lovely deep shade of rose, and the frilled organdy collar and cuffs are a delicate and harmonizing pink.

DIET AND REST FOR HEALTH

BY EDNA EGAN.

A WOMAN who wished to reduce her weight says that she has done so by subsisting almost solely on lettuce, dry toast and minced beef.

A girl to improve her complexion has partaken largely of onion soup, and onions, too, as a vegetable. Someone had told her that the South Sea Islanders, who have the best complexion in the world, live almost entirely on onions; and, well, this girl's complexion has improved since her experiment. Other women have started deep breathing exercises at their open windows, or shower baths followed by the "salt-rub," or are talking all kinds of kitchen physics, such as barley and lemon water, this gruel made with cream (one doctor de-

scribes this as "worth \$5 a cup" for the delicate), or borage tea, camomile tea imbued to induce sleep the last thing at night, etc.

And there is the pineapple juice craze which has also caught on. A certain American official has had a hand in this with his verdict that "If you have one foot in the grave and are a nervous wreck through attacks of indigestion, drink plenty of pineapple juice. It is the very best tonic that nature has ever offered man, and is even a better weapon against old age and decrepitude than the sour milk diet of the Bulgarian peasants."

There is a prejudice against the sour milk, so much appreciated abroad, and which tastes almost exactly like junkies. You simply pour fresh milk into open soup plates and stand them in a cool larder until the milk has turned into a jelly, which happens pretty soon. Partaken of with a little good cream, brown bread crumbs, and sugar, sour milk is very wholesome; really something of a delicacy, and hundreds of peasants in mid-Europe simply live and move and have their being upon it.

The girl whose employer thinks it is a waste of money to give his employes a half day to themselves, or who is too inconsiderate to arrange his work so that he could let them off when he might easily do so, feels that she is badly treated. To her Saturday is the bluest, most trying day in the week. It is hard for her to work when other people are playing. Most people, when Saturday comes, feel the need of a rest and welcome anything that is a change from the regular routine of their work. Even the girl who spends her half holiday at home sewing for herself or doing any one of the countless small tasks she finds to do would miss it terribly if she were deprived of it, and it is as much of a holiday to her as it is to the girl who goes to the theater or to a party.

It seems a pity that all firms that could easily give their employes the half holiday do not do so when it means so much to them. It is hard enough for the people who work for concerns that have to keep open on Saturday afternoon, but those who are employed in places that could close if they wanted to feel worse about not having the holiday.

There are, happily, only a few firms that do not give vacations to their employes, but there are some men who carry economy so far as to refuse to allow their employes to remain away from the office for a week or two during the year. One girl, for instance, has worked for one company for four years and has not had a day's vacation. Her employer does not believe in giving his help anything that he is not obliged to give them and figures that giving vacations is too expensive.