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Paris.—Undies, like everything else in woman's world, are definitely moving forward again in this spring in Paris. The "huzzy" type in crepe de chine in softest green, blue and flesh tones, which swept cambric, muslin and other cotton and linen undie fabrics out of fashionable wardrobes a few years ago, is still the only smart thing to wear. But it too, is receiving further improvement.

The Paris dressmakers are trying to make woman's lingerie something more professional. Paul Caret started the ball rolling, designing underwear that resembles dresses themselves in look and quality. Stitching is almost invisible. The "fancy-work" look about it has been done away with, and the feminine touch is given by floating panels of chiffon. Lace is inserted as well and embroideries are being used, even metal ones and there are ruffles and flounces and pleats.

In reality, these new lingerie creations are "under-dresses" and must have their line and silhouette as well as the frock itself. One begins to foresee mannequins showing off everything they wear right out in the open salons of the large dressmaking shops, for otherwise, how will Madame know what to select?

Printed crepe de chine evening dresses have their undergarments to match and they are even to be seen in black and navy-blue.

Gold lace and even silver lace is used lavishly for combinations for evening wear. Finer laces unite with delicate chiffons for dancing "scanties."

Tailored types of combinations or separate chemises and panties, in which the latter have pleats and laces and the former lace at the top with the bottom hemstitched or worn with the plain little "rotteur" and sport suits.

Slenderness Craze With Modern Girl

News and Observer. Foolish girls and women, laying too much emphasis on personal appearance, diet to avoid growing stout or having grown stout go on a diet to get thin. Then lay too much emphasis on physical appearance. Beauty is of the soul. Some homely women, so-called, are beautiful to the discerning eye. Some beautiful women, so-called, have little of beauty of the heart and soul.

But apart from that consideration, there is grave objection to dieting. The Nations Health says in an editorial of great value and force: Evidence is accumulating to show the dangers of health that may be expected from the present craze for slenderness that is so rampant in the female sex. Observers are reporting increased tuberculosis rates among girls in early adult life due largely to reduced vitality caused in turn by a lack of proper diet.

The body functions must be main up from such reserves as may be available. No one knows as yet how far these reserves can be drawn upon before permanent and disastrous changes take place. These changes may not be in evidence for several years or until the woman has passed into the family stage with its strains of child-bearing and family care.

It is estimated that each individual enters the world with his metabolic functions fairly well determined and his relation to food intake established within reasonable limits. Attempt at interference always results disastrously to the individual.

There is probably small hope of combatting fashion with facts but in a few years it will be interesting to study the health of a group of the most ardent followers of the styles of 1926.

Life and strength and capacity for service and being useful to one's family and friends are worth infinitely more than a "sylph-like" appearance. Besides, to many eyes the sylph is not the last word in feminine attractiveness.

ANYBODY MAY DANCE BLACK BOTTOM IN FRANCE

By I N S Paris.—"Black Bottom" is not the exclusive property of anyone, according to a Paris arbitration court. The court decided against M. Salabert, proprietor of France's largest musical publishing house, in his contention that because he published the original "Black Bottom" in France the expression was his exclusive property.

In rendering its verdict the court decided that "Black Bottom" was a generic denomination and like "waltz," "fox trot," and "tango," not susceptible of appropriation.

Dover Mill School Honor Roll Given

The following is the honor roll of the Dover Mill school for the sixth month:

First grade: Jack Shull, Eloise McArthur, Gladys Watts, Landford Lindsey, Bill Beheler, Hugh Dover, Ernest Rice, Ben Waldrop, Louise Ledford, Millicent Hicks, Emily Baice, Kathleen Sides, Inez Laner, Ell Le Hunnicutt, Lorene Sisk, Pauline Blanton, Irene Blanton, George Powell, Lloyd McCraw.

Second: Robert Ellis, Sarah Lee Sides, Ollie Ruth Queen, Ancil Cannon, Grace Willis, Herman Sisk.

Third grade: Leo Nodine, Bill Dawson, Wilbur Petty, Reid Sisk, Gladys Taylor, Mary Ella Southern.

Fourth: J. T. Nodine, Kathleen Dawson, Pearl Hicks, Pauline Ivey, Norris Southard.

Fifth: Carl Ivey, Mitchell Dover, Buford Wellmon, Selma Wellmon.

Gladys Waldrop, B. E. Price. Sixth: Verna Comer, Venice Taylor, Norman Nolan, Julius Waldrop, Julian Waldrop.

Seventh: Ethel Hicks, Louise Cannon, Ralph Dover, Beatrice Connor, Laila McCraw.

Dead Aviators Return

Buenos Aires.—The bodies of Capt. Clinton F. Woolsey and Lieut. John W. Benton, U. S. Army good will aviators, who were killed in a crash following a collision in midair, were shipped to this country on the steamer Vaucluse. An Argentine aviator who had gone to the pier to pay his respects to the dead, suffered a heart attack and died within a few minutes.

F. H. Ziegler, undertaker of Elizabeth City, says "Mary a man has married a second wife before he has paid the undertaker's bill for the first one's funeral."

Survey Show State Government Costs More Than Double In Recent Years

By International News Service Washington.—The high cost of self government in the several states is rapidly making a luxury of freedom.

A department of commerce survey reveals that the average cost of government per unit of population for the 48 states advanced from \$4.66 in 1915 to \$9.87 in 1925. During the same period receipts at the state treasuries increased 224 per cent and outlay, 226 per cent.

Governmental functions which cost only \$19,409,795 in 1915 required \$1,814,562,230 in 1925.

Fixed expenses—executive departments, legislative establishment, militia, penal institutions, etc.—cost 173 per cent more in 1925 than ten years before and permanent plant improvements—roads, buildings, experimental farms—required 428 per cent more, or \$563,023,971 in 1925 against \$85,482,799 in 1915.

During the same period, the combined per capita debt of the 48 states rose from \$532,000,000 to \$1,745,000,000. Carrying charges on state obligations increased from \$19,000,000 to \$68,500,000, or more than 250 per cent.

Henry Ford Adds Two Hearses To His New England Antiques

By International News Service Warham, Mass.—Two hearses, used for many years in this town to carry to the sacred ground of the community the last remains of the rich and poor alike have been added to the Henry Ford collection of antiques at Wayside Inn. The hearses used in old New England have a unique place in the history making years that have molded this section.

Back in the days before the automobile, in the days when every man was a friend of his neighbor and the spirit of New England was still intensely Puritanical, every town and hamlet had its town hall, its soldier's monument, its village green and its town hearse.

When this town, like many other towns, was confronted with the problem of disposing of its two municipal hearses the town fathers were stumped. For almost 150 years the jet black vehicles had carried the townspeople to their final resting places. Finally it was decided to have a public bonfire with the hearses contributing the chief bit of fuel.

With the preparations under way for the blaze, the attention of Mr. Ford was called to the hearses. Realizing the historic value of them, one of his agents was sent over. A cursory inspection revealed that in historic value they were genuine antiques and with his offer of acceptance the town made a gift of the vehicles to Mr. Ford.

Like all other antiques collected by Ford and his agents, the two hearses made the journey to Sudbury. The hearses are odd looking vehicles. The older of the two is simply a large, weather-tight box mounted on huge wooden axles, with hubs or shafts for a single horse. When two horses were to be used the hubs were replaced by a single pole.

A square recess was cut in the forward end of the box to serve as a seat, while in the back were two small doors for entrance. The four wheels were fastened to the axles by bolts with large, hand-drought nuts and the whole thing painted a deep, dismal black.

The newer model conveyance showed many refinements over the

100,000 Bullfrogs Sing Lullaby For Indiana's Strangest Farmer

By International News Service LaPorte, Ind.—A chorus of 100,000 frogs in a well lulls the slumbers of Edward Chambers, 73, of Westville, every night. Chambers, one of the most unique farmers in the United States, raises the frogs in an old well, forty-five feet deep, and sells their legs to tickle the palates of fastidious diners.

Years ago Chambers started out in the frog business along the banks of the Kankakee river, with no capital other than a few dollars with which to buy a harpoon. Armed with the harpoon he would set out through the marshes at night, spearing the frogs. When his business became too extensive to supply the demand for legs he conceived the idea of growing them in the abandoned well on his farm.

Now he grows all varieties of the amphibians from the smaller kinds to the huge jumbo croakers. The frogs live mostly on the insects they catch, Chamber says, but he feeds them a special diet of meal mixed with scraps from the butcher shops. He finds their chief recommendation as a crop in the fact that they are almost never sick and that they yield large returns for the amount of time and money expended.

"Their croaking don't bother me," Chambers said, "it did a bit at first, but now it helps me sleep, with a rumbling like a huge orchestra. The people that live in cities get used to the noise of elevated trains so that they couldn't sleep or feel natural without it. I am the same way with the sound of the croaking of my hundred thousand frogs under my windows at night."

Chambers makes a quick "turn-over" in his frog stock. He raises a complete crop every twelve months.

SCOTCH DISTILLERS SHOW BIG LOSSES IN BUSINESS

By I N S Edinburg.—The quantity of spirits distilled in Great Britain during 1926 amounted to 28,953,211 proof gallons, being a decline of 10,616,900 gallons.

Only in 1919, when conditions were abnormal, has the production fallen below 36,000,000 gallons. The decline is mainly attributable to the high duty, which has caused a severe slump in consumption.

Nature's Joke

Geneva.—Nature recently played a joke upon the firemen of the village of Musiege in Haute Savoie. Seeing immense flames rising to the sky above a neighboring village, they dashed to the rescue and found the villagers asleep and no fire. A beautiful aurora borealis hovering over the village had given the impression of a huge fire.

Protest Bathing Show

Philadelphia, Pa.—A protest to the Atlantic City chamber of commerce attempting to stop beauty pageants at Atlantic City was signed by Philadelphia club women. The protest declared the annual pageant to have a demoralizing effect on the nation.

Couldn't Read Chinese

Lawrence, L. I.—With the sudden disappearance of Wing Lee, Chinese laundryman, leaving the town laundry tied up in his place of business, Lieut. John Doyle was forced to master the intricacies of Chinese and dole out to the townspeople their laundry. So well did he succeed that only two packages of laundry remain to be identified.

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carlier one. The top, instead of being flat was rounded in much the same manner as a box car or trolley and in each side of the body were cut four small windows. Within the box, on the sides and back, was hung heavy black silk drapery, the scalloped edges adorned with a silver fringe fully one inch wide. The silver of the fringe had miraculously escaped the ravages of time, and was as bright as the day it was made. Even the silk showed no signs of wear or deterioration.

Famous French Recipes

Paris.—"Orange Fritters" are one of the glories of any French luncheon.

Carefully skin six oranges and cut into quarters. Remove the seeds and put them to heat on a very slow fire. Sweeten with sugar and add a little vanilla.

In the meanwhile make a batter with a little flour, olive oil and a pinch of salt, mixing so that the parts be not too clear or too thick. Dip the oranges into the batter and fry in butter or fat until they are nice brown. Dredge with fine sugar and serve hot.

Balloon Blown Away

Detroit.—The Skylark, a balloon owned by the Detroit Flying Club, broke away from its mooring while being inflated. The balloon without passengers was caught in a 40-mile wind and blown toward the east. Search is being made in Pennsylvania and New York for the bag.

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