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* A Character Study of * MRS. ROOSEVELT

IEN the Roosevelt family muscles around them. A reader of the removed themselves and human countenance would conclude their belongings into the from this that the lady is one who sees white House, many per- everything, but is not a great talker, sons wondered where and This estimate would be correct. Mrs. how they would stow all Roosevelt is a particularly delightful the children. Such persons did not converser when she chooses to be, but

know Mrs. Roosevelt, a lady who in her that is not overoften and only among way is quite as much the head of her her family and intimates. That presfamily as her distinguished husband is, ident who complained that he never look after the finances and the babies while the husband and father was away on his picturesque expeditions of war and hunting where would the Roosevelt family now be?

Some rich women born and bred in agement of affairs, financial and other-the United States are crude products of wise. This quality of all round busithe untained soil of liberty; others are ness capability New Englanders long merely made over European fine ladies. ago named "faculty," and it is as mark. will be pronounced and farreaching. But the feminine sex of this country is ed in the new mistress of the White Mrs. Roosevelt is an accomplished musician and linguist and will be one the White House by a typical Ameri- Garfield when she patched her boy's the White House by a typical Ameri-can woman, the daughter of two cen-clothes and saved and contrived to the foreign diplomats in their own turies of republican culture and free- send him from the log cabin home dom. It may be said further that her to college. If Mrs. Roosevelt were type is purely American, found no- a poor woman, she would manage where else. The noblest and handsom- somehow to keep out of debt and est race of humanity, masculine and educate her children, and both they feminine, is certainly to be produced in and she would be always neatly dressthe United States from the blending of ed and exquisitely clean. Millionalre many peoples under conditions of liber- Hetty Green, quite apart from her per- the remarkable distinction is claimed ty and abundance such as mankind has sonal eccentricities, has the American for her of having no fads, in which parwoman quality of "faculty" in an eminever before known. Edith Carow Roosevelt has in her nent degree. To transact necessary

veins the blood of English, Dutch and business quickly and wisely without welsh ancestors, handed down through making the least fuss about it, as Mrs. many generations of pure Americanism. Roosevelt did when she scrubbed her grace in a woman. Besides representing the type of her country women, she has a strong indi-sidually of her a wet towel just as they were entering vidually of her number of all, both this highly endowed, perfectly bred lady viduality of her own, which social con- the carriage to join the inaugural prokill. It is irresistible, it is fine and per-fect. Under all circumstances what this woman says "goes."

whose blondness inclines to auburn, never has hysterics. She knows that and domestic morality it will be a les-She is above the medium height, as dis- violent outbursts only injure her cause tinguished and graceful as Queen Alex- morally and herself physically. One andra in her bearing, and she has that could never under any circumstances charm, alas, so rare among American imagine Mrs. Roosevelt loging her head women, a cultivated, distinct voice. If or throwing up her arms and screech-you look carefully at her picture, you ing. Faithful to her type, her will is

will see she possesses the facial marks strong, her reason and intelligence are of a close observer; nose a little long self poised; she understands herself, and pointed forward, eyes keen and in- her family and the world. She has tent looking, not too large, and with a that high order of both intellect and welcome any startling innovation of faint suggestion of the oriental in the conscience which frequently exists to - change.

"If I have my waist end half way up my back, how am 1 to make my skirt go up so far, because even if it is hooked to the waist it is bound to wrinkle and separate!" The answer is that your skirt is built up in the back just as many inches as you have deducted from the length of your waist, so that there is the same decided slope in the skirt that there is in the waist. With a straight skirt band, of course, the new

style back won't go at all. But try the

new way, and

how much taller

it will make you

Being a New

Yorker, I am

used to vagaries

and absurdities

in mourning.

The sight of a

woman with a

crape band

around her coat

sleeve-a fash-

distinctly for

which is

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you will

have intellect enough to know what is right. Again praised be the gods for the woman who knows and does and makes no fuss!

It would be a vital mistake, however, to conclude that because she has brains and will power the mistress of the White House or her type is lacking in the affections. On the contrary, that is precisely where they are gloriously endowed. Their devotion, whether to family, friends or principle, is deep and strong as the fathomless stream that flows on forever, but does not waste it. self in spurts. It knows better. Mrs Roosevelt would die for her children none the less because she is their wise trainer and the director of their education, while so far as her own personal ambitions are concerned she has simply blotted herself out and merged her ex-

istence into that of her husband. All the world wants to know what she will make of the social regime of the present administration. To begin with, she is a lady to the manner born like a queen. While her own tastes ar simple, she is perfectly au fait in conventional social usage. She has a dignity of her own which is able to keep on American society of such a cool headed, high bred, intellectual woman

Mrs. Roosevelt is an accomplished tongues. She has a noble literary discrimination and is well acquainted with politics, both foreign and domestic. She dresses richly and carefully, but plainly, and always in perfect taste. At home she likes to wear white. Further, tled to sympathy, for she misses a lot of fun. She has, however, that rare sense of humor which is such a saving

and her husband, coming as they do ventionality fortunately never could cession last spring, delaying the grand from the so called first rank of Amer-

Mrs. Edith Roosevelt, the president's As developed thus far, the true type tion will be one the American people second wife and first sweetheart, is a of American woman-praised be the may be proud of in efficient it will brunette, which of itself makes her, as gods!-is not sentimental or given to far as it counts, a good mate for a man overmanifestation of emotion, and she world while in republication of emotion. LILLIAN GRAY. son to them. Washington.

WOMEN AGAINST INNOVATIONS.

Was dress ever prettier? Women are getting accustomed to a graceful style



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WOMAN'S ODD LITTLE WAYS.

AUTUMN WALKING COSTUME.

BY TABITHA SOURGRAPES.

peculiar to her sex. Mrs. Charles Van Hebrides was apdies' Health and Morality Association

-to give

THEN a woman writes, she ac- the office, kindly consented to sit up complishes the feat in a way peculiar to her sex. all night, too, for her to try the sen-tences on him as she wrote them, to tell her whether she got the circumflexpointed by the L. H. and M. A .- La- es right. This being arranged, the fair writer opened a tiny blue and gold blank hook that a lace manufacturer pening aper' at his had given her at the exposition and meeting for the season. Mrs. Van which she had filled cram full of Hebrides was on her mettle. The subject assigned to her was one of notes on music at the library. Then she thought she was ready. those in which the abstruse feminine There are three staffs whereby a club mind delights-namely, whether fair woman writer may leap into litthe musical compositions of Wagner erary composition, three beginnings or the melodies of the Salvation Army of her theme-one is "In the most sway the American multitude more. ancient times;" another is "In the Having properly arranged for a middle ages," while the third is innew Japanese liberty satin waist, a variably "There is a subtle somenew hat and white gloves, thus getthing." Mrs. Van Hebrides tried all ting the most important part of her three of these in turn on her patient task off her mind, Mrs. Van Hebrides spouse. He was for the "middle ages," was ready to begin her essay. She did not attend popular concerts where but she liked the "most ancient times" best, and he was not in favor of the Wagner music was given or open air meetings at which the Salvationists "subtle something" at all, although she particularly favored that. He ejected musical sound from throat said it sounded like flapdoodle. Fiand tambourine. That would have nally, however, they compromised the been the obvious thing for a mere matter in a way acceptable to both, man to do, but women are different. The lady went early one morning to as married couples should always do, and she began thus: the Free Fossil Foundation library "There is a subtle something in the and asked for the oldest books on mumusic of the middle ages that carries sic that the establishment possessed the souls of men back to the most an--books dealing with the origin of music and the keynote of the cats in cient times." The start was made. Then Mrs. the garden of Eden. Day after day she attended the Fossil Foundation. Van Hebrides said: Great, rotting leather tomes into which "Charles, do pull down the green shade over the white one. That white nobody, except perhaps clubwomen square stares at me so it makes me who had to write essays, had looked since the binder closed them were panervous." So said, so done. The fair essayist tiently scrutinized by this Indefatigawrote another sentence. Then: ble seeker after knowledge. A week "Charles, I can't write on this pink of this kind of delving, and Mrs. Van paper. It's too sentimental looking. Hebrides was ready to jump off a Give me some blue." precipice or begin her "paper," she 'Twas done, and things were well for five minutes. Then: She decided to write at night, be-"This fine pointed pen digs into the cause then in the gentle, mystical paper so! I want a stub. My gloom the spirit of inspiration broods thoughts will flow more vigorously off a stub." Thus it goes when woman writes a paper.



FASHIONS

ACK to the dear old town in plebeian surroundings. Polly ought again! Isn't it queer that we to know, because she is a young woman who live in it always refer to with artistic tendencies, a tiny income New York by that phrase? and exalted ideals. One year she ac-We may have been ever so tually lived in a bachelor apartment in gay during the summer the Crœsus skyscraper building, with a

months, other places may have proved rental in four figures and a beautiful so charming, but we're always view of Fifth avenue. I fancy that glad to get back to the old town again. during that trying time she subsisted Yesterday afternoon it was almost 6 mainly upon the view and the empire

o'clock when I came down the high wall paper, for she admitted to me aftsteps of the Van Twillers' big stone house, and as the carriage made its way down Fifth avenue I leaned back fare.



At the end of the season, when she among the cushions and looked had become so thin that she actually at the dear old couldn't find a corset small enough for familiar scene her, she gave it all up and went into a

with something boarding house somewhere in the satisfaction at some smell of cooking perpetually linbeing alive, gered in the halls and attested the There was the reality of three square meals a day. By the way, speaking of thinness resame gay, care-

crowd of minds me of the opposite thing. Have round neck and short sleeves, and in pedestrians, the you noticed how the way of the stout girls slender, woman is being made easy for her handsome jewels she wore on the upper well groomed, nowadays? Before the straight front half of her bare left arm a most cocorset was invented what was she? A quettish band and rosette of sooty and cheeks rosy shapeless thing tied in the middle like

from the wind a sausage. And what agonies did she in this country really know the meanand their long endure to get even that one narrow, ing of proper mourning. draperies cling- stringlike effect? Now all is changed. ing gracefully

to them. There were the typical clubmen, tail, faultlessly dressed, swinging set squarely back and her stomach and Gainsborough. If you want to be thoralong with athletic strides. There was hips drawn in. The objectionable waist oughly up to date, get one, the sharp "clippety click" of countless line is merely indicated by the daintiest horses' hoofs on the smooth asphalt and most sloping of girdles. Nay, the and the gay throng of broughams and fat woman can aspire to even more. victorias on their way back from the She is given the consolation of knowing park. Now and then I would catch a that in time she may dwindle to the glimpse of the occupant of a brougham most sylphlike proportions, if she has gleaming from the dark interior like a courage and wears a certain kind of jewel in her dinner dress of pale silk or corset. This is most cleverly devised so creainy lace. From the rose hued lights that each day madam may draw in cerof Delmonico's and Sherry's to the tain lacings which connect certain deeper red splendor of the Astoria the seams which contract not the waist avenue was one whirl of gayety-one line alone, for that would be fatal to vast call to pleasure-and even farther proportion of her outline, but pracdown the way other glimmering lights tically the entire corset, which thus echoed the cry of their more fashiona- each day shrinks, as it were, ble sisters. Ah, yes, I felt it was good | And do you ever notice people's backs

-women's backs, I mean? Do you reto be back again. I have always been glad that we alize that the back of a gown is more lived in a house, although for the mat- important than the front nowadays? ter of that if we lived in an apartment At least with a smart woman it is, and we should always keep it ready for use this is just how you can distinguish the from year to year. But did you ever smart woman from the amateur. The reflect that more than half the popula- new back is as short as it is possible to tion of New York changes its dwelling make it in the case of long waisted woplace every fall? Not only those who men, and even with the short waisted stop in boarding houses, but those who ones the belt has a decided upward have apartments as well. From Au- tendency directly in the middle of the gust to October on any pleasant day back. The old days when a woman had one may see these miserable nomads, to have her waist as long as her Crearmed with a long list of addresses and ator made it, even if it ran down to a pencil, prowling about in search of her heels, are gone. You decide where And what a miserable search you want your waist to end so that it homes. it is, with the prospect of the minimum will make the right proportion accordof comfort for the maximum of money! ing to your skirt length, and, behold, As Polly Benedict remarked to me yes. your modiste puts it there. No more terday, it's a question of whether you'll excuse for "all waist" and "sawed off" starve in a palace or have plenty to eat women. But I hear some one exclaim, murdered President Carnot.

erward that crackers and beef extract were the principal items of her bill of

men on the other side - does A coquettish band of sooty not even attract black crape. my notice,

fon

am also callous to the sight of poodles like a thrill of Twenties where an inartistic but whole- clad in widow's weeds, but when it comes to what I saw last night at a fashionable hotel I have to draw the line. A pretty girl was attired in the most frivolous of white gowns, cut with the nature of a violent contrast to her black crape. I wonder if some people

> Not to leave you with such a melan-She presents a most imposing and dig- choly subject, let me announce that the nified front view, with her shoulders smartest hat this fall is the all black



COST OF VICTORIA'S FUNERAL.

The sum of \$175,000 was required to feiray the expenses of Queen Victoria's obsequies. Though considerable, this is not the largest amount spent on a public funeral

That of Lord Nelson cost \$25,000 more, while the burial of the great statesman Pitt, six months later, cost the nation a similar sum.

King Edward witnessed the most gorgeous funeral of the nineteenth century in London. It was that of the great Duke of Wellington, on which about \$350,000 is said to have been spent.

The Duke of Marlborough's funeral in the previous century cost barely \$25,900, while the more recent interment of Mr. Oladstone involved an expenditure of only half that sum.

The last rites of the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia cost \$25,000 more than that of the late queen, and the great Emperor William of Germany was buried at a cost of only \$125,000. Thirty thousand dollars was spent on flowers alone at the funeral of the

with folded angel wing over humanity. She had read that somewhere and thought it fine. The maid had to remain up to provide hot tea when her imagination flagged. Tea helped inspiration-nay, on a pinch was in-spiration itself. Mr. Van Hebrides, although he had had a hard day at

hardly knew which.

FOR WOULD BE ENGAGED GIRLS. Never allow thoughts of love and

marriage to occupy your mind to the exclusion of all other thoughts.

Do not, dear girls, be of the opinion that any husband is better than none and eagerly accept an offer merely for the sake of being married.

Do not forget that the girls who are most successful in securing husbands tre those who do all in their power to fit themselves for the role of matrons while spinsters.

Do not give way to the dangerous habit of playing at courtship.

It has often nipped in the bud many girl's good and perhaps sole chance changing her name and condition.

Do not get into foolish entanglement e clandestine correspondence with a man unknown to your family. If he wants to woo you, let him set about it a an honest and straightforward way. Do not think your parents hard hearted and monsters of cruelty if they refuse their consent to an engagement which in your eyes may be suitable from every point of view. They are older and wiser than you. Therefore believe they are acting for the best.

IN FEMININE CIRCLES.

Like the Turks and many other or stiff maize porridge, kneaded up dwellers in oriental lands, the Moors with grease and just large enough to be prefer "moon faced" wives rather than swallowed without the patient choklean ones and are more solicitous as to ing.

the number of pounds which their A sixteen-year-old girl in the pulpit brides weigh than shout the stock of is the attraction at Holy Trinity Bapaccomplishments they possess. A girl tist church, Brooklyn. She preaches is put under the process of fattening morning and evening and is able to hours every day, while her "papa" tant in church work than Sunday parentage and attend a parochial stands over her with a matraque, or school teaching, but it is manner manship may be as well carried out by in a team of the grounds for divorce are big stick, and her mother at times pops preaching when she was only thirteen as Miss which tells. In carriage, in interests, in a woman as by a man. Her steamer rights and the grounds for divorce are been as the teamer big stica, and her mother at times pops preating a man as by a man. Her steamer to Mary Leiter, became Mrs. George N. thought, the woman of forty at the ran ashore, and both the funnels were fully considered into her mouth a ball of couscoussou, and from the first was able to hold the England, recently asked her mother to Mary Leiter, became Mrs. George N. thought, the woman of forty at the ran ashore, and both the funnels were fully considered

press them with her erudition and ear-

nestness. There is a school district in Reno county. Kan., in which there are a

the young lady was absent, and the

Photo by Burt McIntosh, New York.

solitary pupil. Miss Mary Scroggins, bed fast asleep. Between 6 and 7 most dangerous to the susceptible of new world, has been revealed by the calming the passengers, but took ber new world, has been revealed by the calming the passengers, but took ber of clock she had been seen on her bicy-the other sex, says an English woman's recent census. She is in command of place at the wheel for twenty-four ing and holds herself in readiness to cle in Dulwich park. Of that there is journal. Her face may have lines that one of the largest steamboats on the hours at a stretch. instruct any children who may come, no foult whatever. The evidence of it "sweet and twenty" regards with dis- Mississippi trading between New Or-

When her mother entered her room, Curzon of Kedleston and when her fa- ter less than half her years, but her stricken, while the sparks that flew upther-in-law dies will be Lady Scars- mind is better balanced, her judgments ward threatened to set fire to the vesdaughter had aroused herself. At 7 It is when she has passed the fourth A woman as a sea captain, the only name of the captain, at once appeared

PRETTY AFTERNOON COSTUME FOR AUTUMN WEAR.

attention of her audience and to im- wake her at 6 o'clock in the morning. Curzon by her marriage, then Lady present day is as young as her daugh- broken. The passengers became panic sel. Mrs. Leathers, for that is the

o'clock the daughter was discovered in decade that a woman is now said to be licensed sea captain of her sex in the on deck and not only succeeded in

A general view of the legal condition when she is about twelve years of age. make her hearers forget that she is but she is the sole occupant of the is unassailable, and yet the daughter may be fuller than leans and Vicksburg, and she has been of women throughout the United States when she is about twelve years of age, make her hearers torget that are is the sole occupant of the is unassanable and vicksburg, and she has been of when interested in a volume by Pro-Her hands are tied behind her, and she only a young girl who ordinarily would building. There are plenty of children herself is entirely oblivious of the cir-is seated on a carpet during so many hardly aspire to anything more impor-is seated on a carpet during so many hardly aspire to anything more impor-is seated on a carpet during so many hardly aspire to anything more impor-is seated on a carpet during so many hardly aspire to anything more impor-is seated on a carpet during so many hardly aspire to anything more impor-When Lady Curzon dies, she will where nature fails in the matter of proof that the best traditions of sea- bia university which is to be published have borne four names, though mar- hair and complexion, but it is manner manship may be as well carried out by in a few weeks. In it women's property

