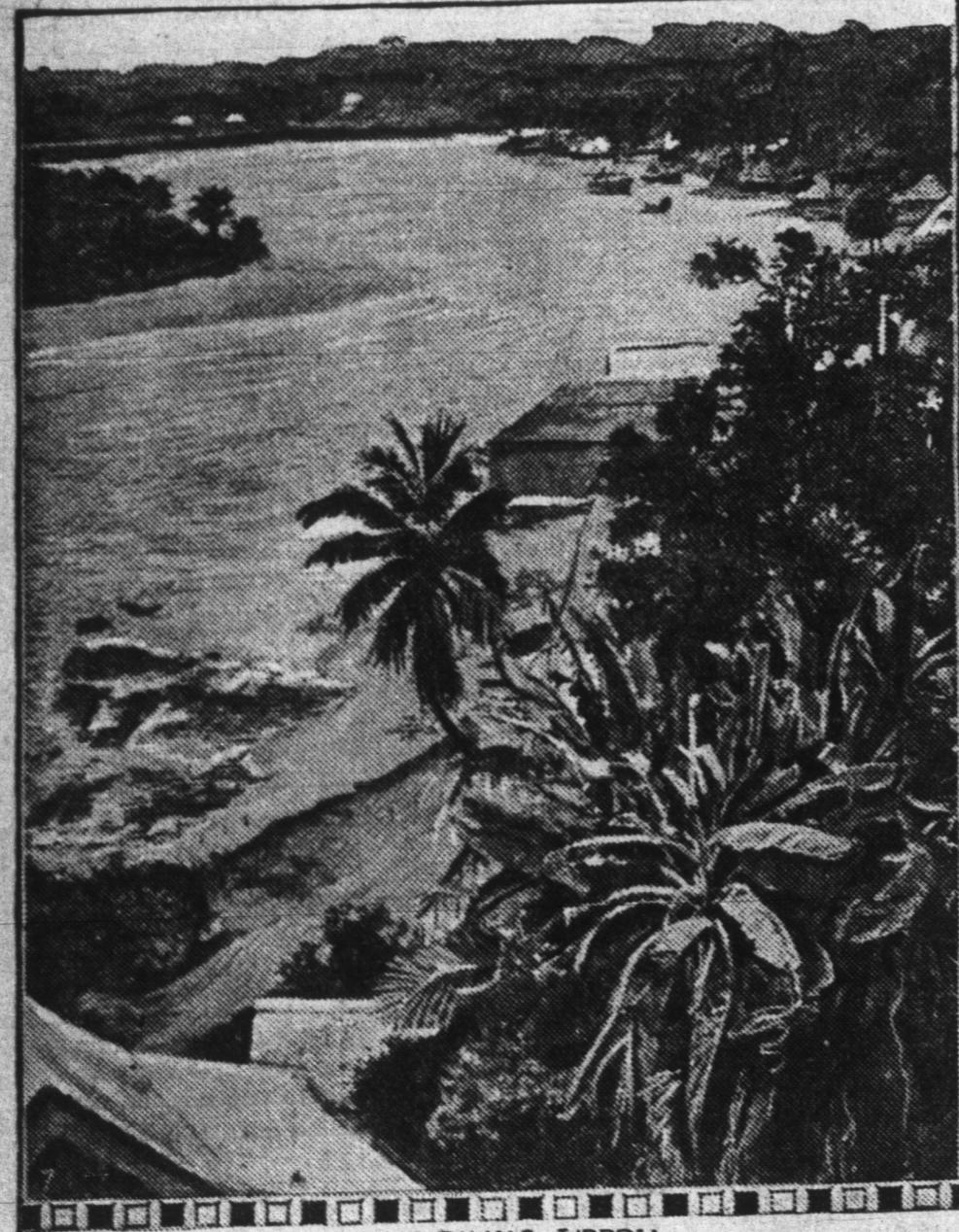


# IN DARK LIBERIA

THE very name of Africa has been a subject of much discussion. It is believed that the name is derived from the Latin word "africa" (meaning sunny), or from the Greek word "aphrika" (without cold).

The nickname, "Dark Continent" has lost much of its significance. The Bible long ago called Africa "the Land Shadowed with Wings." Mr. Henry M. Stanley stamped it as the Dark Continent. Another man called it the Land of Blinding Sunshine. As I have traversed its jungles and pathways, many times I have called it the Land of Winding Ways, writes James R. Morris in the Christian Herald. When the perspiration has flowed down over my face and body until every thread upon me has been drenched in the warm, moist climate, I have named the country "the Land of Natural Bath."

Africa is a remarkably beautiful country. Its coast lines are picturesque, graceful, fascinating, alluring. Its seaport towns and cities are usually clean, pretty and reasonably healthful. Equatorial Africa has, until the last two decades, been called the White Man's Graveyard, but clean living, quinine, mosquito netting, sobriety and sanitary improvements have made Africa a place where one cannot only exist, but live in as much comfort, take it all in all during the year, as in the city of New York, and



AT CAPE PALMAS, LIBERIA

with some advantages in favor of Africa.

Life is simple, placid, calm, and not so complex. The work life is not strenuous. The people do not rush and drive as they do here at home. If you try to hurry a man who is working for you, he will calmly tell you: "One day be not all de days, daddy!" And you stand rebuked, for you know he is telling you the truth.

## Liberia Most Attractive.

Four and a half years ago the New York Colonization society sent me to the west coast of Africa to study the conditions of life in America's little colored child over the sea, Liberia.

Morocco, Algiers, Senegal, Bathurst, Konakry, Sierra Leone, Togoland, Nigeria, Kamerun, East and South Africa are beautiful and attractive, but the little struggling republic of Liberia is to me the most attractive spot in Africa.

Monrovia, the capital city of the republic, is picturesquely situated on Cape Mesurado, and is a city with about 15,000 inhabitants, many of whom live in beautiful homes, some very costly. The cape and river were named by the Spaniards, who, in the early days of the slave trade, landed a squad of armed marines there, searching for slaves. The natives attacked them. A furious conflict took place, and the Spaniards were overcome by the bold and warlike Deys. During the battle, the Spaniards, who were beaten, cried "Misericordia! Misericordia!" (mercy! mercy!). So the cape came to be called Mesurado, a corruption of the Spanish Misericordia.

Liberia has a number of fine settlements, peopled by either colored Americans or their descendants, who have done a remarkable work in planting farms, building homes and establishing a civilized community and a decent government on the west coast of Africa. They have been greatly condemned by both Europeans and some short-sighted Americans, whose actual knowledge of Liberia could easily be printed on one single sheet of paper.

handed himself as a presiding elder, having a large number of churches under him.

He asks very cordially: "What might your name be?"

"My name is Morris."

"Where you be from?"

"The United States," I answered.

"I live at Louisville."

"Where is that?" I ask.

"On the St. Paul river." Just then everybody jumped up at the report of a gun and a heavy splash was heard as a large alligator, badly wounded, flopped into the water.

Rev. Presiding Elder borrows my fountain pen and begins to write vigorously. But only for few moments, when he gets into a theological boxing match with several men, who I learn are "Revs." also. This title has a peculiar fascination for many in Africa. Everybody loves a title, and if one who has "Rev." to his name can raise eight dollars and send to Texas or some other place and get a "D. D." he adds six inches to his coat-tails, and his importance and egotism grow to the proportion of a foot to the inch.

In a Revival Meeting.

Friends meet me at the headquarters of the river, and an invitation is extended to attend a revival meeting in a little church near by at night. A serious young man was preaching from the text, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate," etc. We were late, and missed part of his eloquent sermon, but we heard him say: "What fo' you dun cum heah? Why yo' gwine cum to dis meetin'? Is yo' po' wanderin' feet in de way dat leads to destruction? Is yo' feet on de Rock of Ages? Whar is yo' gwine to lib fo'ebber? In de place whar de Good Book say de saints am gwine? Or is yo' gwine to be shut up in de fire an' de flames?"

"Yo' must git all combusted together and seek de Lawd wif all yo' hearts, an' bring yo' piccan (children) an' yo' frens to de Lawd. Do it on time (at once) befo' I am eberlastin' too late."

I thought he was sound in the faith. What do you think?

## LACING AS TRIMMING

RATHER OLD FASHION THAT IS ONCE MORE IN VOGUE.

Illustration Shows How Effective It May Be Made—White Batiste the Best Material for the Collar and Vest.

Lacing as a trimming is revived in the way of novelty every once in a while, and, judging from its present vogue, this is one time. There is something quaintly attractive about the fad, but in many cases it is overdone. Just a touch in all that is needed, and it usually occurs at the neck and sleeve ends of a blouse, and, probably, the girdle.

Here in the model sketched we find the sleeve ends laced and the back of the bodice. That last sounds inconvenient, doesn't it? But the effect is really too pretty to forego, and, besides, the world is full of kindly disposed souls, who can on most occasions be induced to help one in and out of difficult things and thus save us contortions.

In geranium-coral faille or any of the lovely rose tones this chic little frock will command itself to those of you who love pretty clothes. The lacings are merely narrow bias folds of the silk knotted at the ends and run through strongly buttonholed eyelets.

As the long sleeves are not set into the armholes of the bodice, it will be necessary to use white china silk or something equally thin for a foundation blouse into the armholes of which the sleeves may be sewed. White batiste is used for the collar and the vest, and by supplying snappers around its inside edge it can be fastened to the foundation blouse and be removed for laundering.

The bodice shows a rather deep V in front, but in back is rounded in a shallow curve about the neck. The length is extended a bit below the waist line and in front cut to give the effect of little vest corners, then draped up in place by means of a vertical line of shirring through the center. The wide armholes are bordered with a set-on braid of fine tucks. As the lacing down the back of the waist must not be drawn tightly together,



Lacing Gives a Quaint Touch to This Pretty Frock.

a narrow underpanel of the silk must be sewed down the foundation blouse for a background.

The skirt is in two flounces, and so a knee-length foundation is needed. Both are gathered evenly and rather full about the top, then finished above the hem with a six-inch border of fine tucks that serves to hold the flounces away from the figure.

## CARE OF FACE IN SUMMER

Hot Weather Particularly the Time When Complexion Must Be Made a Matter of Moment.

Summer is not a season of pure delight to the woman who values a good complexion. During the warm months extra precautions are necessary in order to preserve the texture and beauty of the skin, for hot winds, hot sunshine and salt water all play havoc with the complexion.

It is hardly possible to go about with a protection in the form of a veil wrapped about one's face, for this is too warm for comfort, and disagreeable and dangerous to the eyes, besides. But there are certain precautions which can be taken to relieve the burning sensation which comes from exposure to the sun. When you have been out in the hot summer air and allowed the sun's rays to kiss your cheeks you will find, of course, that your skin will become red and dry from this reckless exposure. Don't come in front of doors, where you have been enjoying a motor trip or a game of tennis and wash the dust and dirt from your skin with soap and water. This only increases the burning sensation and the dryness of the skin.

First rub on a quantity of cold cream and rub thoroughly with a soft cloth. After the irritation has been somewhat lessened the face should then be thoroughly washed and cleansed. Fill a basin two-thirds full of fresh soft water. Should the water which flows from the faucet be hard, then soften it with a teaspoonful of borax to every basin. Dip the face

in frocks of this description the best results can be had by selecting a good, crisp quality of silk, because the design needs a bouffancy that could hardly be acquired with the softer silks.

## FINE COMBINATION OF COLOR

Example of What May Be Done by Contrasting the Shades That Have Widest Difference.

Black and white being the mode in Paris must, of course, be the mode on this side of the water, and very beautiful effects are achieved by this striking color combination. In the ex-



ample here the bodice of plain black silk is straight and severe with prim little turn-over collar and cuffs of white, lace-edged. Wide bretelles of the stripe are gathered into black-and-white-striped silk covered buckles on the shoulders. The skirt of the stripe is cut bias and opens over a "V" shaped piece of plain black silk which, like the blouse, fastens with black silk covered buttons in buttonholes done in white. The belt and buckle are of plain black silk and a band of the same finishes the bodice.

## Rainy Day Hospital.

When the children break a doll or toy we tie it up and put it in a box which is used for broken toys. On a rainy day we open a carpenter's shop and a hospital. The furniture is put on the table, where nails, hammer, glue and so forth are found. The dolls are put to bed, each with a ticket pinned on with its number. As each number is called the patient is operated on with needle or glue as needed. Later we play carpenter's shop and mend the furniture.

## To Season Utensils.

New agate and tin cooking utensils require seasoning before they are used. To do this, simply let them stand on the back of the range for two hours, filled with scalding water and bicarbonate of soda, one teaspoonful to a quart of water, then wash and dry in the regular manner.

## Serge in Many Forms.

There are many forms of the silk serge, ranging from a twill almost invisible to a heavy diagonal; but the surah weave is a medium twill and is extremely good looking, either in plain one-tone colorings or in black or color with hair line stripes of white.

in the water, and afterward the hands. Soap the hands well and rub with a gentle motion over the face. Dip the face a second time into the water in the basin, rinse thoroughly and dry with a thick, soft towel. After the facial bath apply some simple lotion, slightly astringent. It will be found very refreshing.

The use of a good cleansing cream before the facial bath and a suitable lotion afterward has a really wonderful effect in improving the complexion. The effect of a clean face is in itself altogether delightful. Such a bath tends to rest and refresh the bather and put her in a good temper. Many a bad complexion is due to nothing more nor less than neglect of a proper cleaning process. If more faces were kept really clean a great improvement in the appearance would be noticed.

## Harlequin Designs Popular.

The profusion of black and white worn this season lends itself nicely to the new popular harlequin designs in squares and diamond shapes. They are almost too striking for people to want them for whole dresses, but they are charming in combination with plain black. The slender woman can wear them well.

## When Making Buttonholes.

To make buttonholes on thin material, before cutting the buttonholes baste a piece of India linon or muslin underneath where the buttonholes are to be. Cut the buttonholes through both and work. When finished, cut away the piece of goods underneath close to the work, and the result is a good, firm buttonhole.

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## He Was Heap Careful.

Said a western mining man at the  
Astor hotel in New York city the other  
day, according to the Times: "We have  
a bachelors' mess in the mining camp  
where I'm located, and we usually  
have a Chinaman to do the cooking.  
Some of the Orientals are fine cooks,  
after they get over a few of the peculiar  
ideas they have imbibed from  
their own country's oddities in the  
culinary line."

"Not long ago we got a new Chinaman as cook. A couple of days later  
one of the fellows got a pedigree  
Irish terrier pup given to him—a real  
dog. My friend had to go up to one  
of the mines that afternoon, and he  
turned the puppy over to the new Chinaman.  
'You be mighty careful of this dog,' he said to the cook. 'Me be  
heap careful,' was the answer.

"That night, at dinner, the new Chinaman  
brought on, with great ceremony,  
a covered dish.

"'Me heap careful,' he remarked, as,  
with a smile of pride, he removed the  
cover.

"Underneath was the pedigree pup,  
neatly cooked in the best Chinese  
style."

## Color Change.

"Your new assistant is blue over his  
work."

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## Same Thing.

Hearing a noise at the kitchen entrance, the man of the house slipped quietly to the rear door and suddenly opened it. The grocer's delivery boy was there with a basket containing a dozen eggs, a pound of butter and some Roquefort cheese.

"Oh, it's you, is it, Billy?" said the man. "My wife is always afraid when she hears a noise here, especially after it begins to grow dark. She thinks it's a robber."

"Well, she needn't change her mind on my account," gloomily responded the grocer's boy, handing over the goods and presenting the bill, which called for \$1.87.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

## A Last Resort.

Mr. Tompkins was obliged to stop over night at a small country hotel, says Harper's Magazine. He was shown to his room by the one boy the place afforded, a colored lad.

"I am glad there's a rope here in case of fire," commented Mr. Tompkins as he surveyed the room, "but what's the idea of putting a Bible in the room in such a prominent place?"

"Dat am intended fo' use, sah," replied the boy, "in case de fire am too far advanced for yo' to make you escape, sah."

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