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ABOUT BLACK SILK.

How to Distinguish a Good Article from Inferior Grades.

There are really very few women who can distinguish between a good black silk and an inferior one, and a few hints given by an expert and reported in the Delineator will doubtless be acceptable to many shoppers.

In the first place never be hurried into buying cheap silk. Very often a pretext of its cheapness suggests a genuine bargain, but the wise woman, unless she knows of good reason for the reduction, will choose some other material if she cannot afford to purchase silk at an adequate price. Costliness is of course no guarantee of real value, so the shopper is advised to purchase an eighth of a yard of an admired fabric and test it at leisure when she reaches home. This may seem like a waste to the over-economical mind, but it will prove a good investment if it prevents a bad bargain in the end.

In testing a piece of silk first try to tear it both lengthwise and crosswise. If it gives way readily in either direction you may be sure either that the dye has destroyed the fibers or that the thread is made up of what is known as "waste silk." Pure silk properly dyed is the strongest textile known, but nearly all the cheaper dyes, and particularly the dark colors and black, are made with such a basis that they eat into and weaken the fabric.

The firmness of the weave may be proved by scraping diagonally across the silk with the thumb nail. If the material is strong and pure, any amount of manipulation will not make the threads slip, and if the nail makes a space as wide as its own thickness between the threads the silk is certainly of inferior quality. The next test is applied by raveling a bit of the silk and carefully examining both warp and woof. Often a pure silk warp has a heavily loaded woof, and in other cases, especially in satin weaves, the woof has an inferior backing, the surface being of good silk. Pure silk has a good luster and is very soft, but if the gloss is artificial the fabric will be hard and brittle. When a pure silk has been dyed improperly it looks very much like cotton, but it is somewhat softer.

Another excellent test consists in pulling out the threads both ways and trying their strength. Catch them with both hands an inch apart, give a quick jerk and note the force needed to break them. If they part easily the silk is not good. Tear the silk along the lines from which the threads have been taken, and if there are puckers along the tear they may be regarded as indicating a strong texture. A method of testing that is considered conclusive is to burn a fragment of the silk and also some of the ravelings. If the silk is pure and well dyed it will take fire slowly, even when held directly in the flame, and the fire will go out almost as soon as the silk is withdrawn, leaving ashes that are nearly jet black. Weighted and improperly dyed silk is highly inflammable. It quickly takes fire, and the fire is difficult to extinguish, smoldering after the silk is removed from the flame and leaving ashes that keep the shape of the cloth and are of a light yellowish red tint. Cotton in the fabric can be readily detected by the odor of the smoke. Every woman should remember that the requisite qualities of good silk are strength, smoothness, luster, richness and lightness, no matter how thick the material.

STAND FOR CUT FLOWERS.

How to Make One That Is Ornamental and Yet Not Expensive.

A loose bunch of cut flowers in a dainty bowl or vase is in harmony with almost any surroundings or setting; but such a bowl or vase of flower clusters nowhere appears to better advantage than on some light and graceful stand just large enough for this purpose. Such a stand need not be expensive to be ornamental. The illustration shows one that can easily be made at home. Three legs of bamboo are crossed and screwed to a ball as



shown. The upper ends are inserted in a bit of square pine board—one foot square is a good size. All that remains to be done is to cover this top with some delicate bit of washing silk and to fasten some of the same material down about the sides. The design given in the cut may be followed to advantage, or one's taste and ingenuity may be given the chance to fashion a different arrangement of the silk. In any case a finish of silk balls may well be added to the lower edge, when the whole should be pretty enough for even the daintiest of flowers to rest upon.—American Gardening.

Announcing Baby's Birth. To announce the birth of a baby the visiting card of the mother should be sent to relatives and friends, with the tiny card of the infant attached by narrow white ribbon to the upper left-hand corner. In the past the name of the child was engraved upon the card, but later form dictates simply: "A Little Son" or "Daughter," with the date of birth added. This leaves the name with opportunity of change until christening.

For Five O'Clock Tea. Afternoon tea-table covers are now made with a valance about eleven inches deep; it is gathered moderately full and put on with a cord.



COWN, PELISSE AND CHILD'S FROCK.

The figure on the right shows a frock of dotted taffetas for a little girl. It has a ribbon belt and bows. The central figure shows a pelisse of black lustered cheviot with bone buttons and velvet collar. The figure at the left shows lilac and gray silk rays, cut en princess, with a vest front of silver gray satin and striped silk laid in plaits. There is a plaited pelerine. The sleeves are puffed and draped.

Earth's Greatest Sufferer.

The nihilist doomed in Siberian wants to live in his exile gloom may possibly think he is fated to taste the cup of bitterest doom, and the slave who toils for another's gain with liberty denied may think he suffers the greatest pain that the human soul has tried, and the innocent soul adjudged of crime and passed to a felon's doom may think no soul that has lived in time has suffered a heavier gloom. But the grief of all of those men combined can never amount to the sum of the torment, awful, condensed, refined, of the man of the musical chum.—New York World.



A Great Love.

Hodge—Aye, zur, pogs be every bit zame as human beings. See thickey un. I do love to just like a son, I do. (Pensively) Reekon e'll be 'bout fit to kill th' end o' next week!

How He Stopped It.

A bachelor is not usually accredited with much knowledge about the proper treatment of children, but sometimes they step in where angels—that is, the mothers of the children—fear to tread. A well known man about town, who is pretty well on in years and not very fond of children, stopped in to see a married sister the other day and found her trying to amuse her little boy, about 5 years. Not long after he arrived, she stepped out of the room to attend to some household matter or other, leaving him alone with the child. The latter eyed him dubiously for some minutes. He was a spoiled child if ever there was one, and had no idea of making promiscuous acquaintances.

The bachelor tried to make the little one laugh, but all he got for his antics was a sour look. Finally, without any warning, the child burst out crying. Here was a quandary to be sure. He didn't dare to pick the boy up and soothe him. His attempts in the verbal line were dismal failures. What should he do? Finally a thought struck him. He looked at the crying youngster, and the crying youngster looked at him through his tears. He was evidently much pleased with the impression he was making.

"Cry louder," said he. "The child obeyed. "Louder yet," urged the bachelor. "A yell went up that would have done credit to an Indian. "Cry louder still," insisted the man, and the boy did his best to obey. "Louder," fairly howled his uncle. "I won't," snapped the infant, and he shut his mouth with a click and was quiet for the rest of the day.—Philadelphia Press.

Personally Conducted.

Entertainer—We are now, my friends, about to pay a visit to Niagara falls. We shall gaze in rapture on this world renowned catarrh. We shall see its maddened waters, gathering strength and fury as they approach the fearful brink, dash wildly over the precipice into the boiling depths below. Our entranced vision shall dwell upon the thrilling spectacle, and as we gaze spellbound at the majestic splendors of this matchless scene we shall listen to the thunder of Niagara's awestruck voice. In its deep diapason nature shall convey to our souls through the external organs of hearing her inmost harmonies and speak to us in the language of music—the music of the spheres, the symphony of the universe, immortal, untaught, with a past reaching back to the radiant morn when creation awoke from chaos and a future stretching forward to the limitless ages of eternity. (To assistants) Harris, start the kinetoscope. Jacobson, put the phonograph in motion.—Chicago Tribune.

Shirts mended by the Peerless.

A Compensating Circumstance.

A young man clad according to the latest style was counting over some bills as he stepped from the office door to the street. "Excuse me, my friend," said a citizen with a bad looking silk hat and only one button of his frock coat in active service. "Have you ever given any attention to the science of bacteriology?" "Not much." "Then it has probably never occurred to you that your money has bacilli on it." "Bacilli!" repeated the gilded product of a frivolous decade. "Yes, sir." "Well, that may be. But there are no flies on it."—Detroit Free Press.

A Matter of Doubt.

"Marla," he said thoughtfully, "I want to ask you something." "Do you think that you'll ever have a vote?" "I do, assuredly." "If you get one and I run for office, will you cast it for me?" "She was thoughtful for some time; then she said: "Hiram, I can't say yet, not till our debating society has passed on the question whether a woman's first duty is to her friends or her country."—Washington Star.

Very Much Taken.

The crowd at the fair were going to have their pictures taken in a group as a souvenir, and the pretty girl, who had been making eyes at the tall young man, smiled up at him and said softly: "I want to be taken with you." He looked down into her eyes ineffably. "I am already taken with you," he murmured, and she liked to have had a companion fit right there.—Detroit Free Press.

Enough to Support.

She—I am afraid there is no hope. He—Eh! What did your father say when you told him that I wanted to marry you? She—He said he couldn't afford it.—New York Weekly.

Limited Affection.

"Does she love music?" "M—yes. But not enough to keep away from the piano."—Washington Star.

The Rock Island

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Priests of Pallas parade, for grand ball, for Carnival Krewes, the Santa Fe will sell tickets to Kansas City and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets sold October 1 to 7 inclusive, good to return including October 8. Special train from Kansas City to Topeka after Priests of Pallas parade October 2. Santa Fe route. Priest of Pallas Parade at Kansas City October 2. Special train leaving Kansas City after the parade by the Santa Fe route. \$2.00 for the round trip.

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