



Woman-kind

Liking for Scotch Stuffs.

Next to royalty, Americans are said to be the greatest admirers and purchasers of such individually Scotch articles as cairngorm jewelry, pebble dirks and hatchets and clan tartans. And next after the Americans come the Danes, who have a fondness amounting almost to a passion for the Scotch tartan plaids. Queen Alexandra is said never to visit her mother country without first laying in a stupendous pile of presents for her relatives, the members of the various households, the servants at King Christian's palace, and old friends generally. Scotch things usually figure largely among these gifts. Before leaving Balmoral she had a lot of things sent out for inspection by an Edinburgh firm that makes a specialty of national products and bought largely of shawls, capes, rugs and other things, all strictly Scottish in material and pattern.

For Older Women.

Soft wool gowns are most becoming to older women, and should be worn in place of the rather harsher smooth cloths with the shiny surface or the rough serge. There are many different weaves of soft camel-hair that are useful and practical for the street, and for the house as well, although, whenever it is possible it is a good plan for an elderly woman to wear silk. In these days when there are so many bargains to be found in silks, it is a good investment to have at least one or two. The iron grenadines, the plain mesh without figures, are also suitable for older women, while peau de soie is almost a necessary gown for afternoon and Sunday wear.

There are a few older women whose figures are built on the fashionable lines, and even for these favored few the long coat is one of the best garments that can be bought for street wear, either long enough to entirely cover the gown beneath or just a little shorter.—Harper's Bazar.

A Boon to Mistresses.

A novelty in the "in and out" indicators, which are coming more and more into use, both in private houses and apartments, is shown in one of the shops. It consists of a box made of hardwood, and has a lock and key. On the outside of the box is a dial, provided with a hand for marking the time of return and on one side of the box is the word "In" and on the other the word "Out." On the top of the box is a small white slate in a mahogany frame, with a pencil attached. This, of course, may be replaced with a pencil and pad if preferred. The cost of this extremely convenient article, which saves the servants from fib telling and the misconception of parting message or our nearest neighbor from being annoyed with our coming and goings, is the trifling sum of \$2.75—the word trifling is used advisedly, as anything that will save trouble for the servants is certainly greatly to be desired in these days when "warrants" may be expected at any moment.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Vogue of the Amazon Hat.

The new Amazon shape is the one generally chosen for silk hats, about the maintenance of which as a really fashionable style for winter there is considerable hesitation. Since the date of my last letter I have seen some models that promise better than those first in the field. These have not shown the sleek glossy aspect of the modern masculine hat. The pile, instead of being carefully smoothed down, is brushed back the wrong way, which relieves it of the hard and rigid appearance usual to the ordinary silk hat. In different shades of fawn and beige they look very chic and stylish. Both these and the sleek Amazon hat have very high crowns, generally widening at the top. Frequently the brim is somewhat wider on one side and rolled over more or less. Some have one wide folded band of velvet around the crown with a broad buckle in front. Others have two narrow plain bands, secured by small oblong buckles at the side. Moreover, the up-turned brim on the left receives a certain amount of trimming. The simplest have a silk or velvet cockade, the more elegant a plume of ostrich tips or coque feathers.—The Millinery Trade Review.

"The Happy Afternoon Club."

I know of several ladies in the middle walks of life—where the most of us belong—who, not being able to afford help continuously, had little time at their disposal, and not desiring to let their minds grow rusty, formed themselves into what they termed "The Happy Afternoon Club." One day in the week one of these mothers took charge of all the children of the other women, having them assembled at her home for the afternoon, where she entertained them in her own way—with games, stories, music, etc.—while the other club members

HIS WASTED EFFORT.

He struggles on with wrinkled brow,
He strove, but strove in vain;
He smiled and gasped, "I have it now!"
Then sighed, and tried again.
He stabbed the sheet and railed at fate,
And thrice his pencil broke;
For, ah, he strove to fabricate
A single brand-new joke.

And when the little joke was done
He laughed till he was tired;
It seemed to him such bubbling fun
No wonder he admired.
He showed it to a friend so true,
And smiled, and smiled, and smiled;
"What," said the friend, "that isn't new—
I heard it when a child!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HUMOROUS.

"No, he says the climate here doesn't agree with him." "I wonder if that's why he keeps changing it so much."
"That's the local weather forecaster who just passed us." "Indeed? He isn't a very healthy looking man, is he?"
"You mustn't kiss me—papa might hear you." "Is—is he near enough to hear us?" "Yes, but he's very, very deaf."
"Do you know anything about flirting?" "No," he replied sadly. "I thought I did, but when I tried it, I banged if the girl didn't marry me."
Mrs. Goodum—Always be kind to animals, little boy. Now, I have a pet toad and I feed files to him every day. Boy—Well, dat's not so awful kind to de files.
"Our new cook seems very well contented out here in the country?" "She has lived in the country before." "How do you know?" "By the burrs on her tongue."

Husband (losing all patience)—O, why are you forever bothering me for money in this way? Wife (coolly)—I suppose it's because I can't think of a better way.
"I never could understand," said the old fogey, "what is the great attraction in automobiling." "Perhaps," replied the beginner with the bandaged head, "it's the attraction of gravitation."
Maud (at the party)—There's Irene over in the corner, talking to Cholly Slynpatie. She has to do something to kill time. Mabel—Is that why she looks daggers at the clock every few minutes?
"Tommy! stop that noise, and come here to me," said Mrs. Phamley. "Do you know whose day this is?" "Yes, Ma'am," replied Tommy, promptly. "Whose is it?" "Bridget's. Mary Ann was out last Sunday."

The Girl's Father—And you say you are sure your love could stand any test? The Smitten Swain—Sure of it. I have even seen her picture in that family group taken in the days when the girls wore jerseys.
"I am afraid," said the very wealthy young woman to the titled wooer, "that our ideals differ." "In what way?" "I should like to be loved for my own sake, while you expect to be loved for the sake of your family."
"I am taking such an interest in the transmigration of souls, Miss Pert," said Cholly. "I wonder what'll be my next time on earth?" "Perhaps," replied Miss Pert thoughtfully and with a smile of encouragement, "you'll be a man."
"Why are you so happy?" asked the friend who had just dropped in. "The cashier has skipped," replied the bank president. "I don't see why that should cause any joy." "Yes, he has skipped \$10,000 that was in a secret drawer."

Miss Chellus—Have you really promised to marry old Mr. Goldros? Miss Skeem—Yes, and I hope to goodness he'll keep his promise to me. Miss Chellus—Why, are you afraid he won't marry you, after all? Miss Skeem—Oh, no, it isn't that; but he said he would die for me.
Miss Pert—He met you at the beach this summer. Miss Ann Teek—Yes, I just heard his telling you about it. Didn't I hear him say also that I was frivolous like the other girls he met there? Miss Pert—Not exactly. He said you were "not frivolous like the girls he met there."

Friend—Working at something new? Inventor—Yes, sir; greatest thing yet. It's a new patent safety life-preserver for ferries, boats, steamers, etc. Friend—What's its advantage over the old kind? Inventor—The advantage? Why, sir, you may not believe, but it's so light that if thrown to a person in the water it can hit him without killing him.
Imported Servants Unsatisfactory.
"The theory that it is good policy to get a servant from the other side of the water and break him or her in to suit the requirements of the household is pretty well exploded," said the head of a large family. "Three times in five years I have made the experiment, but I never shall again. It takes about eight months to teach a raw foreign girl her business. After she has learned it she usually leaves to take service in another family. It is curious that some of the most valuable servants in Europe become utterly worthless when they are imported into this country."
"Like many other Americans, I frequently have been struck by the efficiency of servants in English households, and both my brother and I imported them from London to act as waitresses and housemaids. We have never found them available. The different conditions governing the relations of master and servant almost invariably turn their heads, and they are seldom able to do anything outside of the beaten paths of their duties. American servants must have an all-around efficiency. An English housemaid would no more think of performing the minor functions of the cook than of writing shorthand with her toes."—New York Press.



**FOR THE FAIR
LATEST
NEW YORK FASHIONS**



BLOUSE WAIST WITH CAPE.

New York City.—Capes of all sorts are to be noted as features of the season's waists. The pretty one shown on the blouse illustrated is peculiarly graceful and adds distinction to the design which is both novel and good. The materials selected for the model are violet broadcloth, velvet in a deeper shade and cream lace with trimming of silk braid, but various equally as effective combinations might be suggested and the yoke and cuffs can be made of one material when preferred. The broad box pleat at the front, the slight blouse over the shaped belt, and the yoke and gauntlet cuffs are all features worthy of special mention.
The waist lining is smoothly fitted and closes at the centre front. Over it are arranged the shaped yoke, the bloused fronts and back and the cape, the waist closing beneath the left edge of the box pleat, the yoke at the left shoulder seam. The sleeves are the latest, with the full puffs above deep cuffs cut in gauntlet style. At the waist is a belt that is pointed at the front.
The quantity of material required

over the bust. The cape is cut in deep points over the shoulders and is square across the back. The sleeves are tucked above the elbows and are full below and the trim is cut in points at both back and front.
The quantity of material required for the medium size is five and one-fourth yards twenty-one inches wide, five yards twenty-seven inches wide, or two and seven-eighths yards forty-four inches wide.

"The Ribbon Round Her Slender Waist."
The suede belts, wide in the back, so as to drape prettily around the waist, are the newest thing. Large silver or gold rings are used to join the back to the straight front pieces. These belts are in all colors, but with blue serge the natural suede color is prettiest. In soft kid are some of the newest belts. They may be drawn tight around the waist or left straight, for they are broader in the back than in the front. Belts of ribbon should be made on boned frames and broad in the back.

Improvement of the Low Hat.
The days of the plateau and "pancake" hat are numbered, if one can judge by the display at the leading millinery departments. Every bit of headgear has a crown of some kind, higher or lower, as the case may be, but yet a decided elevation above the flat, far-spreading brim. Perhaps the most artistic shape among the collection is a Duchess of Devonshire in black velvet, with a slight bell crown four or five inches high. It has, moreover, a gradual flare at the left side, and is dented gracefully here and there to receive the two long plumes, without which no "swell" hat is complete this year.

A Becoming Color For Gray Hair.
Pale blue is considered a becoming color to wear with gray hair. A black



TWO STYLISH BLOUSE WAISTS.

for the medium size is four and one-half yards twenty-one inches wide, four yards twenty-seven inches wide, or two and three-fourths yards forty-four inches wide, with three-fourths yards of velvet, three-eighths yards of all-over lace and eight yards of braid to trim as illustrated.

velvet bonnet in a sort of a toque shape has a decoration of pale blue orchids on one side and a twist of blue velvet where the lace strings are attached.

Two Useful Garments.
Yokes and yoke collars of all sorts mark the season. Among the newest are long-shouldered ones that extend over the sleeves. The stylish May Manton waist illustrated in the large picture shows one of the sort that is intended to give a plastron effect at the front and to form a V at the back. The original, from which the drawing was made, is of cream flannel with trimming of fancy braid and handsome buttons, but all waisting materials are appropriate and the designs suits the gown as well as the separate blouse.
The waist consists of the fitted lining, which can be used or omitted as preferred, the fronts and the back, over which the yoke collar is arranged. The back is plain, but the fronts are tucked to yoke depth and blouse slightly over the belt. The sleeves are the latest shown and include deep pointed cuffs above which they form full puffs. At the neck is a pretty stock, with a suggestion of the clerical idea found in the quantity of material required for the medium size is five and three-eighths yards twenty-one inches wide, four and one-half yards twenty-seven inches wide, or two and three-eighths yards forty-four inches wide.
Shirt waists made with pointed capes and detachable tunics are among the latest novelties offered. The one illustrated in the large drawing is made of pale blue veiling with antique lace dyed to match and can be made with the cape and tunic, as illustrated, or plain, as shown in the small sketch, when preferred. When made with tunic and skirt portions it becomes suited to outdoor as well as indoor wear, and is appropriate for all the season's material. When plain it becomes a simple shirt waist and is suited to the fabrics used for the purpose.
The waist consists of the fitted foundation, on which are arranged the fronts and back of the waist proper, the cape, tunic and sleeves. The back of the waist is plain, but the fronts are tucked from the shoulders to yoke depth, so providing becoming fullness

Shirt Waist
Shirt waists with yoke effects are conspicuous among all the latest designs. This May Manton one is exceedingly novel and effective and suits the entire range of washable fabrics. As illustrated, however, it is made of blue French flannel stitched with corticelli silk. The double box pleated effect at the front is peculiarly noteworthy and desirable and the points that extend over the yoke are essentially novel. With the waist are worn a linen collar and a silk tie, but a collar of the material can be substituted if preferred.
The waist consists of the smoothly fitted lining, that can be omitted whenever it is undesirable, the fronts, back and yoke. The fronts are laid in wide box pleats with a tuck at each edge, but the back is tucked to simulate box pleats only. The sleeves are ample and form fashionable wide puffs at the wrists, where they are finished with shaped cuffs.
The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and one-



SHIRT WAIST.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.
Natural gas in Indiana is said to be failing.
A heavy fall of snow is reported in Western Minnesota.
A Central Trades Council has been formed at Hoquiam, Wash.
The Rev. Dr. Pentecost appealed for a \$100,000 fund to build a Presbyterian Church at Manila.
Emperor William of Germany will erect a monument to the memory of Krupp, the gunmaker.
The Zeiger North Pole expedition failed to reach Franz Josef Land, and another attempt will be made in the spring.
Careful estimates of the oil in the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Saratoga field of Texas show 13,500,000 barrels in storage.
The tenement inspectors of New York City have found over 325,000 occupied rooms which have neither light nor ventilation.
Seventeen men have been held for murder in Tonopah, Nev., in connection with the killing of a Chinaman there by rioters.
The King of Siam has appointed Edward H. Storbil, now professor of international law at Harvard College, as confidential adviser.
Because the residents refused to give the non-union men drinking water, the Pacific Express Company has closed its office at Longview, Texas.
Jealous of the popularity among American girls of Prince Yee, son of the Emperor of Korea, Joseph Stout assaulted him at Delaware, Ohio.
Noted physicians have declared themselves opposed to the theory of putting incurable invalids to death, as advanced by the Rev. Merle St. C. Wright.
The Prussian Government has authorized the Berlin municipality to issue the loan proposed last spring of \$57,000,000 for gas, water, sewerage and other city undertakings.

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