

# NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Designs For Costumes That Have Become Popular in the Metropolis.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—One of the newest spring skirts, the entirely tucked one, is shown in this costume. It is particularly adapted for soft or



THE TUCKED SKIRT.

diaphanous materials and for wash gowns, and promises to be the success of the coming season. Notice the tucks do not run all the way to the waist line to give added size

above a shaped flounce, although said flounce consists of nothing but a second set of threads crowded together in ten or twelve inches of horizontal stitching.

### New Coiffure Ornaments.

The black velvet bow for evening coiffure has a powerful rival in the new and very attractive artificial flower arrangement. This consists of two or three blossoms fastened to a shell hair-pin by a tiny puff of silk or satin ribbon matching the color of the flower. Large flowers promise to be the most popular. The orchid is certainly the handsomest for this purpose, although roses and jonquils are exquisite. Large purple velvet pansies are exceedingly effective in white hair.

### An Old Fashion Revived.

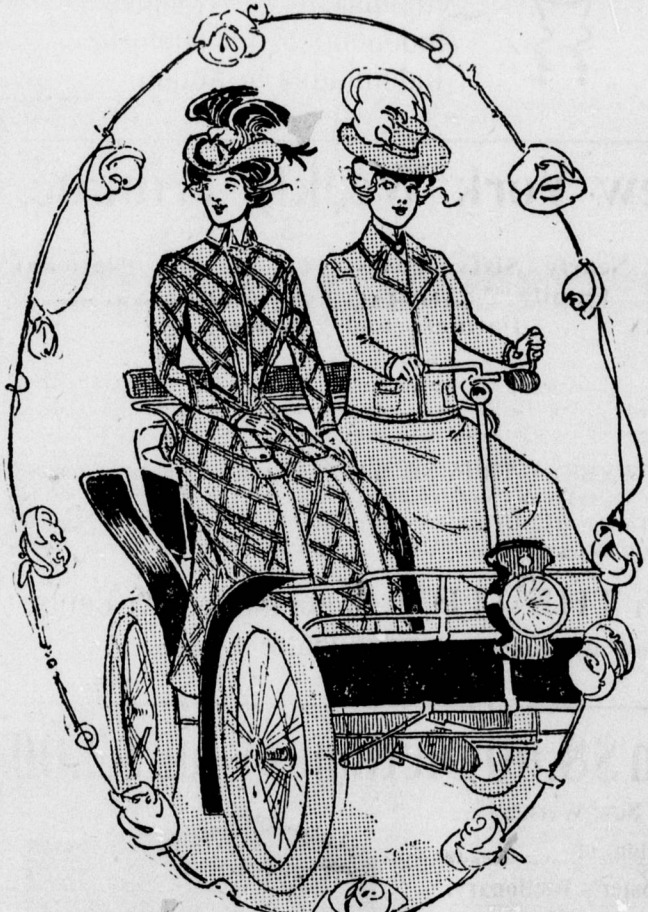
There is an ominous rumor that women are to wear gathered skirts. Box-plaited skirts are here already, and while they were not received with such open arms as was the habit-back, still they are being worn. It remains to be seen if women will go back to the fashions of thirty years ago. Tight waists are worn already, and it needs only the promised gathered skirt to make the picture complete.

### Black Chiffon For Mourning Wear.

Black chiffon buttonholed with dull black silk round the edges is used for trimming mourning bonnets and toques, and in place of the heavy plaited blue-white ruche inside the widow's cap appears a slender line of snow-white English crepe or crimped white chiffon sewed in beneath the small brim.

### Turquoise Dressing Sacque.

This fetching dressing sacque is of soft turquoise silk, and is in the favorite bolero shape, being cut off at



CHECKED WOOLEN, LEATHER TRIMMINGS. DUST-BROWN CLOTH.

around the hips, but begin just below. Sometimes these tucks are stitched down flat. Another design has the tucks in clusters of three very small ones at intervals all around. Its being such a decided innovation and change from what has been in vogue so long, no doubt, will add largely to its popularity.

### Automobile Costumes.

In the park and on the roads leading to and from the out-of-town headquarters of the Automobile club severe-weather-defying costumes piped with leather and more ornate dresses for fair days have suddenly become plentiful.

A checked homespun toilet in blue and gray, displayed by a lady who has steered her own gasoline carriage all winter, has attracted attention on its every appearance. Small, close-set buttons fasten its short coat so snugly as to leave no opening at the throat, the better to direct admiration to its bright leather cuffs and collar and the rolls of leather inserted in the seams. Narrow panels of leather appear on the front of its skirt, and on these are buckled leather pockets, small and smart and most deliciously absurd in their affectation of practicality.

A new "auto" coat, variations upon which are displayed by several devotees of the automobile is long, sack-shaped and made of fine cloth of a pale tobacco shade. The novelty of the garment lies in the fact that it is guilefully stitched to deceive the unwary into taking it for an overskirted coat, one set of threads making deep Vandyke points that seem to fall

the waist line at the back and sides. The fronts, as the cut shows, are in the long, stole shape, which gives it an airy elegance, at once admirable and noticeable. It has an altogether more jaunty look than the jackets in ordinary sacque length. This little affair is silk lined and smothered with cream lake five inches in width. Very soon these comfortable sacques made of organdie or lawn will be in



DRESSING SACQUE IN BOLERO EFFECT. order. Indeed, many wear these the year round.

## FOR THE HOUSEWIVES.

### Hanging Pot of Maidenhair.

Procure an unglazed pottery carafe or water-tottle, place a little earth carefully around it, and stick in close together many roots of the maidenhair fern, and cover with a wire netting; this is to keep the earth and ferns in their place. The netting must be coarse enough to allow the ferns to grow through the meshes, and must not be put on too tightly. Now fasten around the top of the carafe some fine wire to hang it up by; when hanging up nearly fill the carafe with water, and always keep it so; for the vessel, being porous, allows the moisture to dampen the roots and keep them alive. If properly attended to, the carafe will soon be nothing but a ball of maidenhair fern, and very beautiful.—Harper's Bazar.

### Sulphur as a Fumigant.

The fumigating properties of sulphur have long made it a valuable household remedy, and the sulphur candles now on the market fill a long-felt want. Not only are they a convenient disinfectant, but they are almost sure death to flies, red ants, roaches and moths. The room to be fumigated must be tightly closed, even the keyholes stopped with paper; then closets, trunks, drawers and all infected receptacles must be opened, so the fumes of the sulphur can penetrate every nook and cranny. The candle is put in a metal candlestick and set in an earthen or iron vessel—a coal hod will answer quite as well as anything else. The only requisite is that it shall be deep enough to prevent the flames setting fire to anything. Care must be taken not to inhale the flame when lighting the candle. The room should be kept closed for about four hours, during which time the purifying fumes of the sulphur will thoroughly do their work. These candles must not be used where there is gilt paper, picture rails or picture frames, as they will be tarnished.

### Taking Care of Blankets.

A great deal of labor is saved by taking proper care of blankets. When blankets are first purchased baste a hemmed strip of sheeting over the top edges. When this is soiled replace it by another, so that the edges of the blanket do not come against the hands and face or accidentally touch the floor when the bedclothes are turned back. Air blankets very thoroughly. At least once a month, on a clear day, when no wind is stirring, hang them on the line to air for twelve hours, turning them and shaking them free from dust at least once. Use a little cotton counterpane over the blankets at night; this is easily washed and does not attract dust as the loose meshes of a woolen blanket do. Use another counterpane for covering the bed in the daytime over that used at night. By these means bed blankets may be kept aired and will not need to be washed oftener than once in two years. It pays to use light, inexpensive blankets in summer, replacing them by the heavy, more expensive all wool blankets designed for winter, or whenever the weather demands it. When not in use wrap up fine blankets carefully in cotton sheets and pack them away from moths. Sachets of lavender scattered among blankets and bed linen are a warning to moths to keep away when they are put in the closet, as well as inducement to azure lilted sleep when they are spread on the bed.

### Recipes.

**Graham Bread Cheese Strips**—Take thin slices of graham bread and spread thinly, first with butter and then with prepared mustard; over this grate a layer of cheese. Press the slices of bread firmly together, cut into strips one inch wide and as long as the slices permit; place in the oven and brown on both sides. Serve with the oyster salad.

**Baked Beef Heart**—Wash it carefully, open it sufficiently to remove the tubes, then soak in cold water until free from blood; wipe it dry and stuff with a good dressing as for turkey; steam for one hour, then rub with butter, dredge with well seasoned flour and bake for one hour, basting frequently with hot water and butter.

**Curried Eggs**—Slice two onions and fry them in butter, and a tablespoonful of curry powder and one pint of good rich stock, stew until onions are tender, add a cup of cream (if not thick cream thicken with rice flour), simmer a few minutes, add eight or ten hard boiled eggs, cut in slices, allowing the eggs to become hot, but not to boil.

**Mayonnaise of Celery**—Add one-third of a cupful of beaten cream to three-fourths of a cupful of mayonnaise (which is best to keep made up in a stone jar, well covered), two cupfuls of sliced celery, three-fourths of a cupful of English walnuts. Arrange in nests of lettuce leaves, garnishing with sprays of celery between the nests; delicious.

**Walnut Wafers**—Many delicious cakes are made with the addition of nut meats. Among them walnut wafers make a pleasing variety, and something odd. The rule calls for one cup of chopped nuts, three tablespoonfuls of flour, one cup of brown sugar, two beaten eggs and a pinch of salt. Add the nuts last. Drop in small quantities on buttered tins.

**Baked Veal and Macaroni**—Take two pounds of veal, without bone, boil in salted water until tender, then chop fine. Break twelve sticks of macaroni into small pieces, cook until done and drain. Put the veal and macaroni into a buttered baking dish, add pepper and salt, one-half cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sweet milk and bake in a moderate oven.

## Improved Physique of Men and Women

The fine physique with which British girls are now blessed is attributed to the healthier life they lead in consequence of the open air exercise in which they indulge. But nothing has been said about men. Perhaps the papers imagine they were always as lit as they are now. It is interesting, therefore, to look at the tables of the weights of the crews in the university race, showing that they are much heavier than in former years.

From the year 1841 inclusive, until the present day, there was no crew averaging 12 stone (168 pounds) until Oxford, with exactly that weight, won in 1867, the average weight being roughly about 11½ stone (161 pounds). Until the end of 1877 there were only four crews averaging 12 stone or over. From that date until 1887 there were six crews over that weight, but the weights under 12 stone had gone up considerably from the earlier periods. From 1887 until the present time there have only been five crews under 12 stone, both crews in 1888 being under that weight, and the Cambridge crew in 1894 being only a half pound under. So that for the last ten years there have, practically speaking, been only two crews under 12 stone. It is certainly significant that the increase of weight in the university crews should have been contemporaneous with the marked physical development of women.—London Truth.

### The "Green Ray" at Sunset.

The "green ray" or "green flash" at the moment the sun disappears from view beneath the horizon has been noticed by many physicists. Some of them consider this is an optical illusion. M. Guebbard states, however, that the green ray is the great shadow of the earth feebly illuminated from the zenith and viewed by an eye fatigued for red; it therefore appears green. Pellat, on the contrary, states that the "yellow setting sun has a red lower and green upper border separately examinable in the telescope and due to prismatic reflection by the atmosphere. The absorption which makes the sun disk appear yellow makes the violet upper rim appear green or greenish blue instead of violet. When the sun sets, the upper green rim can be seen for a fraction of a second, but it may be kept longer in view if the observer goes up a slope as the sun sets." The first writer to which we gave referred thought this was different from the green ray following the setting of the red sun. M. Kavean said that he had seen the sea colored green in a triangle with its apex at the point where the sun set, and the color seems to flow away toward the horizon.—Scientific American.

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### Outwitted by His Wife.

A commercial traveler, whose wife is one of those women who borrows trouble indiscriminately, had occasion to make a trip East recently.

His wife was very anxious about him and felt certain that he would fall a victim to smallpox, which was reported to be prevalent in the city to which he was going. She begged him to carry a little lump of asafetida in his pocket to ward off contagion.

Naturally he objected and positively refused to be made the permanent abode of such a persistent odor.

When he came home from his trip he said to his wife:

"It is wonderful, the power of imagination. Why, don't you know, I imagined that I smelled asafetida the whole time I was gone!"

"It wasn't imagination at all,"

quietly replied the wily woman. "I sewed a bit of asafetida in the corner of your coat before you went away!"

—Memphis Scimitar.

### Lovemaking by Proxy.

A bashful lover wished to make a proposal of marriage, but his courage failed him, and he induced his sister to become an intermediary, he remaining outside the half closed door, hidden, but within earshot, to learn the result.

It was not favorable. The fair one anxiously tossed her head and replied:

"Indeed, now, if I'm good enough to be married, I'm good enough to be axed!"

Hearing this, the anxious swain thrust his head inside the door and said beseechingly:

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