

GRATIFIED AMBITION

Sarah Marvin had one great ambition. She longed with all her heart to become a member of the Woman's club.

Sarah Marvin lived in a house of seven rooms, four of which were occupied by young men boarders. It may be said that they occupied the fifth room also, which was the living room. It was always strewn with their belongings—a mandolin here, a pipe there, and newspapers and novels wherever they could find a convenient foothold.

When her husband had finished his job of drinking himself to death Sarah found herself with a mortgage and numerous debts to pay. She was a brave, sturdy, hopeful little woman. Some of her neighbors kept boarders, which gave her the idea that she, too, could keep boarders. She decided to admit them only, since they would be "out from under foot" most of the time.

The Woman's club was exclusive. It had several departments, and educated as well as entertained. In her heart Sarah felt that she was not unworthy of it. She had been a teacher with a normal school diploma when she threw herself away in a fit of young girl romanticism by marrying Bert Marvin, and she had some books which she still regarded as "her own."

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with a welcome—"So glad to see you, Mrs. Martin."

The secretary gave a prolonged stare. She was not a woman or response. "Marvin?" she repeated, blankly.

"I'm Mrs. Sarah Marvin, who keeps the boarding house on Essex street. I hope there's no mistake. Oh, no," lied the secretary. Sarah tried to rest on what assurance, but she was uneasy. Her unconscious became actual alarm when presently she heard herself being discussed behind her back.

For a moment Sarah felt ready to faint; then her native grit rallied. She understood now. She was the wrong woman. All these other women knew of her was that she kept boarders and was old Bert Marvin's widow. She felt called to vindicate herself. When she had done this she would withdraw from the club. She was facing the greatest disappointment of her life, but at least she would show these women that she possessed the dignity of some knowledge and culture.

She got upon her feet trembling she began to talk. In three minutes she told them more about Hugo and his masterpiece than they had ever known. In those three minutes she imagined two armies facing one another and who she was. She was back before her class in literature in that western academy where she had been so popular. She gathered spirit and inspiration as she went on, and before she ended she gave the faintest smile to the women who had heard a pin drop in the room. A perfect wave of applause thanked her as she sat down.

"Mrs. Adams sailed over to her," Mrs. Marvin that was very fine. You have infused new spirit into our club. I'm sure we shall all appreciate Hugo as never before. You must have a paper for us at our next literary evening.

Sarah interrupted calmly, "But I shall be here. You see, I'm here tonight only by mistake, and I intend to withdraw my name."

There was a flurry of course. She had more than vindicated herself. She had proved herself an acquisition. They crowded round her and begged her to stay with them.

And Sarah stayed.

"BULLS" IN PARLIAMENT.

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A special classroom is set apart for their use, and the education committee have fitted up a corner as a kitchen, providing a firegrate, a gas-stove, etc. The girls bring all sorts of articles from home and learn how to clean them. They are taught how to cook, lay tables, and take care of a baby. The "infant" is a dummy one, but it is addressed, bathed, dressed again, and put to sleep with all the proper formalities.

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Those not familiar with military tactics have a very vague idea as to how an army is surrounded. It is generally believed that a commander who schemes to encircle his enemy with an impenetrable ring of guns and men must conceive some method of manoeuvring his troops round to the rear of his opponent's army. It is possible, however, to do a general well versed in field tactics to cleverly "roll up" a large body of troops by frontal attack alone. This is accomplished by means of flanking movements.

For purposes of example let us imagine two armies facing one another drawn up in two long lines. Behind one of the battle lines a body of reserve troops stealthily makes their way over to the right. Their purpose is to make a sudden onslaught on one end of the enemy's line. At exactly the right moment, when the artillery fire is at its fiercest, the reserve troops violently attack the forces situated at the extreme left of the enemy's front. The attacking force, owing to its overwhelming numbers, bends back the end of the assailed army. "It refuses its right," as military men say.

At the opposite end of the line a similar attack is launched, which has the effect of forcing back the enemy's right. An army which "refuses" almost at the same time its "left" and "right" wing is doomed. Unless a very speedy retreat is carried out the whole force is "rolled up," as both its flanks are forced back.

As the right and left flanks of the enemy give ground the attacking troops slowly force their way to the rear of the assailed army, closing in the while. The result is that within a few hours the defeated force is entirely surrounded, although in the first instance it was attacked from its front alone.—Pearson's Weekly.

The theory that it is never too late to mend influences a lot of us to coddle our bad habits.

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It is always easier to blame the man who gives us advice than to blame our own judgment for acting upon it.

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A PRETTY TUB FROCK.

up the deficiency in dress materials. The skirt is trimmed with tucks.

If you have a dainty, inexpensive remnant of cotton voile or any other material that is not quite sufficient for a full costume, make it up in this design and use a guipure net chignon or batiste to make up the deficiency. The skirt is a straight, gathered affair, finished with graduated tucks. The waist has a round neckline in either high or low effect and is bound with plain silk to match the skirt.

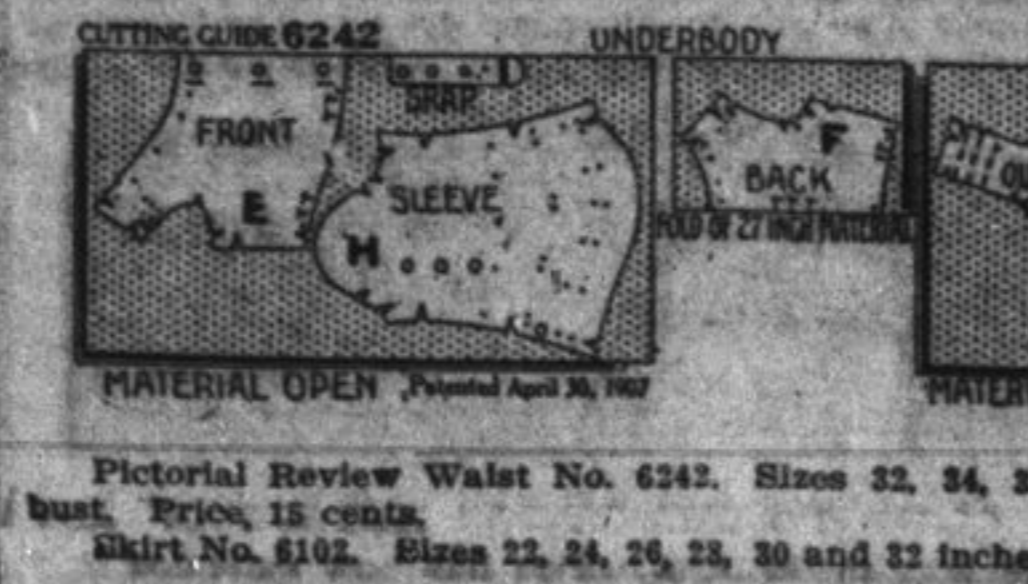
The waist, in fact, is a model that adapts itself admirably to renovation schemes. Six yards 36-inch material, with 2 yards 36-inch chignon make the entire costume, but for a waist alone just the chignon and 1 yard of 36-inch material are required.

Continuing the lesson of today to the cutting of the waist, we first proceed by laying the guipure material open so that the front and sleeve may be placed upon it. Both of these sections are laid on a lengthwise thread of the goods and the strap is placed to the right of the front, just opposite the sleeve.

Folding the materials, now place the back on the lengthwise fold and follow the small "0" perforations in determining how deep the neck is to be rounded out.

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