

THE LATEST FASHIONS

Every Woman a Law to Herself in Fashion's Realm—Chance for Distinction or Absurdity New York, October 12.

What are the authoritative points in late fashions is a question not easily answered when every model by a designer of distinction, is offset by others from as important sources that differ in line, style and finish.

Coats are long and other coats are short, skirts wide and flaring, yet some as well endorsed measure only two yards at the foot. Sleeves are full and long in smartest models, but a few wonderfully good frocks show tight sleeves ending at the knuckles.

Waist and hip lines are also variable and one can be modish in Watteau draperies, or in a skirt that clings to the figure.

Pick the Silhouette.

The fashion reporter can only call attention to the various types of costumes shown, and give news of the details and trimmings, the individual woman must either decide for herself what style to adopt or follow the lead of some one in whom she has confidence. Probably the best plan is to determine what things are taboo for your figure coloring and requirements; then select carefully from the models that are left. The silhouette must be studied. If you can carry off the short skirted flaring mode that tapers up to the small jaunty hat; that is a youthful and modish type. If your breadth of hip and avoirdupois make this unwise, there are loose straight coats and equally smart broads hats, and a whole host of turbans and tricorns that match up well with any face and almost any outline.



McCa Design

Economy Observed

The complexity of styles, helps a woman to solve the problem of combining smartness with economy, since every single garment in the outfit can be easily modified to fall in line with fashion's latest edicts, when these are so various and in many instances so contradictory.

The width of skirt is a thing for individual choice, but the bodice calls for considerable smoothness in its fitting, especially above the chest and shoulders, while careless, sloppy fitting above the belt has suddenly and completely vanished. Backs are narrow, shoulders generally drooping, and there is no longer any prejudice against seams.

Sleeve Tendencies

Three quarter sleeves are out. For day wear sleeves must be long, but as elbow cuffs of various sorts are especially good, it is not much of a trick to transform a passed sleeve into the latest lines. The sleeve may be tight or loose, leg-of-mutton or prelate, and have muffs or finish with a bracelet of silk cord at the wrist. At this point there is no evidence of the fullness manifested at the elbow in so many late models.

The eighteenth century sleeve, made of white batiste or organdie, which ends in a frill at the hand, held in place by a bracelet of velvet ribbon is returned to fashion. These sleeves are employed in jumper blouses of blue or black taffeta, while the same organdie edges the skirt and tips the sash-ends in a number of pretty French house frocks. The unlined blouses of this crepe, which are a present fad, are also varied and made a bit more practical by organdie underbodies and neck pieces.

Materials.

There is nothing startling in the way of novel materials. Serge, broadcloth, velvet, faille and all other silken weaves from taffeta up are in the running, while duvety, velour plush and all of the metal brocades are at the forefront of fashionable favor.

Broadcloth trimmed lavishly with fur, and cotton velvet similarly ornamented are very well endorsed,

LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene By Dr. Samuel Dixon.

Every youngster is familiar with the story of how a tea kettle suggested the steam engine. It is one of thousands of examples of little things that count. Of course, the tendency is to overlook small matters and to sneer at their importance. This is true in regard to our health and well as the other business of life. There are certain common habits which everybody overlooks because they are so common and yet these trifles may have a decided influence at times.

Millions of people moisten postage stamps with their tongues every day. These may have been shoved across a soiled counter or torn off with dirty hands an instant before but unfortunately a habit plus convenience, leads the majority of people to the custom of affixing them in this manner. Another seemingly trifling habit which may readily lead to difficulties is that of ripping open with the fingers, letters that have been sealed with mucilage plus saliva.

In view of the fact that there are thousands of sufferers from tuberculosis and other diseases these seemingly insignificant acts are really fraught with danger. Our mouths, are perhaps the chief avenue by which germs of disease enter the system and our hands are the principal means of carrying them there. Which anybody for a few minutes who is thinking or writing and see how their fingers are carried to their face. If they are not clean they are almost certain to carry germs to the mouth. Once there, decayed of unclean teeth furnish splendid breeding grounds.

Children in school chew their pencils and as often as not exchange them unless they are warned against it and chew some else's. Many people wet their fingers with their tongue to turn the pages of books and despite all that has been said and written by health authorities about paper money carrying disease germs, they resort to this method of counting bills.

These are such simple things that unthinkingly you may sneer at them as not of sufficient importance to warrant care. For all they are precautions worth observing and it is well to cultivate a certain fastidiousness and to err on the side of scrupulous cleanliness for it is little things that count.

AUTO VIOLATIONS REDUCED.

Through work of the State police force, violations of the automobile regulations have been considerably reduced on State main highways and on many of the other roads of the State. The Highway Department, which has been working on the preliminaries for the automobile registration for 1915 has been assured the co-operation of the State police next year when a record breaking registration of cars is expected. The applications are now being received and failure to display tags on Jan. 1, will mean arrest. The State police are prosecuting such violators of automobile regulations as run recklessly or without tags or lights. Arrests have also been made for display of tags which have turned out to be counterfeit tags are new violations and are being closely watched. Commissioner Cunningham has asked the State police to keep off the highways any vehicles which tend to damage the roadways.

LABOR LAWS COMPARED

A comparison of the labor laws of the various states shows that the votes of women have not brought about better conditions in the suffrage states than exist in male suffrage states have practically identical conditions industrially and geographically. In other words there is not a law for the protection of working women found in suffrage states which cannot be met by laws equally as good or better in adjoining male suffrage states. And if "Women need the vote to get clean streets, pure food, prevent disease, etc." how did it happen that Pennsylvania's Health Exhibit (where only men vote, won first prize at the San Francisco fair?—Adv.

The activities of the new Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company will make Philadelphia one of the greatest steel manufacturing centers of the world. Furthermore, the prosperity of the \$100,000,000 concern will be in no wise dependent upon the continuance of the war, or of war orders.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

While one piece frocks of all sorts are so popular that the top coats will be more than ever a necessary part of the outfit. Sleeves of evening coats have huge fur cuffs that take the place of muffs, and most of them have equally wide and comfortable collars of the same pelt.

Rosalind May

Wanted Emotion

"What can you see in that Bingle girl!" began Evart's married sister. "Huh?" jerked Evarts.

His sister looked exasperated. "Now, Evarts," she began, in the maddening tone of one five years older, "you needn't put on that air with me, for I understand all your little tricks, my child! The innocent, bewildered act is old stuff! Don't think you can hooking me until the moment when you walk into my presence and wish a Mrs. Evarts on me! When there are so many other girls—"

"The world does seem full of girls," admitted her brother, brightly. "Then, for goodness sake!" exclaimed his married sister, "if that is the case why do you pick out the Bingle girl from among them! Can you give me any reasons—"

"Why, I—"

"You took her to the Country Club dance," went on his sister, sternly. "You were put next to her at the Foxes' dinner and people don't put a man next a girl unless he's so interested that all the public knows about it! I saw you talking to her at the Art Institute reception. You had her to lunch—"

"Golly!" interrupted Evarts with admiration. "If you aren't a smart little detective. If ever you have to earn your living your career will be easy to choose!"

"When the future of my only brother is at stake," said his married sister, with a slightly tearful dignity, "there is nothing I would not do to save him! Matrimony is a serious—"

"Don't I know it?" agreed Evarts. "Haven't I had you and Harold for awful examples—"

"You are just trying to be funny and you aren't funny at all!" said his sister. "If you were as sensible and nice as Harold you might talk! Why, that girl hasn't an idea in her head and you always were so fond of bright women! Her complexion is so hopeless she can't even use rouge and powder and get away with it, and she has a nasal voice and she giggles!"

"Yes, she does giggle."

"She may have eyes, but they aren't good enough to make up for the rest of her face!" pursued his married sister. "And she is an awful climber! You never can drop her in the world if you give her a chance to hang on! She hasn't any taste in dress and her father is one of the awful Empton family that always goes to state's prison or is blackballed or something—"

"But beyond that she's all right?"

"I suppose you are being funny again!" said his married sister indignantly. "When I think of having the Bingle girl for a sister-in-law, coming to Thanksgiving dinner and copying my clothes you can't imagine the sinking sensation it gives me! She is so absolutely unlike any of the girls you have always admired—that makes it so hard to understand. Of course some people might say she was pretty, but I never could like her. Why didn't you pick out Helen or—"

"You always said Helen would be no housekeeper and that she had a pug nose," reminded Evarts.

"I'd rather have a pug nose in the family than the Bingle girl!" cried his sister. "She'll make you perfectly miserable, Evarts! It's you I'm thinking of! She won't like your friends and they won't like her and you've always been so sweet-tempered, and you'll turn grouchy."

"A happy little future you are planning for me!" declared her brother, getting up from his chair. "Lilly Bingle isn't half bad, honest! Sometimes I think Pifkins is a lucky man!"

"What's Richard Pifkins got to do with it?" demanded his married sister.

"Nothing," said her brother, "except that he's engaged to her. He asked me to be nice to Lilly while he was in New York on business for a couple of months!"

"Well!" gasped Evarts' married sister. "If you aren't the horriest man in ten states! Getting me all worked up so! Why didn't you say so at the beginning? I'm sure she's a real nice girl in her way—maybe I was too strong about her complexion after all!"

Democratic

Our genial, glorious and humorous democracy alone could produce this jest.

A young woman from abroad is starting her conquest of the country by entering into domestic service with a haughty East End family. She had an afternoon off last Sunday and she put on her finest finery and paraded down the street with another domestic, a friend. And as they were walking along, talking of this and that, comparing experiences and notes and other such things, the companion said to her:

"Look, Norah! There's the woman you work for on the other side of the street!"

"Heavens, Maggie! I hope she don't see me!"

"Why? Are you afraid ev yer boss?"

"No, no fear. But it would be just like her to see this hat an' go an' get one just like it!"

In Bad Company

A countryman in Savannah observed a gang of darkies laboring on the streets, each wearing a ball and chain. He asked one why that ball was chained to his leg.

"To keep people from stealing it," said the darky; "heep of thieves about here."

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