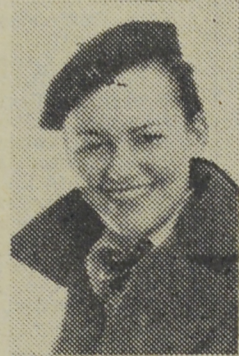


At Your Service Madam *With hints, fashions and shoppy gossip!*

By M. PRISCILLA HAZEN

I DID not see Princess Marina the day she married Prince George of England but I breathed the same raw London air under the same November sky. Hemmed in by surging crowds of Londoners, whose imaginations were affected by the celebrations, decorations, sentiment of the royal wedding in the same way my own imagination was affected. I was conscious of the charm with which one woman could enchant the whole world. Later, one May morning emblazoned with sunshine and a nation's rejoicing, I saw the Duchess of Kent with her husband in the Silver Jubilee Procession, as it swept towards Saint Paul's. I have never seen a completely charming woman since.



Neither photography nor the screen seem to catch the essential glamor of Marina, the Duchess of Kent. But it has been brought to us personally in other ways. At Kemp's Credit Jewellers on Prince William Street. I was whisked through space and time to that memorable May morning in London by a duplicate of a wrist watch worn by Princess Marina—a dainty love of a time-piece. It is just the size of a dime and its round dial is marked with clear numerals to enable a duchess to keep her engagements on the minute.

NOW I would like you to meet the Duke. He is very fascinating. If you decide to accept his society you will be entertained by him for over a quarter of a century. And I repeat he is very fascinating, you will enjoy the cosy company of his high mightiness, the Iron Duke. As a guest room he prefers the kitchen despite his hoity-toity appearance with his buff and cream, or full cream enamel finish, or his plain finish with its cream and nickel relief. His aristocratic lineage goes back to Sackville, New Brunswick, and he is a pure thoroughbred—cast iron throughout, this Enterprise kitchen range, the Iron Duke, which is being taken up by the best kitchens in the Province.

Turning from princes to paupers—"There was an old lady who lived in a shoe, who had so many children she didn't know what to do." Now that we are tripping gaily along minus rubbers and overshoes we also become aware that we spend our waking hours living in our shoes. Although this does not signify that we "have so many children, etc.," it does signify that we do have many worn down heels and worn out soles about which something must be done. Gordon's on Union Street can handle them for you (the shoes, I mean) with the finest of repair work. Good soles are stitched on; no nails are used; and you will walk like the patrons of Shakespeare's cobbler, on the finest of "neat's leather" if you get Gordon's to mend your shoes.

FLAT. Flatter'n a skinned pancake. Easter over, election over, badminton over . . . over and over again extremely flat. You feel like that, too, you say. You say that you must do something about it. So you are going to give a party.

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giving parties, little informal affairs where invariably someone says to you, "So-and-so looks adorable today. Clothes make such a difference." And the clothes at the Manequin do make a great deal of difference because every few days they are different—new frocks keep waltzing in and out so quickly that it is impossible to pipe a tune for them all. There are a great many of those up-and-doing little dresses that are chic in the office or at a Saturday night hop, any place that formality is not over-stressed. Among them are the printed silks that "Vogue" has been raving about—there is a pet in taupe silk designed with white blossoms twisted among slender brown branches. It has narrow kick plaits in front, collar and pockets pointed like a fox's ear. As smart as a fox, truly, with its shiny brown belt. Chiffon has pranced from its hot-house atmosphere of evening gowns and negligees into tailored street dresses without losing a speckle of its daintiness. And heavy navy crepes have danced into sashes and ruching and frogs of Liberty colored ribbon, accordion-plaited, corded or satin finished. Some of the casual short-sleeved frocks have coats with loose swinging sleeves so they can serve the purpose of a more dignified ensemble. Don't miss the excitement of fashion's minuet at the Manequin on Charlotte Street.

THERE is a pass-word, which works like magic to send you soaring from the realms of flatness. It has spread like wild-fire about bridge tables and over tea cups. Have you heard it? It is Zotos. You say it in the Blue Orchid. Then you sit in a blue leather chair while fairy hands work your hair smoothly and surely into light clamps. Then you relax, or if you like walk about a bit to stretch your legs, while an enchanted spell is cast over your head. Finally off come the clamps and you find your hair in neat, soft waves. Waves that will stay neat and soft for weeks and weeks. Yes, you have a permanent done the Zotos way with no electricity, no attached apparatus, no fear of a crinkly, Topsy-like head.

You know, I suppose, that there are plans afoot to uproot the Blue Orchid and replant it in more exotic soil.

SINCE the spring planting has begun my fancy instead of turning to "thoughts of love" has turned to nothing more romantic than paint. I have gone on the rampage with the paint pot. Kitchen furniture, bedroom furniture, even the front door have become the proud possessors of spring coats in the brightest shades of Luxor purchased from W. H. Thorne's at the foot of King Street. They looked so very fine that everything about them appeared shabby by comparison, the kitchen floor looking the drabest of the drab. Again I ventured into Thorne's to inquire about a remedy for sick-looking kitchen floors. And I found something you should know about, too. It is called Luxor Clear Gloss and its transparent, hard finish is untarnished by boiling water, hot grease or alcohol. Thrilled with the mirror-like surface of the kitchen floor I tried Luxor with some trepidation on my old desk. There will be no more ink stains on it now and it looks like new. You march along in brighter days when you are armed with a paint brush.

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