

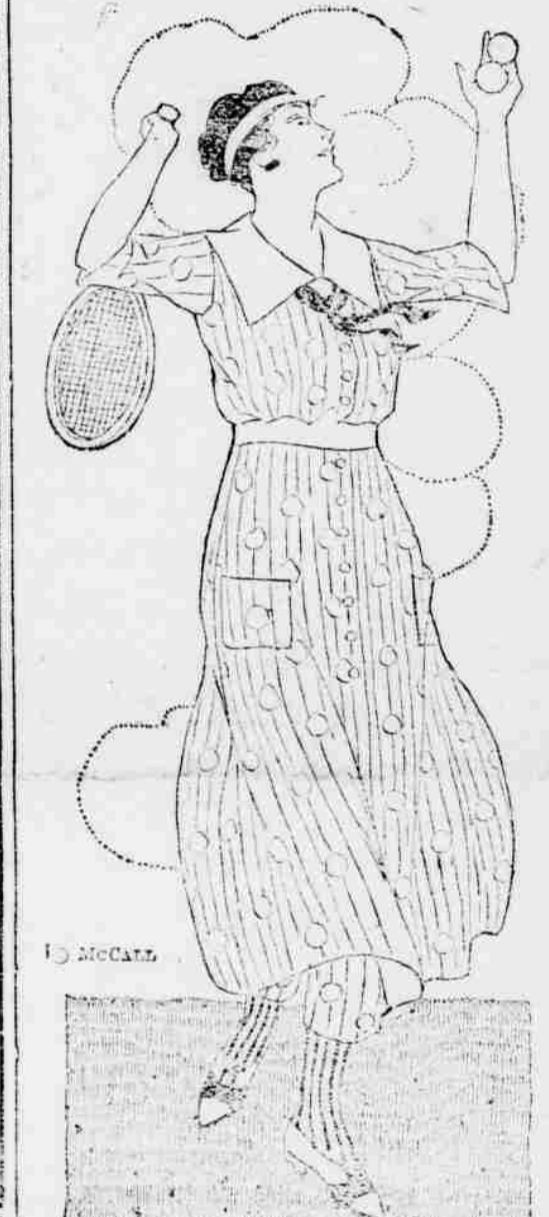
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FADS AND FANCIES OF THE SPORTING SEASON

The Tennis Costume Takes on Trousers and the Smock Turns Into a Sports Coat.

New York, July 19.—Many novelties have been introduced in the past few weeks. With the coming of warm weather, the minds of both young and old naturally turn to the great out-of-doors, and Fashion is not slow to take up the cue of the golf ball and tennis racket.

One house offers a novelty tennis costume with trousers. Already a number of these have been sold and the suit bids fair to be one of the fads of the summer.



The blousers longer and left free. The skirt is attached to a wide belt and buttons on separate. The advantage of the suit is obvious. With the trousers made of the same material as the skirts, they are almost invisible when the skirt blows out in the wind, and, aside from this fact, they give a freedom of action which is impossible with petticoats wrapping around the feet.

Bright wall-paper cretonnes, also Oriental black-and-white patterns are used for these dresses, with collar and cuffs of white Swiss or organdy. In the less expensive models, linen and chambray are substituted. It is really surprising how charming the effect is in these materials, with a touch of white in the collar and cuffs. In many instances, calico takes the place of the cretonnes, which have been so extensively favored for outing apparel.

Simple as these dresses sound, they are not what you would call inexpensive, unless, perchance, you make them yourself. They are few and far between, exclusive in the full sense of the word. At the pretentious homes up the Hudson, at the Casino at Newport—these are the places where the calicoes are found.

The woman to whom the unusual appeals will welcome these latest novelties. They offer a relief from the ordinary cut-and-dried sweater; are far more becoming to the average woman, smarter and more swagger than their predecessors.

There were some charming new models shown on the Avenue the other day, quite eclipsing the cretonne coats, the blazer-striped flannels and the beach coats of tan tweed.

We have Bryn Mawr College to thank for the sweater-blouse. It was here that the fad originated; these blouses are a cross between a waist and a sweater. They are cut on the lines of the regulation sailor and are made of soft Italian silk.

Rodier, the French manufacturer of fabrics, has gone in strong this season for novelty piques. One of the prettiest is a barred effect in bright canary yellow on white, wide wale pique. He has also introduced a trading-stamp design printed in queer green checks, which call to mind the stickers of the stamp-book.

Already the felt hat is strong in favor for sports wear. The newest models have wide brims and medium high crowns, usually with the brim and crown in contrasting color. Some of the smartest have woven flowers embroidered on net and applied on, others are painted and few have woven pompos or silk cords.

THE COTTON SITUATION A SERIOUS PROPOSITION

Mr. Geo. R. Bennett Offers Suggestions as to The Best Method of Handling The Crop.

The time is near at hand when the cotton crop will be ready for market. What are we going to do with it? Notwithstanding the fact that there was much talk of reducing the average last spring we all know that it was not reduced very much.

North Carolina is probably in more serious need of houses than any of the other of the cotton-producing States." This doesn't speak well for our State. Here in Halifax County in 1913 we produced 32,110 bales, our storage capacity is about 13,100 bales, in seven warehouses, five with a capacity of 11,400 bales is owned by the cotton mills at Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, and is not for the use of the farmer at all.

Geo. R. Bennett. Enfield, N. C. July 15, 1915.

One on The Mayor.

Some days ago Mayor J. E. Shields was speeding his Metz from Halifax in an effort to make Scotland Neck before night fall. He had been delayed in commencing his journey because of a big rain.

The big rains a few hours previously had so swelled the stream that about the time he reached the center the water ran over the car and put his engine out of commission, thus leaving the mayor all alone in the midst of the stream with the surging waters rushing over his machine.

Not to be outdone the mayor removed his shoes, rolled up his breeches as high as possible, and stepped out into the waters. Reaching terra firma, the mayor struck out for Spring Hill, where he secured a pair of mules from a friend.

Dr. Shields not being satisfied with the oceans of water at Looking Glass Swamp, almost as soon as he reached home he hiked away to Virginia Beach where he says he could see some water.

Dawson Items. Dawson, July 20.—The crops are looking very well in this section. Mr. Jos. Lawrence, of Enfield, is visiting his friends here. Mr. Geo. F. Harris, who is so well known here, is visiting his friends.

YE EARL SUSTAINS PAINFUL INJURIES

The Cub Reporter Falls from a Running Automobile

As the result of news greed, Ye Earl, the reportorial wizzard of The Commonwealth, lies in his lili "trumel" bed this week suffering with a fractured right arm and body bruises. It happened something about like this: Carl had been nosing around the Mayor's court during the breakfast hour, missing his initial meal deducing evidence on two or three alleged blind tigers whom the authorities had "cuffed" awaiting their trial.

After noting on several pieces of parchment that several vernaculars term "scraps of paper" what had taken place and what his keen news sense had anticipated would in all probability take place, Carl, the scooper, oblivious of the fact that The Commonwealth would not go to press before Wednesday afternoon, scurried away from the temple of justice as fast as his motly little "footsies" would carry him.

Billie Walston, the proprietor of the Walston Tonsorial Parlor across the street from the newspaper office, for the first time in twenty years gashed the man he was shaving as Carl thudded the sand-clay one block up the street from the place he tried to alight from the car.

Of course it wasn't a regular, honest-to-goodness, cross-my-heart, hope-to-die earthquake, but, on the square, Mr. Bobbie Jyner, who was inhaling the aroma of King Nicotine from the bowels of a "41" cigar two blocks away, stated positively that old terra firma did quake mildly at the exact time that Carl embraced Old Mother Earth.

However, we are digressing. Dr. A. D. Morgan, who was in the neighborhood of the accident, was at once summoned. After making a careful examination of Carl's hurt places, found that his writing hand was limp and useless. The wounded newsmen was then ambulated home and his arm set and slung. Knowing Carl's fidelity to the paper and his mania for news, several of the chocolate milk boys, have intimated that the zealous young reporter purposely imperiled his life and sacrificed corporal pain for the sake of a long green news story with Carl in the center of the type.

Spring Hill Items. Spring Hill, July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. DeBrule are visiting relatives and friends in Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. J. H. Darden and Miss Mary Riddick left Friday for Plymouth, where they will spend a few weeks. Mrs. Carrol who has been visiting Mrs. J. T. Riddick for a few weeks, left Saturday for Scotland Neck where she will visit relatives and friends before returning home.

Mr. Henry Pope, of Tilley, was in Spring Hill Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tilley motored through here last week. Mrs. Maggie Stephenson, Mrs. Stephenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Milliken, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. D. Riddick.

Last winter I used Chamberlain's Liniment for rheumatic pains, stiffness and soreness of the neck, and can conscientiously say that I never used anything that did me so much good.—Edward Craft, Elba, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

HARRY THAW AT LAST GIVEN HIS FREEDOM

Court Upholds Verdict of Jury Declaring Him Sane and Orders Him Released on \$35,000 Bail.

New York, July 16.—Harry K. Thaw, adjudged sane last Wednesday by a jury, was given his freedom today by Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hendrick, who announced that he had adopted the jury's verdict.

The State immediately served notice of appeal and Justice Hendrick fixed Thaw's bail at \$35,000 to insure his presence at future proceedings. A surety company was prepared to give the bond and Thaw was taken from the court house to the judge's chambers so details might be arranged.

Thaw declined to make any statement except after the bail arrangements were completed he would go to Pittsburg.

CHRONOLOGY OF CASE

April 4, 1905 — Thaw married Evelyn Nesbit. June 25, 1906—Thaw killed Stanford White. January 22, 1907—First murder trial started. March 20, 1907—Trial halted to have sanity commission named. April 5, 1907—Thaw pronounced sane. April 12, 1907—Jury disagree. February 1, 1908—Thaw acquitted but held insane.

April 22, 1908—Application for habeas corpus writ. June 29, 1908—Thaw demanded jury trial. December 30, 1909—United States Supreme Court denied application for trial. April 12, 1912—New writ of habeas corpus issued.

March 1, 1913—Fourth writ of habeas corpus issued. March 6, 1913—Fourth writ withdrawn. August 17, 1913—Thaw escaped from Matteawan. August 19, 1913—Thaw arrested in Canada. September 1, 1913—Thaw deported from Canada.

December 21, 1914 — Supreme Court orders Thaw's return from New Hampshire. March 22, 1915—Thaw acquitted on conspiracy charge. June 22, 1915—Trial begins before Justice Hendrick and jury. July 14, 1915—Jury finds Thaw sane. July 16, 1915—Verdict of jury is upheld and Thaw released on bail.

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