

## Reader Asks if It Isn't Better to Stay at Hotels Than to Burden Friends

Casual Invitations to Stay Overnight Should Never Be Accepted, Jane Says, Pointing Out No One Likes to Be Used as Convenience.

Bring your problems up for discussion in this column. Jane Jordan will answer your letters each day.

DEAR JANE JORDAN—My family and my husband's family do not mind visiting a relative or a friend for several days' free room and board, but I can see that we are not always wanted. Apparently it doesn't occur to our families that they are upsetting somebody's entire household. All of us invite people to come and see us. At the time we are extending the invitation we are hoping they won't come, or else we do not expect them ever to accept.

Don't you think that when you're traveling the best thing to do is stay at a hotel? You could still see your hostess and her family each day and yet save her a lot of extra work and worry. Of course she might protest, saying you ought to stay at her house, but don't you think she would secretly be glad if you didn't?

I suppose I am too sensitive. Even daughters and sons and their parents who love each other sometimes get on each other's nerves when they live in the same house. It seems stupid to me not to insist on staying at a hotel instead of the home of a friend.—MRS. R. N.

ANSWER—I do think that it is a mistake to accept the casual invitations of friends and relatives to visit. "Come and see me sometime" is apt to be uttered merely as social form, and no one is more surprised than the host and hostess when the invitation is taken literally instead of a passing politeness.

Unless people make their invitations for a definite date over a definite length of time, they should not be accepted. Even the most well-ordered household is apt to be upset by unexpected company, and no woman who does her own work welcomes self-invited guests with a glad cry.

Even an indefinite invitation warm and well-meant at the time it is given, may cool with the actual arrival of overnight guests. The trouble is that friends who want to be put up for the night on short notice have a genius for arriving at the wrong moment when the baby has the croup or the cook is in a huff. They remain blind to the inconvenience they cause because they do not wish to see it. The desire to be with friends and relatives is not half so strong as the desire to save a hotel bill. Their untimely visit deceives no one but themselves.

Your parents are naive in their childish belief that they are always welcome in somebody's house because they were asked at one time or another. I do not think you are over-sensitive, but correct in your appraisal of your friends' reactions. You have enough imagination to know how you would feel if your places were reversed.

Your idea that you should stay at a hotel and see your friends only at their convenience during the day is sensible, considerate and in good taste. Nobody likes to have his hospitality imposed upon, and no one likes to be used as a convenience. There is an unpleasant word for people who make themselves welcome in the homes of others without the assurance that they are actually wanted. We call them spongers and hate to see them coming.

JANE JORDAN.

## Redingote Wardrobe Complete and Smart

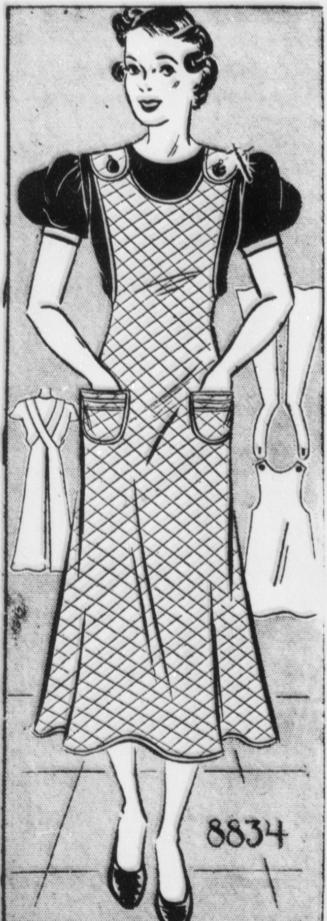
For daytime hours a suit, a redingote, consisting of a wool coat and print frock, an extra dress that can be worn under the coat, and two sets of accessories comprise an almost complete wardrobe that's ultra-smart.

Any woman who gets such a wardrobe now will not have clothes to match them until summer, when a cotton dress or a washable silk or two seem in order.

Mrs. Hahn Will Talk

Times Special  
FRANKFORT, Ind., March 31.—Mrs. E. May Hahn, Indianapolis, national fourth vice president of the American War Mothers, is to address a War Mothers' meeting today. Her subject will be "National Defense."

## Today's Pattern



FOR the busy woman who is smart enough to want to look attractive in the kitchen, this delightful new apron (No. 8834) fills the bill. It is easy to make—only three pieces to the pattern—and the shoulder straps actually stay put. For material use percale, chintz, unbleached muslin, gingham or calico. Patterns come in sizes 34 to 48. Size 36 requires 3 1/2 yards of 35-inch fabric, plus 6 yards of 1 1/2-inch bias binding for trimming.

To secure a pattern and STEP-BY-STEP SEWING INSTRUCTIONS inclose 15 cents in coin together with the above pattern number and your size, your name and address, and mail to Pattern Editor, The Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis.

THE SPRING AND SUMMER PATTERN BOOK, with a complete selection of late dress designs, now is ready. It's 15 cents when purchased separately. Or, if you want to order it with the pattern above, send in just an additional 10 cents.

## Daily Relaxation Greatest Aid in Keeping Young

By ALICIA HART  
NEA Service Staff Writer

As far as beauty is concerned, a little self-indulgence—call it selfishness if you like—is a fine thing.

In our hurried, busy lives we spend so much time going at top speed with nerves at high tension that we are likely to forget how to rest, relax and enjoy our own company. We shouldn't be.

A bit of daily solitude will do more toward keeping you young mentally and physically—than you perhaps realize. Try to manage to be alone an hour a day for a month, then see how many fine lines have disappeared, how much pleasure the expression around your mouth.

Get into the habit of taking your sevings to your own room one night a week. Another evening you might relax in a tub of lukewarm water and read for half an hour. Sit in the park now and then, and go for a long walk once a week. It doesn't matter where you are so long as you are alone.

Learn really to relax when you get in bed at night. Lift up your legs and arms, then let them drop heavily downward. Think of your body as sinking into the bed, of arms and legs as if they didn't belong to you. Fasten your gaze on some small object and don't think of anything except its outline. Close your eyes, and keep concentrating on the object. Before you know it, you'll be asleep.

The ideal vacation is a complete change. If you always are surrounded by people and gaiety, spend your holiday alone in a quiet place, or vice versa. Different climate, altitude, mode of living and new associates for a week or two once a year are wonderful for most of us.

## Sorority Supper Fêtes Arranged

Several supper parties are to precede the Sigma Alpha Iota Sorority musicale Sunday night in the Marriott Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKay are to attend with a party including Messrs. and Mesdames Arthur Taylor, Frederick Schmidt, Vaughn Cornish, J. William Morgan, Harold Ambroster, Kenneth Vance, Charles Martin and Frank Hunter, Mrs. Ralph Drybrough and Miss Jean Jarrett.

Another party will include Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Blake, T. M. Rybott, Bernard Elmer, James H. Lowry, Elmer Roberts, Roy Slusher, Roy Pile, Claus H. Best and Harold Larsh. Miss Gladys Alves and Joel B. Ryde.

Propylaeum Talk Set for Sunday

Miss Ethel M. Mills, Chicago, is to give an illustrated talk at the April buffer supper of the Propylaeum. Miss Mills' talk will be "A Stay at Home World Tour." Mrs. George Philip Meier, the speaker's hostess, will introduce Miss Mills.

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## 'You Can Be Yourself,' Says Stylist



By MARJORIE BINFORD WOODS

Spring steps gaily forth in flowered chiffons, tailored costume suits and neatly patterned silks that flatter each distinct type of personality.

"You can return to being yourself this season—a more charming and interesting self than you may have,"

guessed yourself to be," says Miss Elaine Le Mar, Pictorial Fashion Guild consultant who is to present a "Style Originality" showing at 2:30 p. m. today at the H. P. Wasson Co.

She believes that being well dressed is not just a matter of wearing smart clothes but in choosing styles that are especially adaptable to your individual type.

The tall slender 14 can be the quintessence of spring in a blossomed print of large design, but the 40 sizes had better soft pedal the spectator patterns.

### Redingote Typifies Style

The redingote ensemble (left) is this year's spring song and exemplifies a style that takes well to slender and full figures alike. The fabric of this saucy coat is fashioned of great masses of flowers, hand screened on chiffon. Its back is a ground of navy blue sets off to perfection the muted tones of yellow, orange, pink, navy and deep blue petals. It satisfies even a short-sleeved frock of navy crepe which is one of those indispensables for summer downtown wear. Citron gloves, a flower dabbed baku straw and silver fox scarf dress it up to the height of any momentous occasion.

Youth takes its fling in costume suits of rhythmic style, like the one shown above (center). Banana-colored crepe fashions the dress and the short fitted jacket flaunts three varicolored tiers of grosgrain ribbon for front line trimming. Note

### Subdue Flubdubbery

The redingote flubdubbery at the neckline if you are a bit "stoutish," she says. The soft green flower scroll printed frock (right) proves the smartness of this logic. The mock is an example of well-done simplicity. It has a crossed effect bodice with gathered fullness which evens up the hip line and gives a straight effect so coveted in the more mature figure. The new three-quarter length sleeve is a becoming and practical style for summer. Brown shiny straw complements the thistle and chalk white tones of the print and chamois colored gloves add their chic to the ensemble.

Boleros are most becoming to small trim figures and the same goes for scores built-up shoulders. Flared jabots look well on most larger figures and dull surfaced fabrics, rather than highly glossed materials are the better choice if you are frankly size 40, in Miss Le Mar's opinion.

She spoke on "The Language of Color" yesterday in this two-day fashion showing. She believes if properly handled that color is one of woman's most powerful assets.

Shirtwaist dress (left) is a bit of daily solitude, like the one shown above (center). Banana-colored crepe fashions the dress and the short fitted jacket flaunts three varicolored tiers of grosgrain ribbon for front line trimming. Note

### WRONG LEAD HELPS SLAM

#### Today's Contract Problem

South is playing the contract at five clubs. West has held the first trick, and has shifted to a heart. Can South now win all the remaining tricks but one?

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♦ A J 5  
♦ J 8 4  
♦ A 10 7 4

♦ K 10 9 7  
♦ W E  
♦ 4 3 2  
♦ 5 3

♦ A Q J 5  
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♦ A K Q 2  
♦ 6  
♦ 10 7 3  
♦ K Q J 6

None vul. Opener—♦ Q.

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#### Solution to Previous Problem

By W. M. E. MCKENNEY  
American Bridge League Secretary

A LEAD that cost more than 300 points to the defending partnership is worth recording in print. This lead occurred in a recent rubber game at the Regency Club, New York, where the socially elite play too, of them their bridge.

The player who had to make the opening lead could not be blamed

greatly for his choice of a suit, as it appeared to him that North and South were defending, with the expectation of taking a set, to prevent the West player from making a sure game.

With nothing to guide him as to

the choice of a suit to lead, and fully believing that no lead could

give North his contract, East decided to play safe and open his partner's bid suit, and then see what the dummy contained. It was a most unhappy choice.

The king of spades was played

from dummy. West covered with the ace and North ruffed. Declarer then led a heart to dummy's jack. The queen of spades was

#### Rubber—All vulnerable.

South West North East

Pass 1 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠

5 ♠ 5 ♠ Pass Pass

Double Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Double Pass

Opening lead—♦ 6

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played, upon which declarer discarded the king of diamonds.

The queen of diamonds was played

next, and when West failed to cover a club was discarded. West covered the next diamond lead, but to no avail.

North ruffed, re-entered dummy with a trump and discarded his losing clubs on dummy's established diamonds, making seven.

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#### Striped Fabrics Popular

Gay striped fabrics make some

of the attractive little shirts with

breast pockets and collars that can

be worn up or down. Consider how

feeling a linen one, in red, navy,

green and white stripes, would be

with almost any suit.

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