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SPRING HOSIERY IS STRIKINGLY FANCY.

Skirts and Capes Were Never More Attractive and Yet Comfortable—Some Household Hints.

Dainty and fresh as a rose the Easter girl emerges from her Lenten seclusion. And her gowns, what exquisite creations they are, fresh and sweet as herself. A beautiful combination of black and white built for an Easter bride is of black chiffon over white tulle.

The waist is of white silk with a little bolero of chiffon and lace. Touches of turquoise blue are cunningly introduced at the collar and belt. The sleeves are tight fitting to the elbow, from whence they spring out into a soft fullness of chiffon and lace.

A black parasol, lined with blue and trimmed with ruffles of white chiffon, is to be carried when this beautiful gown is worn.

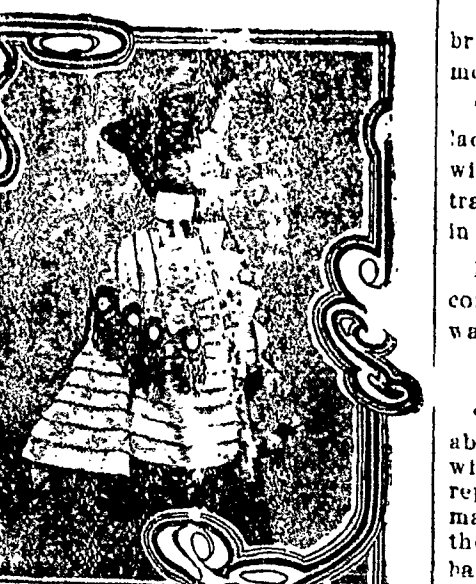
There is also a black chip hat trimmed with white chiffon and lace and wreathed with forget-me-nots.

Cloth coats and wraps of every description are in style for summer wear. Like the gowns, they are often so much trimmed with lace as to be really lace coats or wraps, but as it is well to have some weight and warmth in any or every garment that is expected to do duty for a wrap it is as well not to have too much lace, but to be content with equal parts. A lace and cloth coat on the loose saque style looks very smart with two broad bands of lace down the back and the front, the cloth either being left or cut away to show the lining as desired, and while in everything else the one color scheme is apparently obligatory the linings of the new coats are often of a different color, in some pale blue, yellow or green, for instance.

Light tan coats are always lined with white, and the color showing through the lace is very effective. The more severe styles, however, in the light tan are now lined with exactly the same shade of color as the cloth and when the design of the coat is on the same lines as a man's coat the same lining, a ribbed one, is used, but these coats are more on the covert coat order, for the light coats are all more or less elaborate in design, with one or two capes, lace, cords and tassels, or big pearl buttons, and sometimes facings of velvet.

The sleeves of cloth costumes, coats and wraps are all large.

Shoulder Capes. Taffeta silk capes gored and shirred around the shoulders and finished with long stole ends are among the most popular small wraps this season.



Modern Tucked Coat. French model of the gray taffeta, shirred to fit the shoulders, is finished with an accordion-pleated ruffe of gray chiffon edged with ruffles. The cape is collarless and has stole ends embroidered in cut steel and jet. Some of the capes have yokes covered with a lattice work of jet.

Tight-Fitting Petticoats. The tight-fitting coat has a rival in the shape of the tight-fitting petticoat. Makers are vying with each other in the attempt to produce the one that will occupy the least space. One of the most recent has light-weight jersey cloth for a top, the elastic material fitting the figure like a glove. Silk ruffles finish these skirts to a depth of fourteen or sixteen inches.

High Crowns Are Coming. The general impression is that flat hats will be the order of the day this season. At the same time there is a strong movement setting toward crown crowns. We have seen flat so long that fairness has grown monotonous.

Some of the prettiest hats shown for early Spring wear have high crowns of the chimney pot order; the brims roll high or dip low over the face. A pretty hat of this design is of white straw trimmed with wistaria blossoms. The flowers form the only trimming upon the top, delicate lavender wistaria blossoms being at the back and yellow sprays of the flowers in front, all massed together from the back of the hat. It is a dainty, lovely bits of color and equally becoming to blonds or brunettes.

Spring Hosiery. Gay hosiery is to cover the dainty feet of American belles this season. Roses creep over the instep and up the fronts of black and white stockings and declare the social status of the maiden whose feet they adorn.



Miladi whose blood is of a fashionable blue tint, but whose purse is less plenteous than that of her silken hosier sister, wears stockings of lilac thread with designs similar to the silk ones, woven in the mesh, while Mary Ann, whose aspirations lean eagerly toward personal adornment of a fashionable cast, is less particular in the matter of material and joyfully incases her substantial feet in cotton.

In silk and lisle thread hose appear imitations of herring boning, feather stitching and hemstitching. These stitched effects are in stripes of raised embroidery upon the stockings or are woven between wider stripes of lace-work. Sometimes three colors are employed in a stripe of fancy stitching, alternating with one of black lace.

Although loud colors are a distinct note in early spring hosiery, the leading favorites are black stockings, with designs worked or woven in white and vice versa. It is a fad to introduce stripes of three sorts of stitches, such as herring boning, feather stitching and a fancy stitch in black upon white, or the contrary, and black, white or colors upon ecru or gray. Polka dots are also seen upon these.

Shopping Notes. A pretty belt pin is in the shape of big gold safety pin set with baroque pearls. White celluloid side combs are set with rhinestones.

Lucky charms make pretty gifts. They come in coral, gold, amber, baroque pearls and jade.

Salad driers are very useful household utensils. They are simply big egg-shaped wire baskets.

Among beautiful rugs seen is one of bright red, shading to a red that is almost black at the edge of the border.

Ten dollars will buy a real duchess lace collar. Fashion whispers that this will be a collarless bodice Summer and that lace collar capes will be much in demand.

Lace aprons buttoning around the corsage, and falling almost to the waist, form the latest blouse trimming.

Effect of Wounds. "I have been reading some stories about wounded men," said a doctor, who was a hospital steward in the war, reports the Washington Post, "and many of them are interesting. One of the strangest cases I saw was at the battle of Corinth. It was just after the night that he made a terrible charge. I began to load up an ambulance with the wounded, taking those that seemed to need the most immediate care. The hospital was just half a mile away. "Just when I was about to start the ambulance and orderly sergeant asked me to take him in. I asked if he was wounded and he said he was. I never saw such a ghastly face on any man, and after he had spoken he seemed to lose all consciousness of where he was. We put him in and started. One man a large, fine-looking fellow that I knew well and had always been quiet and reserved, kept up a constant chattering. He had been shot in the breast. He was almost hysterical, and I could not quiet him. When we reached the hospital he called out to the surgeon, a very dignified man: 'Hello, doc! I licked 'em! Gee whiz! but we made them fly!' He kept up until they had him under chloroform, when they found that a bullet had gone clean through his body. The doctors had no hope of his recovery but he did recover. "But my greatest surprise was when I went to take out the orderly sergeant. He was dead. We examined his body and found that he had only a slight flesh wound in the thigh. It had bled very little, and the surgeons did not think he died from heart disease. But there it was—a man with a flesh wound dead and a man with a bullet hole clean through him, alive and chattering like an excited school girl."

WIVES SHOULD REMEMBER

That Adam was made first. That "he pays the freight." That "blessed are the meek." That nine men in ten detect gossip. That all angels are not of your sex. That confidence begets confidence. That men sometimes have "nerves." That their should be no place like home. That it takes two to prolong a family jar. That the least said is the soonest mended. That with all his faults you love him still. That you should have no secrets from him. That husbands have troubles of their own. That he's "all right" when you know him. That woman's best weapon is her weakness. That home is more than half what you make it. That he is just as anxious to get rich as you are. That wives are unusually favored in this country. That his typewriter cannot help it if she is pretty. That he likes to hear that the baby is her dead image. That six pairs of slippers are enough for any man. That a man likes neatness in your attire at all times. That candy in excess is worse than, even in moderation. That "a baby in the house is a well-spring of pleasure." That she who rents on the gloves should know how to appear. That he is so, in love with every woman he glances at. That it is policy to let him believe he is "lord and master." That your relationship is closer to him than to your mother. That a prompt and pointed answer does not turn away wrath. That he does not get sleepy the same moment that you do. That there are letter drop-boxes on the nearby corners. That you should not expect him to fight the fire in the morning. That you can't keep books, and there is no use of your trying. That he expects you to look your best when you go out with him.

The Female Observer. Why do we often show our worst side to our best friends? Plain silks and satins are conspicuous at the most dreary functions.

A special broom should be kept for sweeping carpets. One or two canned cherries on the halved grapefruit, which is seasonable for a luncheon's first course, contributes a pretty touch of color as well as an agreeable flavor.

Many a letter hastily written and dispatched bears an entirely different message from the one it would convey if it had been given a little more thought. A pretty idea and long familiar to the French is the luxury, usually embroidered chamber towel, with long fringe fringes of silk and cotton.

Wearing the wedding ring on the thumb was not infrequent at one time, and may be seen in some old portraits. It is a wise rather than a foolish thing to keep pace with her children's interests. Better to be the dust that accumulates in the house than on herself.

How hollow are the honors and rewards of high estate? Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is not to be allowed to ride a bicycle. If a robust woman desires to adopt the blouse effect, which is more especially suited to slight figures, she will do well to suppress all fullness at the back and sides and allow only the front to be bulky. This prevents a disagreeable appearance.

Women make the only when we have never met the man to reverence. What a woman does of women is the test of her nature. It is touching the body suffers that the soul may not profit by. The future not being his, my friend, we will abstain from capitalizing it. One may be as a word of the sea while one's fate is being decided. To lose is to be on the sea cut off sight of land.

After forty, men have married their habits and ideas are only a stem in the sea, and not the most important.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The more honesty a man has the less he affects the air of a saint. It is not what you have in your chest but what you have in your heart that makes you rich. "Work, but don't worry," the old saw says; but some people don't work, so they take it out in worrying. The quickest way for a young man to become a millionaire is to marry a millionaire's heiress. He lives long that lives well, and time mispass is not lived, but lost.—Fuller. There are imitations nowadays on every hand—that is, on every hand that wears paste rings. The world has been called a bubble. This is probably because it takes a good deal of soap to run it. Always speak kindly and politely to your help if you would have them do the same to you. Maine has more money in the savings banks per capita than any State in the Union, because the money that would have gone for drink has gone into the savings banks. People are commonly so employed in pointing out those before them as to forget that some one behind may at the same time be desecrating on their own. To the thoughtful mind the one question that seems impossible of satisfactory explanation is, How did Solomon ever become so rich and get so many good things with such a large family as he had depending upon him? Rev. Edward Allen recently died at Tiverton, England, aged 101. Dr. Allen was "given up" in 1839, when he was compelled to abandon active work because of ill health. He was then told that he had incurable heart disease; nevertheless, he lived to become the oldest clergyman in his country. Probably the queerest form of language is that employed by the natives of the Cameroons, by means of which they are enabled to send messages quickly from one village to another. It is what may be called the "drum" language. A peculiarly shaped drum is used the surface of the head being divided into unequal parts. In this way the instrument is made to yield two distinct notes. By varying the intervals between the notes, a complete code of signals for every syllable in the language is produced.

CREOLE PROVERBS. Rum always speaks the truth. A new broom is a clean broom. Money has no blood relations. The waters that sleep kill people. The weakest is always in the wrong. It's the old pot that makes the good soup. He who takes a partner takes a master. When the cat's away the rats give a ball. Every bedroom has its mosquitoes in it. When the sky falls, all flies will be caught.

You can't teach an old monkey to make faces. He who kills his own body works for the worms. Chickens don't boast what good soup they make. What you lose in the fire you will find in the ashes. He went to school a kid, and came back a sheep. When your hen is laying, don't put her in the pot. If you see your neighbor's beard on fire, water your own. It is when death comes that you think about your life. The leprosy says it loves you while it is eating your fingers. Behind the dog's back it is "dog," but before him it is "Mr. Dog."

ODDS AND ENDS. The Florida papers are promising a splendid crop of oranges. A twelve-year-old child named Spillberg has been burned to death in Fryngeman alley, London. A mausoleum, now nearing completion near the Ninth avenue entrance to Greenwood cemetery, New York, and being built for Millionaire John W. Mackay, at a cost of \$280,000, will be roofed by the largest slab of granite ever quarried in this country. It is twenty and one-half feet square, one foot thick and weighs nearly 50 tons. When the late Dr. Waleham How became Bishop of Wakefield, England, he dedicated \$3,000 a year, or a full fifth of his income, to God in charity. He also gave away the large sum he received for his books. The largest part of his income was spent on his diocese, in traveling about, entertaining the clergy, etc. Around the world in 50 days will soon be within the grasp of possibilities. The Chicago Record makes the computation that when the trans-Siberian railway is completed the distance between St. Petersburg and Vladivostok will be covered in 12 days. Allowing five days to cross our continent, seven for the Atlantic, and three more for the journey from Havre to St. Petersburg, there still remain 23 days to go from Vladivostok to San Francisco, which would be, by no means, impossible. Although the Germans are not noted as leaders in sport, yet they have invented something so that line which must be quite amusing. It is dog swimming races, which are held on the Spree not far from Berlin. The races go off in the following manner. The dogs are held in leash, on one side of the river, while the masters stand upon the opposite bank. At a given signal the dogs are set free and the masters shout "Here, Bolzieder! Come Here," "Was hat los, Karli? Kom mal her." With the plunging of the swimmers and the mad gasping of the owners, the scene is in the wildest excitement, until the winning dog reaches the bank, and gives the onlookers a free shower bath. Of course there are bets and money prizes. After the water races come land races in order that the valiant dogs may get dry before they go home.—Harford Courant.

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