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Of Interest to the Women

ENSEMBLES IN NEW FORMS.

So many variations have been played on the ensemble theme that one would suppose the ideas had been exhausted. Yet such is certainly not the case.

The ensemble originally consisted of a dress with coat which matched in its most literal sense. Then came coats which were dark over dresses which were bright, the connecting link being the lining or matching trimming details. Now one finds the juxtapositions reversed, dark dresses, lighter coats, with linings which either match one or the other. Perhaps the reason for this is preference for tans which women are manifesting in coats, and the effectiveness of a tan coat with a darker crepe or satin frock. One finds the idea worked out also in purple and a lighter, almost violet shade, and, of course in greens but it is in tans it is most impressive in point of number the hat matching either dress or coat and generally repeating the color of the dress.

It begins to look as though all the woollens which will be used for spring are to be in fine self-tone all-over effects, for with the exception of kasha, and of jersey, the latter confined to sports or travel wear, one rarely comes upon plain materials. This is true in both coat and suit circles, to say nothing of the realms devoted to cloth dresses. The cloth dress, if Europe be taken as a standard which it of course is must not be underestimated.

For those slender enough to wear them, there are smart plaids combined with plain materials. It is well thought, to realize that the smart world is partial to the use of contrasting materials and inclined to make use of two fabrics where one heretofore sufficed.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

The more care and time you give to stirring and rubbing the ingredients of a salad dressing together the more creamy and delicious a dressing will result. You will have no success if you just mix the oil, vinegar, salt, mustard &c., hastily and carelessly.

Tomatoes are delicious served in halves on lettuce if they are very firm and cold and topped with a large tablespoonful of whipped cream.

Mustard mixed with milk instead of water is apt to keep fresh, smooth and of a good color.

FIG TART.

Slice figs and cover with milk; cover and stew in oven. Line muffin tins with pie dough, pour in the figs, putting a little butter and sugar on top of each. Cover with crust and bake in a quick oven for 15 minutes.

FIG PUDDING.

1 cup chopped figs, 1 tbsp orange peel, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 cup flour, 2 eggs, 3 tps. baking powder 1-8 tsp. salt, 1-2 cup sugar, ¼ cup fat 1¼ cup milk.

Sift dry ingredients together and add the beaten eggs and milk. Add melted fat, orange peel and figs. Steam in greased molds for 1 hour.

RICE MOLD WITH RAISINS.

Boil one cup of rice as usual; put into Turk's head, which has been rinsed with cold water; set aside until cold. Turn out on large plate, fill the centre with raisins and place raisins around the edge.

Raisins: Wash one cup raisins, put into saucepan with one cup cold water; bring to boil; add one teaspoon cornstarch mixed with a little cold water and a pinch of salt; boil five minutes. One tablespoon of sugar may be added if desired.

PEACHES AND RICE.

Put one tablespoon of cold boiled rice into ice cream glasses, place half peach on top, then surround the peach with one tablespoon rice and put a spoonful of whipped cream on top of peach. Garnish with a ring of cherry, one cherry cut into four rings. The whipped cream is put through pastry bag to form a rose.

AMERICAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD

Geneva, Feb. 23—Swiss police yesterday handed over to the Italian authorities legal documents concerning "White Elk," alias Tavanna Rey, who declares he is a red Indian prince and whose trial will take place shortly at Milan on the charge of swindling the wealthy Italian Countess Khevenhuller out of £44,000 by promising to marry her daughter, although he was already married to a red Indian squaw.

White Elk is an American and his real name is Edgar Laplante of Pawtucket, R. I. He is accused of having posed as the millionaire owner of a large estate in Canada.

A Swiss mental expert called him a "pathological liar" when he was sentenced at Bellinzona, Switzerland, for frauds.

HAME SUITS HARRY LAUDER

Edinburgh, Scotland, Feb. 24—Sir Harry Lauder has become a member of the coterie of actors who have made their last tour.

"I have come to that time of life when 'hame' is good enough for me and I will not tour again," Sir Harry says.

He plans to retire to his home in Scotland and appear only occasionally before British audiences.

"Sir, your daughter has promised to be my wife."

"Well, don't come to me for sympathy. I knew something like that would happen, hanging around the house five nights a week."

RESCUED FROM SABLE ISLAND

Halifax, Feb. 23—C. H. Harvey, local agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, received word today that the government steamer Lady Laurier had arrived at Sable Island and had taken aboard Captain Darkins and the crew of the Norwegian steamer Harold Casper, which was wrecked on the coast of Sable Island about a fortnight ago.

The Lady Laurier will probably reach Halifax with the "marooned" mariners tomorrow.

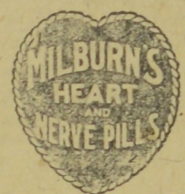
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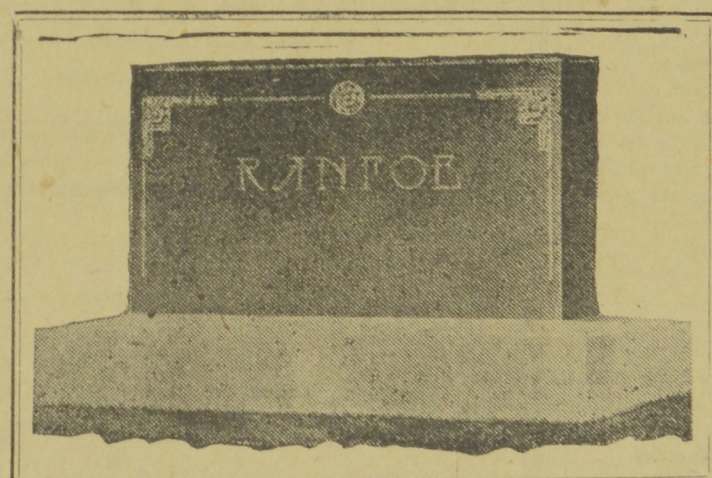
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