

Mexican crisis, gained so firm a foothold the organization is being extended to many seacoast and inland cities of the nation.

At first the movement was only for sailors, but soldiers wrote in asking

### PLAIN AND CLASSY



VIRGINIA  
WILLYS

Hot Springs, Va.—The plainest of frocks, coats and hats are now worn by small folk who belong to the group of fashionable people assembled here. A good example is this play dress for cool days worn by Virginia Clayton Willys, daughter of John N. Willys of Toledo and Pasadena.

for "mothers" and the women extended the movement to include the army.

The "sons" write back telling they appreciate the interest their "mothers" take in them.

When they are on leave, their "mothers" await them to see what their letters actually have done.

Some of the rules of the Mothers' club are:

"Write as though the boy were your own son.

"Don't send money, but encourage him to save.

"Get an encyclopedia, select places of interest for him to see and give you a complete description. This will be of educational value and give him something definite to do.

"Make your suggestive influence clean and help to destroy those of the saloon. The land sharks are the sailor's worst enemy. He is ours to honor and protect in compensation for his protection of us."

### ANY WOMAN MAY BE A 'MOTHER'

Any woman who has interest in Uncle Sam's soldiers and sailors may join the Mothers' Correspondence club and become a "mother" to some orphan boy in the service.

To become a "mother," write to Mrs. Emma F. Ellis, Indianapolis, Ind. She has a list of the boys who need the comforts of a mother and the blessings of a home. She will send you the name of one of them who will be your "son."

### TODAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

April 24, 1848.—Democratic state convention held in Springfield.

Manufacturers' Record says that the total value of the south's agricultural products, including animal products, in 1916 was more than \$4,650,000,000, or only 8 per cent less than the total for the U. S. in 1900.

The patriot follows the flag.