

BEING A BOY  
By Byron Williams.



Yes, being a boy has its triumphs,  
At least to a man looking back—  
A glamorous, glorious boyhood!  
Utopian joys, what a stack!  
With swimming, and fishing, and trap-  
ping,  
And hunting the Indian wild!  
Ah! days of Cocagne, lotus laden,  
When man was a minion—a child!  
But nevertheless in my dreaming  
There rackets, my ardor to cool,  
The thoughts of the mandate which bade  
me  
Saw wood for the house after school!

Far harder and tougher, than rock  
At sunset when all of my fellows  
Were tempting the big fish to bite,  
'Twas I to that tyrant, the woodpile,  
To get up the wood for the night!  
The stoves were red demons of fury  
That roared in their gurgling hiss,  
Each generous crackle and sparkle  
Portending more sawing for me!

Practical Fashions

MISSIE'S DRESS.



The beautiful gown here shown was developed in white organdy with trimming of wide and narrow insertion and Val lace edging. The design is a splendid one for the fashioning of a graduation dress. If the frock is desired in colored material, silk mousseline, cotton voile or Persian lawn can be used.

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INFANT'S CAPE.



This comfortable and practical garment is very simple to make, and, besides, is quite attractive looking. It is made with a hood, the latter being lined with silk. Ribbon is tacked at the front of the cape as illustrated, an d tied in a bow when the garment is on. White cashmere, serge or mohair can be used.

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Why, of Course!  
A dentist was filling a lady patron's back teeth. When he had finished with the first tooth he handed the lady a hand mirror that she might see the result for herself. Then he went on with his task, repeating the performance with the mirror after each tooth was filled.

Finally, when the job was completed and she had handed back the mirror with thanks, he said:  
"Well, madam, how do they look to you?"  
"How do what look to me?" she returned.  
"The teeth I just filled."  
"O, I forgot about the teeth!" she exclaimed, reaching for the hand glass.  
"What did you look at each time I gave you the mirror?"  
"My hair."—National Monthly.

The KITCHEN CABINET



WHATEVER our station in life may be, those of us who mean to fulfill our duty ought, first, to live on as little as we can, and secondly, to do all the wholesome work we can and to spend all we can spare in doing all the sure good we can.

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.  
The number of household appliances which are on the market are growing in number daily. A good agent will make a susceptible housewife feel that life without his special article will be a barren waste and not worth living.

These household conveniences, so-called, are made mostly to sell and it is the wise woman who can quickly decide as to its usefulness. Is it a labor saver and a good investment? It usually takes more skill to use an appliance for saving labor than it does to continue with the old-time methods.

Many of our helpful appliances are excellent helpers in a large family which, in a smaller one, would be only a nuisance. A turkey roaster to be used once or twice a year is a doubtful investment; its room is better than its company.

If a household appliance saves a housekeeper's time and strength, giving her time for rest and open air recreation, it is money well spent. In how many farm houses where money is spent lavishly for farm machinery do we find a fireless cooker, a bread mixer, an up-to-date washing machine or a motor to run both the washer and the sewing machine? The farmer spends hundreds of dollars on his work where the wife has one. She must wait on and feed one or two hired men; he needs and must have help, while she cares for the children and often is asked to come out and help in the fields. Is it any wonder that our insane asylums are largely filled by farmers' wives?

It is better economy to buy a few labor-saving devices than to pay doctor bills. For a large family a steam cooker is a great saving of time and fuel, a whole dinner for a dozen may be cooked in it over one burner of a gasoline stove.

A gasoline or blue flame stove should be in every country home for use in hot weather where gas or electricity is not obtainable.

For a small family one of the small ovens which fit one burner are great fuel savers. For a large baking or general use they are not economical, but for one or two dishes, a tin of biscuits and a pie they are certainly worth the cost.

The vacuum cleaners now run by gasoline, which go from house to house, are a great boon to the overworked house cleaner.

DREARY place would be this earth,  
Were there no little people in it;  
The song of joy would lose its mirth  
Were there no children to begin it.

SOME COOLING DRINKS.  
Refreshing drinks are always acceptable, and the housewife who keeps her ice chest supplied with some of these is always a delight to her friends.

Almond Drink.—Blanch three dozen sweet almonds and pound to a pulp, boil them in two quarts of milk, adding a vanilla bean, which may be removed in a short time; sweeten with a half pound of sugar, cool and strain. Serve in lemonade glasses.

Barley Water.—Wash two ounces of pearl barley and add it to two quarts of cold water; heat slowly and boil until reduced to a quart. Add two ounces of loaf sugar and the juice of a lemon; strain and set aside to get cold.

Fruit Syrup.—Boil together a pint of fruit and a pint of water (any juicy fruit may be used), stirring from time to time, then strain and add sufficient sugar to sweeten—a pound and a half to this amount. Boil for ten minutes and then bottle to use, allowing a tablespoonful of the syrup to a tumblerful of water.

Tea Punch.—Make a strong infusion of English breakfast tea, a teaspoonful to a cup of boiling water. For a quart of tea add a half cup of sugar which has been cooked with a little water until it spins a thread. Remove and add to the strained tea with the juice of two or three lemons and an orange. A few slices of the fruit may be left in.

Mint Julep.—Boil a cup of sugar with a pint of water for twenty minutes. Crush six sprigs of mint and pour a cupful of boiling water over it. Allow it to stand ten minutes, strain and pour into the syrup. To this add strawberry, raspberry and lemon juice. Serve very cold.

FOR THE SMALL DAUGHTER

Dainty Lingerie Hats, So Popular Just Now, May Very Well Be Made at Home.

Now is the time to fashion dainty lingerie hats for the small daughter. There are so many attractive models newly arrived from Paris which may be duplicated by any one who can sew. These smart, summery articles of headgear may be fashioned of batiste, lace, net, finest linen or chiffon. Ribbon in dainty shades and flowers adorn these fascinating bits of millinery.

Purchase a wire frame the desired shape and cover with a plain lining of lawn. Over this place a covering of dotted batiste or eyelet embroidery.

Gather the batiste about the extreme edge of the hatbrim, allowing a half-inch heading, which forms a frill.

Shir this close at the base of the crown and draw together at the top. To make a neater finish, sew a medallion over the top of the crown.

A yard and a half of batiste or eyelet embroidery is required to make a medium-sized hat.

Trim the hat with light-blue or pink ribbon, folding it softly about the crown. Arrange a chou of the ribbon to adorn the left side.

The quaint little Breton hats are, as a rule, becoming, and are not difficult to make. The puffed crown is made of a circular piece of allover embroidery or lace. This should be slightly over a half yard in diameter.

Gather and sew this to a straight band which fits the head. A pleated frill of the lace or embroidery frames the face.

Three quarters of a yard of pleating is sufficient. If desired, the frill may be of embroidery edging. A wreath of tiny flowers adorns the band.

MADE FROM AN OLD MIRROR

Artistic and Useful Tray for the Dining Room With Handsome Mahogany Frame.

A tray that is a marvel for artistic beauty and usefulness in the dining room consists of a mahogany frame 19 x 25 inches. The tray was once the frame of an old-fashioned mirror. The frame and glass were bought at a household sale for the nominal sum of fifteen cents. Both were apparently marred beyond remedy. It was taken apart and the frame sent to a professional furniture finisher to be done over.

When it was returned it never could have been recognized as the cast-off frame. Its finish was the beautiful, satiny one of mahogany. The man who bought the mirror removed the mercury from the glass by first covering it with turpentine and then rubbing over it with a circular movement, using a silver dollar laid flat. The tray was then ready to be put together. Under the glass was put a piece of poinsettia-flowered material which was left from an upholstered chair. The wooden back was then put on, and over this was glued a piece of dark red outing flannel, so that the tray would not scratch a table upon which it was placed. A pair of handles were then put on, at the price of ten cents each, and the tray was finished. The entire cost was a little more than one dollar. Such a tray—remember the frame is of real mahogany—would cost about ten dollars in a furniture store. The tray is placed upon a small stand, and used when tea is served by the fireside in winter or upon the cool veranda in summer.

POPULAR IN PARIS.



A charming "Masque" in crin "Blen Nuit," lined with taffetas of the same shade. The only trimming a long blue and black "Lancer Feather."

Leather Flowers.  
The newest type of corsage bouquet is the flower composed of leather colored to match the gown. Red and yellow leather roses are worn, with the petals beautifully cut to imitate nature, and, as they are very costly, it is not probable that they will become hackneyed.

The shot taffeta roses are welcomed as a change from the flowers of self-colored satin, blooms which, however, are still seen, and find great favor with many wearers.—Pittsburg Post.

Wool Shawls.  
Little Shetland wool shawls are much better for seashore use than scarfs of chiffon or mousseline de soie, as they do not crinkle in the dampness; their price is far from prohibitive, averaging less than a dollar; they have a recommendation in always being becoming to any woman, and especially to young girls.

CRYSTAL SHOWER NEW OUTING SUIT DESIGNS

IDEA SO GOOD THAT IT AT ONCE "CAUGHT ON."

Form of Showing Affection for Future Bride is an Excellent One—Accompanying Luncheon May Be Appropriately Served.

Glass is a shower that is new and is most welcome. It not only includes the ordinary glass furnishings of the dining room closet and sideboard, but dozens of useful things for the kitchen, many of which were unknown ten years ago.

This is called a crystal shower. Invitations might be written on isinglass and they might invite the prospective guests to a crystal luncheon on a certain day and date. A postscript, which is, of course, omitted on the invitation card of the future bride, announces a crystal shower that follows the luncheon and invites each guest to send in advance of the date any crystal contribution which she wishes to make, ticketed with her name.

Naturally, glass appointments are used as much as possible for the luncheon table setting. Every household boasts a certain number of these crystal appointments in the way of flower bowls, candlesticks, side dishes, saucers and the like. All the remainder which is necessary to carry out the effect can be added from the cheap glass goods in the ten-cent stores. For the centerpiece have the glass slipper of Cinderella filled with tangles or flowers.

At each cover have a place card, on which is written, together with the name of the guest, some allusion to or proverb concerning glass which the guest is required to read aloud and complete or amplify.

For instance, the word "Houses" might be amplified into the proverb about people who live in glass houses throwing stones. Or the guest can be called on to say who was described as "The glass of fashion," or whence we have the saying "Through a glass darkly." All those who answer the glass questions successfully might draw for a prize in the shape of a good hand-mirror.

WALKING COSTUME



Navy blue ribbed serge is chosen here. The skirt is a plain well-fitting shape, cut a convenient walking length.

The coat is semi-fitting and has cut-away fronts which fasten below the material-faced revers; satin is used for the collar.

Hat of coarse straw, trimmed with roses and an egrette.

Materials required: 4 1/2 yards serge 46 inches wide, 1/2 yard satin for collar, 4 yards silk or satin for lining coat, 9 buttons.

Wired Sleeves.  
Paquin makes a specialty of designing attractive gowns for the young girl.

A wonderfully lovely model is a modified revival of the fashion popular during the second empire.

The material used is pale coral pink tulle over white liberty satin.

The low round décolletage is finished by a frill of finely pleated lace. Here and there nestling among the billowy folds is a pink rose.

The waistband and flat bow at the back are fashioned of deeper coral velvet.

SHORT SKIRT A MARKED FEATURE OF FASHION.

Neck and Arms Always Displayed—Flannel "Blazer" One of the Best-Liked Garments for the Season of Vacation.

Most of the outing suits provided for women and girls are of the short-skirted species, the waists always showing neck and arms in the cuts. But if the garment is made at home, it is a simple matter to add an inch or two to the model while cutting out, for, after all, a wee bit more in a skirt length takes nothing from its smartness and heavy-limbed figures undoubtedly need the addition.

One of the most convenient garments for vacation use is a flannel blazer of the sort shown in the illustration. These useful and stylish jackets have taken the place of other wraps for boating, yachting, golf, tennis, etc., and they are kept by all the good shops, selling from four dollars and a half up. It seems scarcely worth while to make one when the garment can be bought so cheaply and will display a good cut and finish as well, but there is no use denying that the homemade garment means a certain saving of money, and since the outing blazers fit loosely many domestic sewers will be able to turn them out very nicely.



A Flannel Blazer of This Sort is a Convenient Garment for the Seashore or Country.

MARY DEAN.

Novel Development.  
Milliners and dressmakers are both expecting a large use of that most beautiful of materials, lace, whether real or machine made. Irish lace has come again to the front very much of late, and already has displaced to a considerable extent the venetian imitations that were in such favor, and, indeed, are so still.

A smart coat is made of white cloth with a panel down either side from under the armhole. These panels are composed of black velvet with very wide insertions of Irish lace crossing them and placed equi-distant, with intervals of their own width of the velvet showing.

Appropriate Jewelry.  
Harness or trunk buckles of silver and copper are most artistic looking and used on the leather belts which girls wear with their short skirts and shirt waists, and if there is a chain watch it may be suspended by a job of silver or copper to match. The new shirts have cuffs fitted with old-fashioned links, which should, of course, agree with the ornaments on the belt. But most women prefer the wristlet watch for outdoor purposes.