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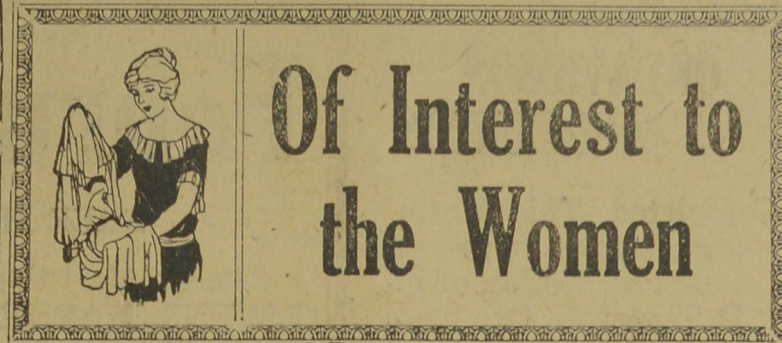
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Of Interest to the Women

EXTREME MODES

CAUSE NO SHOCK.

Every woman is trying to prove that she is a living Venus these days. Fine figures have become as plentiful as fine feathers. One shows just as much as one dares.

An artist tells us that only women who have unbecoming figures assume to be shocked by other women's display of figures and refuse to display their own. Beauty he claims, knows no modesty. It is the ungainly woman who feigns modesty. But be that as it may, one is just a trifle shocked at some of the physical display one sees this winter.

Petticoats Discarded.

Many women are brassiere-less, shirtless, corset-less and end extremely short skirted. It is not unusual to see young women dancing with no under apparel except a form-fitting brassiere and a pair of bloomers. Skirts and petticoats are entirely discarded by the younger element. Even with semi-transparent frocks this is the case. With the velvet evening frock the step-in is the undergarment. Often the entire upper body is bare save for the low cut frock which is often cut scant over the bust to leave no doubt as to the wearer's figure.

Short Skirts Common.

Short skirts have become so common that they no longer provoke any interest. The doffing of corsets hasn't created any furor, for the female figure without the corset is less attractive than the slightly corseted one. Only recently, however, have women attempted to go as nearly underwearless as possible and one wonders whether in time even this will fail to shock us. In Paris the popular undergarment is the form-fitting silk knit affair with the vest and body portion made in one with the stockings. Over this is worn a gown which is made to display the figure as nearly as possible.

WINDOW CURTAIN STYLES.

One who pays attention to detail cannot fail to have noticed this, that fashions in women's dress fairly closely.

Time was when every woman wore numerous stiffly starched, dazzling white petticoats. In that era windows were stiffly starched, dazzling white Nottingham lace curtains or ruffled cloth curtains. But stiffness and snowy whiteness were deemed necessary, both for beauty and for good housekeeping.

Then came a day when soft and clinging underslips or knickers took the place of petticoats because frocks had grown narrow and clinging. Stiff materials went out because they hid the figure and women no longer wished to conceal the silhouette. Very soft effects became the mode for costumes, and at the same time very soft, limply hanging materials became fashionable for window curtains.

Now the flounce is back not only giving flare and charm to women's silhouettes, but adding a feminine frill in the interior decoration as well.

The new ruffled curtains, however, are by no means the frilly flounces extend only across the bottom, never up and down the sides. These new flounced curtains may be made of finest net or of a

delicate all over silk lace. There is no sign of stiffness. The flounce should be six or seven inches deep.

The correct method of hanging these curtains is so that the flounce comes below the sill. Nothing is uglier when seen from the street, than a flounce. The exterior of the house should present great simplicity and dignity. Keep your frills and ornaments for the interior and let the ruffle hang low enough so that it is not seen from without.

STEAMED FIG PUDDING.

1 1-2 cups molasses.
1 1-2 cups suet, chopped
3 cups chopped figs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1-2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 1-2 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1-2 cups sour milk
3 eggs
3 3-4 cups flour

Mix together molasses, suet, figs and spices. Add milk and well beaten eggs, and gradually stir in the flour, which has been sifted with soda and salt. Mix thoroughly and pour into oiled moulds. Steam two hours.

"Have you given the goldfish fresh water, Marguerite?"
"No, they haven't finished the water I gave them yesterday."

VAGABONDS GOVERN THE SALE OF RADICAL BOOKS

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Vagabond type may find a bite to eat or contrabute one, if he has something.

But the "jingles" is passing. It is estimated by police authorities that the West's migratory pedestrian population has diminished 20 per cent. or more since the starting of the World War. Changed conditions have enabled many to obtain jobs and their "pickings" have become poorer because of the general organization of "community chests" so that there is not the incentive to invade Western fields once regarded more or less as the "panhandler's paradise."

Now Travels in Auto.

The old-time hobo, it has been found also, has raised himself into the class of the auto tourist—second-hand cars of a popular make being within the grasp of the man willing to work ever a few weeks out of the year—and as a result the tramp finds the auto camp more comfortable than the "jingles."

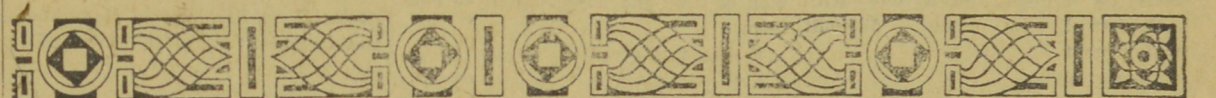
California police who have been called on to contend with the annual winter months' invasion of those in visible means say that another avenue of occupation has opened for the mar of tramp type, which also contributes to the "jingles" decreasing population. It is bootlegging, which appeals to some of the younger and more virile type.

Live in "Jungles."

In the larger cities the casuals or "hoboes" are to be found in "flop" houses and around small employment agencies. The type known as "panhandlers" work "the stams" or principal streets appealing to the more generous appearing citizens for the price of a meal or bed. Out West this type lives in what is known as "jungles." These are small camps near larger towns and cities where a fire is kept going and wanderers of the pedestrian type may find a bite to eat or contrabute one, if he has something.

WHERE THEY DIFFER.

Oh, the captain's lady
And Julie O'Grady
To some may look equally good;
But the double-six chariot
And the flivver of Harriet
Are different under the hood.

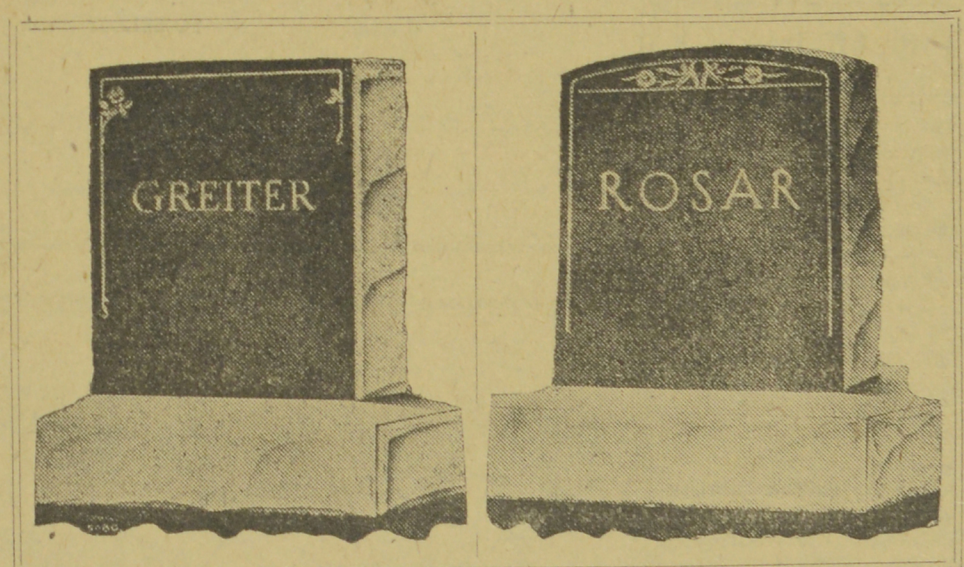


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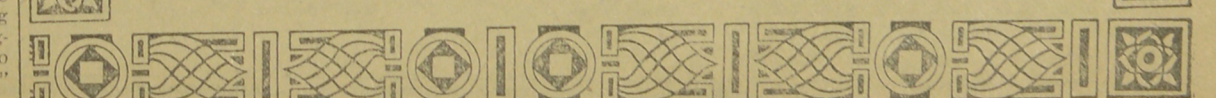
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