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The HOUSEWIFE and HER ACTIVITIES

If any little word of ours can make one life the brighter; If any little song of ours can make one heart the lighter; God help us speak that little word, and take our bit of singing, and drop it in some lonely vale, and set the echoes ringing.

TABLOID

A tea stain, however, persistent, will often yield to glycerine when other means fail. Wet the stain first with water and then with glycerine. After a few hours wash well with soap and water.

ENSEMBLE GOOD FOR RESORT WEAR

The ensemble is a favored fashion costume for cruise and resort wear. In developing the ensemble, jackets in various lengths have been considered, with wrist, finger-tip and three-quarter lengths the favorites. They are straight and casual and youthful, and interesting effects are apparent in coats that have a Mandarin suggestion.

THE CONTRASTING JACKET

The contrast idea appears in costumes that choose a coat or jacket in one color and a frock in another. Also in costumes that introduce jacket sleeves in a color that agrees with a wide girdle on the frocks, also trimming accents on the dress.

This idea of color contrasts is also definitely reflected in embroideries, posed on pockets, collars and sleeves, and fabric lace that suggests passementerie is conspicuous, used to make collars for example, also large medallion-like motifs, pockets and belts. This type of trimming often appears in conjunction with long swinging cord fringes.

DRAWNWORK DECORATION.

Drawnwork is another type of decoration employed, introduced on sleeves of jackets and bodice of frocks, giving a delicate, summary appeal to the costume.

While the one-piece frock with jacket or coat formula is the most certain amount of attention given the blouse and skirt with jacket, the blouse sometimes in a striped crepe. The tunic dress is also popular.

Montone crepe frocks are some times worn with printed jackets, with colors in the print repeated in a scarf, and other costumes with crepe in montone crepe have jackets with sleeves in two colors.

Mention must be made of the frequent employment of raspberry on white, the recurrence of the allwhite costume, and also the introduction of a lovely shade called "sandyshell," deeper and richer than egg-shell.

ROYAL TROUSSEAU

Princess Marina chose hose for her trousseau in six different shades for daytime wear, including four fawn and oatmeal.

A feature of these trousseau stockings was the exquisitely fine brown and monogram which was knitted into the top of each pair.

Date bureaux given short shift in India where the royal nuptial wooing is fashion.

Date bureaux get a cold reception in native India, for the privilege enjoyed by young folks in western lands of "making a date" with one of the opposite sex still taboo in the eyes of all classes in that distant empire.

When an Indian youth has a romantic urge and wants to take out his sweetheart it just can't be done. When he considers marriage he simply tells parents he would like to marry so-and-so and if they approve it's all over but the wedding. All this—and more—was brought out by Prof. L. R. Sethi, of Dyal Singh College, Lahore, India, in an interview in this issue discussing the place of women in his native land. He is studying on a Massey Exchange scholarship at the University of Toronto.

The Indian women, however, is coming out into the world. She is displaying a courage and tenacity, a fortitude and love and a capacity for self-sacrifice and suffering that causes Gandhi to declare that the female is not the weaker but the nobler sex. Professor Sethi pointed out:

Since the war there has been intense activity among the women of India, but European civilization has not persuaded them to bob their hair and shorten their skirts or forsake their white, flowing robes—for European dress, Professor Sethi explained. There is a strong feeling of nationality in the Indian women. No aping of European customs for them.

Women of India form organizations to campaign actively against

foreign-made goods. They have the franchise in all British India and most native states. Therefore, said the professor, they are a force in the political life of the country.

Mohammedans are forbidden by law to have more than four wives, Professor Sethi said, but Hindus may have as many as they desire. Realizing, however, the effect on the internal relations of the family they consider it best to adopt monogamy. The family is called a "joint family," the sons and their wives living with the sons' parents.

"You fall in love before marriage, we fall in love after," Professor Sethi stated, adding he believed most of the marriages turn out successfully.

The Hindu marriage ceremony is sacred and the recession of much fasting. It takes place about 10 o'clock at night or in the early hours of the morning. The bridegroom comes to the home of the bride, led by a considerable procession. After the ceremony they return to his home. The dowry system, while still in vogue, is losing favor, young men considering the women more important than the fortune, Professor Sethi declared.

Secularizing their women is "becoming a relic of the past," and the Indian women move freely through the streets with a "charming self-confidence and a peculiar grace about their walk," the professor remarked with some native pride.

After thirty

Once a woman has passed the thirty mark, she must pay special attention to her figure. The old ounce-of-prevention-is-worth-a-pound-of-cure rule certainly applies where weight is concerned. It is much easier to keep from gaining surplus pounds than to lose them.

Watch your diet. Don't become a fanatic on the subject, but do try to curb your craving for sweets and other fattening items. Ask your doctor to give you a list of foods that are necessary to your general health, include them in your daily diet and then eat sparingly of things you like but which aren't particularly beneficial of which tend to make you gain.

Incidentally, every mature woman should see a physician once a year. If you have minor skin eruptions, chronic indigestion, puffs under the eyes or an unusually tired, drawn look, a doctor undoubtedly can do more for you than any amount of creams and lotions, applied externally.

To retain the supple carriage of youth and keep your body slender and firm take plenty of exercise in the open air. Instead of driving or taking a bus when you go downtown to shop, walk at least part of the way. Play tennis, golf or any other game that keeps you physically fit. Swimming equalizes the weight. Riding is excellent for the legs, thighs and waistline.

When the fastener pulls out of a glove it is never a success to try to get it back. The best way is to darn the hole and sew an ordinary dress snap near the old fastener. It will be secure and never noticed.

Machine Oil

If the garment has become spotted with machine oil during the making, sprinkle it thickly with talcum earth and let stand overnight. Brush off in the morning with a soft brush and all traces will have been absorbed.

Old Hankies

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It was now the twentieth of July and since the single storm of more than two months before, there had not been a cloud in the sky the size of a pigeon. The grass which had sprung up so brave and green after the storm was now withered and the color of broomstraw. The lady leaves of the mesquite curled on drooping branches, dust laden; the broad, bat leaves of the prickly pear were shriveled and yellowish; small bushes were as brittle as glass, and the twigs and weed stems underneath rustled like dry pepper. The birds, rabbits, coyotes and lions had left the country in a desolation. Rattlesnakes abounded.

Each morning the sun rose naked above the eastern mountains and as it rose a wave of stifling heat swept across the desert as though a mighty oven door had slowly swung open.

Ruth had rather expected rain at the Day of San Juan and, when that passed cloudless, felt that in a day or so she would see the clouds billowing over the mountains and smell the indescribable perfume of desert rain. As day succeeded day, each hotter, drier, more hopeless than the preceding day, her anxiety increased as she waited in a corner while disaster crept relentlessly nearer. The increasing awareness of her responsibility drove her to assume more and more the control of the ranch. Before she well realized it she was giving the orders for the day's riding. Snively left everything to her. He rode out each morning but he rode alone and he returned alone.

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