

A CONSPIRACY

"You may come along if you want to, but I should think you'd hate to be always tagging." Berta said with a small, insolent laugh.

According to the countryside Linda was even ugly.

People who were all for roses and dimples and sunny smiles saw no beauty in Linda's olive complexion, her severely classic profile and the slim figure.

At first Berta liked to have Linda go out with her, finding in her dark hair time to play her own charms.

Not for worlds would she have admitted to herself her feeling really had its origin in certain praises of Linda's spoken by Alston Wade.

"You won't be lonesome. All the old maids in town are sure to be at the Anslays' she ran on as they stepped into the carriage.

"It would be better if you'd put on a black frock, a short one, and a white apron. Then you could help serve things," she went on.

Linda flushed and made a motion toward the carriage door, almost as if she would leave it. In a moment, however, she sank back on the cushion.

"Well, I'm going to have the best time of my life. As you say, I shan't be lonesome. Peggy says she's asked everybody in town over six months old."

"Soon they rolled through the Anslay gates in sight of green lawns, flower decks and as soft as velvet.

Children ran around picking flowers unhindered or flung them down to roll ecstatically on the grass.

Linda longed to gather the toddlers in her arms and carry them off to a fairy land.

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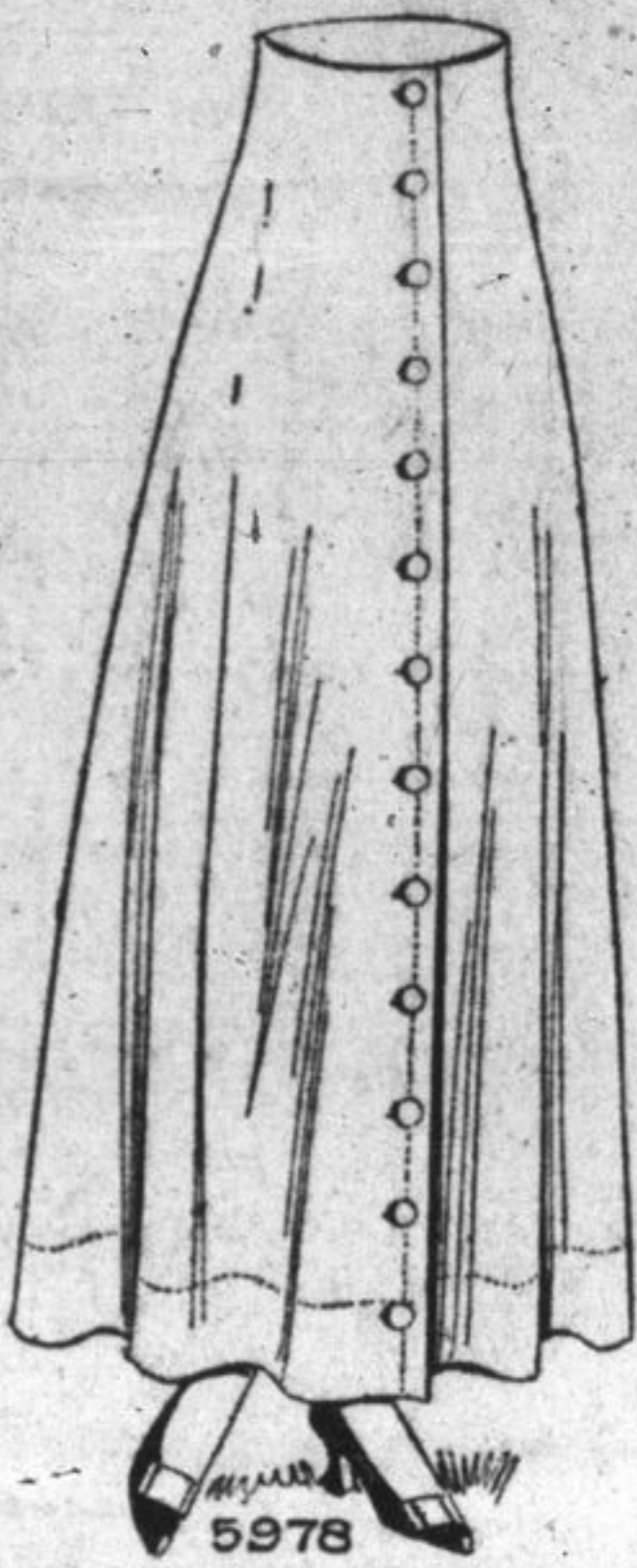
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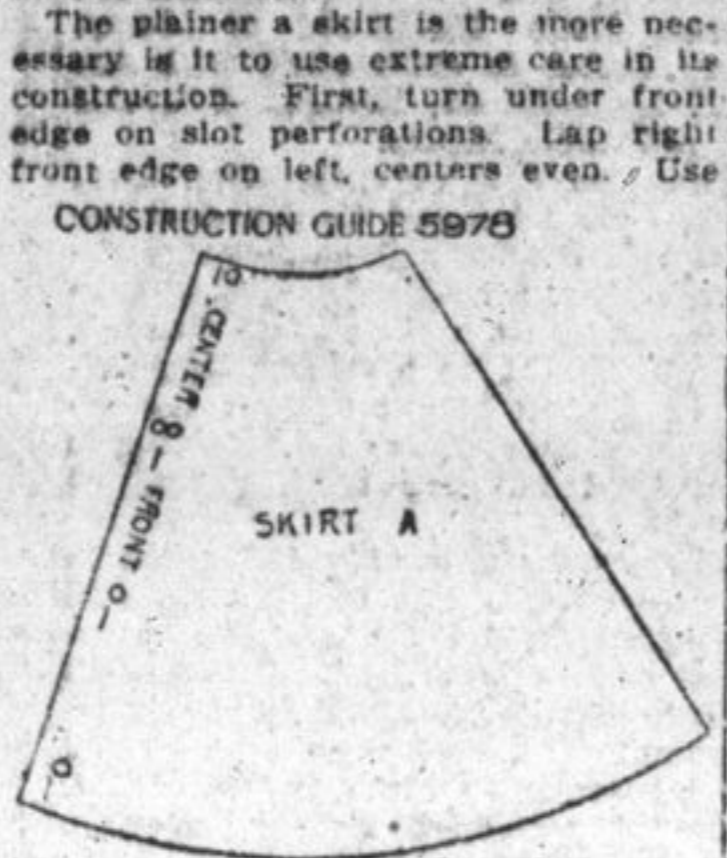
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THE SHORT CIRCULAR SKIRT



quired, but the smartness of the new effects will be unquestioned.



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New circular skirt model that may be cut in one or two pieces.

All of a sudden skirts have grown shorter and wider.

ner and gone to live abroad.

Alston had Berta beside him, and Berta was more vivaciously beautiful than ever.

"We will go together," I also am going to help," Alston said, taking Linda's hand.

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"I told her she should hear the end of the conspiracy," Mrs. Wade said, laughing.

A Swede was working for a farmer, who demanded punctuality above everything else.

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CHILDHOOD CONSTIPATION

Baby's Own Tablets are an absolute cure for childhood constipation. They never fail to regulate the bowels and sweeten the stomach.

Salute or Die. It is necessary to go back to the days of William Tell, the national hero of Switzerland.

The gallant major—the twentieth century counterpart of the despot Gessler, whose tyranny in Switzerland provoked the insurrection of William Tell—seems to have originally intended that this homage should be restricted to the German officers.

Let people in this country try to imagine what the effect of a proclamation of this kind would be upon them if promulgated by the officers of some invading foreign army.

Almost Cured. "I had my dyspepsia almost cured once," said Crabbe.

"You're Too Young, Sonny." A Ramsgate lad, Reginald, Smith, whose father and five uncles served the colors, ran away from home and walked to London.

The girl who steals a man's heart is liable to get a life sentence at hard labor.

There's nothing better than the old-fashioned brand of homemade charity.

JAPAN'S DARING WHALERS

They Prove Their Mettle In Handling Harpooned Whales. Many of the Japanese whalers are most expert and daring men.

The skilled Jap, after jumping upon the animal's back and cutting two gashes in the head, one on each side, through which a rope must be run and tied, cannot always perform his work in one trial.

The Jap is safer from being drowned than from being crushed by the infuriated animal's tail.

But the main business in hand is the capture of the whale. As the fight progresses and the maddened, frightened animal grows weaker and finally is dying the boat crews row closer to the body and pray for the ease of the departing spirit.

Little Hints On Style. A new material that is growing in popularity for suits is called shark-skin.

All kinds of metal laces, with tassels of bullion or beads, give a rich and barbaric touch to the season's garments.

Chantilly lace, flounces, shawls, capes and coats are utilized on the gowns for evening wear which are costlier than ever.

Fine black coats are made with military collars and artillery capes.

Net flouncings show wonderful designs of sparkling spangles.

Some of the new dresses show skirts cut full and no overskirts.

Marabou and ostrich are frequently combined in the new neckpieces.

Silk rattice, plaid or striped, is used for charming girdles and trimmings.

Satin and chiffon is a favorite combination for the dark-colored blouse.

What Was Lacking. James started his third helping of pudding with delight.

"Once upon a time, James," admonished his mother, "there was a little boy who ate too much pudding, and he burst."

James considered. "There ain't such a thing as too much pudding," he decided.

"There must be," continued his mother, "else why did the little boy burst?"

James passed his plate for the fourth time, saying, "Not enough boy."

Even a woman of good standing expects a seat in a crowded car.

Occasionally we meet a man who speaks his wife's mind when he talks.

The less some men know about anything the louder they talk about it.

Many a man is his own master simply because none of the girls will have him.

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