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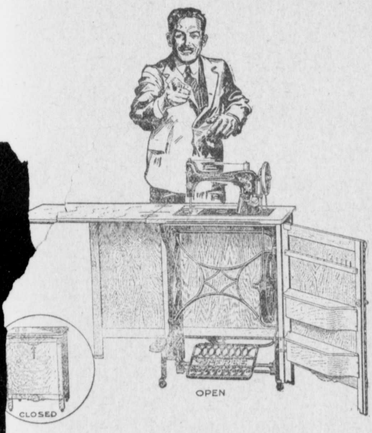

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"Hello, Coo, Coo," Sa
Pigeon.

and we'll be so happy,
all day long—that is w
eating and bathing and flying. And sometimes we will coo even then."

Miss Gray Pigeon was very happy. She was very much flattered and honored too. For a long time they sat on the eaves under the window and after awhile Mr. Blue Pigeon said: "We must get our wedding breakfast now. Come! Coo, coo, coo, I'll look for it."

They flew down to the ground together. And what should they see before them but a regular feast!

Some children had left crumbs and other delicious things that pigeons love, on the ground. They had seen the pigeons and thought perhaps they might be hungry.

"Look!" said Miss Gray Pigeon. "You have a surprise for me! Here is our wedding feast all ready!"

"I didn't do this," said Mr. Blue Pigeon very truthfully. "I think some lovely children did this for us. I have seen some children around here lately, and they have seemed so friendly. I have been a little afraid of them but I am sure I will never feel afraid again."

From all around other pigeons joined the wedding feast. "This is our wedding day," said Mr. Blue Pigeon. "That's why we are having a feast."

And the pigeons all ate and nibbled at the crumbs as if they had never had such a feast before in all their lives.

Now when the children came back they saw all the crumbs had gone, and all the pigeons had flown away, except Mr. Blue Pigeon and Miss Gray Pigeon.

"Coo, coo, thank you, thank you," said Mr. Blue Pigeon and Miss Gray Pigeon.

"N pigeons, good pigeons," said the c dren.

Th were afraid that the pigeons would off. But not at all! They had grown quite tame. And such friends as they all became!

Every morning the children gave the pigeons food, and for some wonderful reason rstand—two pigeon me, and would their soft b oo," But Mr. Blue P been g dren a being t for the devot

Charl W that ba heaven said: about

The material in this evening is heavy brocaded satin, the odd in dark blue with a girdle of pa dotted with jet beads. Skirt gold with flowers in blue, ge black.

skirt is to be narrow and her long or short, provided it cling the figure. She knows that top are as important as frocks and some of the best tailors offer sport suits and top coats to wear o thin one-piece gowns.

She also knows that soft material take precedence over stiff ones; bu she has not exactly classified the various colors, fabrics and accessories that she must accept or avoid.

These are vastly important matters to the average shopper. True, there is a class of women who go to expensive houses that handle only a few of the most fashionable pieces of apparel and offer nothing that can lead one into the wrong path; but this class remains an exclusive one, and what they do or do not do is not always a guide to the mass of women who must fight out the battle of clothes in their own way and to whom victory is vital.

Take colors. Who does not feel perplexed and confused on entering a shop where hundreds of colors are dashed upon the vision and offered as the latest thing? One feels that a kaleidoscope has been run n refuses and-

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