



NEW FALL WAIST IDEAS.

Golf Red, National Blue and Purple the Correct Shades.

The flannel shirt waist promises to be quite as popular as ever this autumn, except in the heliotrope shades.

The correct new shades for the flannel waist, those that will be worn by the stylish girl, are golf red, national blue, myrtle, Nile and chasseur or hunter's green.

The Persian trimming effects, new this time last year, have disappeared, and this season are no longer considered desirable as garniture.

The very long-waisted effect became so exaggerated that it fell into disfavor with particular women. This autumn the waist line will be lowered a trifle to give a becoming slenderness, but no more—not the very ugly lengthening way down in front.

Advices affirm that the uncertainty in regard to the waist buttoned in the back is past, and that, notwithstanding its inconvenience, its popularity is assured on account of its novelty.

Buttons applications are among the latest garniture notions for very elaborate waists. Light green buttons applied on a blue silk waist is considered very smart.

Rows of bebe ribbon, either velvet or satin, joined by a herring-bone stitch to form bands about three inches wide, are a late trimming effect for silk waists.

Sky blue and castor are a fetching combination that will be much favored this fall. Castor alone will be one of the favorite shades for flannel shirt waists.

On some few of the advanced models of separate waists there is an apparent effort to make the postillion back popular instead of the straight belted back.

Velvet waists, for the most part severely plain, as any attempt to tuck them results in a very cumbersome effect, are on view, but are not apt to be generally worn, as many do not seem to take kindly to them.

A Hired Girls' Union.

The regulation of servants is not as easy in this country and this time as it seems to have sometimes been in some countries, and the American woman who manages a large house, or several houses, without being overburdened by household cares, is exceptionally lucky.

It seems hardly profitable to discuss these stipulations until the union which has formulated them shows some evidence of ability to enforce them. House-servants, like other folks, are entitled to make the best bargain they can with their employers.

Two Queens Who Wear No Colors. In Europe Queen Alexandra has made black popular, and Queen Wilhelmina has created a vogue for white.

lar as that she has proved how beautifully and gracefully black may be worn, for since her first born son's death she has favored very little else.

The Art of Walking.

In correct walking there is the poetry of motion, the delicacy of poise and the scientific adjustment of the weight of the body which the ancients knew so well, but which the moderns slur, if they do not absolutely ignore.

In correct walking the foot is placed evenly upon the surface, with the pressure first upon the heel, then upon the ball of the foot, and then upon the toes.

Packing Trunks For a Living. A professional trunk-packer talks as follows about her calling in the Woman's Home Companion:

"I engaged my sister as my assistant, and we earn a good living. I always do the packing, while she sits beside me and jots down in the little book which goes with each key the different articles as I put them in.

"My methods are all my own, and there is one point which I believe has gained and held me more customers than anything else; it is the quantity of pink and white tissue paper that I always use.

Ostrich Plumes Popular. Long black and white ostrich plumes are very much worn this season, and they are put on the hat to droop not a little at one side, touching the shoulder in some instances.



Silk for infants is tabooed and linen takes its place for every kind of garment.

In India silk there is a pretty little tan waist made with a tucked yoke and two groups of tucking with a band of lace insertion between running around the waist below the yoke.

Narrowly gored skirts or striped silk satin, or other fabric for short, stout women are about the only styles that this season are not decorated in some manner, even for simple morning wear.

An attractive white petticoat has the lower part of the flounce made of broad and deep panels of all-over embroidery set in bands of lace insertion, and finished with a ruffle of the lace on the edge.

Lace threaded with black velvet ribbon—this fashion has not the least abated. It cannot be said to be more fashionable than ever because long ago the force of this popular, and very effective and becoming, mode could no further go.

One way of finishing the neck of a nightdress of cambric is to have a wide binding, perhaps two inches of the material, outlining the neck, and through this is run a wide ribbon which shows through slightly, and is tied in a big bow in front.

Sash ribbons of gauze striped with threads of gold over which is a stamped design in colors are now and effective. Black and colored velvet ribbons will continue to be used throughout the season for many purposes.

Pink, blue, yellow and white pique dresses are made in a variety of styles. The simplest have a bolero, and a skirt with heavy rows of stitching; the more elaborate are covered with incrustations of yellow gypure and embroidery and are worn over an under petticoat trimmed high with ruffles of chiffon, each edged with a ruche.

LIGHTS ON IN THUNDER STORM: Unique Trolley Car Order in Force in Kansas City.

During a thunder storm at any time of day the lights in the trolley cars of the Metropolitan system are always turned on by order of the company, says the Kansas City Star.

Should lightning strike a trolley wire the force of current would be carried with a rush to the nearest car. If this car should be in motion or the lights be turned on so that the extra current of the lightning's stroke would pass down the trolley pole and through the car into the rails without doing any harm.

The Metropolitan Company has had the rule for turning on the lights in trolley cars during a storm in effect for a long time, and it is believed that by this simple fact many serious accidents have been prevented.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Self-denial is that which exalts the beggar above the dignity of a king.

Life, without the absolute use of the actual sweet therein, is death, not life.

Great causes are often made to appear as fanaticism through too much talk.

He who always complains of the clouds receives little of life's sunshine and deserves less.

In this world it is necessary to look at things in their best light. Life is so beautiful and so short!

Slow natures are often, at critical times, most decisive. Right and wrong stand out to them in distinctive colors. There is no such thing as self-deception.

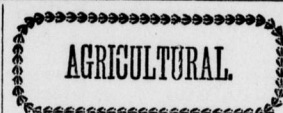
It is easier to find an old friend than an old mother. Friendship begins with liking or gratitude—roots that can be pulled up. Mother's love begins deeper down.

If a proneness to egotism has been brought about by too narrow a life, the evident remedy is to widen it. To come into frequent contact with many people of different occupations, tastes, opinions, standards, who look at life and men from utterly different points of view, will do much to unseat the self-sufficiency which is so displeasing and so often attacked in vain.

Dr. W. Hanke gives the results of his studies of eggs in a German paper in which he says that he found in the pores of even newly-laid eggs microorganisms which cause decomposition, and that it is evident from this that methods of preservation which aim only at the exclusion of the atmosphere must consequently be useless.

It is not, of course, possible to seize hold of the hands of a clock and push them backward or forward a tenth or a twentieth part of a second, which is about the limit of error that it is allowed at the Greenwich Observatory, so another method is devised.

The point of view is to have the shed so situated that when the sun is shining it may derive all the benefit possible from its rays. It should therefore occupy the south side of the house, as indicated in the picture—the more so for the reason that it is then out of reach, as near as can be, of the cold northwest winds.



AGRICULTURAL.

The Management of Cattle. While the use of the best cows is a very important matter, yet the management of the farm and the cattle have something to do with the production of milk.

The Summer Diet of Chickens.

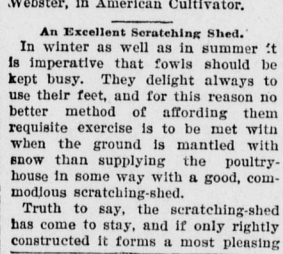
There is no perfect summer or winter food for chickens, but with a little ingenuity in mixing their diet we can supply them with what may be called perfect food.

Now when we feed summer or winter for eggs we must consider food from a different standpoint. We need to supply the fowls with egg-producing material, and for the time we must consider the relative importance of heating and non-heating foods much less than formerly.

Shrinkage on the Farm.

The loss of corn and fodder by shrinkage varies according to climate and the conditions of the atmosphere. Experiments have been made in different sections, and the results show that there is a wide difference in the shrinkage of corn, wheat and other grains, and that sometimes the loss by shrinkage is such as to render the crop unprofitable.

An Excellent Scratching Shed. In winter as well as in summer it is imperative that fowls should be kept busy. They delight always to use their feet, and for this reason no better method of affording them requisite exercise is to be met with when the ground is mantled with snow than supplying the poultry-house in some way with a good, commodious scratching-shed.



adjunct to any poultry-house, and especially to the inmates. The idea of what is required can be seen in the accompanying illustration, although this may be varied to accommodate whatever style of house one happens to have.

Now, to build this form of scratching-shed erect in the first place a simple, ordinary shed, with a good roof; then, to exclude animals of prey and the like which may be prowling around even in the daytime, cover the three open sides from the exterior with good wire netting, extending it from the ground or base boards clear

to the top. This accomplished, construct on the inside cotton-cloth screen doors to match the netting, and have them hinged at the top so that they can be turned up to the ceiling when the weather is suitable.

When the weather is very stormy, very cold or exceedingly blustering, the doors may be dropped and the fowls left to enjoy their "gymnasium" with scarcely any inconvenience at all, the cloth admitting light sufficient for them to execute the most "foul" antics imaginable.

One thing more. To realize good results from such a shed a quantity of straw, hay or the like should occupy it (this to be replaced with fresh every once in a while), and each morning some grain, such as rye, oats, wheat, barley, buckwheat or even grass seed, be sprinkled among it.

Blackwood has bitten the dust.

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"Our latest submarine is named the 'Alder.' Her business will be to subtract from the members of the enemy."

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Given the Right of Way.

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The "Old Man" Plant.

In nearly every old-fashioned garden in the north of Europe, says Meehan's Monthly, a plant of wormwood is regarded as essential. The leaves dried, reduced to powder, mixed with bread into a pill, is an infallible remedy as a vermifuge. It is also called "old man"—but why is not on record.

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ODE TO AN OLD DOLLAR.

O, ragged, faded thing, Thy odor is not reminiscent of the rose; How limp thou art! Unto thy edges cling Ten billion deadly microbes, I suppose— And yet there's independence in thee, too, And courage—yea, and strength! There's that in thee Which makes me long to do The best that lies in me— There's that in thee which makes me dare To pass a thousand daggers every day— There's joy in thee! Where thou art there Hope builds her nest and frightens doubt away!

II.

'Ah, thou art clammy to the touch— But, yesterday, mayhap, thou didst release From some white throat a demon's angry clutch— With thee, perhaps, went peace To some dark haunt, where hate or sorrow sat—who knows What aches have fled because of thee, What little children thou hast caused to laugh, how many a rose Has bloomed because of thee?—Ah, me, Here on thy smeared and faded face I read the history of man! Thou art the boon For which he goes through danger and disgrace— And I, alas, must part with thee so soon! —Chicago Record-Herald.



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