

TIGHT AT ANKLES LOOSE OVER HIPS

Hobble Skirt Plus the Japanese Toddle, Chief of Season's Developments.

FASHIONS BORN THIS AUTUMN

Elimination of Waistline; Simply Cut
Shoulder and Back Long Sleeve;
Arabic Tunic; Cravat Girdle;
No Bustle Effect.

New York. The substitution of an idea for another is a form of regenerating, rejuvenating and rearranging the human brain, as old as psychology. It is one of the world's fundamental needs, moral, physical and mental; and when some of the roll-callers got hold of it as a new doctrine, they were only explaining what began before the Pyramids.

In the early part of the war, those who were not clever in the art displayed the extraordinary skill of the Germans in being able to control the masses by deliberately substituting a new idea, covered up by a phrase and hammered in by repetition. They are doing it today, and so far it has never failed them with their own people. They use the word "defensive" instead of "conquer."

America is going through many phases today, probably the most powerful in her career, which have come about through the substitution in her composite brain of one national idea for another. And the world filters down through crevices until it seeps through the strata of underlying and seeming by instinct, by-products of our national life.

It is this seepage down to dress which is the point of this process. One idea has been substituted for another. With all the critics against its success the psychologists watch with interest the public playing into the hands of those who started the idea.

Today American labels are put into French gowns. This is not a wild statement. It is done at some of the best houses. Manufacturers will come wearing frocks which the public is told are the designs of the house itself and these models are sold to shops and lesser dressmakers and pass through all the country, as the creations of an American designer. They were really made in France, brought to this country by importers, copied verbatim and turned out as American creations.

That is not honest; but that is not exactly the point of this particular story. The extreme interest centers in the fact that the substitution of one idea for another in the national brain has compelled or persuaded the trade to offer to the public whatever it can that bears an American stamp.

Styles of the Hour.
We really are a very well-dressed continent today, and we have fewer

and girth at the ankles that fashion is a change that was foreshadowed by those who watched clothes from the beginning of last March. No change from the silhouette of the present should for it carries grace with it.

This loosening up of the hips is a return to the skirt of a hearty season not a far off epoch. It is not allowed to be a strict matter. Remember that, if you want that plump line from shoulder to knees, have it; but you will find that unless you adopt the straight, house-line of the French frock you will prefer more width at your hips than at your knees. It is one of the subtle changes in clothes that has caused women to stop, think and reevaluate.

Cultivate Japanese Toddle.
The entrance of the hobble skirt plus the Japanese toddle is almost enough to take a woman's mind away from war.



Arabic inspired street suit of black velvet trimmed with gold braid and buttons. The bell-shaped tunic is edged with black caracul. The tighthead of skirt is finished with gold braid.

work. These are strange twins of fashion to be born in this autumn of 1918, but women will overcome the handicap of both of them, and become unobtrusively well pleased with themselves before Thanksgiving day arrives. That is the peculiar and mysterious quality with which women are endowed, adjusting themselves to a circumstance and seeming to fit into it in a few days.

The Japanese toddle has already become the walk of the moment among the mannish. They caused an immense amusement at the exhibitions of gowns, because they exaggerated it with none of the equally laughable modesty that the French mannish have assumed for a decade.

We have no Margots or Andrees in this country, but we have our Dolores and Josephines of the immediate past and our Mathels and Madelines and Margerites of the present; so we get all the gestures that go with the new gowns. It makes an exhibition of clothes quite worth while seeing. It is these mannish who have introduced the Japanese toddle, and it is a necessity if one would walk in some of the long, draped skirts that pull at the ankles.

Callot makes evening gowns that have a tight let strap across the back at the ankle to hobble the material. No matter what the nature of the gown save the ankles, it is narrow there to fit the feminine minimum. Tunes and pants may have their tiny, infantile overskirts may swing outward with their bell-shaped hems, but the hem of the skirt has taken to itself the dimensions of a man's trousers.

Adds Turned-Up Cuff.
It has also added the turned-up cuff, and some of the really smart frocks that are turned out have this cuff when they are not draped. It breaks the line of the tube effect and is quite good. It is made of peltry or of a cloth different from that which makes the skirt, and it is often faced with a bit of brilliant blue that Callot combines with black.

Whatever else these skirts may do, they have made the skirt with the flare an impossible garment. Few women dare to wear it. If it is a plaited or a full skirt that hangs in straight lines, its hem is pulled into an extremely narrow strip of cloth or peltry; if it is the skirt that tried to tide many women over last season, the gored one, with flaring seams at the side and a bias front width, then alteration is helpless. Rip it open if your mind is economically inclined, and make a house blouse of it, one which is cut in panels below the waist and held in by a loose belt.

All the discarded materials of the household seem to go to these blouses, for we do not look with keen eyes upon a house with a temperature of 60 degrees and a transparent blouse; it makes the gooseflesh rise even now. (Copyright 1918 by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

BLOUSE AND SKIRT Scrap Book

Combination Forcing Unchallenged Frock Out of Place.

Oddest Colors Now Being Used Together—Jet, in Tiny Sparkling Beadlets, Is Popular.

This is a season of practical clothes and quite naturally the blouse and skirt combination is always popularly considered the most practical of costumes when economy in dress is under consideration. For either patriotic or personal reasons, are in the line of fashion's favor just now. A good many of the new skirt and blouse combinations, however, seem to accept the virtue of practicality according to them by reason of their classification and let it go at that.

Instead of possessing one separate skirt for wear with various blouses, the woman who keeps up with fashion must now have several skirts and blouses. The whole frock has maintained an unchallenged place in woman's favor for several seasons now, but the blouse and skirt combination is pressing it hard. No separate waist, however elaborate and expensive is suitable for a formal occasion and the best-dressed women do not wear waists and skirts for restaurant dining or at even afternoon performances at the theater, says the Brooklyn Eagle. A waist and skirt combination is supposed to express informality.

It matters not how different a blouse is from accepted standards, provided it is different enough. Designers vie with one another to produce original and intricate designs. The oddest color combinations are displayed and when colors themselves do not harmonize, outlining, embroideries of beads, emphasize the effect of contrast and give a weird yet fascinating oriental effect. What would you think of olive green and orange as a color scheme? Yet one of the stunning blouses for fall combines those two shades, with artfully placed outlines and embroidered series of jet beads and the result is truly stupendous. The French houses use a deal of jet—jet in tiny sparkling beadlets sewed close together, rather than a large pendant or tassel. A Cheruit blouse of rust-colored crepe de chine has bands of bead embroidery, passing across a flat vest of fresh coral chiffon. The bands disappear under the blouse fronts and emerge through slashes about an inch beyond the edge. The seams of this formal blanding the cross bands on the vest. This Cheruit blouse falls to the hip and the mesh netted vest extends several inches below the waistline, giving a very graceful long line. A blouse left fastened with jet buttons passes across the vest and around the outline of the neck opening. Another French blouse of cream colored velvet is slashed to show under linings of brown satin, small bronze beads outlining every satin motif.

DRESS FOR AFTERNOON WEAR



Black satin and rose-colored tricotette form this attractive gown. The rose overdress is embroidered in black and edged with broad black silk fringe.

A Standard Blouse.
The little sailor blouses are in high favor with few changes in line from the original, made to slip on with slit at front and regulation sailor collar and small side pocket with big crush title of black silk. This style is shown in both white and navy, satin and georgette, with silk braid in contrasting collar for trimming.

TOM SAW POINT AT ONCE

Undoubtedly It Was as Well That No Chances Should Be Taken With That Live Cigar.

"Tom" she said softly, as she looked trustingly into his expectant eyes. "What is it dearest?" he asked, tenderly. "Don't you think, Tom?" she continued, slowly "that your hat better throw away that cigar?" "Do you object to smoke my hat?" he asked in surprise. "Oh no, Tom, not at all," she replied quickly. "I rather like the smell of a good cigar, but—"

"But what, dearest?" "But you are so forgetful, Tom, and—and if you should forget to take the cigar out of your mouth you might—even a slight burn on my cheek, you know, would cause comment." The cigar was thrown away and a minute later there was nothing but a bluish-grey stain on the cheek to indicate that Tom had taken a hint.

Paying War Debts.

There is no uniform rule of action regarding the payment of war debts. Some war debts have been entirely paid off, and others have been greatly reduced. In 1793 following the Revolutionary war the public debt of the United States was \$80,000,000. It was reduced year by year until 1812 when it was \$45,000,000. During the war of 1812 it increased to \$120,000,000. Then followed a long period of steady yearly reduction till in 1835 it stood at the nominal figure of \$7,542 with much more than that balance in the treasury. Circumstances brought a long period of growth in the public debt in 1862, following the civil war, it was \$2,742,000,000. Since then there have been periods of reduction and periods of increase. But in the present war the debt has increased rapidly.

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Great Reward.

Elise Janis, who has been in France for months among soldiers in training camps and hospitals, says in the Red Cross Magazine: "Every soldier to whom I have ever sung has always been so grateful that it has made me feel that although I can't carry a gun I have been able to do my bit. Said a little cockney to me once, when I sympathized with him on the loss of his arm, 'For jist, Miss Janis, it might 'ave been worse. 'O might 'ave lost me eyesight an' then I shouldn't 'ave been able to see you, miss.'"

Praises Arctic Musk Ox.

The Arctic musk ox can be domesticated and raised in the Arctic regions to produce as good wool as domestic sheep, according to Vilhjalmar Stefansson, noted explorer, who is at Fort Yukon, Alaska, recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. This is the message brought to Seattle from the explorer by Peter C. Lepetch, gold prospector, who came to the States to enter the military service. Lepetch says Stefansson intends to go to Nome, Alaska, to board his ship for another trip into the unexplored Arctic regions.

War Balloons.

The war balloons are technically known as "elephants" by the men at the front. Saving the fat aloft at the end of a cable, these "elephants" support trained observers who by means of powerful field glasses and telephones, give range and direction to batteries. The balloons, held stationary by a cable four or five thousand feet in the air, are ideal points of observation, but they are also shining marks for the anti-aircraft guns of the enemy and also for his planes.

Intermediary.

"Are you willing regularly to your boy Josh?" "I dunno," replied Farmer Cornsossel. "I kind of got an idea that I've been writin' to the censor. After the censor takes out the news he wants he lets Josh keep the change."

Wife's Reply.

"You are an angel." "I guess that's right. An angel has but one gown and for her the styles never change."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

CHANGING TONES OF BELLS HELPED OUT BOYS IN KHAKI

Manufacturers Have Easy Method of Overcoming Harshness That May Mar Perfection of Sound.

New York Girl Willing to Do All She Could to Cancel the Country's Obligation.

Bells may have tones which will thoroughly agreeable to the manufacturer, are not so pleasant to those who have to listen to them. A remedy for such a condition is described by James E. Noble in Popular Mechanics Magazine.



By drilling two holes in the side of a bell, as indicated at A and B in the sketch, the tone will remain perfectly clear, but will be quite changed. If a slot, as designated at C, is then cut between the two holes, still another change of tone is effected. By driving a metal rod, E, into one of the holes and trimming it off flush with the internal and external surfaces, the tone may again be changed. Filling up the second hole with a plug, D, will further alter the sound. Then if a wedge such as F is cut and driven into the slot the tone of the bell will be restored to normal.

"In the Rear" Translated.

Day after day Germans who read the official statements of their own government learn that although the allies are said to suffer numerous reverses the German armies have fallen back to positions "in the rear." That is the regular ration served to Germans hungry for news of victories.

By this time the more intelligent of the Kaiser's subjects must have learned to translate "in the rear" into what it really means. They must have found that it tells the story of defeat and retreat. They cannot help perceiving that it records the movement of the German armies nearer to the German frontier. "In the rear" is toward Germany.

That is what makes the effect of the official phrase extremely depressing. That is why it falls like lead on the hearts of the Hun.

Parachute Jump From Airplane.

The first successful experiment on record of jumping from a moving airplane with a parachute was recently made by Captain Sarrau, a French aviator. This intrepid aviator leaped from a height of 800 yards with an umbrella some twelve yards in diameter and landed safely. He was three minutes in the air, suspended from the parachute. Previous to this test numerous experiments were carried out in France with sandbags and the possibility of the scheme was established beyond reasonable doubt. But it goes without saying, nevertheless, that it required real courage to be the first to risk life and limb in an actual test. Scientific American.

NO NECESSITY.

AN HEAVY COAT—down to do sea shore. "Oh, yes, yes?" "No, dear boy, I can get just as tanned 'on our roof' as 'ave many 'U sides."

Athletic Equipment for Army.

Athletic material sufficient to supply 1,750 companies, or 125 complete regiments, has been purchased by the war department commission on training camp activities, an appropriation of \$20,000 having been obtained for this purpose. The supplies for which the commission invited bids, included the following items: 17,500 sets of boxing gloves, 7,000 baseball bats, 21,000 baseballs, 3,000 playground baseball bats, 10,500 playground balls, 3,000 rugby footballs, 7,000 soccer footballs, 3,500 volley balls and 1,750 medicine balls. Allocation of the material to the various training camps is being made.

Free Advice.

Dear Star, My wife and I have 13 children, who annoy me so much that we are unable to read the war news in peace. What would you suggest?—Parent.

A—In the first place, how can you read in peace when you are at war? You might report the matter to the health board, as there is a ban on public meetings anywhere Indianapolis Star.

THE LINGERING BEARD.

"I see you shave yourself," commented the barber. "What difference does that make?" "Very little, sir; very little. That's how I came to notice it."

Three Words.

"Some men can convey more common sense in three words than others can put into a two-hour speech."

The Opposing Force.

"Er—Miss Brown—er—do—you think your father would oppose my marrying you?" "If he is of my opinion he would."

Anything Black is Coal Nowadays.

"What are you going to do with all that black dirt in front of your home?" "That isn't dirt. That's my winter Journal.

New York City is crowded with bronzed boys in khaki, who are taking their first fling at the big town. From their planes one can see that they are eager to know all about the city's landmarks, places of interest and especially where the "idle rich" reside, but New Yorkers do not appear to be willing or able to tell them. Yesterday afternoon two doughboys were viewing the sights from the upper deck of a Fifth avenue bus. As some attractive house or building was passed they would turn around in their seats in the hope that some of the passengers would enlighten them, but none offered. Finally a sweet young thing moved to a seat near by. "You are strangers, aren't you?" she began. "Won't you let me point out some of the places of interest?" "Would they?" They responded as young manhood always responds. The young girl knew every spot along the ride and the boys treasured her fund of information. When it was time for them to leave, the bus they thanked her in the simplest words of appreciation. "You have done a lot for us," one of the soldiers told her, "and we are indeed thankful. This is the first time we've ever been in New York, and the last one, too, I guess." And the young woman smilingly replied, "It is you boys who are doing a great deal for us. And we only thank you in any little way we can."—New York Tribune

SURE ENOUGH.

He Don't you think golf is a man's game?—She: I'm convinced that it is. All a woman can say is "Oh Fudge" and such things.

SAVE YOUR COAL.

Try being selfish—just once and patriotically. Think of yourself next winter when the mercury is down below the shivering line and the hard-hearted coal man looks at your card and tells you to go ahead and shiver because you have had your share of coal. Then see if you can't somehow check the drain on the coal bin these warm days. There are leak-unnecessary through which our coal supply is slipping and your household contributes its share. Remember that it is as patriotic to save coal as it is to save food. Remember that our 2,000,000 boys in France this winter must be kept comfortable and that most of the coal must go from here. You can have every comfort, including warmth, if you save; they can have nothing—unless you save. Sixty million tons is the minimum to be saved. Save your share today and tomorrow.—William Frederick Bigelow in Good Housekeeping.

BEST HE COULD DO.

A mess secretary at one of our camps in the East thought he would like to have the cooks and mess servants all dressed in white, so he sent a native to the nearest town to buy white ducks.

THEIR AMAZING PREFERENCE.

"Bread! Bread!" screamed the German people. "Maje-stat, ve starve yet! Stop der var und gif us bread alretty!" "So!" hissed the All Highest. "You 'ink more of your stomachs dan you do of mein crown!"—Kansas City Star.

THEIR PLACE.

"Did you see where they captured some German officers in pink pajamas?" "They must have belonged to the chorus on one of those Wagner opera lines."

ONE PAWN.

"Now they say if we impose a big war indemnity on Germany they couldn't pay it." "They might hock the kaiser."

THE FEMINE IDEA.

"Is your wife very busy?" "Yes; now she thinks a cold spell is coming on, she's upstairs packing away her summer furs."