

## DAME FASHION WILL SHORTEN WOMEN'S SKIRTS

Latest Decree Laps Three Inches Off Bottom Edge—Radical Changes in Evening Gowns.

(Boston Record.)

Oh, Mamie, dear, an' did you hear  
The news that's goin' round?  
'The skirts next year  
Are going to clear  
Two feet above the ground.

Fact! So it is decreed.

The edict has gone out from the convention of the Designers' Association of America, which has just finished its fashion revue at the LaSalle Hotel, in Chicago.

And what the Designers' Association says goes. This same association meets each year and makes up a little schedule, and you, Miss Highbrow, and you, Miss Stenographer, if you don't fall in line with the rest of the fashionable world, will be the joker in the sartorial pack at the next tango tea you attend. If the Designers' Association decreed that the proper evening garb for women for the coming spring would be red gaulses and cowhide boots, the dears would storm the men's furnishing stores to be in style.

So, the coming season they will not fail to line up with the shorter skirts. Approximately three inches will be lopped from the skirt, and if this doesn't bring them perilously close to the knees, what will it do?

Moreover, the flares and wide tucks which have prevailed this season will go and the new skirts will cling very close to the form. Woe to the miss who lacks in perfection of the line of beauty and grace.

Another effect of the new style will be that higher boots will be necessary, and this in the face of the prediction that all shoes will be from \$15 to \$20 a pair. What these skyscrapers will cost no one can predict.

Here's another one. Evening gowns will be lower than ever and will be practically skin tight. They will be garnished with glittering gems and passementerie in colors.

Now, what do you think of that?

## THE PERFECT HOSPITAL

Need Not be Palace, But Must be Very Clean

"The main essential of a hospital," says a well known surgeon, "is that it be so constructed that every room for every patient will at some time of the day get some sunshine. The halls and floors should be as near soundproof as possible, and the doors should be wide enough for a bed to pass through easily. All corners should be rounded, so that the room may be kept perfectly clean and free from dust." These simple specifications do not call for a lavish expenditure of money, and, in the mind of this practical doctor there is no necessity for imposing portals or stately entrance halls.

The palatial modern hotels, some years ago were responsible for the innovation of shifting kitchens from basements to top floors. Now, however, improvements in ventilating methods and kitchen appliances have very largely resulted in the abandonment of this plan, which, from the first, was found oppressive because of elevator expense. In the opinion of the medical man above quoted, all additional cost in locating the kitchen at a hospital at its top instead of at its bottom, is unnecessary.

A man never knows how much he values an umbrella or a woman until he sees some other man calmly walking off with one or the other.

## MARYSVILLE NOTES

Lengthy Programme at Christmas Entertainment in Main Street Baptist Church.

On Monday evening the Main Street Baptist Church held their usual Christmas entertainment. The church was filled to its utmost capacity, all agreeing that the following programme was the very best ever held in the Main street church:

Opening Chorus—Welcome, One and All.

Address of Welcome—Keith Capen. Merry Christmas—Primary classes. Address of Welcome—Harry Miller. Recitation—Too Much Candy—Phyllis Tait.

Exercise—Six little girls.

Motion Song—Dolly, Go to Sleep—Eight tiny girls.

Recitation—Holly Berries—Ada Pond. Recitation—If You Were I—Ralph McDowell.

Solo—Evelyn Gilmore.

Exercise—Some Christmas Advice—Six boys.

Chorus—Merry Christmas to All. Recitation—Christmas Eve—Hazen Pond.

Duet—Glena and Mildred Pond. Recitation—The Reason—Byard Peterson.

Solo—Edith Staples.

Exercise—Wreaths of Praise—Five girls.

Solo—Guy Pond.

Recitation—A Good Night Wish—Charlotte Peterson.

Recitation—Christmas Ivy—Aradeth Estabrooks.

Chorus—Tell Again the Christmas Story—Bible classes.

Exercise—Trying to be Good—Three boys.

Duet—Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Capen.

Exercise—Why We are Glad—Five children.

Chorus and Drill—Jolly Good Times. Recitation—Hilton Robinson.

Motion Song—Eight little Girls. Exercise—Christmas in Many Lands.

Patriotic Drill—Eighteen girls. Solo—Holy Night—Thelma Capen.

Chorus—Merry Christmas and Good Night.

Duet—Jessie and Edith Dennison.

After the well rendered programme a nice treat was presented to the children by the superintendent, C. J. Hallett, assisted by the teachers.

A silver collection was taken at the door amounting to \$20. Too much cannot be said for Mrs. S. J. Hallett, assisted by Miss Zula Hallett, for their untiring efforts in training the little ones. Special mention should be made of the solo rendered so beautifully by Miss Edith Staples, a pupil of Acadia Seminary; also of a duet by Mrs. Wm. Cain and Mrs. Joseph Capen.

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## EVE WAS NOT ADAM'S FIRST WIFE

New York, Dec. 26.—Robert P. Dow, editor of the Brooklyn Entomological Society Bulletin, gave a 20-minute talk before the New York Entomological Society on "The Insect Progeny of Adam's First Wife."

"It is true," he said, "that few people are aware that Adam was ever reputed to have had more than one wife, but I anticipate pleasure and not difficulty in assuring them that the familiar Eve—though perhaps first in importance—was second chronologically, and moreover was probably of Ethiopian extraction.

In Germany people are more familiar with Lillith, Adam's first wife, and incidentally the subject of my talk.

"She is first mentioned in early Jewish literature—about 700 A.D.—as a blue-eyed blonde from somewhere in the far north, and she still survives in German folk-lore, where she plays a role somewhat similar to to our 'bogey man.' According to the most ancient of Jewish chronicles, she married a rich Phoenician by the name of Beelzebub, to whom there is reference in the Bible.

"This desertion of Adam made his followers very bitter, and they pronounced the first generation of Lillith's children by Beelzebub 'Zebubs,' or wasps, and the second generation, with accumulated vindictiveness, they hailed as 'Zuccobees,' or she-devils. Nor did time soften their feelings, for all through subsequent Jewish mythology constant reference is found to Lillith, 'the mother of insects.'"

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Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

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