

GREAT VARIETY OF FASHIONS OFFERED

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HIGH COLLARS TO BE WORN

Bilhouette Is Slim and Gray Is Used Lavishly, Being Combined With Many Other Colors.

New York. There comes a time in every woman's life when she wants fashions in paragraphs or, probably, a better way to put it is that she wants



The material used in this evening gown is supple satin in pink and navy blue tones. The bodice is cut in irregular points over hips, and there is a wistful train dropped from the shoulders. The short sleeves are finished with edelweiss.

These are stirring times in the world of buying and selling women's apparel. Contrary to all the expectations of the pessimists and the croaking of the gloomy prophets, there is a scramble for enough merchandise to sell to the women on this continent at this moment. They have money; they want new clothes; Paris has sent alluring contemporary quite in keeping with our spirit of war-time dressing; the shops are crowded, and the bulk of the buying has gone to the people who offer clothes that are not eccentric or overpriced.

When fashions are slack, women have time to read about them in detail when they are being rushed across the stage; but now, as in an exciting movie, there is no time for comment or philosophy, for theory or observation. "News I Give us news" is what the people cry who want to go to morning morning and buy.

This is no time, therefore, to dwell upon one subject and embroider it in it an attempt to catch a woman's fancy. There is so much to say that there is not half-enough space in which to say it.

A colossal cornucopia of fashions has been shaken out over the heads of women, and one is catching as one can catch here and there. So much is changed, so much that is new is offered, so vast a variety of stimulating and enlivening fashions have fallen from the skies, as it were, that women, ever alert for interesting clothes at this season of the year, are asking a thousand questions and adding more before these are answered.

Under this stimulus, the one who sports fashions must try to meet the situation by turning out the news in that old, old form of journalistic expression known as the reporter's notebook. After a while, affairs will slip down. They will establish themselves on a sound basis and probably remain on that foundation until next February. However, there is no hope for calm at this moment and therefore I pour out all the news of the hour in paragraphs. They cover the storm as best I can.

High Collars in Blouses. The strongest evidence that women will wear high collars in the winter is that they are appearing in the cheap, ready-to-wear blouses. Some of these are boned and fit the neck. Others have a ruffle at the top of the high collar. Neither style is as attractive as the one that flares at the top in the French fashion and envelops the neck at the top of the neck instead of pushing it up.

in with the clinging drapery of the year. Manufacturers say there is a strong demand for fine grades of Hudson seal, especially for coats. Straight box-cats that flare slightly at the hem, will be fashionable.

Jet, in every form, will be acceptable this year. The reopening of the old mines in England, which were once worked by the monks, has given a strong impetus to the trade in black crystal. Sequins will not be used. The surface will be faceted and highly polished. Entire gowns of jet in superb design, mounted on black tulle, will be offered as the first fashion for evening, although they are very expensive.

Jet buttons will be put on gowns of serge, satin, velour and velvet. Belts of jet will be used on one-piece frocks for the afternoon. The cadet ash of the hour, which is used on short coats as well as frocks, will be weighted with thick jet tassels. In more ways than anyone could think were possible, gray is mixed with other colors. It is especially effective when placed with subtle shades of blue, violet, heliotrope, salmon, watermelon pink and flame red are some of the colors which are put with gray gowns to be worn for all hours of the day and evening. Gray one-piece frocks for the street, offered as a substitute for tailored suits, have fitted, medieval corsets made of braid.

Careless cravats on the most formal suits, gain in importance. This kind of neckwear started in Paris last May, but the American dressmaker did not take it seriously until the new autumn models arrived. These cravats are made of the cloth of the suit, lined with a fanciful fabric, or they embody a brilliant color scheme, which has many advantages in that it brightens the suit and often makes it more becoming to the wearer. So far, the high, stiff, military collar has not appeared, but every other kind of collar that mounts to the chin has been employed to supply the demand for high neckwear.

The trench muffler is delighted in by many women, whether it is made of fur or cloth. It almost disguises the face, it envelops so much of the lower part of it.

Ostrich Plumes Again. Ostrich plumes are slowly coming back into fashion. Paris provided them for the great middle class of women who suddenly became well-to-do through high salaries. These women believe that sealin coats, diamond necklaces and ostrich feathers are still the symbols of wealth.

What was true of France quickly became true of England. Although plumes are selling there today at \$60 and \$100 apiece, because of reduction in supply, there are buyers aplenty for them. It is expected that the industrial condition of America will be the same as that which has prevailed in England and France during the latter part of the war, and that the women, who are the real spenders of a nation, will buy clothes more lavishly and recklessly than they have for a century. The reason for this is that they are taking the places of men and getting money to spend without asking men for it.

As for the ostrich feather in America, it is slowly making its appearance, but it is sponsored by so many good houses that no doubt it will appear



Four-cornered black velvet hat with crown of horizon blue ribbon. Upside-down ostrich plume also in blue.

so many hats when the cold weather comes. Hatter's plush is strongly indorsed by the milliners for women's street hats. It will also be used for the brims of the many private hats which have collapsible velvet crowns. Fortunately for the majority of women, the ball-dressed hat which was in fashion last summer, will be retained for the winter in this new material. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

Are French Heels Going? There is no doubt of the fact that French heels are doomed for street wear, but this does not mean that they will not still be worn indoors. French heels were never really intended for walking, and the wonder is that women of good sense and good taste have for so long been willing to follow the vogue for high-heeled walking shoes. The French-heeled shoe undoubtedly gained popularity because of the short skirt, and many persons have predicted that the sensible walking shoe would not return to favor until the short skirt had passed out of fashion, but as indications point now skirts are still to be moderately short, and at the same time women are to wear sensible shoes.

HOW COMMON WORDS ARE MISUSED

No solecisms are more frequent than those which consist in the common misuse of "shall" and "will." A person who has not been trained to make the proper distinction between "shall" and "will," "should" and "would," never can be sure of using them correctly, but he will make few mistakes if he fixes firmly in his mind that I (or we) shall, you will, he (or they) will, express simple futurity and that I (or we) will, you shall, he (or they) shall, imply volition on the part of the speaker. Some writers hold that "shall" was the original form of the future and that whenever courtesy permits "shall" is to be preferred to "will." But at all events, the doctrine of courtesy furnishes a rough and ready rule for choice between the two.

"Should" and "would" follow the same rules as "shall" and "will," but they have, in addition, certain meanings peculiar to their own. "Should" is sometimes used in its original sense as "ought," as in "You should not do that;" sometimes in a conditional sense, as in "Should you ask me about that," and after "lest," as in "He fled lest he should be imprisoned." "Would" is sometimes used to signify habitual action, as in "The squirrel would sometimes fall asleep in the most pathetic part of the sermon."

GARDEN SPACE MAY BE SAVED

How to Blanch Celery by Use of Paper Made for Purpose.

When the plan of banking with soil is used for blanching celery, the rows must be so wide apart as to waste much valuable land in small garden areas. But by using paper sold in rolls for the purpose, and which is treated to make it tough and moisture proof, much garden space and time may be saved, says a writer in Farm and Fireside.

Celery set with the intention of using paper for blanching need only be far enough between rows to allow convenient cultivation with wheel hoe, and two rows can be set not over 12 or 18 inches on each side of the double row. When ready for blanching, the paper can be quickly stretched each side of the double row. The roll is unrolled along one side and back the opposite side of the double row, thus requiring no cutting of the roll. While one person stretches the paper and holds it in place, another thrusts the long wire staples, made like narrow croquet arches, over the double rows to hold the paper snugly up in place. If the right kind of paper can be procured and is carefully rolled and saved when the crop is harvested, it can be used several seasons.

RAIN DROPS FROZEN IN AIR

New Hall Is Formed by Action of Connecting Currents.

Limiting the observations to such compound ball-stones as are the most destructive, and are produced during a tornado or violent thunderstorm, the following theory has been advanced as to how they are formed:

When the winds gyrate rapidly round an axis, more or less inclined to the earth, the space at and about the axis is rarified. When air charged with vapor is drawn into this rarified space it may be condensed into cloud or rain, or, at a greater elevation, into snow. Now, supposing the rain formed in the lower region to be drawn up by the ascending current into the snowy region, and so held for a short space, the drops will be frozen, and then, if propelled beyond the gyration, will fall to the ground as a shower of ordinary hail.

But if in the descent they are again drawn in by the infowing current, they will be again carried up into the cold region and so acquire another coating of ice. In this way the globeule may make a number of ascents and descents and acquire a fresh coating each time.

How to Learn to Do Everything Well

When you make the most of every-day tasks it becomes second nature to do things well. That's what puts class in your work. You may imagine that because the job is common it won't make any difference whether it is done well or ill. That's how many fellows look upon plowing. They are satisfied if they can only turn the furrow. The fact is there is more monetary value in good plowing than most men think. To be sure it's just turning the earth, but the way you do it will have a lot to do with the size of the crops next year. An ordinary job carefully and neatly done shows the touch of a master and rises in dignity by comparison with common things.

How to Clean a Carpet

Add two table-spoonfuls soda to a large pail of warm water. Wring out of this a large towel or other cloth. Spread this over a step at a time and beat with a small carpet or furniture beater. Change the cloth until all has been used. Then rinse in the water and proceed until each step is done. The damp cloth gathers every particle of dirt and is much easier than taking up the carpet.

FATAL DESERT OF KARA-KUM

Heat Reaching 168 Degrees Is Hurdled Into One's Face Like Sheet of Fire.

When the caravans in older days went up from Samarcand and Bokhara to Mery for silks and carpets, or carried spices for Europe to the Caspian ports, some of them occasionally wandered off into the desert of Kara-Kum, and few of those ever returned. This desert, which is smaller but more terrible than Sahara, came to be known as the tomb of caravans. If you were to venture into the desert of Kara-Kum you would travel by camel. At first you would pass through a land of scrubby bushes and rest at noon near a well surrounded by a tiny native village at the bottom of a dimple in the desert. And here you would feel your first touch of the desert heat—a heat that reaches 168 degrees in the sun and is hurled into your face by the wind like a veritable sheet of flame.

In the comparative cool of evening you would push on into the desert proper. Presently from the top of a slight elevation you would see it reaching before you—a petrified storm at sea, an ocean of sand. There is nothing but sand, and it is tossed by a ceaseless wind into billows miles long that creep forward perhaps a foot a year, burying everything in their path. The wind tears banners of flying sand from their crests as you look, releasing cascades that go rumbling into the burning hollows.

The path across this desert is marked only by bits of bone and stick, occasionally by a human skull. It is easily lost in the dark, and it is the thread which connects one shallow, muddy well with another. Many have lost it and they are still in the desert of Kara-Kum.

TOOMBS UTTERS ONE ERROR

Noted for Accuracy, Famous Publicist Makes Mistake in Georgia Constitutional Convention.

In the Georgia constitutional convention of 1877 so usually accurate a publicist as General Robert Toombs uttered a singular error. He was contending in a speech for enough copies in Georgia to assure speedy justice and at one point in the debate he said: "I only desire to say one word, six hundred and fifty years ago our forefathers met upon a plain at Runnede and established a great system of judiciary in one line of bad Latin. They made King John say, 'We will sell to none, we will deny to none, we will delay to none, right and justice, and we must make as many courts as are necessary to carry out these great utterances.'"

Hotels Good Customers

How Big Hotels Get Their Supplies of Eggs.

A method of selling—which, more than any other, perhaps, is the dream of the producer—in the trade with hotels, sanatoriums, and the like. Accordingly we made a visit to one of the largest and most exclusive hotels in New York city, says a writer in Farm and Fireside. We were conducted through the kitchens of this hotel, where evidence of management efficiency was plain everywhere. The steward later talked with us about their methods of purchasing eggs and poultry.

Both white and brown eggs are used by these high-class hotels. But for every use where the shell is exposed when the egg is placed on the table—as when boiled—the white-shelled eggs are used. For cooking and baking the brown-shelled eggs are used. About 600 dozen eggs a day are required by the hotel we visited, one-fourth of these being white. From 25 to 68 per cent of all eggs used are purchased from the producers, to whom two to five cents is paid above the highest market price quoted. The nearly heinous whites or browns. The remaining 2 to 5 per cent are emergency orders, and are purchased from grocers in the city or from retailers. The hotels are steady customers, keeping the same shippers for many years.

Many Great Men Die Young

The question is often asked, what is meant by "the prime of life." It is difficult to say; people differ so much. Most great men have died comparatively young. Alexander the Great died at thirty-two, having conquered practically the whole world of his day; Julius Cæsar at forty-two; Oliver Cromwell at fifty-nine, Shakespeare at fifty-two, Charles Dickens at fifty-eight. Nearly all the men who made the French Revolution were dead before they were fifty; many of them before they were forty. Robespierre was only thirty-six when he died, Desmoulins thirty-four, Danton thirty-five, and Mirabeau forty-two.

Colorado Was Not Red

It was William's first trip to Colorado. Everyone was marveling at the wonderful scenery but the little chap, who seemed troubled at it all. "What's the matter, don't you like the mountains?" asked his mother. "Oh, yes," replied the boy, "but on my map Colorado is red."

Meekly Talk

"Getting up betimes and enjoying the early morning is delightful," said Sam. "Yes, I often talk about doing it,"

WHY The Bicycle Is Coming Back Into Its Own

THE bicycle, through the agency of war, is silently coming back into its own, and as a result the fighting fronts of the great armies, relieved of their networks of trenches and the terrifying artillery and rifle fire, might well be the countryside in any nation, with cyclists, a little hurried of motion possibly, going in every direction. In fact, one might well imagine himself in a rural community 25 years ago, when everyone but a cripple, or, worse still, unpossessed of a wheel, trundled merrily about the country every hour to be snatched from his work.

The "bike" had a distinct part in the advance of troops, and this was particularly so during the early days of the war, when the fighting was carried on over wider stretches of the country, and when the great armies were alternately advancing and retreating; too busy with the objectives in hand to stop and "dig in."

The English troops, in particular, have taken advantage of the possibilities of the bicycle for use in scouting and messenger duty. The British have gone so far in some cases as to convert some of the regiments of yeomanry into cyclist formations.

With the British, cyclists technically are regarded as army troops, but used as specialist corps, like the Royal Engineers and other army troops establishments, with their great increase in numbers and with the new conditions of modern warfare, the cyclists will in future take their place as a definite arm rather than as specialists.

The military cyclists played a great part in the early days of this struggle. In their advance through France and Belgium the German armies depended largely upon their advance guards of cyclist companies of Jaegers, supported by mobile mechanical transport columns, armored machine-gun cars, and re-enforced when necessary by swift concentrations of infantry in motor omnibuses.

The Duty of Parents

What better legacy can parents leave their children than to teach them that success and prosperity are won by their begin by doing everything well? by being so careful and exact in the performance of every duty, and regarding themselves as useful that their friends or employer "cannot be got out from them;" and that when through gain to crops their efforts that "be happier and so poorer" if they are some proportion of their wealth in aiding those less fortunate? Let parents and employers, both by precept and precept, teach their children that their employees to be industrious, faithful, economical and straightforward; and the daily paper will send through our community to the records of crime and immorality, the wretched, wretched Wisconsin.

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EULOGIZES THE WAGON DOG

Blasphemy of Trustful Attorney Discussed in Newspaper Story and His Losses Filled Case.

An old man was arrested for blaspheming his wife. Application was made to have him put under a peace bond. Thinking the case too small for him to bother with, relates Case and Comment, the county attorney asked Judge Albert D. Norton, then a young lawyer, to appear for the state at the trial. An attorney from Macoupin, a man who had quite a reputation as a "pleader," went over to defend the old man. Carled in front of the defendant was a yellow dog. Vest's "Eulogy of the Dog" had recently appeared in some paper. It was not nearly so familiar then as it has since become. When the orator from Macoupin saw the yellow dog at the old man's feet he called Senator Vest's speech, and was alive to the opportunity for an effective appeal to the jury.

"Gentlemen," and he indicated the mongrel, "when all other friends desert the dog remains. If instead drives the master forth an outcast to the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies; and when the last scene of all comes, and when death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his grave side will be the noble dog he found, his head between his paws, his eyes shut, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death."

So well was it delivered some of the jurymen cried. All looked toward the aged defendant sympathetically. It is said that even the dog's eyes were moist. It was pretty clear the defendant's lawyer had things coming his way; but Norton had the witness, and during the soon recess he handed to a paper which had the dog speech in it. This he produced and read to the jury in the afternoon, word for word as opposing counsel recited, all whom the jury thought was original.

CAT HELPS FIND THE LEAK

Ingenious Plumber Experimented With Aid of Cat, to Work Having Around.

"There are more ways than one to kill a cat," says an old proverb, "but there are more ways than one to stop a leak." This is the new reading. Here is an illustration:

A plumber was called upon to locate a supposed leak in a basement apartment house. After a day's experiment andundry fruitless soundings and sniffings he finally got upon a lead. He went in, a few feet up and he found a hole in the wall, which was commonly called a cat. Then he took the plaster to the top and he poured the mixture (which was used to stop a leak) into the hole. He took a cat and visited each floor in turn.

The cat exhibited no interest until it reached the seventh story was reached. Then, with a bound, it sprang from the plumber's arms and began to paw at the wall, moving loudly. A hole was made in the wall, and there, sure enough, was the leak.

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