



BUDGET FOR WOMEN

A FASHION NOTE.

Look well to the silhouette of your figure. It is the vital question of today in dress. It is the outline of the figure that counts—that is the chief point of observation. No matter how expensive the gown, it will lose its chic effect if its lines are wrong. The fashionable figure still shows the straight front, the hips are slender, the shoulders broad, and right now the 1830 sloping shoulder is seen. The waist-line is long and prettily curved in front, but the tendency is away from the exaggerated dip effect and toward the round belt.—Woman's Home Companion.

BURNED IVORY LACE.

The curious thing which gives an artificial aspect of age to new white Valenciennes lace is called "burnt ivory." It is acquired by skillful "dipping" process, and your dressmaker will no doubt undertake to render new lace of the desired "burnt ivory shade." "Burnt blaucit," "burnt straw" hats and "burnt orange" velvet we have long possessed. Now comes a fresh instance of the work of conflagration in tinting soft white lace to the desired soft, yellowish ivory shade. Old ivory would be a better name for it, but the "burnt" label has caught popular fancy.

FRUITLESS MATCHMAKING.

The marriageable maiden in London society must be having a hard time of it, judging by the wall sent up by a contributor to the Ladies' Field. Each season is the exact counterpart of the last ten or the next twenty; wherever she goes she meets precisely the same set; eligible young men are scarce, and proposals are scarcer still. This is the way it goes: "A rich woman, having fixed on a spare night, will spend £500 on the flowers, get hold of somebody else's visiting list, inviting every one on it, without knowing one by sight. They will all come, eat, dance, flirt, criticize, their hostess, and be somewhat captious over the vintage, subsequently leaving cards as the only mark of appreciation they will ever bestow. The hostess will not venture to invite her own friends because they are not in the dancing set. And so society whirls through the season, the pace growing faster as the dancers grow more blasé, and the chaperons more dyspeptic and depressed when no matrimonial prizes come to reward their valiant and self-sacrificing efforts. "There is no doubt that proposals are becoming rarer every day, and the modern mother does not sit up night after night and attend ball after ball merely to give her daughters a good time. Hence she is apt to grow disagreeable as July nears the end, and retails apocryphal episodes of her youth for the benefit of her duly chastened offspring.

The really eligible men in society account for the dearth of marriages resulting from a London season. The average dancing man has literally waltzed his way into society, and as long as he is well groomed and presentable he is tolerated, and hostesses smile on him in order to propitiate him not to leave their daughters wall flowers. Nobody inquires what his mother and sisters are like, and it is only when he has the impertinence to propose to a heiress that he meets with a rebuff. The detriments of London society are so numerous and the parties so rare that harassed mothers have been known to ask one another after supper whether the game was really worth the candle, and whether it might not be as well to retire at once from active and fruitless matchmaking.

BIRDS ON THE FALL HATS. The one thing that seems to be certain about the hats of the fall is that they will be trimmed with feathers and plumage of all kind. Never, it is said, have so many birds been used as will be used this season. Birds mounted flat with outstretched wings are seen on the newest hats, and the same style will prevail during the fall and winter.

This decoration is often placed flat on low crowns, which it covers completely, and the bird is sometimes set astride the upturned brim of a small hat. Small birds are set around the brim of flat hats, and both wings and flat birds laid across flat hats are tied on by ribbon or bands of velvet. Wings are used much as the flattened birds are, and are binged so that they may be made to assume any position desired by the milliner. These things, says the Millinery Trade Review, must be reckoned among the most fashionable trimmings of the fall. The plumage will be used both in natural and artificial colors, and all will be sold, by agreement, without protest from the Audubon societies.

Ostrich feathers will be an even more popular trimming, and the manufacturers of the same are jubilant. The ostrich season, too, it is predicted, will be a record one. Not only ostrich decorations for the head, but also ostrich boss and stoles reaching to the feet, will be worn, the stoles running from six to twelve inches in width. Ostrich trimmings are already dividing the field with flowers in Paris millinery. Colored and shaded plumes are used for the most part, and brightly colored plumes have been exhibited on light hats.

As regards shape, it is seriously asserted that high crowns are among the possibilities of the coming season. Some recent Paris hats have surprisingly high crowns, and those who cater to the people who set the styles are selling more high than low crowns. Most of the novelties produced at the present time, however, are mere feelers, put forth to test the humor of the public.

Judging from millinery seen at Ascot an English observer predicts the vogue of pink for the fall. The Princess of Wales wore a pink toque on the opening day, and several other women displayed similar shades in headress gear, while on the stand "royal" day there was quite an effluence of pink, from the palest rose to a full orchid pink.

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Mrs. McRae, of Chicago, is employed as station landscape gardener by five railroads in Illinois and Wisconsin, and is paid something like \$1000 a year by each of them.

Women now have a fad for dainty gardening tools. Some of the spoon-shaped trowels have porcelain handles, others are finished in burnished nickel and copper.

Virginia Pope, of New York, three years ago chanced upon a novel way of making a living by opening a boarding-house and hospital for sick birds.

An English paper speaks of Miss Florence Hayward as a talented American who may claim distinction on various accounts.

White straw hats burn a dirty yellow.

The white washable stock is the vogue in neckwear.

Black wool laces steadily grow in vogue for trimming.

White tulle and white breast trim very pretty white shirt waist hats.

Black India silk is the favored gown for wifely wear for mourning.

NEW IDEAS IN TOILETTES

New York City.—Bertha make a marked feature of the season and are to be noted upon most of the latest and smartest gowns. The May Manton



WOMAN'S BERTHA.

designs here given offer a wide variety and are all graceful and smart. In addition to being ornamental they can often be made to serve the double end of modernizing a bodice that has become slightly passe, as they can be relied upon to give the broad-shouldered effect demanded by fashion.

No. 1 is made in handkerchief style and falls in deep points, the fullness forming folds which give an effect of pleats.

No. 2 is circular and elongated at the front to form the stoles that are so much liked, and is extended over the shoulders.

No. 3 is simply circular and falls in soft ripples at its lower edge.

As illustrated, they are all made from lace, finished with bands of batiste, fancy stitched, but various other materials are equally appropriate.

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The quantity of material required for No. 1, one yard eighteen inches wide, or one yard twenty-one inches wide; for No. 2, three-quarter yard eighteen inches wide or three-quarter yard twenty-one inches wide; for No. 3, one yard eighteen inches wide or three-quarter yard twenty-one inches wide.

Russian Coat With Box Pleats. Long coats are much in vogue and gain favor each succeeding week.

The coat consists of a blouse portion, that is made with applied box pleats at front and back and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams, and the skirt which is attached thereto beneath the belt.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is six and a half yards twenty-one inches wide, four yards forty-four inches wide or four yards fifty-two inches wide.

Pleated Skirts For Fall Wear. Pleated skirts will be popular for fall wear, and with them will be worn the long coat which has been so successful for a season or two.

ping, clubs and similar occasions. The hip yoke and the habit back loom up prominently among the fall styles, according to so good an authority as Creeland's Cloak Journal, which is also responsible for the prediction that rough effects, such as English and Scotch suitings, will have the call, and that broadcloth in other colors than black is passe for women's wear.

Shoulder Adornments Doomed. Ladies' tailors prophesy that the cape collar and all shoulder adornments will have met their Waterloo by the fall, and that on outer garments at least collars will be reduced to a mere band at the back, fading into nothingness at the front.

Fancy Border Umbrella. The fancy border umbrella is much more favored this year than for several seasons past. The new feature is its tarantely edge.

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Brush the bottom crust of pie with white of egg before putting in the fruit, to prevent the juices being absorbed and the crust soggy.

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What would the grandmothers of the race have said to a broom that made no dust? It has arrived. Upon removing the handle a tube is disclosed.

Mirrors are never so well cleaned and polished as when wet newspapers are used for the first process, and soft dry crumpled papers for the last.

If china or other washable silk waists have become very much soiled, the worst spots might better be cleaned with benzine before the waist is washed.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

EASILY MADE BY A GIRL. Marguerites is the name given to a dainty sweetmeat that is easily made at home by a girl of average cleverness. With one-half cupful of water and one cupful of confectioner's sugar make a boiled icing, boiling until it strings in cold water.

COCONUT BREAD PUDDING. Butter thick slices of stale bread and cut into half-inch dice. For a quart of bread allow a heaping cupful of fresh grated coconut, a pint of milk, a half cupful of sugar, the yolks of four eggs, and the whites of two, the juice of half an orange and a saltspoon of salt.

A NEW DISH FOR LUNCHEON. Cut off the peel from large cucumbers, trim the ends evenly, and make the cucumbers smooth and of uniform shape. Cut them through the middle lengthwise and carefully scoop out the part containing the seeds.

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SCIENCE & MECHANICS

The electric crane has largely displaced the ordinary hand and steam apparatus on German steamships and in German docks.

Experiments recently made on the North River, at New York City, demonstrated the practicability of telephoning by the wireless method between two moving boats.

The Lancet gives the following formula for an effective egg preservative: One pound of water glass, silicate of soda (which can be obtained from the pharmacist), should be dissolved in a gallon of cold water.

The new form of coal cars having swinging steel bottoms opening lengthwise from end to end over the trucks, will carry from sixty to seventy tons of either coal or coke—three times their own weight.

To prove the prediction that accessible causes may yield to radium comes the report from Vienna of the cure of twenty-two cases of this terrible disease.

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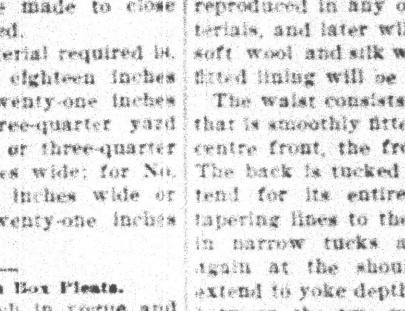
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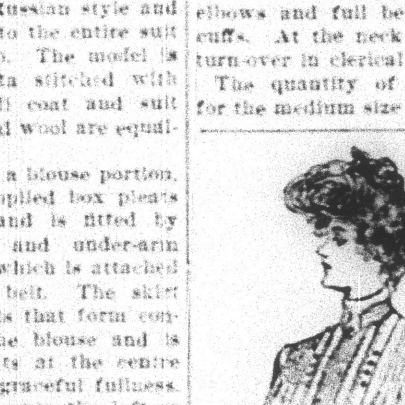
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RUSSIAN COAT.



BLOUSE WAIST.



PLEATED SKIRTS FOR FALL WEAR.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Dyed chambray makes an excellent mat for a polished table.

Files will not settle on windows that have been washed in water mixed with a little kerosene.

The addition of a little borax to the water in which clothes are washed (in the place of washing fluid) will make them white.

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