

Brown Smart for Town or Travel



its every detail. It excels in fine tailoring. The jacket is of brown silk grosgrain with a waistcoat and skirt of brown checked beige wool. A note of red is carried out in the clever side fastening on the waistcoat and in the flat crepe ascot tie.

HERE'S a sure-win tip on fashions now running—tones of brown for travel wear as well as for accessories. The shopping list might begin in this way—brown coat or jacket suit, brown suede and calf pumps, matching calf bag, also a brown straw hat, either the new rough braid or one of the exotic linenlike straws and gloves, either brown or white.

For afternoons note down a brown-and-white print frock, to which by way of a postscript add a white taffeta silk jacket, also one of brown transparent velvet just for a change. A turban of straw and white pleated silk bespeaks that which is swankiest in millinery if you do not prefer a white Panama with a brown velvet or grosgrain band. It goes without saying that gloves with this outfit should be white and long loose-fitting, white shoes may be either white or white with brown.

For travel or about town wear or to serve as a spectator sports costume, the costume illustrated is patrician in

As the days go on it is apparent that the vogue for touches of brown is more pronounced than ever. Instead of the usual black ribbon or patent leather band on the now-so-popular panamas the latest wrinkle is trim it with brown.

The same is true in regard to footwear, the newest summer sports shoes are white buck with swatches of brown leather or pipings in brown instead of black.

And have you seen the latest in the "double-date" dresses which are terribly smart and as practical as smart? They are called double-date because in the twinkling of an eye they can be changed from a sports frock to a tailored ensemble. It is simply a matter of donning or doffing the long dark silk coat which complements the white frock under it. A perfectly stunning double-date costume tops a white sleeveless flat crepe dress with a long sort of redingote coat made of eyeletted brown silk.

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BLACK AND WHITE REMAINS IN FAVOR

Black and white continues to be a combination greatly in favor wherever smart women dine. The degree of taste and perfection which is used in this combination has a direct bearing on the effect of the costume. The all-white hat, the white glove and chalk-white jewelry has much to do with its success, says a fashion correspondent in the Kansas City Star.

White linen has a crispness which no one can deny, especially when it is combined with a black hat, either of coarse straw with a glazed surface or one of the crocheted straws. No one has ever known the exact percentage of white to advise in combination with black. Fashion is favoring the black satin skirt and the cream lace blouse for informal dining. This may be worn with a white or an egg-shell jacket.

Contrast is the watchword for the linen suit. The white skirt with the navy jacket has by far and away given the brown and white combinations a race for popularity, while red and white, or a cherry red linen skirt and a french blue handkerchief linen surprise blouse are in the height of fashion.

Or listen to this combination which was worn at the horse show in Tuxedo park by New York debutantes: White dresses accompanied by very short white wool capes, and a red and green sash at the belt and with these small white visca caps.

Longer Evening Coats to Return for Winter

The longer evening coats show signs of returning next winter, advises a Paris fashion writer in the New York Times. Lucile Paray favors slightly trailing evening coats, in velvet of the same color as frocks—which just escape the floor. Germaine Lecointe makes three-quarter evening coats of Lyons velvet or velveteen that contrast with the frock. A tiger-colored velveteen coat with a black frock is a striking example. Irene Dana has an attractive floor-length evening coat of pale pink velveteen.

Short jackets are by no means abandoned. Worth and Irene Dana both show white cross-barred velvet jackets barely below waistlength, and Worth's new summer and winter jackets of flat fur with fabric sleeves are among the most attractive evening wraps yet invented. They are cut with a dropped shoulder line and draped in around the waist, stopping just above the hip bones. One is of black broadtail with puffed sleeves of white satin; another of pale gray broadtail with huge sleeves in silver lame.

Cotton Dress Favored for the Six-Year-Old



Throughout fashion's realm the style prestige of cotton weaves is a matter of comment. This pretty little dress is fashioned of maize-color "pineapple mesh" duren (perfectly mercerized) cotton. Inverted pleats starting at the yoke and a novel white collar are important styling features.

Color Combinations Now Brighten the New Modes

Brown and yellow, green and crimson, gray and sapphire—these are the tints which now brighten a mode devoted to unusual color combinations instead of striking silhouettes.

Brown coats are worn with brick-red or leaf-green frocks, brown hats, gloves and belts. Brown suits are finished with lemon yellow, leaf green, or beige and copper striped blouses and chocolate hued accessories.

The woman whose suit is navy blue may choose white accessories, or a blouse of lemon yellow, while the debutante with a dark blue wool coat may wear a pastel blue or maize yellow frock with hat and shoes of dark blue. Geranium red combined with pearl gray is another favorite combination for navy.

Light green ensembles are worn with dark green chapeaux and accessories, while leaf-green frocks may be worn with black or wood brown coats, hats and bags.

Sheet Erosion Is Great Destroyer

Vast Area Being Washed Thinner by Each Succeeding Rain.

Sheet erosion, the unending process which steals a part of the topsoil every time there is rain enough for water to run downhill, is a major cause of land depreciation. H. H. Bennett, soil scientist of the United States Department of Agriculture, said at the annual meeting of the American Forestry association at Asheville, N. C. **Sheet Erosion Widespread.**

"Sheet erosion is much more widespread than gully washing, but it is more gradual and less noticeable," Mr. Bennett said. "Excessive washing has virtually destroyed more than 17,000,000 acres of formerly tilled land in this country, but there is a vastly larger area whose surface soil is slowly but constantly being washed thinner and thinner by every rain. The washing away of the topsoil is rapidly lessening the productivity of our land.

"Our country-wide yields are not increasing, even with all the benefits of research and extension services directed toward this end; indeed, crop yields are decreasing in many localities. The better soils are largely in use. In many parts of the country the area of these is being diminished through the evil of erosion; that is, more and more of these lands are being converted into inferior lands."

Land impoverished from over-cropping frequently can be made to produce profitable crops through the use of fertilizing and soil-improving crops, he said, but land worn out by erosion is essentially hopeless.

The topsoil contains the essential elements for plant growth and when this soil is eroded away, the subsoil in the majority of cases fails to produce as good crops as the original topsoil and often is worthless, the bureau of chemistry and soils has found.

Methods of Prevention. Mr. Bennett outlined some of the work being done by the Department of Agriculture in the study of erosion and methods of preventing it. He suggested better land utilization, better protection of cultivated slopes with terraces and other means, and the use of certain lands for forests as preventives of soil erosion. A far-reaching, practical, national program of soil protection and better adjustment in land usage is an immediate need, he said.

Thorough study of erosion problems is now being made by the department at eight regional experiment stations established during the last two years. These stations, which eventually may number 20, are established on farms where erosion is a serious regional problem, and are for studying methods of erosion control and of holding on the land more of the rain water. A number of the states are carrying on supplementary work on erosion.

Phosphorus Is Necessary for Bone Construction

Phosphorus is a material necessary in the construction of bone, but its greatest value seems to be in the production of seed and grain. The phosphorus the plant uses over and above that needed to form the leaf, stalk and root seems to be a measure of its ability to form the protoplasmic nucleus, around which the grain is formed, and without which no grain will be formed. Because of this association phosphorus has sometimes been called the life-giving element. When there is a good growth of leaf and stalk, grain is increased in proportion as the phosphorus is increased, other things being equal. Where grain is not produced in proper proportion to leaf surface, it is an indication of a deficiency of phosphorus. Usually the growth of stalk and leaf is an approximate measure of the available nitrogen, and the grain produced is a measure of the phosphorus secured, above what was used for growing stalk. Land that is rich in humus and available nitrogen will grow straw and stalks largely in excess of a proportionate amount of grain and unless more phosphorus is applied there is a great waste.

Soybeans Immune

Fortunately the soybean, together with all other legumes, is immune from chinch bug attacks. If land next to bug-infested wheat is not planted it would be well to put in soybeans. The beans likely will be at least as profitable as corn.

While it is profitable and practical to construct a barrier to protect corn and sorghum crops from chinch bugs yet this barrier will require considerable time and some expense.

FARM FACTS

Shear sheep only when the wool is dry. Damp wool will spoil.

Sodium chlorate applications for killing weeds have proven most effective in August.

Oats ground and sifted makes an excellent feed for young calves and pigs. Soaking is not advisable.

Summer fallow land will need just enough cultivation during the summer to keep down weed growth.

Once it required three hours of work to produce a bushel of wheat; now it takes only ten minutes.

Tomato growers should be on the lookout for leaf spot, especially if their plants were not grown from treated seed.

Asparagus thrives on sandy loam soils, but contrary to popular belief also does well on heavy soils if they are well fertilized.

Oats will not flow out through cracks and knotholes where wheat would trickle out and waste. Almost any sort of farm storage will do.

No grain crop is easier to store and keep than oats. Seldom does oats heat. It will even absorb considerable moisture from leaky roofs and still dry out without getting moldy.

Alfalfa Favored as Superior Legume Hay

Contains Most Protein and Lime, Says Expert.

Good legume hays are excellent feeds, because they contain a high percentage of protein and lime, says E. P. Reed, extension specialist in soils and crops at the Ohio State university.

A ton of alfalfa, he points out, contains 212 pounds of crude digestible protein and 51 pounds of lime. A ton of red clover contains 152 pounds of digestible crude protein and 43.2 pounds of lime; a ton of sweet clover, 200 pounds of digestible crude protein and 51.2 pounds of lime, and a ton of timothy contains only 60 pounds of digestible crude protein and 4 pounds of lime.

The most practical method of making hay in Ohio, Reed believes, is found in the windrow method. After the hay is cut, it should be left in the swath until well wilted. It is then raked into small windrows with a side delivery rake. The small windrow permits uniform drying of both stems and leaves and there is a minimum loss of leaf.

To complete the curing process, the windrow should be turned at least once each day until dry enough for storage. As the top of the windrow dries, turn it over on dry ground so that the under surface is exposed. If the hay becomes wet from rain, the same process of curing and drying is recommended, except that the turning should be more frequent.

When the hay is sufficiently dry it is most efficiently taken up with a web hay loader rather than the push arm type which knocks off many of the leaves.

Lime and Sweet Clover Will Increase Yields

Is liming worthwhile? Frank Moore, Clay county, Illinois, contends the man who is farming sour soil will be doing something else ten years from now if he doesn't lime. He has been a lime and legume convert ever since he moved to that flat land farm in the central part of the state 13 years ago. At that time he harvested 10 to 20 bushels of corn to the acre. Now his yields are 45 bushels.

"Lime and sweet clover will make this prairie land produce better than the timber land of the same region," said Mr. Moore. "The only time lime fails is on the place where the owner is always going to apply it. It won't do any good if it isn't spread on the land."

Mr. Moore contends that it is better to buy the flat, sour land at a low price than to pay the going price for highly productive land in other parts of the state at the figure it commands.

Raspberry Worm

This raspberry fruit worm is the larva of a beetle about one-seventh of an inch long. These beetles do some damage themselves in eating the flower buds and leaves, besides laying the eggs which hatch into these worms that live in the fruit. The best method of control is to spray before the flowers open with arsenate of lead, 2½ pounds to 100 gallons of water. Cultivation of the ground under the plants will also help in destroying the pupal form of this insect which winters in the ground near the plant.

No Fib at All

Jones—If the grocer calls for money tell him I'm out.
Mrs. Jones—But that would be telling a lie.
"Nothing of the kind, I'm out of cash."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Call It a Museum

An antique shop is a sort of museum visited largely by people who have no intention of buying.—American Magazine.

Nothing Funny About Him

"Does your daddy tell any funny jokes?"
"Now, he's a vaudeville actor."

Getting Along with a Fussy Man

Getting along with a fussy man can make you as tired as a hard day's work.

Birds Pay Tribute to Singer's Golden Voice

Ninon Vallin, the French operatic star, is a woman St. Francis, one of her most regular and devoted audiences consisting of hundreds of small birds which come flying to the window of her home in France as soon as she starts singing. They stay perched on the window-sills and even on the piano until she stops. "I have always adored birds," she explained, in very broken English, to a reporter. "When I was little I had a lot of them in cages, but my father hated to see them in captivity. So he let them out in the garden, but instead of flying away, they stayed and used to swarm round me whenever I started to sing." Asked how she first started her career, Madame Vallin replied smilingly, "In church. Some influential people had heard my voice in church, and insisted on my trying first in Lyons, then in Paris, with the result that after singing at a charity performance Da Costa heard me and immediately booked me for a huge tour in South America. Since then," she added laughing, "I have never stopped singing."

Wage Earners' Rewards

According to estimates made by Anna Rochester, the average weekly earning of some 16,000,000 wage earners are less than \$25 a week. Only in construction do average wages rise above \$30 a week, although within every one of the industrial groups various skilled trades have gained through themselves or through organization a considerably higher status. The union members who run our trains, build our skyscrapers, repair our plumbing, make our suits and dresses, and others—a very few groups in all—who with strong organizations have forced wage scales far above the average, include among them possibly an eighth of the steel workers, even a smaller number of the automobile workers, a considerable number of nonunion buildings trades and clothing trades and the small number of the army of stenographers and bookkeepers.—Washington Star.

Anti-Typhoid Serum

Ferdinand Widaj, a native of Algiers and professor in the Paris faculty, collaborated with Chautemesse in his early work on preventive vaccinations against typhoid fever, and made his mark by his discovery of bacterial agglutination in 1895, and its application in the diagnosis of typhoid. Sir Almroth Edward Wright, professor of pathology, made typhoid vaccination practicable in 1893 and 1897, inoculating over 3,000 soldiers in India in 1898.

His Handicap

The Girl—Jack, don't you see that the wind has blown my hat down the street? Why don't you try to get it?
Escort (a sprinter)—Don't worry! I'm just giving it a hundred yards start.

Prize Stamps

The most valuable postage stamp in the world is the British guinea. One is owned by King George and one by Arthur Hines.

Discussion

"Boy, how are you going to succeed in business when you can't spell?"
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"If you don't, you'll never know the difference."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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