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WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

STYLES APPROVED BY FASHIONABLE WOMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Suggestions for Pleasing Costumes to be Worn at Fancy Dress Balls—Correct Copies of Dresses Worn in the Times of Louis XV and Louis XVI.

Fancy dress balls are all the rage just now, and a few suggestions concerning costumes will therefore be opportune. At the fancy balls in France and England costumes are to be seen representing all times and ages, rich, costly and full copied, especially those of the last century—Louis XV and Louis XVI.



NO. 1—VIVANDIERE LOUIS XV—ARABIAN LADY.

In the first cut is represented a vivandiere of Louis XV's time. The jacket bodice and skirt in blue ladies' cloth is trimmed with gold braid and buttons. The waistcoat is of red satin. The hair is powdered and dressed with a knot of ribbon loops and cords fringed with gold. The usual tiny barrel opens at the side. The felt hat is trimmed with ostrich feathers.

The remaining figure in the same cut suggests a more novel dress, that of an Arabian lady. Following is a brief description: Skirt in Arabian gauze, striped with green, red and yellow. Tunic also in striped silk, bordered with gold. Scarf and low Figaro vest in gold satin. Bodice and sugar loaf cap in dark blue velvet. Spangled lace veil; jeweled band round the cap; necklace of gold and silver coins.



NO. 2—GRACE DARLING—DRUIDESS.

In the second cut is represented a costume for a favorite character at fancy dress balls—namely, Grace Darling. It includes a sailor's jacket and skirt in white and red tennis flannel, loose front, and tucked up drapery in white crepon cloth; turned down collar and bands round the short sleeves to correspond, trimmed with blue braid; black cashmere tie; cloth cap encircled with a ribbon, on which is inscribed the name of a boat; rope and life buoy at the side.

The other figure in cut No. 2 shows a correct dress for a Druidess. The long, flowing dress may be of white China crape, nun's veiling or Indian silk, and is confined at the waist by a girdle. This white dress is draped over a gray satin skirt. An oak leaf wreath is on the head.

A successful costume is known as a "Starlight Night," and consists of a long dress and a long veil, both of black tulle, studded with gold stars. The hair is worn flowing, and on the head rests a gold and diamond crest. Another favorite is a historically correct costume, copied from portraits of "Good Queen Bess." Spanish gypsies are popular characters. The costume includes a short skirt in red satin, adorned with a broad band of silk printed with gold cabalistic signs. Scarf of black moire silk, striped with white satin and gold corded silk. Low velvet bodice, bordered with black lace, and relieved with a fringe of sequins and gold galloon. Spangles round the neck, head and on the arms. In the hair, tuft of gold and black ostrich tips.

Fur Lined Garments.

Fur linings are now limited almost entirely to the useful circulars with squirrel lock linings, and to the gay opera cloaks that are lined with the white crinkled fleece of the Chinese mandarin lamb. The circulars, says Harper's Bazar, are of Ottoman silk or of black camel's hair, and are improved by having an inner front fastened from top to bottom, with armholes in the outer cloak; they are trimmed down the fronts, over the armholes, and have a collar of fur, but are not trimmed at the foot, as that would add to their weight. Opera cloaks are long Russian coats of fine twilled wool in the new rosewood shades, with white lamb skin lining and collar, or else they are more loosely shaped, with square or flowing sleeves, and are made of pale gray velvet, with white mandarin collar and lining, or of plush lined and trimmed with chinilla, or the cloak may be merely warmly wadded, and its only fur be the rich sable used for its shawl collar and border. Short opera cloaks in the mantle shapes are made of gay red or blue striped velvets, matelasse, or plush, and trimmed with the long furs, black fox, bear, silver fox, badger, etc. Cloth garments that are trimmed with fur are made up in nearly all the designs used for fur wraps; thus short jackets are of blue or black diagonal cloth, fitted by a tailor, and trimmed with collar, cuffs and vest, or with long front rows of plucked beaver fur; or else a black camel's hair cloth jacket has a wide roll or binding of black Persian lamb skin all around it, making it suitable for a mourning wrap, while the long Russian coats are made of the softest diagonal cloths—blue, green, or rosewood in color—trimmed with a shawl collar and lengthwise rows of black marten, or some other fur with long fleece.

Children's Millinery.

Children's millinery is even more picturesque than that of their elders. The flat empire hat is often supplemented by a ruche of ostrich feathers edging the inside of the brim, and caps of fur with a pointed hood of red cloth peeping from the center, though in quite a different style, are none the less becoming. Little faces always accord well with large hats, and they are often worn by the young folk. But felts with fur trimmings are fashionable, and with these brushings formed with beaver or otter are introduced in the front; these are new. Felts suit children, for they are light, and stand a good deal of knocking about. Many are made in the large shape, with the brims left raw.

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

The Home Spun Linen Sheets of Our Grandmothers.

Fancy workers who happen to own old linen home spun sheets, such as are put away in forgotten trunks in many an old garret, may think themselves fortunate, says The Home Maker, for few modern materials are better subjects for needle work. If a sheet of this kind is in good order, it can be made into a beautiful quilt by making it very much smaller, as an ornamental bed cover is not designed to tuck in or hang very far over. The edge on each side may be fringed out and tied, or the edges may be hemmed and a slightly gathered frill of torchon lace added. Far enough from the edge to come within the square defined by the mattress broad pattern in large design is drawn and worked in outline stitch with heavy rope silk in one or at most two shades. In the middle of the quilt, outline with the same color a large shield. Within this shield work a name or initials and darn all the plain part of the shield with a contrasting shade of silk.

If a sheet is too far demoralized to use in this way, it may be torn into strips and each strip decorated with a running pattern in outline stitch. These strips are hemmed and joined to alternate stripes of antique or torchon lace inserting, or the inserting may be knitted or crocheted, if time is not a paramount object.

For bureau covers, toilet mats, chair scarfs and cushions, this old linen is admirable. At some of the exchanges for woman's work, highly decorated curtains are shown of the same material, which forms in beautiful folds.

Softening Water for the Laundry.

An authority on softening water, making soap and kindred matters says: For all washing and cleansing operations it is indispensable, if good and economical results are to be obtained, first to soften the water before using soap of any kind. Softening water simply consists in removing the soluble lime salts with which all water (except pure rain-water) is more or less impregnated. If this is not done the soluble lime forms an insoluble lime soap, from the decomposition of the soap used for washing. This substance is a greasy, sticky, oily compound, perfectly insoluble and more difficult to wash away afterwards by any treatment. It is this that causes the yellow grubby deposit on the edges of collars and cuffs washed simply with hard water and soap, and the sticky, greasy deposit on wool when treated in a similar manner and also on the sides and edges of all washing machines.

It is a most uneconomical proceeding to wash anything in water and soap alone without previously softening the water. Not a particle of soap can become available for washing purposes until all the added lime in the water has combined with the pure 98 per cent powdered caustic soda, such as the "Greenbank" brand, it requires twelve pounds of the very finest pure soap, or twenty to thirty pounds of ordinary soap, such as is usually sold to manufacturers, to do the same work that can be done with one pound of this soda.

Beef Drippings for Cooking Purposes.

Good beef dripping is better than lard for some kinds of pastry and for frying purposes, though for the latter use it burns sooner than lard. Clarify it by pouring boiling water on it as it is taken from the dripping pan, letting it stand till cold and firm; then taking out the cake of fat and scraping off the impurities from the bottom; the rest will be clean and sweet. Bacon fat can also be used in the place of lard, but mutton drippings will only answer for frying purposes, and many cooks will not use them even for that on account of the flavor they impart.

An Ingenious Device.

"What do you do with the cork when you take it out of a full bottle of ink?" asks a correspondent of Rural New Yorker, who also suggests in reply the following device:



A CONVENIENT CORK HOLDER.

If you don't know where to put the cork stick a pin in the lower end and bend it into a hook (see the figure); then hang the cork on the bottle. Bend the hook so as not to interfere with using ink and you have it always handy.

Dainty Desserts of Apples.

Now that winter is well under way, our supply of fresh domestic fruits is exhausted, except the homely but always welcome apple; but this is a tower of strength to the ingenious cook, for it can be served in numberless attractive and palatable forms. Here are one or two:

Apple Cream.—Peel and core six large apples; boil them in a little water, with two ounces of raisins and the grated rind of a lemon, till quite soft; when cold add a glass of sherry. Lay the mixture in a pie dish, beat up the whites of three eggs with a little sugar to a stiff froth, spread it over the apples, and bake in a slow oven.

Apple Custard.—Lay some stewed apples in a deep pie dish; if not already sweetened, strew some sugar over them. Make a custard with four eggs, one pint of milk, and flavoring to taste and, of course, a little sugar; pour it over the apples, strew some powdered cinnamon or nutmeg on the top, and bake it. An excellent dish for children.

Apple Meringue.—Put a teaspoonful of rice in a saucepan with one pint of sweetened milk, and let it simmer till quite tender, turn it into a basin, mix with it the beaten yolks of two eggs, return it to the saucepan, and boil it up again once or twice; then pile it high in a glass dish; when cool spread it all over with stewed apples. Whip the whites of the two eggs to a stiff froth, mix with them a small quantity of sugar, and lay this icing over the apples.

Escalloped Sweet Potatoes.

An uncommon and good way to cook sweet potatoes is to scallop them. Paroel the potatoes and slice them lengthwise. Lay in a baking dish with a little sugar, nutmeg and small pieces of butter between each layer and sugar and nutmeg on the top layer. Pour a cup of milk over all and bake till a light brown crust forms.

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