

# OUR FASHION LETTER.

## Some Suggestions on Economy For the Clever Woman.

### PLAIN SLEEVES NOT POPULAR

The Best Frocks Are Made of Pliable Materials—Killed and Plaited Skirts Are Much Worn—The Fashion in Parasols.

The economically minded woman is being helped by the manufacturers and shopkeepers. She may purchase at a comparatively small cost handsome robes, which she can put together herself. There are also many number of pretty hat shapes that only require a bow or a bunch of flowers for trimming.

Some of last year's garments can be renovated at a small cost. Plain bell sleeves are no longer popular, so those may be gathered or plaited at the back into a wide cuff of some fancy material or silk covered with lace or embroidered galloon. This cuff may be run off into a pointed tab at the back.



STOLE OF WHITE CHIFFON

Where some soft, full lace or plisse chiffon may be added. Skirts frayed at the edge may be renovated by a band of velvet or silk with tabs or straps of the material standing upright or set in groups. This is really a pretty finish and is admirable for linen skirts which show stains or other signs of wear and tear and also for figured cottons, as plain colored goods may be used for the border.

The silk cashmere or crape skirt which fits closely around the hips has a trick of growing glossy or shiny there, and this defect may be concealed by simulating a yoke with braid.

The illustration shows a smart stole of white chiffon.

### VOILES OF SILKY MAKES.

Voiles of fine silky make are called by other names, such as chiffon voile, collenne silk crape, etc. They are really very similar fabrics and lend themselves readily to drapery. They are mostly manufactured in pale shades, rose pink and pale green being the most popular in Paris, though a very light biscuit and pale blue are much in evidence.

Hand painted chiffons and muslins are a great feature of the gala day frocks, and these gowns for the greater part are arranged with a fichu of wonderful lace and embroidery. The skirts and trills are very full.

Pompadour sashes and pompadour ribbon are in vogue and are charming for the debutante either for day or for evening wear.

Hats are quite simple. Milliners are using the best shapes of all periods.



WHITE MULL WAIST.

and, as usual, the apparently simple lines taken from the old masters make the most successful headgear. A great many black and white chip, cream and black jehorns and lace hats are seen. The useful and practical hat is composed of all kinds of straw, biscuit and black, scarlet and white and navy being the favorites.

The plain, orthodox tailor made

gown is making a bold bid for popularity and will have its own following, but the average woman loves elaboration, and the modern tailor frock has suited her so well that she will be loath to accept the plainer garment.

The cut shows a pretty waist of white mull with bands of shirring.

LACES STILL POPULAR. Laces of every description from the finest blond makes to the coarsest makes of crochet and guipure adorn practically every model from the boating serge or linen to the gorgeous costumes for smart festivities.

In materials the choice is wide, but there is no doubt that the best frocks



CHINA SILK WAIST

In Paris are made of supple materials that lend themselves admirably to laces, gauzes and beautiful stitchery such as fastidious women demand.

Voiles of every make and shade have been a feature of the early spring and are still popular. For the smart street toilet Paris is still faithful to the big spots, two of her favorite mixtures being brown and gray and brown, red cream and red.

The killed and plaited skirts are much worn in the coarser makes of voile and hopsacking. They just clear the ground at the back with that becoming tilt which is so distinctively French. In all such cases the boleros are very short and show either a wide belt of colored leather or a draped band of tulle with a full blouse underneath.

The waist in the illustration is of china silk of two shades.

### STYLES IN PARASOLS.

Pompadour designs are plainly visible in parasols. All the best have very long handles, and some of the prettiest have covers of plain pale blue silk or satin with beautifully hand painted flowers and insertion. Graduated stripes and large spots in satin on check silk ground are in favor. Sometimes these match the gown in color; sometimes they are a glaring contrast.

Carriage and evening coats and indeed dust wraps are very graceful.



FANCY WAIST AND SKIRT.

We still adhere to many characteristics of the Japanese kimono, especially where trimming is concerned. The most sumptuous carriage wraps are composed of beautiful accordion plaited chiffons, killed gauzes and jeweled embroideries, generally showing a capuchin effect.

For hot days and less dressy occasions there are attractive little sack coats of net or lace with fichu-like drapings. The empire shape has by no means left us and is still met with in carriage wraps, tea gowns and evening frocks.

Delicately colored linens, pale blue, green or mauve, embroidered in white are charming, also a real biscuit is exceedingly dainty treated in harmony.

The waist in the cut is of fancy lace trimmed with bands of black taffeta. The skirt is of the same black taffeta.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

### A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Plenty of beer in the summer means little fire in the winter.

Icebergs sometimes last two hundred years before they entirely melt away.

A great influx of gold is assured this year.

Truth is always new if spoken by those who love.

The Western wool growers are holding stocks for higher prices.

Chicago, it is said, spends annually for beer twenty-three million dollars.

A Bangor man thinks working between meals is killing him.

When life's goal is gold, life's end is grief.

Never waste anything—not even advice.

Character cannot be bought for less than a life.

"I like your impudence," as a pretty girl said when her lover kissed her.

If somebody would only pull the sled up hill for us, life would be one long delightful slide.

Some husbands never think of telling their wives anything until after they have found it out for themselves.

Over three hundred thousand people in Massachusetts are dependent upon the cotton mills for their living.

He must be a person of very insignificant standing who is always standing upon his dignity.

Gold was known much earlier than silver, and was at first the cheaper of the two metals.

A man seldom forgives an injury until after he has availed himself of an opportunity to get even.

Truth is robbed in white, as second flaunts in the seven primitive colors and all their combined combinations.

Some babies are brought up on the bottle, and a good many men are brought down by it.

Courtesy, like a candle ill-made, smother the splendor of a happy fortune in its own grease.

"What is your definition of optimism?" "It is a determination to enjoy life whether you do or not."

The Union Works of San Francisco has sent an agent to Russia relative to contracts for Russian warships.

"There's nothing like leather," is an old saying and a true one. It is the sole support of man.

The man who gets drunk without suffering injury is not over-burdened with brains.

The Canadian government's reduction of interest has caused withdrawals from the savings banks.

Russia has established the lowest rates known on the Siberian railroad, to encourage emigration.

A man who, in talking to a lady, lays his hand upon her shoulder, may be thought too touching in his remarks.

A Hartford woman gathered eleven four-leaved and twenty five five-leaved clovers in her yard in a few minutes, recently.

Hungry Tourist—Walter, two eggs, please. "Holl them four minutes." Walter—Yes, sir, be ready in half a second, sir.

A man should know when to laugh or smile in company. It shows more stupidity to be grave at a good thing than merry at a bad one.

The fatigue felt after exertion is now usually attributed to the presence in the muscles and blood of the chemical products that result from action.

In the stone quarries of St. Triphon, in the Rhone valley, the stone is sawed by means of continuous running steel wire cables kept moist with wet sand.

"Do you expect to hear often from your husband?" "Yes, he said he'd write, and I made him promise to give his letters to some other man to mail."

"Our landlady ought to get a pension after this cruel war is over."

"Why?" "She has done more than anybody I know of to drive men to enlist."

The Mormons are reported as making a very determined assault upon the South. Their unsalaried preachers go in couples, and as far as possible live off the land.

A meteoric stone weighing four tons fell on a warehouse in Flume, Austria, and set it on fire. This stone crashed through the house, and was found buried in the cellar.

There is a limit to the work that can be got out of a human body or a human brain, and he is a wise man who wastes no energy on pursuits for which he is not fitted.—Gladstone.

There is this difference between the angels of the stage and the heavenly angels: The latter have wings attached to them; the former are attached to the wings.

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the marks of weakness, but of power. They are the messages of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.

A Topeka lady engages a lawyer by the year, and pays him a stated sum for attending to all her legal work. During the last seven years he has secured five divorces for her.

To restore the fire and light to opals dip them in sweet oil and let them stay several days. The Mexicans use this means often to beautify the stones, for which their country is noted.

The poet's son: "Why, Freddy, how dirty you are, and only yesterday you wrote a verse for papa's birthday, promise always to wash your hands clean." "Well, mamma, that was only a poetic license."

A regiment of one thousand men could readily find shelter under a single banyan tree. In India there is one of these trees which has four hundred main trunks and over eight thousand smaller ones.

On an average every woman carries from forty to sixty miles of hair on her head; and even that does not satisfy her. She must pile onto it a cart-wheel hat, an entire conservatory, and a millinery shop to boot.

"This is the fourth time you have asked me to marry you," said Miss Cayenne, rather impatiently. "How often do you wish me to refuse you?" "Well," replied Willie Washington, "I think three times quite sufficient."

An admiral of a Turkish fleet, seized in a storm, was disturbed by a grating noise. He inquired whence it proceeded, and, on being told it was the rudder of the ship, desired it might be immediately taken off.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

In Germany there are no fewer than 1,430 barons.

The average person wears nearly fourteen pounds of clothing.

It will take a small exactly fourteen days and five hours to travel a mile.

There is one policeman to every 771 persons in England and Wales.

Of 1,000 infants nursed by the mother about 300 die; of the same number nursed out, 500 die.

Soldiers in the United States army pronounce it "leftenant," the officers "leftenant."

The royal arsenal at Woolwich employs about 15,000 workmen and has forty miles of internal railways.

The maintenance of graveyards in the Transvaal costs the British government £24 a year, cemeteries at Sukkin £7.

More cases of consumption appear among needle-makers and fleamakers than among any other class of laborers.

Twelve million poundsworth of leather is required every year to provide boots and shoes for the inhabitants of Great Britain.

The present population of the United States exceeds that of Germany by about 22,000,000 and that of Great Britain by 34,000,000.

The Jewish Year Book estimates that there are in the world about 11,000,000 of that race, more than half being under Russian jurisdiction.

It is a strange fact that injuries to the tongue, whether of man or animal heal more quickly than those of any other part of the system.

The risk of being struck by lightning is five times greater in the country than in cities, and twenty times greater at sea than on the railway.

The Japanese cultivate chrysantheums in 269 varieties of colors. Of these 87 are white, 63 yellow 31 pink 20 red, 12 russet and 14 of mixed hues.

The tramcars in Swedish cities rarely stop for passengers. Men and women there are quite agile and expert in jumping on and off while the cars are in motion.

Cigarette smoking is said by doctors to be specially productive of those white spots on the tongue and the sides of the cheeks which are known as "smoker's patches."

The most remarkable echo in the world is that which comes from the north side of a church in Shipley. It distinctly repeats any sentence not exceeding twenty-one syllables.

The interior of a gold-bearing rock inspected in an Oregon town by means of the Roentgen rays and veins of auriferous metal were plainly visible as if they were on the surface.

The number of newspapers published in this country is 19,582 in the English language with 741 German, 65 Swedish 56 Spanish 51 French 35 Bohemian 33 Polish 25 Italian 18 Dutch 18 Hobrew, etc.

A fish in a bottle was captured by a Maryland oysterman, and it seemed to be content with its quarters. Apparently it had entered the bottle under favorable circumstances and found it self unable to wriggle out.

The deepest lake in the world is Lake Baikal in Siberia. In some parts it is 5,261 feet deep; its length is 397 miles with an area of 15,000 square miles. It is the largest lake in Asia, and the sixth largest in the world.

A physician who has been studying the effect of liquors on the voice states that none of the great singers have ever been teetotalers. Wine taken in moderation he believes is useful for the voice, but beer thickens it and makes it guttural.

A deaf and dumb corps of the Salvation Army has been organized in Stockholm, Sweden. The members meet four times a week and it is quite interesting to watch the movements of the fingers when an interesting theme is being discussed.

Something like intelligence is often exhibited by plants. If during a dry season, a bucket of water be placed near a growing pumpkin or melon vine in the course of a few days the vine will turn from its course and get at least one of its leaves in the water.

Natural gas has been flowing for ages in several sections of the Caucasian provinces bordering the Caspian sea. Many of these gas wells have constantly emitted flames for a period beyond the memory of living men, and are superstitiously spoken of as the "eternal fires."

Humming birds are domesticated by placing in their cages a number of paper flowers of tubular form containing a small quantity of sugar and water which must be frequently renewed. On this liquid the birds partake, and quickly become apparently contented with their captivity.

The Canary Club of Vienna has opened a canary exhibition in that city. The club is trying to foster canary raising among working people as an easy method of increasing the incomes of the poor. The exhibition numbers about 1,500 native canaries, and more than 500 of the Dutch variety.

The oldest street of which the world has knowledge is that referred to in ACTS ix. 11, when the Lord said unto Ananias, "Arise and go into the street which is called Straight." At that time Saul's house was in Straight street Damascus, and Ananias was directed to seek him there.

### PERSONAL POINTS.

One morning a gentleman called upon Douglas Jerrold to solicit a subscription on behalf of a mutual friend in want of money. "Well," said Jerrold "how much does—want this time?" "Why, just four and two naughts will I think, put him straight."

"Very well," answered Jerrold, "put me down for one of the naughts this time!"

Count Tolstol will soon celebrate his fiftieth anniversary as a journalist, or rather, the anniversary will be celebrated by his admirers. A "Tolst school" is to be founded in Moscow in his honor. Although it was supposed that the old count had retired from the world to devote himself wholly to the poor on his estates, it is now expected that he will emerge to receive the congratulations of his friends and the honore of all the scientific and other Russian societies to which he belongs.

### NEW YORK FASHIONS.

#### ALL ABOUT SUMMER HATS AND HOW TRIMMED.

Dainty Frock for Little Girl—The Deep Round Collar—Fashion Fads and Health Hints and Other Interesting Notes.

Now that summer has really come all the dainty desmoiselles have done their summer hats and many of them are unusually effective this season. Of course Gainsboroughs, which come in colored straw as well as the black and white, hold their own in the modish world and are just the thing for the picturesque gowns of the day. Any amount of flowers or plumes may be used to trim these hats and to be chic and at the same time dignified, the far one must wear her hat tilted a fraction to the left. But it is very important that she fasten the hat securely to her head or else the weight of the trimming will incline it too far to one side and produce a rakish appearance instead of that chic, jaunty air that the ultra-modish try for. One advantage in wearing the Gainsborough is that it does not demand an elaborate coiffure, but on the contrary, the more simple the arrangement of the hair the better the general effect. Green is one of the favorite colors of the summer for trimming hats and a white straw with blades of green, either put on loosely and naturally or plaited form a combination that can not be equalled. Wreaths of roses and small blossoms strewn carelessly over the crown and underneath the brim are effective on a flat hat. When ribbon is used in trimming, velvet ribbon plays an important part. A new way of treating it is to put it on in many even, small loops, one placed regularly after another. Often the whole crown of a hat is trimmed in this way, but the most modish and effective position for such trimming is that part of the brim extending under the hat round over the hair.

A smart outing hat of burnt straw fits up in the same most imaginable manner in the back and down in front. It is trimmed in front with a huge bow composed of flat loops of bright red velvet ribbon. Round the crown is a wreath of cherries and glossy green leaves. A unique hat has the crown composed entirely of loops of navy blue silk and velvet ribbon, the straw shape being visible only in the under brim. A very Frenchy looking hat, fit for street wear is of rough green straw. It turns sharply up on the

back. The skirt is full, perfectly plain, as the waist has all the trimming the frock can stand without over-doing it. A charming frock could be developed by use of white albatross for the skirt and sleeves, using a polka dot silk for the blouse and for trimming the bolero as illustrated.

The design is suitable for any of the soft materials in either washable silk or woolen fabrics.

Healthful Hints.

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An infant's eyes may be irreparably injured by glaring light. When out of doors the eyes should be shielded from the sun, and when indoors care should be taken that firelight and lamplight are not allowed to dazzle the sight.

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Newest Wrinkle in Gloves.

A new glove that is attracting much attention has a loose wrist, long enough to extend a little more than one-third way to the elbow, but this loose wrist is worn turned over toward the hand to show a colored kid lining. In white, with red lining, it is smart with white gowns, with red accessories, in the way of collars, girdles, a bright note in the hat or the gay little red heels that are being worn.

Fads in Millinery.

The latest fad in millinery lies in

Using several shades of color in making a hat.

Shading to tan, it is a pretty idea and equally effective as shading in blues, violets and yellows. Mottlings of ribbons not only effect many shades of one color, but two or three colors are also blended. The ends of the ribbons are cut in long, narrow shawl points, which mix and overlap each other in quite a bewildering way. Straws are also massed in several colors, either in wide cross bands upon a flat brim or as rim bands. All this novelty has an effect which is extremely original.

Gold beads are worn with white frocks.

Windsor ties of meshed silk and Liberty satin are popular.

The newest veil is of white chiffon bordered with a deep fold of black.

Sashes of black velvet ribbon are much worn with light gowns.

Fichus of soft silk matching the gown worn are pretty.

White woolen gowns show touches of Oriental embroidery.

Flat Alsatian bows of tulle trim up-to-date outing hats.

Smart bathing suits are built high in the neck.

Girls' Frock.

The smart little frock shown here is characterized by a bolero which carries out the long shoulder effect in a pointed sleeve-cap. It is daintily set off by the use of medallions and ribbons, the same idea being carried out in the prettily shaped sleeves cuff.

The body shows the full blouse in front, with just a little blousing in the

back.

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