

DRESS

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The Fashion of a Separate Bodice for the Evening Never Quite Dies Down, and It Is Revived This Winter in Splendid Metallic Fabrics.

New York.—The women of another day considered a dark skirt and a light, brilliant bodice an economical evening gown. It may be for this reason, or for its novel beauty, that such a frock is revived into the fashions every few seasons.

The war did not teach women to be economical as the world thought. There is no doubt that it taught them something of the spirit of sacrifice, and certainly American women will not totally agree with the English countess who said that as far as the women are concerned, "America had a very pleasant little war." But if the truth must be told there is no evidence of economy of the slightest order concerning money values, of a desire to save and reduce living expenses.

It may not be right to judge a nation by extravagance in great cities, and this is as true of the United States as of France and England; but the observer who has the opportunity to see all classes of people does not notice an extraordinary attitude toward economy.

There seems to be a somewhat defiant attitude, brought about by the critical industrial unrest, that it is wise to spend all now, because tomorrow one may have nothing. It is not a good doctrine. It is unwise and usually an untrue one. But there is no gainsaying the fact that America appears to be as extravagant as does Paris.

However, the doctrines of economy may have infiltrated into the system without one being conscious of it. It is true that the making over of old clothes does not grow apace, even though one has to pay between two and three hundred dollars for a tailored suit at a department store that once asked one hundred dollars for the same suit. There is no dearth of buyers, however, no matter what prices are asked. The dressmakers say they cannot fill their orders and that no one seems to object to the rise of fifty or sixty per cent in the cost of apparel.

But all that is a bit off the subject of a dark suit and a brilliant bodice, unless one realizes that all these fashions are straws in the current.

All the small things of life show how the great things are tending. Therefore, when women adopt a dark velvet skirt because it does not need cleaning as often as a light one, there may be some subconscious feeling that this extravagance cannot last and that the war has taught a lesson which is in the soul, if not on the surface.

Brilliant Mingling of Fabrics.

There has been a few great artists in the dressmaking world who have insisted that the juxtaposition of a metallic or jeweled bodice against a dark skirt has artistic beauty and that it has been carried through the centuries from primitive days as an admirable way of enhancing the beauty of a woman's costume.

The trouble with such a fashion lies in the fact that amateurs bungle it. Women who wear red satin waists with dark cloth skirts—and there are such, for I have seen them in the last month—and the ones who spoil the fashion. It is an economical style that calls for splendid handling—and if the truth be told, all economy in food and in dress requires a master hand. It is for this very reason that economy is usually so shabby, unattractive and degrading to the person who must indulge in it.

The sketch shows a gown made for a debutante who insisted upon some form of black velvet. The effect is youthful.

The skirt is gathered to the waistband and shows a pleated ruffle at its top. There is a silver cloth fastened at the side, and the bodice, which is cut in a primitive manner, is made of blue and silver brocade, the supple

kind that looks like chiffon. It has short sleeves and drops in a narrow panel down the front of the skirt to the hem.

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ONE WAY TO USE PICKLES.

The wise cook or housewife knows that various sorts of pickles and pickle concoctions, such as chile sauce, chowchow, "pickle lilly" and the rest, may be used in many ways in the preparation of tempting and appetizing dishes. To be sure, some women know of no other way of using them save to put them in a dish and pass them with the meat or fish course. They can also be used in the actual cooking of those dishes, and if the pickles and relishes are home-made, so much the better.

Then you can be sure of just what pickles are used in preparing them, and, moreover, you have the satisfaction of knowing that they are not expensive.

If you have any home-made catsup or chile sauce, use this when you want to make an appetizing left-over dish from beef or lamb. One good way is to cut the left-over meat in small bits, add it to some boiled rice and mix this in a baking dish and then pour over the top a good addition of the chile sauce or catsup. You will need additional salt and possibly a little onion, but the relish will give you all the other seasoning you need. It is also a good idea to use a little of these tomato relishes with hamburger steak meat.

A little tomato catsup added to French dressing or mayonnaise gives color and flavor that is delicious and is sure to tickle the palate of the epicure. In making hearty luncheon sandwiches it is a good idea to grind cooked meat and then add a little of the catsup or chile sauce to make a paste to spread on the slices of bread. If the chile sauce seems to be watery it would be better to drain it when using it in this way.

Old-fashioned pickled lilly can be used with left-over meat in the same way. Or it can be used in the following: In a bowl mix together the lilly and a little mayonnaise. This makes a delicious luncheon salad.

If you want to make Russian dressing in a hurry, drain some chopped sour pickles and add them to a thick mayonnaise dressing. Almost any sort of pickle relish may be added to mayonnaise dressing in this way to give variety.

Colonel Henry has handed to M. Thordoroff, Chief of the Bulgarian delegation, the Allied reply to the Bulgarian observations on the Peace Treaty.

The London County Council is to spend \$5,000,000 pounds sterling on improvement of the tramway system.

In view of the shortage of coal Paris will use masut, a by-product from the distillation of petroleum.

Two of the models in an exhibit were made of chambray, one being in a clear apple-green tone. There is a plain short-waisted bodice belted with a two-inch band piped with black. The belt is embroidered with colored posies and green leaves. The sleeves and neck are piped with black. Another frock is of pale-pink chambray, with the shoulder of scalloped white collars and cuffs. The frock also has a short-waisted bodice and a very full skirt is attached to the plain little bodice, the joining line being defined by a piping of color. Embroidered posies, uneven in height, rise from the piping and embroidered lines to about one-third the bodice length. The skirt is also trimmed with embroidered lines.

SMALL GIRL NOT FORGOTTEN

Frocks for Little Maid's Adornment Are More Than Usually Charming and Practical.

Frocks for the small girl are both quaint and practical. The gingham are attractively combined with plain one-piece material, or have collars, cuffs and chemises of sheer white materials. Plain pink, blue, green, yellow or lavender chambrays are also made dainty and becoming by collar and cuffs sets of white organdie, dimity, batiste or linen lawn.

One Chicago house which makes a specialty of children's clothes shows numbers of quaint charming frocks made from imported, dimities, chambrays and swisses.

HAIL THE GEORGETTE GOWN

Always More Popular Than Any of the Sheer Lingerie Materials and Laundered Easily.

A gown or blouse made of white or light-colored georgette, particularly if it is a one-piece affair, will usually be found more serviceable than a similar garment made of one of the sheer lingerie materials, such as organdie, cotton voile, etc. The georgette garment can be washed with soap and water, but it does not require the vigorous treatment that a cotton fabric needs to make it look fresh and new, and certainly the amateur laundress can handle the georgette more easily than one of the cotton fabrics.

Tunic and tier effects are being featured in the styles now appearing for fall and winter. These will vie for honors with the redingotes and barrel silhouette frocks, but fortunately there need be no real rivalry, as the redingote dress especially is distinctly a style that belongs to daytime apparel.

If clothes didn't make the woman some of them would look like men.

General Debility Following Influenza

Strength Can Only be Regained by Enriching the Blood.

Following a wide spread epidemic of influenza, general debility is on the increase, and its effects may be noticed in the worn listless appearance of so many of the men and women who meet. Influenza always leaves behind it impaired vitality, and with the modern conditions of life that use up nerve force so rapidly, general debility becomes one of the most common maladies. The symptoms of debility vary, but weakness is always present. There is poor digestion, languor, weak, aching back, wakefulness at night, often distressing headaches and a feeling of fatigue. These symptoms indicate impure and impoverished blood. It is significant of nearly every attack of influenza that it is followed by anaemia and debility.

For all such run-down conditions, new blood is the most reliable cure. Buffers should at once begin to make thin blood felt like my old self with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Under a fair treatment with this medicine they will realize more and more the health-restoring influence of good rich blood, and how this new blood brings a feeling of new strength and increased vitality. It is given in the case of Mrs. G. Robertson, Wingham, Ont., who says:—"When the Spanish influenza spread over our town I happened to be one of the first attacked, and the attack was a very severe one, and worse still the after effects of the trouble left me in continuous misery. I had severe pains in my side, felt low-spirited, and with no ambition whatever. My head ached almost continually, my eyes felt heavy, and pimples broke out on my face. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking them for a time I felt like my old self able to do my housework, and feeling well and strong. I can strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the serious after-effects of influenza as I am sure, they will restore all sufferers to good health."

You can get these Pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail, to spread on the slices of bread. In slices have some stuffed olives cut and some olive rings that can be bought all ready for use. Turn the rice out and garnish it with the boiled eggs and olives. If you wish you can make this in individual moulds, place it on lettuce, adding one egg half, the olive rings and a little mayonnaise. This makes a delicious luncheon salad.

JUST THE THING FOR CORNER

Pretty Decoration for Holding Flowers or Fern May Be Put Together at Small Cost.

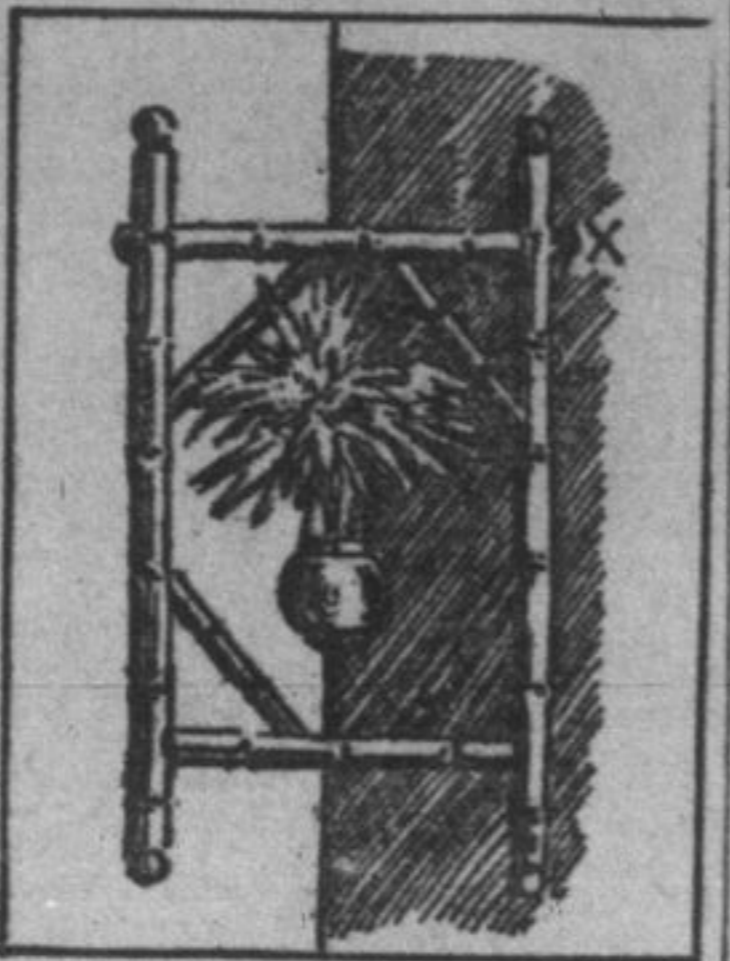
Suggestions for filling up even the corner of a room in these days of high prices will be useful to many of our readers who may be furnishing, and the pretty corner decoration of which we give a sketch can be made at a very small cost.

It is composed of eight pieces of bamboo arranged in the manner shown, and hung across the corner of the room by means of two picture rings screwed into the bamboo at the points indicated by the crosses in the sketch. Suspended from the top bar in the center is a small pot containing a fern; but if preferred, of course flowers could take the place of the fern.

The bamboo should be fastened together with thin, sharp nails, and where necessary, the ends of the bamboo should be plugged with little

pieces of wood. The horizontal piece, too, must be cut to fit against the sides of the upright pieces. Into the ends of the upright pieces small brass balls are screwed, and suitable articles for this purpose can be obtained from any hardware store at a small cost.

The pieces of bamboo that are fastened across the corners of the frame should be about half the thickness of the other cases. The ends of these cases must be cut to fit into their places, but can be fastened in place without plugging them. The ends of all the other pieces must be plugged with wood.



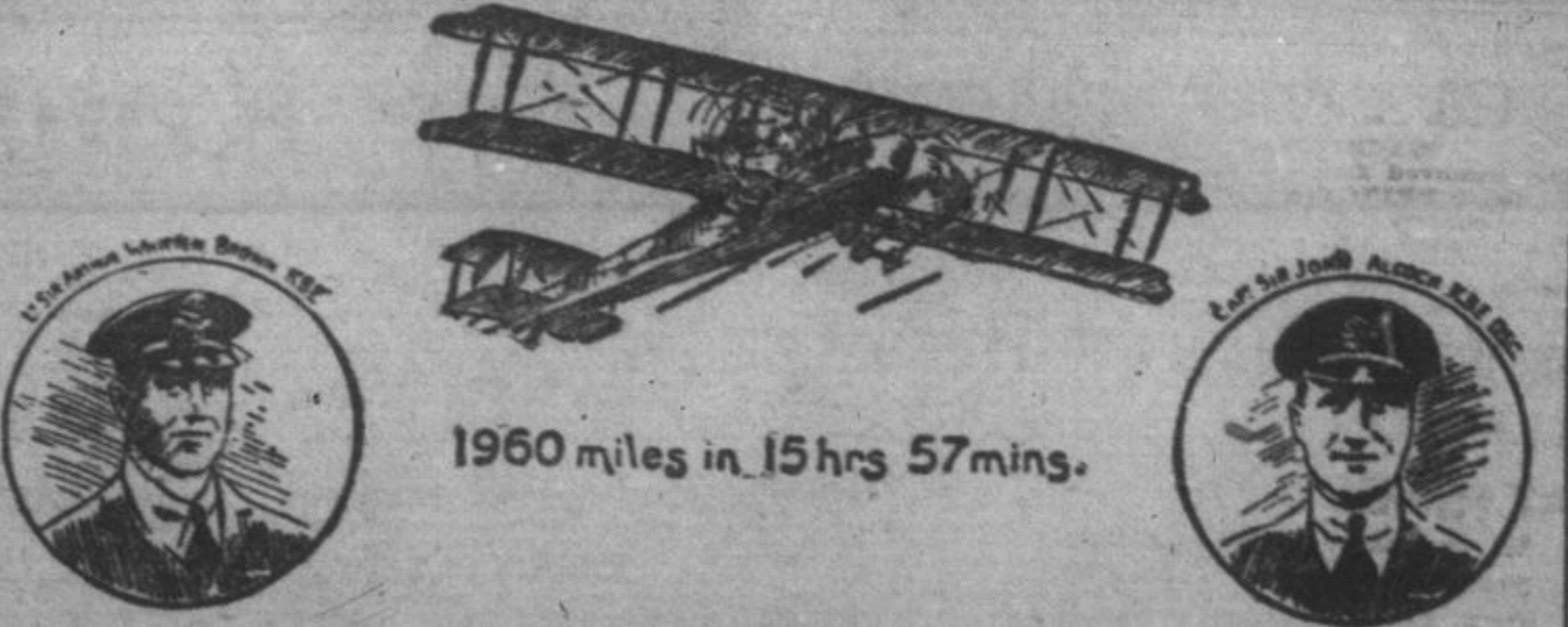
Pretty Corner Decoration.

Thomas Edmonds, inmate of the House of Industry, was fatally injured at Perth, when struck by the locomotive of a west-bound freight train.

Albert Oversell, a native of Belleville, died in Montreal on Wednesday after one year's illness.

James Anderson, well known in Perth, was killed at Crow Lake as a result of a peculiar accident on the lake shore line of the C.P.R. Cape Vincent farmers, as a rule, are well along with fall plowing. A genius is a man who can do almost anything but make a living.

The Letts are organizing at Riga a campaign to relieve distress among the women and children of Latvia. Running may or may not be healthy exercise; it may depend on what is chasing you. The hog may be a squealer, but he seldom gives anything away.



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