

It's a Wise Ostrich That Knows His Own Plumes These Days

We have gone ostrich-mad. But it is a pleasant sort of mania, for ostrich proves to be attractive or at least interesting in whatever way you use it, from a lounge cushion for your boudoir to a gay festoon on a French tea cosy.

But, truth to say, it would be a wise ostrich that would know his own plumes. And often you have to look twice or thrice at what appears to be a new sort of trimming before you can identify it as the plumage of this "camel sparrow."

At first, ostrich trimming was something that was confined only to the smart imported frocks or frocks put out by the most expensive shops

or dressmakers. But now you can buy many of the ostrich fancies or trimmings by the yard or piece yourself, so if you are clever you can have your dresses that are made at home trimmed with this smartest of the season's trimming. When the dressmakers began to use it on evening frocks it almost always consisted of an ostrich feather or fancy placed at the right front at or just below the belt line. Sometimes this consisted of a willow feather with the fronds made to droop by means of hand-tied knots.

Now the ostrich trimming is used in many other ways, on evening frocks, and one very attractive frock seen lately was trimmed with a charming red rose made entirely of ostrich and cock feathers.

In the sketch a corsage bunch of these cock and ostrich roses is shown. One still calls the artificial flowers worn on one's frock "corsage" flowers, although they are quite as often attached to the skirt as to the bodice. Sometimes feather flowers or silk or velvet roses with

fronds of the ostrich fastened between the petals are attached to ribbons hanging at irregular length to the waist line. These flowers of silk or velvet and ostrich fronds are also used on hats.

The new dressmaking firm of Madeline et Madeline in Paris, that has come in for much favorable comment this season, was one of the first to look upon the fronds rather than the plume as the ostrich unit. This clever dressmaking house originated a gown in which the skirt was fairly covered with the ostrich fronds or plumes pulled from their plume and each applied to the chiffon of the foundation with a rhinestone. The same idea has been adopted by many other dressmakers and the single fronds of the ostrich plume are used in many decorative ways. One dress shows these fronds attached under silts of the fabric of the frock and cross-stitched into position.

Of course ostrich used as trimming is shown in all the conventional shades dyed in this year's after-

noon and evening frocks. But this is not enough. Ostrich fans are made with the feathers dyed every color of the rainbow in a real glory of brilliancy that suggests Joseph's many colors. More than that designs suggestive of batik ostrich feathers both in fans and in hats. The soft plumage of the feathers lends itself very attractively to the batik work design.

One of the smartest of the new hats trimmed with ostrich shows a band of the feather laid around the small crown and a long streamer of ostrich hanging at the back. This is no willow plume, but looks for all the world like an old black ostrich hat resurrected from some trunk of a decade ago and laid carefully around the hat.

Another smart little hat looks, as one woman put it, as if it had been badly thatched with ostrich. In still other hats the ostrich fronds are arranged in a veil-like fringe that hangs down in front of the eyes.

One of the most startling of the

new ostrich uses is shown in an evening gown, the skirt of which is composed of rows of small ostrich plumes mounted on net. The net does not show. They must be mounted on a foundation which holds them in position.

At the most charming things about the new use of ostrich is the revival of the willow plume. There is a gracefulness about ostrich used in this way that the short-curved plume does not have. A tassel of willow hangs from the center of a small close-turban and dangles gracefully far down over the hair. There are also new willow fans and as already mentioned long sashes of willow.

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Trunks, Bags and Boxes for Your Journeying

Trunks and bags and hat boxes and other articles of luggage used to be considered more or less as a necessary evil. Women had these things because they couldn't very well travel or go to house parties unless they did, but the sooner they got their things unpacked and the ugly leather-covered boxes stowed away in store-rooms or attic the better pleased they were. Not so with the clever woman of the present time, for she sets her heart on having interesting and good looking bags and baggage—and she generally gets it. She realizes that the pleasure of traveling is increased not a little by having the accessories of travel look smart and up to date,

and if she understands the sterner sex she knows that there is real distress behind the slight look of annoyance that comes over the face of husband or father or big brother when she appears with shabby-looking bags. He will play porter willingly if no real porter is forthcoming, if you give him a good looking bag to carry, but if you hand him one of those "fashion" and characterless he will do that bit of masculine cour-

because he is well bred if there is one thing that the average man really does dislike it is the cheap wicker suit case that seems still to appeal to some of his women folk—most of all when that suit case is

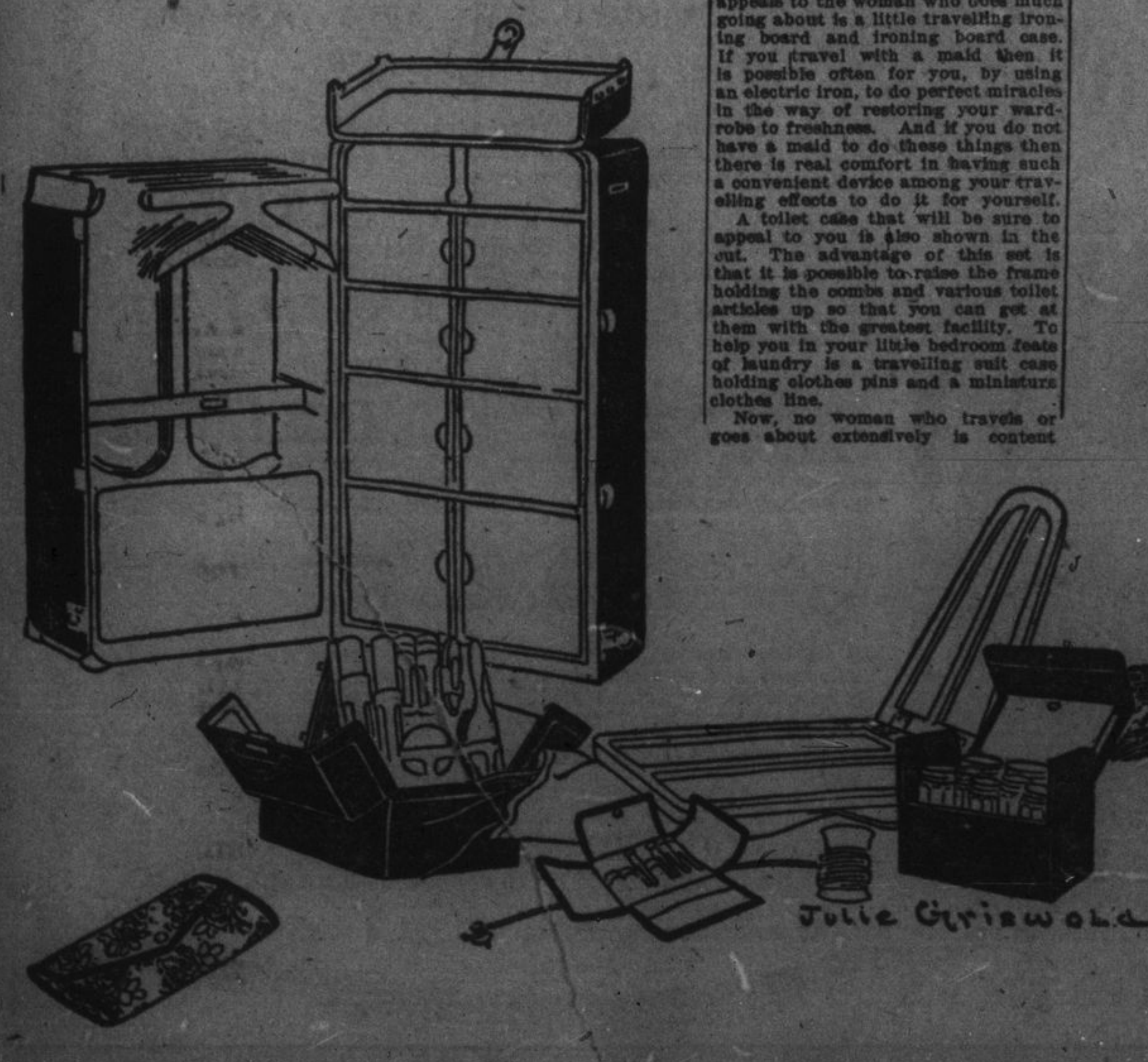
carrying about twice as much luggage as it was ever designed to contain. Unfortunately the desire to have good-looking bags and baggage has increased much since leather has increased in price. But that is the sort of thing that has happened repeatedly with the present price increases. To be sure, there are some very good-looking bits of luggage in which the minimum of leather is used. But that doesn't seem very materially to affect the price.

One of the smart new hat boxes combines the cretonne and black patent leather. The cretonne is one of those quaint old English block designs and there is a handle at one side. Another bit of luggage that appeals to the woman who does much going about is a little travelling ironing board and ironing board case. If you travel with a maid then it is possible often for you, by using an electric iron, to do perfect miracles in the way of restoring your wardrobe to freshness. And if you do not have a maid to do these things then there is real comfort in having such a convenient device among your travelling effects to do it for yourself.

A toilet case that will be sure to appeal to you is also shown in the cut. The advantage of this set is that it is possible to raise the frame holding the combs and various toilet articles up so that you can get at them with the greatest facility. To help you in your little bedroom loads of laundry is a travelling suit case holding clothes pins and a miniature clothes line.

Now, no woman who travels or goes about extensively is content

unless she possesses a wardrobe trunk which has the advantage of being convertible into a chest. About luggage that should encourage you in buying it, if it is good it really does last a long time. Styles change from year to year, but if the bit of luggage is good to begin with it will appear well for a decade or more.



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Women in England have taken to the cigarette to such an extent that the railroad managers are considering the advisability of doing away with the "no smoking" signs on the railroad cars.