

WOMAN'S WORLD

Renovating Clothes Aids Wardrobe Budget

By Eritta Haley

AS LONG as there has been no startling change in the fashion picture, many women will feel quite free about wearing their last year's clothes without any changes and few additions to the wardrobe. A bit of sharpening here and there on last year's clothes, however, will work wonders. The few hours spent on clothes and fitting can even work a miracle which all women can appreciate: deft remodeling can change last year's look into this year's.

Although skirts were somewhat shorter last year than during the previous season, they are now considerably shorter, with fourteen inches being the ideal length. However, as you may have noticed, many of last year's dresses were still quite long, especially in comparison with current new styles.

Pocket interest, too, was evident, but not nearly so marked as at present. The same is true of necklines. We had those which plunged and those which climbed high, but they were rather simple in their lines as well as without some of the current decorative features.

Pleats were present, too, but most of the types now being shown are the stitched down variety. Even with pleats, skirts have a clinging, graceful and slenderizing effect.

You don't have to be a genius with clothes to see the remodeling possibilities in these different situations. And wouldn't it be worth a

Fringe Interest



Black and shocking pink checked wool are used by Joset Walker in this dress, with black wool fringe trimming the wide collar and three-quarter sleeves, and down the bodice. The new length skirt shows slenderness and grace with its inverted front pleat.

the hem is not bulky. Use the old tape if it's still in good condition, but remove and reweave it before turning the hem.

Full skirts which were so popular last year are being used for evening only. Many of the full skirts can be cut according to a pattern so they carry the new look. On others it may be possible to employ stitch-down pleats or gathers, so they give the effect of slimmness.

Whatever is done to the full skirt should be done with consid-



Shorten your old skirts . . .

few hours of fitting and sewing to convert last year's clothes into fashionable things for the current season? For those of you who say yes, we have some fashion tips that will work an amazing transformation in the wardrobe that you'll be proud to wear with a refreshing alertness and handsome pride.

Several Methods Employed For Shortening Skirts

Those of you who have some of the slender skirts of last year will find they fit in nicely with the new plans since that is the look designers have been achieving in their clothes.

Remove the old hem carefully and slowly so as not to catch or cut the material. Then measure the length of the skirt, or better still, enlist some help. Fourteen inches from the floor is the ideal length, but this may vary slightly one way or the other, whichever way looks best on you.

If much shortening is needed, you'll have to cut the material so



Stitch down pleats for new fashions.

eration of the top, since the dress must be harmonious. Check new fashions and see what hints you can copy for your particular dress. For the skirt which is not quite

so full, but which still has a swing and flare to it, here's a trick. Take a tuck, the size of which is indicated by the length, a few inches from the hem of the skirt. If this can be done properly, you'll find that it's a very new and easy way to shorten the skirt.

Incidentally, if your closet holds clothes from several seasons, you might look over those which could not be lengthened sufficiently for the last two years, and see if some fashion tricks wouldn't put them into use now.

Decorative Features Alter Many Dresses

Picturesque collars and cuffs are very much a part of the new fashion picture, and simple tricks may be employed for refreshing old clothes.

If you have enough material left over from shortening a dress, this might easily be used to make collars and possibly cuffs, or a pocket or two. Collars are big. They may have large points; they might be the coachman type that stand up in back and plunge low in front.

Some collars, especially on the classic type dress might be the small pointed type or Peter Pan variety, and could easily be carried out in velvet or velveteen, and thus be exceedingly fashion-wise.

KATHLEEN NORRIS

Time Will Requite Wife's Faith

THE VERY DIFFICULT position in which Anna van Marx finds herself is, like many another, only to be solved by the change of heart of the very persons whose weakness and selfishness are causing the trouble. And, as we all know, weakness and selfishness are hard things to cure.

The situation is this: Anna is 28; her husband, Orville, who was the family doctor for years before she married him, is 42. Anna has a half-sister, orphaned now, who is 17. Sheila lives with Anna and Orville, and Orville is her guardian, and trustee for her considerable estate. Of course, you see the rest. Sheila is lovely, affectionate, respectable, and very much in love with her guardian.

"I could bear that," writes Anna. "For Orville is not only a fascinating man, but his tenderness to Sheila since my mother's death, his care for her interests and her dependence upon him, would naturally win any such sentimental girl. But now there is no question that Orville is attracted in his turn, and for the last two months I have been feeling that I have no part in the picture at all."

See Each Other "They see each other continually, when I am not present. Sheila will tell me that she has something to discuss with Orv, and go down to his office to carry him off for lunch. They like long walks before supper and when they come in Sheila will be positively starry-eyed, and everyone comments upon Orville's youthful appearance."

"My family consists of a 10-year-old son of Orville's whose first wife died when Donny was born, and three small boys of my own. I have an untrained Indian girl in my kitchen as my only helper."



... in love with her guardian . . .

Breakfasts are apt to be rather hectic times, and before Sheila and Orville come in for their late dinner I have seen three children and the baby through baths and suppers and got the house quiet for the night.

"But often—always, indeed, I am so tired and sleepy by that time that when dinner is over and Sheila and Orville begin to play gin rummy or backgammon, I simply have to collapse in bed. Sometimes I hear them laughing and murmuring for hours. Again, if I am weak enough to go halfway down the stairs and look in upon them, their chairs are empty, and they have gone out to the porch, or for a stroll.

What Can Wife Do? "Don't think I've let things get this far," the letter goes on, "without talking sensibly and quietly to both. Both seemed deeply surprised and amused in a kindly way. Just Anna's foolishness. Orville asked me what I could do about it, even supposing it were the case."

"Well, what can I do? Even if Orville and I separated, Sheila would still be his ward. He could see her as often as he liked.

"Do you wonder that I find my position absolutely unbearable? The smiling, smug assurance of both sister and husband makes it worse. I believe they like things this way; themselves free for any amount of playing with fire, with me always here to preserve the conventions. Every look Orville gives Sheila is a caress, and every look she gives

Be Smart!

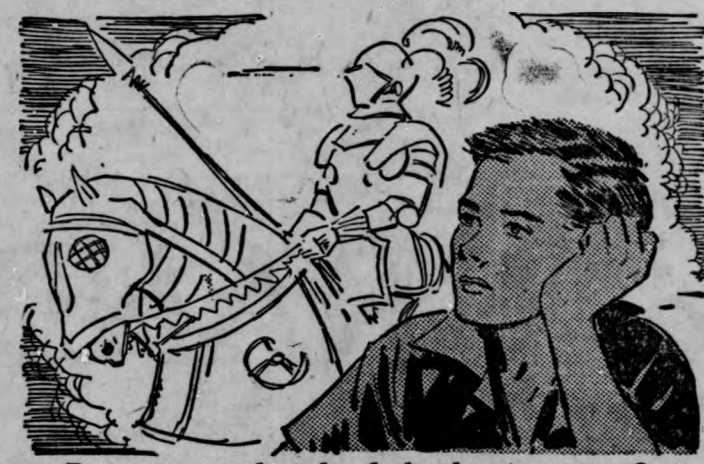


For dancing youth that demands variety, and the busy social calendar of the college girl that does call for many wardrobe changes, behold the flame-colored cravat scarf as an accompaniment of black lace. Jeweled pins anchor the cravat to the ballet top of the dress. Other ideas presented for versatility include high color chiffon shirred into puffs of misty beauty, some seamed into an elbow length sleeve at the right, also mantilla-like lace scarves, all beautifully effective and capable of being worn with several different dresses.

MIRROR Of Your MIND

Adventure Lure Is Weakening

By Lawrence Gould



Do young people today lack adventurousness?

Answer: Many of them have already had enough adventures to last them the rest of their lives, but according to a recent survey the ambitions of the latest crop of college graduates (seventy per cent of whom are veterans) are quite different from those of young men and women before World War II. Only two per cent of them are planning to go into business for themselves, and few are concerned with becoming rich or famous. The majority have taken special training to prepare themselves for jobs which promise security and "no ulcers."

build a happy peaceful home with any man she marries. The fact that the hatred is based on fear of her own natural impulses, so that the more she loves you, the more she has to make you suffer, is not her fault since she does not realize it, but that will not make her easier to live with.



Should you tell a person he has cancer?

Answer: That depends upon the circumstances—and the person. If you're dealing with a mature-minded man or woman, I believe he or she has a right to know the truth, both as an incentive to follow whatever treatment is prescribed and as a warning to put his or her affairs in order. For that matter, such a person nowadays would be pretty sure to guess the truth, however hard you tried to keep it from him. But a childish-minded person whom the truth would only terrify may well be left in "blissful ignorance" as long as possible.



Can a girl who "keeps you dangling" be a good wife?

Answer: Probably not. The sort of girl who makes you so miserable that you resolve to break with her but invariably changes just as you're about to do so is likely to have too strong an element of the man-hater (conscious or unconscious) in her disposition to help

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE

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KEEPING HEALTHY Spanking Child Harms Emotions

By Dr. James W. Barton

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A child who acts up in this way, may be an only child or an over-protected child and has learned that by putting on his act, becoming hysterical, he can get his own way.

Children's specialists and others who have had much to do with all types of children tell us that it is the home surroundings and the parents that are mostly at fault for hysterical children. In not recognizing that the youngster is emotionally unstable and while scolding or spanking will settle normal youngsters, ordinary handling will not straighten out such a youngster.

HEALTH NOTES

Injury to the back can be caused by poor bed springs, by a slouchy or tired attitude or from doing a medium-heavy task perhaps a hundred or more times a day.

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Prevent Scratches
Paste mokeskin on the bottom of heavy ornaments and flower pots to prevent scratches on table tops. Old felt hats can be cut up and pieces used for the same purpose.

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Wife of Arsonist Is Innocent

By Will Bernard, LL.B.

May a Wife be Punished For Her Husband's Crime? The wife of a druggist went to pick him up at his store late one night. While she waited for him at the counter, he went to the basement, poured kerosene on some rags, and started a fire. Then they



left. The store burned almost to the ground. However, an investigator for the insurance company figured out what happened, and the couple were arrested for arson. The court decided that the druggist was indeed guilty—but his wife was not. The judge explained that, even though she was at the scene of the crime and probably knew what her husband was up to, she still hadn't actually lifted a finger to help him.

If a Man Puts on a Disguise And Scares Somebody, Is He Legally Liable? One evening, a mischievous young man decided to "have a little fun." He dressed himself in women's clothing, donned a veil, picked up a parasol, and went tapping his way over to his neighbor's house. The lady next door, evidently sensing something peculiar in the approaching figure, ran

screaming to her husband. But when the husband seized a baseball bat and rushed forward to do battle, the prankster hastily made his identity known. The woman was so upset by the incident that she sued the young man for assault. However, the court decided that no assault had been committed. The judge said that, far from being malicious, the young man was only trying to be playful!