

*It cleans Paint.*—To every gallon of warm water add one tablespoonful of this liquid. Do not scrub your door, frames, and window-shutters till pallid. Just wipe gently with flannel wrung out of this mixture, and the enamel-like surface is preserved. All smudges and dust are equally removed.

*It brightens Glass.*—Windows and mirrors often show a fringe of fly-blows, and a veil of dulness. Drop a few drops of the fluid ammonia on to some newspaper and apply to the surface. Polish off with another piece of dry paper. You will be charmed with the results.

*It will wash Clothes.*—A tablespoonful to every gallon of suds will keep Jaegers and flannels and woolies as good as new.

*It alleviates Indigestion.*—Ten drops of this ammonia will take the place of a spoonful of sal-volatile in a wineglass of water. Take after meals, and no need to call on Mother Siegel.

*It softens Water.*—Who does not know the ill-effects of hard water on a delicate skin? We can always have our jugs full of stuff as soft as rain if we keep ammonia on our wash-stands. A drop to each basinful, and our digits and brows and wrists will be like satin.

*It stimulates Flowers.*—A few drops of our friend, twice a week, added to the pot of rain-water, will make fuschias, or geraniums, or begonias, in greenhouse, or garden, the admiration of all. Only be moderate in its use here, or your plants will overbloom themselves.

*It can cure Toothache.*—A few drops on a piece of cotton wool pressed into the hollow tooth will stop pain at once.

*It cleans Jewellery.*—One teaspoonful in a cup of warm water applied with a new, soft tooth-brush will clean the most delicate Indian filigree, and brighten the most fragile gold ornament. This is a wrinkle worth knowing.

*It will clean Silver.*—No need for the diurnal use of plate powder if you possess ammonia. A few drops in the water, used for washing the spoons, will keep them bright and shining.

*It washes Hair-Brushes.*—We all know how tiresome it is to see the bristles in our ivory-backed brushes grow yellow and soft. A few drops of ammonia in the water we use for cleansing them will prevent this.

*It cures Midge and Wasp-stings.*—A drop—pure—put on a bitten spot will relieve the pain at once, and prevent any swelling of the parts. More handy this than a laundry blue-bag, and not so disfiguring.

In recommending every housewife to lay in a store of this volatile spirit, I feel I am doing a kind thing! Doubtless the readers of THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER will arise and express gratitude if once they practically prove the virtues of ammonia.

A CHILD'S PINAFORE.

THIS little garment may be made of odd pieces—twenty-nine inches of print, a scrap of deep lace or embroidered muslin for yoke, one yard and a half of lace or embroidery for

wrists. The front, E, is gathered to the size of the yoke, Fig. 2, which, it must be noticed, is really only a front, and not an entire yoke; while the back of the pinafore, F, Fig. 1, is

hole, and the wrist is gathered and set into the band. The entire length given allows of either an inch and a half hem, or a narrow hem and two small tucks; it will be seen

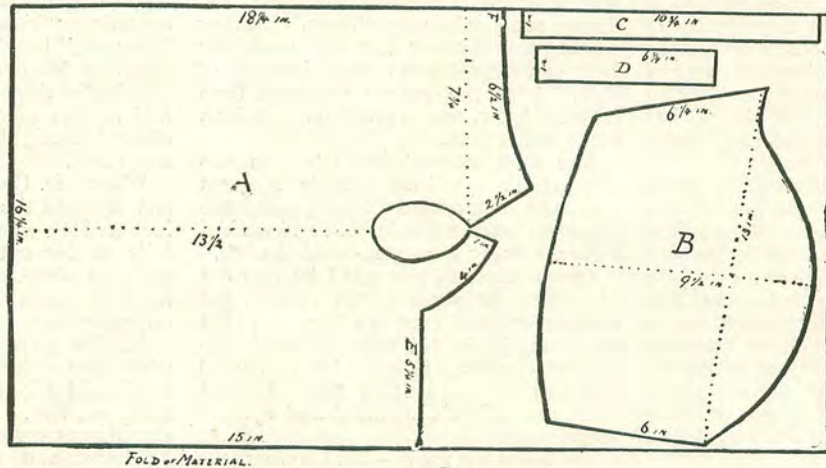


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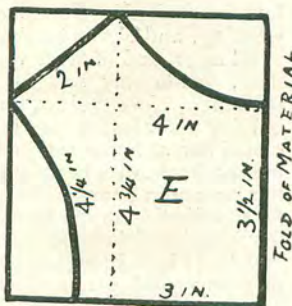


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FIG ③

trimming sleeves and yoke, and a short piece of narrow edging for neck.

Cut out the pinafore according to Fig. 1. B is the sleeve, C neck band, and D for the

set in three pleats on each side to the size of the collar-band.

The little sleeves are gathered half-way round, and drawn up to the size of the arm-

from Fig. 3 how the embroidery is used in trimming the yoke and sleeves. A row of feather-stitching may be added to the collar and wristbands.

Cousin Lil.