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FASHIONS FOR CANADIANS

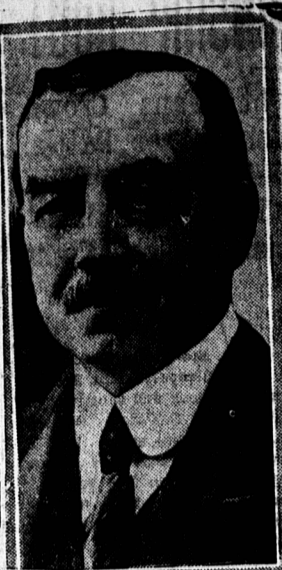
To some women the tailored type of blouse is very much more becoming than the more "dressed" models. As a matter of fact, every wardrobe should contain a few of the plainer blouses for wear with the sport skirt and the severely tailored suit of the manish type. Such a blouse, however, is relieved from ultra severity of style by the dainty frill used to finish the neck. It is made of ivory white material, a material that is in high favor for tailored and semi-tailored blouses for the coming spring. This blouse is tucked in front, and the frill is finished with two very tiny tucks and hemstitching.

In the advance spring blouses now being brought out no real apparent effort is being made to again popularize the high necked garment. It seems evident that blouse designers have agreed, for the present at least, to evolve the type of garment that women have demonstrated they like to wear.

Decidedly picturesque and dainty for a boy of two to four or five is this little smock suit, designed years ago. Any fabric preferred may be used, but the suit shown was made of heavy cotton crepe in a peach of pink. Little V-shaped motifs of smocking, done in pink and blue, appear on the front of the smock where the yoke is simulated. The back of the smock is held to the figure a bit by a plain belt of a self-fabric. The neck and sleeves



ENGLISH LABOR LEADER WHO CARRIED SINN FEIN PEACE TERMS TO LONDON



ARTHUR HENDERSON

When Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, returned to London from Ireland where he had talked with Sinn Fein leaders he said he never seen the desire for peace so marked or so widespread. He was invited to present Premier Lloyd George the Sinn Fein terms of peace, which he obtained from Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, with whom he talked in Mount Joy Prison, Dublin.

IMPROVING THE BEE

Nearly every domesticated animal and cultivated plant has been improved by selective breeding. With bees however, not much progress has yet been made because of the great difficulty in isolating them. They mate in the air at some distance from the hive, and it is known that the drone bee will fly for miles in search of the queen bee.

It might be thought that the busy bee could hardly be improved, but Canada contains varieties of solitary bees whose tireless industry make the honey bee appear dilatory in comparison. Besides, we know that great improvements await the bee breeder because some colonies store much more honey and are less inclined to swarm than others. Any bee-keeper would give much to have his colony composed of such superior bees.

The Experimental Farms Branch of the Dominion Government has for some time been conducting experiments to overcome the difficulty of the isolated mating of bees. The first attempt was made on a large sandy plain near Kazubazua about forty miles north of Ottawa at a spot where no colonies of bees could be found within three miles; but the young bees produced were dark coloured, showing that the local black drones. Attempts were then made to mate the queens late in the day when the undesirable drones had ceased flying and also late in the season when these drones had died. The results gave valuable information but they did not solve the problem.

Next, a part of the north country



Tailored Blouse of Creps Meteor.

and certainly high necked garments, whether blouses or frocks, have not "taken" in the American market for years.

Fine checked dimity (in all white usually) is being employed for many good looking tailored and semi-tailored blouses for spring. The slip-over-the-head model promises to be a favorite. Wool jersey cloth is one of the present season fabric leaders for sport blouses and smocks. The trimming almost always used is heavy embroidery, which may be done in wool, chenille, or wooden beads, some of the motifs worked out in beads being especially effective and unusual. The very snugly fitted overblouse, fastening invisibly on the shoulder, is one of the season's novelties. Surplice styles are also popular. Few of the blouses are more than hip length. The majority are collarless. The very tightly fitted blouse, suggestive of the old-fashioned "jersey jacket," generally has a collar, sometimes a scarf of self fabric cut rather wide. Again a band of angora is used.

"SONG BIRD" TO DIE.—Nicholas Viana, Chicago, former choir boy, whose 19th birthday will come to an end a few minutes after eight o'clock tomorrow morning, when he is hanged for murder, gave a farewell concert for fellow prisoners in the jail. Singing the "Miserere," Viana marched through the jail corridors en route to the death cell. Viana is known as the "song bird" of the jail. He has entertained the prisoners daily for months. He was convicted of participation in several murders committed by the notorious Cardinella gang, whose leader, Sam Cardinella, is under sentence of death. Frank Campione, another member of the gang, was hanged several weeks ago and other members who turned state's evidence are serving life sentences.



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that bees have not yet reached the Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing in northern Ontario being selected, but here the little colonies were made restless by the great and sudden changes in temperature, and swarmed out when the queens flew. In 1919, experiments were started on Duck Island which is situated near the eastern end of Lake Ontario, and is eight miles from the nearest island and over eleven miles from the mainland. Duck Island covers only about two square miles and no bees exist upon it. The Duck Island experiments were continued in 1920 and have proven successful, twenty-seven Italian queens of selected parentage having been mated by the drones that were brought with them.

By continuing the work it is hoped to develop a strain of Italian bees that will be heavy honey producers and disinclined to swarm. Meanwhile, plans are advanced to distribute to Canadian beekeepers a limited number of daughters of the best of the queens mated on Duck Island, and a system has been worked out by which a bee-keeper will be able to mate a proportion of the queens he gets with drones of the same strain.

Everybody will agree with the Dominion Animal Husbandman, who writes an interesting article in the Agricultural Gazette of Canada for November on "Federal Exhibits in the Show Ring" that the exhibition of good stock of any breed, whoever the owner may be, is the potent kind of advertising for that breed, and that Canadian interests could in no wise suffer by a creditable showing of Government stock at the greatest stock show in the world. The article referred to is a sort of defence of the action taken by the Experimental Farm system in making entries at various fairs, local and provincial. Exception to this course has been advanced on the ground



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DICKY DIPPY'S DIARY
SATURDAY: PASSED MABEL CLAIRE WHO IS ENGAGED TO JOE SCRAPPEN. SHE WAS PROMENADING WITH HER PET BULL TERRIER.
SHORTLY AFTER, I MET JOE. "JOE," SAID I, "I JUST SAW YOUR GIRL WITH THAT BIG BULL DOG GIRL WITH THAT BIG BULL DOG SHE ALWAYS HAS WITH HER."
"OH, DID YOU?" SAID JOE. "A CASE OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, EH?"
"YOU'RE RIGHT JOE," SAID I. "THAT DOG IS CERTAINLY A BEAUTY!"
"THERE'S SOMETHING OUT ABOUT JOE!"

