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Dressing the Homemaker

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Every woman should be attractive in her home. Here she is an example for others and is judged for her true worth. Simple house dresses in attractive colors are very good. Dark, unattractive material should be avoided. It is not difficult to find patterns to fit the individual. One who is large and rather heavy should avoid designs that tend to broaden and wear straight lines. The length of the dress depends on the individual as well. Anyone who is large cannot wear short dresses. They should at least reach the tops of the shoes. No house dress should be extremely long and full for it will always be in the way.

Neatness, convenience and attractiveness are three essentials for a house dress. The popular apron is very good, but should be made to give the effect of a dress. Evenness around the bottom of the skirt is most important. Nothing gives the appearance of shiftlessness more quickly than a dress or apron that is uneven. Today there are many attractive aprons worn over the house dress. If one does not care to dress for dinner these can be worn as a protection during the morning, and taken off during the noon hour, leaving the dress fresh and clean. Many prefer to wear the simple house dresses without aprons and slip on another during the dinner hour. Every housewife should have a number of small aprons to use when needed. Unbleached muslin trimmed in some bright color is attractive as well as inexpensive and durable. Gingham and percales are commonly used. A black sateen apron for cleaning saves laundering.

With many it is the general opinion that any kind of a shoe is good enough for home wear. This is not true, for one cannot look trim and neat while wearing shoes with runover heels and in need of shoe polish. If appearances mean nothing to one, health should. Runover heels cause one to walk and stand incorrectly and often lead to the breaking down of the arch in the foot. This can lead to nothing but illness. Light-colored shoes give a better appearance with light house dresses than dark shoes. The white canvas shoes are very inexpensive and durable. They clean easily with Bon ami or white shoe polish. Carpet slippers should be avoided when working around the house.

THANKSGIVING DAYS

"And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes and had festival, and went into the house of their God, and did eat and drink."—Judges.

The giving of thanks has been a custom of mankind. The Greeks celebrated the festival of Demeter. The Romans honored the Goddess Ceres and celebrated Cerelia with processions in the fields, music, rustic sports and feasting.

It is not strange then that the Pilgrims in 1621 put apart one day for Thanksgiv-