

TREND OF FASHION.

FEW CHANGES IN FALL AND WINTER STYLES.

Wain Skirts Still Rule—A Travelling Dress—Sleeves—New Colors—Reception Gown—Fall Waists, Petticoats, etc.—False Hair in Fashion.

The general styles for fall and winter wear are now definitely settled upon. No striking innovations are shown in the many creations exhibited by the different fashion houses.

The prevailing styles of skirt show practically no variation from last season. Draperies are seen, and are har-



A Travelling Dress.

dled in some cases with good effect, but the general use of ornamentation above the waist tends to make the plain or slightly draped skirt popular.

The fall and early winter are the seasons for enjoyable travel. Nothing could be smarter than the traveling dress shown in the accompanying illustration.

It is in milk and chocolate cloth, with waistcoat and panels of white cloth, striped with a deeper shade of brown velvet ribbon, with cameo buttons of smoked pearl set in old silver, and the butterfly sleeves. The hat shows a butterfly bow of white felt and brown velvet caught down by buckles of old silver.

The white tulle bow under the chin gives the desired note of creaminess to the whole. White dresskin gloves and brown shoes should be worn with this toilet. The umbrella is of brown silk with a brown handle.

Sleeves generally follow the models of last season. There is the same generous amplitude, and no new ideas worthy of note are shown.

Slashings are shown in some cases, revealing an undersleeve of contrasting material. The round waist is more popular than ever, and in many cases, as heretofore, is of a contrasting material. Short full basques are still much worn, either attached to the round waist or incorporated in the skirt.

Among colors, blue is still popular, but a deeper and salt-tinted shade is accepted as the most fashionable autumn shade.



Reception Gown.

very smart encircled by a deep black silk elastic band fastened with large gilded hooks and eyes. Turquoise blue, in slight touches of velvet or satin, makes an effective bodice garniture for dull leaf brown costumes.

Simple smart tailor gowns composed of light "mellon" cloths or "cheviot" tweeds are much in demand. Changeable mirror velvet is popular for trimming silk and fine woollen costumes and for fine millinery.

Evening and reception toilettes, while adhering to prevailing types, allow as usual the exercise of the highest art of the designer.

the corsage. The plain wide skirt is of lilac repped silk, with very large godet folds, and is a model for many skirts that will be worn during the coming season with fanciful waists of velvet. Pansy-colored velvet, richly embroidered, is used for the low corsage, somewhat in jacket shape.

The fall waists are in various styles. The triple capes are mostly in cloth, each one stitched twice around the edge. A double box plaiting of the cloth finishes the neck. Bows are preferable of moire. A very handsome triple cape was in old green moire edged with sable. Many single capes are seen in velvet lined with satin.

Plain long double capes are of various materials, serge, cheviot, cloth or any heavy goods being used. Fashion decrees that the autumn petticoat shall be more elaborately trimmed than the skirt itself. The flounced and furbelowed petticoat must not touch the ground, while the skirt proper is usually longer and plain.

"Wigs will come into fashion again for ladies' wear," says an adept Madison avenue, New York, artist in hair. "The style in which women have been wearing their hair for the last four years has not been encouraged, but has been against the wearing of real wigs. Toupees and separate arrangements of braids and curls have been worn as much as ordinarily, but entire wigs have not been worn except as matters of necessity.

This new fashion of wearing the hair low on the side of the head and knotted loosely in the back is just the one for a real wig.

FASHION NOTES.

Black ostrich boas will be more in favor than ever for the demi-saison. One can now arrange her locks to suit the contour of the head and face and still be in fashion.

Hairecloth and alpaca skirts, made with three ruffles up the back and a steel in the bottom are prophetic of a crinoline scare.

Black serge dresses are trimmed with watered silk, edged with eucra lace and black hop-sacking is adorned with jet and yellow lace.

In laying away fine white summer gowns they should be first wrapped in blue paper, then in a sheet or in a muslin wrap of some kind.

It is again permissible to tie the bonnet under the chin. The young man's heart may be tied up at the same time, but, thank fortune, women don't have to wait for bonnet strings for that.

Some of the new jackets are very effective, and are frequently made open in front, hanging straight from either side of the neck with a double-breasted vest which is joined to the coat at the seam under the arms.

The autumn and winter jackets shown in the shops are cut long with very full backs, and fitted closely to the figure with coat collars and large revers. The materials are cheviot, covert cloth, diagonals, kersey cloth and chin-chilla beaver.

Every woman seems created in the image of every other woman, regardless of difference of taste, complexion and configuration. Let balloon sleeves be decreed by fashion, and every woman within earshot of the flat encases her arms in balloons.

Property Rights of Women.

The effect of recent statutes in England as to the right of married women to hold and convey property has been a subject of much discussion in English law journals. "The Justice of the Peace," in an article on "Female Trustees," reviews the legislation of recent years, and shows how one and another restriction has been removed, so that a married woman can now act as trustee or executor with almost as much freedom as a man can. Under the common law the husband held the property and was also liable for breaches of trust committed by the wife, so that there were grave objections to allowing her to act as a trustee. The present liberal acts regarding the property of married women allow a woman to make contracts and to hold trusts free from the control of her husband, and without rendering him liable for her acts if she should prove dishonest. The British Parliament is in some respects conservative in dealing with property rights, but has taken an advanced ground in relation to the rights of married women in the management of property independent of control by the husband.

Water as a Disinfectant.

It is a fact that appears to be not generally known, perhaps because it may not be generally credited, that pure, fresh, cold water is one of the most valuable of disinfectants, inasmuch as it is a powerful absorbent. Every sick room should have a large vessel of clear water, frequently renewed, placed near the bed, or even beneath it. This not only absorbs much of the hurtful vapor, but by its evaporation it softens and tempers the atmosphere, doing away with the dryness which is so trying and depressing to an invalid, or even to persons in health for that matter. It has frequently been shown, by actual experiment, that troubled sleep and threatened insomnia are corrected by so simple a thing as the placing of an open bowl of water near the sufferer's bed.—London Telegraph.

Every Day Table Service.

If family meals are not always nicely served the company meal will be so. Train the servant to wait on table well every day, and when you give a dinner party you will not need to look after her. Teach her to hand the dishes and pour glasses of water, and take the plates at the left hand of each person seated at the table, and watch and see when glasses should be replenished, or plates passed for more food, or vegetables renewed. Every servant should be taught to do all this without any noise of plates or clashing of glasses, and to remove the courses without speaking a word, and when the dessert is placed on the table to sit up the tumbler and pass the plates, and then retire.

Cold Breakfast Comfort.

Mrs. F. Hopkinson Smith believes that the housewife who would serve cold meat for breakfast would commit the equal barbarity of cooking a peach or of murdering her grandmother.

NOTES OF THE FARM.

Each field is adapted to some special crop. Study the soil and the needs of the crop.

Better hire a little more help than to keep the boys out of school to help out up or gather corn.

It is well to remember that it is muscle rather than fat that is needed by breeding stock, as fat leads to loss of energy, if not of health and vigor.

The recent rains have started grass on lawns. When the lawn-mower is used rake up the short grass and put it away for the use of laying hens, as they will accept it readily.

Well-cured fodder corn is more fully digested than timothy hay, and is nutritious and palatable. It is roasted, however, if left in the fields to be exposed to rains, winds and frosts during the winter.

The fall is the time to use the scales. Weigh everything that goes into the barn and also that comes out. By so doing you will always know how much has been consumed and also how much remains on hand.

To preserve the fertility of the soil, says the National Stockman, three methods are being practiced by our best farmers, viz.: Rotation of crops, application of commercial fertilizers and the use of barnyard manure.

Hay may be profitably grown as a crop for market, but the land should receive an application of fertilizer every year. Is it better to feed hay to stock if possible, but if preferred as a market crop it will pay better than grain.

It is authoritatively stated that the white pine of the Northwest is so nearly exhausted that there is practically no further supply for timber. We have certainly reached the point where timber culture holds out a fair promise of profit.

Excepting the golden rod, milk weed and ragweed, all the rest of our weeds have been imported. These foreign are the most troublesome and persistent. If it was some one's duty to keep them from the highways, these pests would not travel so fast.

The greatest aid to success in farming is cheaper production. This means that the crops should be increased by the use of fertilizers in order to decrease the cost of the labor. The larger the crop the lower the expense and the greater the profit.

The better condition in which the farm tools are kept the less effort is required on the part of teams, and on the part of the workman also, yet farmers will use their implements a whole year without sharpening them. No other mechanic would do this.

About one-third of a crop depends upon the soil, one-third upon the seed, one-third upon care and cultivation, but each one of these must be at its best to get full advantage of the others. If either falls short more than its own proportion of the crop is likely to fall short.

In Albemarle county, Virginia, where apples are a special crop, one grower thinned off nearly three-quarters of the fruit from his trees last year. He got just as many apples in bushels, as compared with previous years, and also received double the market price, as the fruit was superior to any ever before grown in that section, both in size and quality.

The best yields of wheat are on lands that have a grass crop in the rotation, especially of clover. The growing of wheat and corn in succession, with no change from them for a number of years, will lead to exhaustion unless fertilizers are applied in sufficient proportions to prevent loss of fertility. Grass, however, is a crop of itself, and also benefits the soil by shading it and by securing nitrogen from the atmosphere.

How many farmers know how, when and where to ship in order to dispose of their products? The merchant is careful to learn where to buy and sell, and keeps himself posted on prices. He also knows from whom to procure goods at the lowest cost and where to find the best markets. The farmer should be a business man when it comes to selling and buying. To succeed he should read and learn, and be prepared before the crops mature.

Those who raise large crops of onions spread manure in the fall, plow it under with a one-horse plow, and if the weather permits during the winter, the land is cross-plowed, which incorporates the manure with the soil. The rains and frost pulverize the manure, and when early spring arrives the plant food is ready for the crop. The plot for onions should be made ready now, instead of waiting until the time for planting the seed or setting but the sets.

The Russian Thistle.

Prof. Morrow says that the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station has received specimens of the Russian thistle from St. Charles, Hampshire, Peotone, Polo, Nachusa and Davis Junction. In each case but one the plants were growing along railway lines. In no case were there many plants. It seems important that farmers should carefully look for this weed along railway lines and adjoining lands. It will be easy to destroy a few plants—very difficult to kill the thousands the seeds of these might otherwise give us next year. I would suggest that where the plant is certainly recognized, specimens be exhibited where farmers may see them and thus learn to know them.

Clean seed is very important, and the farmer should not rely entirely on the seedsmen. Examine the seed with a strong glass. It is less labor to pick out foreign seeds than to work the field over to destroy the undesirable plants that will surely put in an appearance after the use of such seed.

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