

JACKETS AND BASQUES.

SEASONABLE AND STYLISH DESIGNS FOR WOMEN.

A Neatly Finished Eton Jacket of Black Serge For Wear as Part of a Cycling Costume—Ladies' Basque With Two Under-Arm Gores—Fashions in Hair.

Black serge, says May Mantou, is the material selected for this Eton jacket that is neatly finished with machine stitching, narrow silk cording



LADIES' ETON JACKET.

and small buttons affording appropriate decoration. It is worn over a taffeta silk waist of brilliant hue which affords the touch of brightness so essential to a cycling costume. The fronts are adjusted to the figure by single-bust darts that are held to position by means of cords and buttons. Above the closing the fronts are reversed in lapels that meet the rolling collar in even notches. The jacket, of



LADIES' BASQUE WITH TWO UNDER-ARM GORES.

fulness being caused by gathers on the outer edge of sleeves. Short, full puffs caught up in butterfly effect drape the shoulders, and the wrists are uniquely slashed over a deep ruffle of lace. As represented, figured barege was employed in making; narrow black satin ribbon affording the decoration. The mode is applicable, however, to all manner of weaves and textures including silk, peau-de-soie, canvas weaves, organdies, etc. To make this basque for a lady in the medium size will require three and one-fourth yards of forty-four-inch material.

The basque shown in the large illustration is an ideal model for ladies of generous figure, according to May Mantou. The pattern provides for an extra under-arm gore, which has the desired effect of decreasing the apparent size of the waist while the soft fulness at each side of the vest front detracts from the prominence of the bust. The graceful fulness of the front and the seamless back are disposed over glove-fitted linings that close in centre-front. The seamless V-shaped vest portion is sewed permanently to the right-front and is hooked over the full edge of the left. The side-fronts have gathers at the shoulder edges, the lower edges being disposed in overlapping plaits which, with the pointed outlines, give a graceful effect to the waist. The back fits smoothly across the shoulders, the fulness at the lower edge being laid in overlapping plaits that are firmly hooked down below the waist line. If the seamless back is not desired the basque can be made to show the seams as seen in back view of engraving. A close standing band completes the neck with a frill of lace above. The sleeves are monogamous, the soft

Next Season's Side Combs. The new side combs for next season's wear come in sets of three and four. The most stylish are hinged together. In sets of four, one comb goes above the knot, one below the knot, and one on either side. In sets of three, as a rule, the middle comb is to be used above the knot, and is the least bit higher and more ornate than the two side combs. Where the four are hinged together, the tendency differs only in length and curve. The manufacturers assert that the teeth of the combs are coarser than last season, but if such is really the case it is not perceptible to the casual observer. The ornamentation of these combs as a rule is quite simple. The plainer ones, when ornamented with narrow bands of silver or gold, have only simple designs cut into these bands. Except on those pieces to be worn above the knot, there is no filigree work. And jewels, when used, are sunk in the band, not raised above, as for the last few seasons. Amethysts, it is said, will be the popular stones, and only a few diamonds are shown, to be worn in settings of silver and gold, in polished and French gray finish and in polished and rose-finished silver gilt.

Fashions For the Hair. If it is the perfection of art, says the New York Sun, to conceal art, the hairdressers are in this sort of deception in advance of their competitors in

There are at least two advantages in brine salting of butter in preference to dry salting, one is that there is little or no danger of oversalting, and the other is that the risk of overworking is largely avoided. Rather more salt will be needed by brine salting than by dry salting. Use quite strong brine and let the butter remain in the brine for some time, half an hour at least. No more salt will enter the globules of butter than is needed and the surplus can be readily drained off. Very little working is needed; in fact, only the amount necessary to work into a proper shape to send to market will be necessary, and this avoids the necessity or risk of working the butter into a salty condition in order to get the salt distributed through the butter evenly. By this plan there will be no streaks to work out, time and labor is saved in handling and getting the butter ready for market, while there is little or no risk of the grain of the butter being ruined. A good per cent of butter sent to market is seriously injured by too much working, first to get the buttermilk out and to get the salt in. Working the buttermilk out and brine salting largely does away with this, and secures a better quality of product.—Grange Bulletin.

Large, loose waves are just as desirable in summer as in winter, and the extreme high pompadour has lost none of its popularity. The simple little knot, with a coil around it arranged high on the head, is a pretty way of dressing the hair with the pompadour front, or this same knot may be arranged lower, with a softer twist. Evening coiffures are completed by

ministering to the needs of women. Wavy, soft pompadour fronts are deftly arranged under a few stray locks of your own hair, and all sorts of artificially-made coils, puffs, toupes and short curls are mingled with your tresses so cunningly that your best friend never suspects their existence. Large, loose waves are just as desirable in summer as in winter, and the extreme high pompadour has lost none of its popularity. The simple little knot, with a coil around it arranged high on the head, is a pretty way of dressing the hair with the pompadour front, or this same knot may be arranged lower, with a softer twist. Evening coiffures are completed by

DESIGNS IN COIFFURES.



the addition of some ornament, an aigrette, a loop and bow of spangled tulle, a little wreath of small roses, with a floral aigrette in the centre or one or two real roses, which are quite the prettiest of all. Sleeves Growing Smaller. Sleeves are growing smaller, and the indications are that women will need no help next winter in putting on their coats. Probably they will accept it, however. Newest modes from Paris show sleeves, in some instances, arm-tight. Usually a mitigating frill appears at the shoulder, but some brave or foolish women are ready to adopt the close sleeve without a scrap of shoulder fulness. It is to be hoped that fashion will not positively order the tight sleeve without a ruffle, because it is unbecoming to those whose figures are not perfect.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Grass Under Trees.

Sometimes we see trees that dry up the grass under them, while in the same neighborhood will be trees under which the grass will grow greener than where it is not thus shaded. An orchard which has long been plowed deep has most of its feeding roots below those of the grass. On the other hand, under the tree where grass has long grown, the true feeding roots come near the surface, and when a dry time comes the grass under it lacks moisture and is very soon killed out.

Thinning Fruit.

Midsummer is the best season for thinning all the larger fruits. Just before the seed begins to form nature does a good deal of this thinning, and it is perhaps as well to wait until all the fruit that will naturally fall has fallen. Then pick off the surplus fruit wherever it seems to be superabundant. In most cases this thinning does not decrease the amount of fruit because it so largely increases the size of individual specimens. It is the best fruit that always pays best. That always means fruit that has been judiciously thinned.

Keep the Stock Comfortable.

There is sound sense in some advice found in the Country Gentleman as to keeping the animals comfortable in hot weather; besides it is humane. The writer says that the comfort and happiness of any animal has a great influence on its health and thrift. The animal cannot be comfortable and happy that has to grab at a short, burned-out pasture from morning till night in order to keep alive; that can find no shelter from the fierce heat of the midday sun; that must either perish or quench its thirst at a muddy pool or foul tank; that is tormented by flies from daylight till dark, finding no rest except for a few hours at night.

Looks After the Swill.

Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, of Massachusetts, writes: Swill pails are a nuisance in hot weather, for they attract flies. Every farmer may avoid these swarming pests by having a small place screened off, large enough for the pails and barrel for standing while mixing. Have this little room quite a distance from the kitchen, at the farthest end of the buildings if they be attached, and provide good ventilation by a screened window opposite the door, which should also be screened. Another help is to scour and scald the pails every few days during the hottest weather. It takes but a few minutes with a strong bristle brush, a handful of soap and plenty of hot water. Many a germ hides in the swill barrel or pail, but the farmer seldom considers this until a fat hog dies on his hands and then when it is too late he sees the necessity of cleanliness.

About Brine Salting.

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Animals Need Shade.

All the animal world, if it could, would choose the shade during the extreme heat of summer days. The dog following his master along the country road dips in the roadside pool, and the horse, if given the rein, will slow up to a walk under a refreshing bit of shade cast by a row of trees. If it is any wonder, asks W. H. Gardner in the Humane Journal, that the comfort-loving swine has the cholera when we see them, by the hundred, in great fields with no better shade than a wire fence affords?

It is not many years ago that a prominent New York agriculturist—a feeder and fatterer of cattle by pasturage—cut down all his shade trees because his scales told him the cattle gained flesh faster in the fields having no shade. The cattle took too much comfort in the shade, did not eat enough to fatten as fast as in fields without shade. We believe this to be a mistaken theory. The more comfort an animal takes the faster it will lay on flesh.

The cow having access to quiet shade gives the most milk of the most healthful quality. The horse loves shade as well as the man, or the dog, or any other creature. Let it not be forgotten that when the sun's heat is oppressive to one animal it is to all. When the sun is a life-giving elixir to one it is likely to be to all. It costs naught but care and attention. Protection should be the first fruit of civilization.

Insurrection Bonds.

Colorado has for sale \$200,000 worth of what are known as "insurrection bonds," issued to defray the expenses of suppressing the Leadville strike.

A Just Claim.

"Miss Grabb declares her girl friends can't deny that her attachment to that gentleman with a title was a case of love at first sight."

"That's very true," replied Miss Cayenne. "She saw him first."—Washington Star.

Corpses on a Ship.

When dead bodies are entered as cargo on a ship, they are recorded on the invoices as "stagnant" or "natural history specimens," to allay the superstitious fears of the crew.

Camphor is now exclusively a product of Japan, since the annexation of Formosa to that country. The camphor tree thrives only in particular localities, where the average yearly temperature is above 15 degrees C. It is found in Shikoku, Kinshiu and a portion of Izu and Ky provinces. A camphor tree grows at the rate of about one and a half inches a year and attains a great size, forty feet in circumference not being unusual. The quantity of camphor produced by a tree increases as the tree grows older, and as much as eight pounds of camphor has been obtained at one time from trees between 50 and 150 years old.

Crude camphor is made by steaming the thin chips of the wood in a wooden cask set over an iron pot, the camphor in a gaseous state being conveyed through a bamboo pipe to a set of two rectangular wooden receptacles placed one within the other. In these the steam is condensed and the camphor solidified. The chips are steamed for twenty-four hours and then replaced by fresh chips, this process continuing for from ten to fifteen days. When the receptacles become thoroughly soiled the solid camphor deposited in the lower compartments of the upper receptacle is scraped off and put into a dripping tub, where it is left for three days to separate water and oils from the crude camphor. According to information gathered by the National Association of American Manufacturers, the cultivation of camphor trees is considered very profitable in Japan.—New York Times.

Twenty-five years ago scientists predicted that abundant coal fields would be found on both sides of the British channel, and the predictions have been fulfilled. Besides the great Kentish fields discovered several years ago and yielding bountifully ever since immense tracts of coal have been recently found between Calais and Cape Griznez. The French discoveries were the result of those in England, geologists being sure that the same belt of coal extended under the water from one country to the other. This last discovery is of the greatest importance to industrial France.

Every one believes he does not "get the credit" he deserves.

New Rails for the R. & O.

The new 85-pound steel rails that the receivers of the R. & O. purchased several months ago, at an exceedingly low figure, are now being delivered at the rate of 5,000 tons a month. As fast as it comes it is being laid, and if the weather continues good at least 20,000 tons of it will be in the track by Christmas. Nearly a million cross ties have been bought in the last year and placed in the track ready for the new rail. Ballast trains have been kept busy up and down the line, and the work has progressed with such rapidity that when the new rail is down the tracks will be practically new from Wheeling to Baltimore. There are lots of good rail in the old tracks, not heavy enough for the new motive power, which will be taken up and laid on divisions where traffic is not as great as it is on the main line. About ten thousand tons of new steel will be laid on the lines west of the Ohio river this fall, if weather permits.

Who are Injured by the Use of Coffee.

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-quarter as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 Cents and 25 Cents per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

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No Inducement.

Castleton—How few girls go in bathing here this season! Dillback—Yes. The grand stand back of the bathing beach has been washed away.—Judge.

The R. & O. officials are very much pleased with certain statistics that have recently been prepared of the performance of freight trains on the Second division, which handles all the east and west-bound traffic between Baltimore and Cumberland. Before the new freight engines were purchased, and the improvements made in the track, in the way of straightening curves and reducing grades, the average number of cars to the train was 25 1/2. Now, with more powerful and modern motive power and a better track, the average is 40 cars per train, an increase of 41 per cent. The average east-bound movement per day for the first ten days of August was 1,122 loaded cars. On the Third division, Cumberland to Grafton, where there are grades of 125 feet to the mile, the engines used haul 19 1/2 loads to the train. Now the average is 25 1/2 loads per train, an increase of 31 per cent. It would certainly appear that the money spent in improvements on the R. & O. is being amply justified and that the cost of operation is being very materially reduced.

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