

Dressmaking as an Occupation for Women.

It is a curious fact that in a trade so old as the making of women's garments, and a trade in which women are so deeply interested, the best work should be done and the highest prices received by men. No one disputes The explanation of it, which carries most weight, is the unwillingness of women, or their lack of foresight and ambition, to learn all branches of the trade as thoroughly as men learn them.

For the really first-class dressmaker or ladies' tailor work is always abundant and earnings are large. For the poor one there are sure to be "dull seasons" and small wages. The girl who has this trade in mind should therefore resolve to master it or let it alone.

The foundation of dressmaking is sewing. One should acquire a reasonable skill with the needle and at least some knowledge of running a sewing machine before one attempts to learn dressmaking. These rudiments mastered, the next step will depend somewhat on the girl's residence and means.

The shortest and easiest road is through attendance at some good school of cutting and fitting. The time required for this will wary both with the school and with the individual pupil. Some institutions advertise that they graduate their pupils in six weeks, some take six months.

The tuition, which, in nearly all the schools, must be fully paid in advance, varies from fifty to two hundred and fifty dollars; and to this must be added the cost of living, which, in the large cities, where such schools are usually situated, will hardiy be less than five dollars a week.

If a girl decides to take such a course, she should exercise great care in choosing her school. There are good ones, honestly managed and equipped with competent teachers, but there are others-and some of them advertise extensively-which are merely screens for robbery.

The girl who cannot afford a term at any dressmaking school should seek a position as sewing woman in some good dressmaking establishment.

The payment will be small at first-five or six dollars a week-but it will soon adjust itself to her ability. Of course these are city wages. She should do all she can to learn from the more skilled workers about her, watch what is done and try to discover why. Then, at the first opportunity, she should try to find some cutter who, for a reasonable consideration, is willing to give her private lessons in some department of cutting, as, for example, skirts or shirt-waists.

When she has mastered either of these branches of her trade, she will find opportunity to utilize her skill, either at doing the work in the establishment where she is employed or in some other place where an assistant cutter is needed. Her wages for that work should be from twelve dollars a week upward.

The cutting of coats is a branch of itself, almost the highest on the dressmaking tree. If it cannot be learned in a regular school course of instruction, it should at least be learned from a man. This can usually be done in private lessons, by arrangement with some working cutter. The wages lpaid to a competent woman cutter who is able to draft and fit an entire suit are seldom less than twenty-five dollars a week, and are often as much as thirty-five.

The really ambitious girl will manage somehow to find a place for herself in a good ladies' miloring establishment before she rests content in the confidence that she has completely mastered her trade.

Women themselves are the first to admit that workers of their own sex are generally anable to give the style to a garment which is imparted by a first-class "man tailor." This matter of style touches not merely the cutting, but the "balance," the pressing, and all those little details which differentiate the distinctive gown from the commonplace.

There is no reason why a woman should not master these details as well as a man. Those who do will have no need to worry about success.

Cause of Danger In the South.

Of the relationship between whites and blacks in the South, Ray Stannard Baker

makes the following significant report in the May 'American Magazine'.

'Of course only a comparatively few negroes are able to get ahead in business. They must depend almost exclusively upon the trade of their race, and they must meet the highly organized competition of white men. But it is certainly significant that even a few -all I have met so far are mulattoes. some very white-are able to make progress along these unfamiliar lines. Most Southern men I met had little or no idea of the remarkable extent of this advancement among the better class of negroes. Here is a strange thing. I dont know how many Southern men have prefaced their talks with me with words something like this:

"You can't expect to know the negro after a short visit. You must live down here like we do. Now, I know the negroes like a book. I was brought up with them. I know what they'll do and what they won't do. I have had negroes in my house all my life.

'But curiously enough I found that these men rarely knew anything about the better class of negroes-those who were in business, or in independent occupations, those who owned their own homes. They did come in contact with the servant negro, the field the fact, but various explanations are offered. | hand, the common laborer, who make up, of course, the great mass of the race. On the other hand, the best class of negroes did not know the higher class of white people, and based their suspicion and hatred upon the acts of the poorer sort of whites with whom they naturally came into contact. The best elements of the two races are as far apart as though they lived in different continents; and that is one of the chief causes of the growing danger of the Southern generation.

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The Conference Ended.

The Imperial Conference wound up last week, and if the attending colonial premiers spoke out their feelings to the public as they did to their acquaintances, they would call it a failure. Coming with high hopes of a preferential trade scheme and elaborate programmes for imperialistic legislation, they succeeded in pressing upon the government only a few minor subjects.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, supported the Imperial government at every stage of the opposition to preferential trade, and as a result he has become unpopular with his colleagues. Mr. Alfred Deakin, the Premier of Australia, lost no chance of proclaiming the Japanese menace to Australia's vital problem.

Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, contrary to expectation, succeeded in getting the Newfoundland fishery question before the Conference. Sir Robert moved a resolution to the effect that if the Home Government failed to support the colonies in carrying out local statutes, but suspended or abrogated them at the instance of a fereign power, this act would constitute a serious infringement of autonomous rights. He urged that the assent of the Crown should be given to the act of 1906, that the colony should not be fettered by any modus vivendi in carrying out laws approved by it, and that the Home Government should proceed to define the rights of American citizens under the treaty of 1818, which he declared Newfoundland did not want to limit in any way; she merely sought justice. Sir Robert pleaded earnestly There was no doubt in the minds of people with the Earl of Elgin, Secretary of State for who knew the Camerons as to who was the the Colonies, that, 'If we lose the fishing head of the house in every sense of the word. | industry, we lose everything. Unless you So accustomed were the Camerons, large and | do something for us, something to enable us small, to look to "father" for advice and to retain our means of subsistence, we shall

Upon the Earl of Elgin's replying to the effect that the government was unable to do anything, the Premier of Newfoundland Mrs. Cameren?" some one asked her one icy jumped to his feet and exclaimed: 'This is cold winter day, and the little lady smiled a gross humiliation and neglect which you would not dare to offer to a colony powerful enough to be able to give effect to its resentment. It is most unjust, and I repeat again that you are deliberately neglecting us for the sake of American interests.

Then, gathering up his papers, Sir Robert quitted the room, without uttering another

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