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## WHAT IS SHOWN IN PARIS SHOPS

Directoire Dress, Capes, Suits and Other Apparel Dear to Woman's Heart.

### LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE

Almost Everything Is Correct if It Follows Lines of the Figure—Outer Wraps Have Tendency to Exaggerate Natural Curves.

"As you were," says Paris, using soldierly language as the occasion demands, hastening to add, lest you think her arbitrary, "that is, if you wish." In the first instance she refers to the pre-war styles, and in the second to the fact that if these do not please you there are plenty of other fashions that are suited to your individual taste.

Following the line of least resistance describes the newest fashions to a peppermint, for as if weary of controversy the makers of fashions have decided to pick up the threads of the



The long draped lines and transparent hem, together with the beaded bodice, is suggestive of the hairem and carried out in rose and French blue, with beads of crystal and pearl. The ostrich ornament for the coiffure also is of rose and blue.

1914 models and weave them into those of today, thereby pleasing, if possible, everyone concerned. Practically, everyone in correct line if it follows the lines of the figure. The fact that nine-tenths of the makers voted for the directoire modes strengthens this conclusion rather than otherwise, as the dresses of this period particularly emphasize the lines of the figure underneath, while the coats and outer wraps, aside from the picturesque revers, have a tendency to exaggerate the natural curves. That is the point, that the human form divine is not absolutely straight up and down is made partially apparent.

The directoire fashions were in the air in 1914, but something intervened and the movement hardly progressed further than the draped skirts and the large revers; this time further developments seem possible. Aside from the fact that the directoire lines are preferred, one may dress as suits one's individual fancy.

#### Showing Independence.

Evidently the public have the bit in their teeth as regards a few points of the fashions. It is clearly shown that in the last few months there is no desire for eccentricities or extreme exaggerations. That the women of France have a great deal to say, particularly the fashionable ones, as to what will be taken up is sometimes overlooked in the general admiration of the models put forth by the makers. At the Paris opera lately when the official ban on evening clothes was lifted it was noted that instead of the brilliant clothes expected by the designers and which they had prepared for there was little display.

Streets in Paris are still dimly lighted, wounded soldiers are everywhere and women swathed in mourning serve as a background which throws even the moderately bright clothes into sudden relief. How, then, can the designers expect the women to wear the brightest of colors and the most extravagant of clothes? A certain amount of somber richness was displayed, but the untrammelled extravagance of pre-war days was to be noted only in isolated cases in the boxes.

It is said that the American woman in Paris can be spotted easily by her longer skirt and long, tight sleeves. This order of affairs is about to be changed and the longer skirt is about

to become universal. As to the extremely short sleeves, the American woman will wear them while in Paris and on some occasions at home, but not in the afternoon except in the sheerer materials.

#### "We Aim to Please."

That there are modes to please every woman in whatever type, she may demand is emphasized by two reports from the other side. One states that the Maison Douillet, in putting forth the directoire dress, followed the original inspiration as to the extent of the upcurling waistline at the front, and another house shows waists that dip downward at the front in a point.

Capes, say, some authorities, are going to be worn by the women who know and suits will be left to the general public who do not know. All very well for Paris, but one might as well try to break the American woman of the habit of eating as to think of depriving her of her well tailored suit. That the makers know this is evident from the fact that their suits are more than ordinarily worth while. Bulloz, who has always had a leaning to the directoire when there has been the slightest excuse for it, shows some of the smartest ones of this type.

All of the models of this house are of the strictly tailored classification. The lengths are modified to suit the wearer, but the same general lines are preserved throughout. The skirts are quite tight and the coats are cut with flaring godet plaits in the pelum, whether the latter be long or short. Waistcoats are to be worn with the majority of the suits and are provided with collars which run up very high at the back.

Doucet ideas run counter to those of some of the other houses. No directoire models are to be seen in this collection, as Doucet clings to the old straight line, and the suits are built on this principle as well as the dresses. A slight concession to the general trend may be found in the high, square collars seen on the straight knee-length jackets.

#### The Tunic Apron.

Premet tailleurs are enhanced by the addition of front tunic aprons buttoned down the sides, but otherwise they are quite straight and simple. The suit coats that are worn with these skirts are three-quarter length and may be cut away at the front, and the collars and cuffs are of contrasting colors. The upper part of the jacket is loosely girdled and the skirt part is made with the swinging directoire flare.

Jenny prefers the knee-length jacket for her suits, which she makes of serges, etamines and covert cloth. These are shown with waistcoats of white faille striped in gold and of white Ottoman silk.

Doeulllet depends for chic on the slash, which is found in abundance on the jackets and seen singly on the skirts.

Summing it all up, it would seem that the skirts to the jackets will remain long and that the jackets are to



A beautiful tea dress of blue tulle with diagonal flounces with novel trimming of loop silk fringe.

general longer, but it must be kept in mind that these same long jacket models have held for several seasons in Paris and have been modified in length for wear on this side. Also the makers are showing some three-piece models which have quite short coats with them, or perhaps are complemented with short capes. Buttons are possibly the chief trimming, noted at the sides of the jackets and up and down the entire length of the skirt at the back.

Afternoon dresses show many decided changes, and there are many women who will breathe a sigh of relief over the fact. It can hardly be denied that the styles of dress in vogue for the last few seasons have been most trying to all but the freshest and youngest of women. A collarless, trimmingless, perfectly plain bodice demands greater perfection than the average woman feels sure of possessing.

## FOR SPRING WEAR

Tailored Costume Blouse Among the Prime Favorites.

More of the Waist-Length Models Will Be Worn—Long Blouse Distinctive and Attracts Attention.

When a woman finally discovers that style rules are meant for her general guidance only, and not meant to be followed blindly, she is on the road to being really well dressed. Unfortunately, few women, except those who are interested in styles from a business standpoint, make this all-important discovery. Every style suggestion is taken literally and copied or followed exactly, and the result is that femininity en masse is most instinctively garbed.

The separate blouse is a garment that is amenable to many interpretations at the present time. The long costume, or peplum blouse, is an extremely interesting member of the blouse family, but it would not be safe or true to say that it is to dominate the line. Unquestionably more of the waist-length models will be worn. For this reason the long blouse is distinctive and usually attracts attention.

In the lineup of waist-length blouses, sheer cotton voiles and organdies are especially popular fabrics. White or plain pastel colors are smart and the



Tailored Costume Blouse for Spring.

blouse of checked, striped or figured cotton voile is dainty for late spring or summer wear.

Some long costume blouses are shown made of sheer cotton materials, but this type of garment is especially smart when a rich material is employed. Fluffy chiffons and nets, georgette and lace, are employed with excellent effect.

Severely tailored costume blouses are smart, and when combined with tailored skirts of blending or contrasting color help to make up decidedly chic frocks for early spring street wear.

The blouse shown in the sketch, a model reaching almost to the knees, would be charming made of tan or sand-colored satin, with collar and cuffs of navy or green taffeta, taffeta-covered buttons, and a sash belt of taffeta or black velvet ribbon.

This blouse may be worn with a black skirt or with one of navy taffeta or satin. The result will be an altogether suitable frock for early spring street wear.

## SHOW PREFERENCE FOR SUITS

Trend of Business Indicates That Coat Will Not Be Generally Favored Garment.

"It is difficult at this early date," said an authority in the women's ready-to-wear industry, "to predict whether this is to be a coat or a suit season. The fact that buyers for the large retail stores of the country have shown a slight preference for suits in their late business might be taken as an indication of what is and is not to be, but the purchasing public is, after all, the final arbiter in such matters. And in this respect, it is reported that retailers have disposed of more suits up to date than during the same period for several years back. This also would seem to show, but then fashions are fashions, and they are very changeable, and it is still possible that, in spite of all the signs now pointing to the contrary, coats may lead the season. However, just at this time there is reason to believe that suits are to be most generally favored."

#### Simple and Youthful.

Many present-day fashions, with the tendency toward long skirts and the draped lines, are not so accurately described by the word youthful, but there is a sufficient number of simple modes to still permit the word youthful to adequately describe a big percentage of new fashions.

## MERELY GIVEN LONG NAMES

Decoctions Prescribed by High-Priced Physicians Made From Familiar Wayside Herbs.

Many of the secrets hidden under the thatch of the wattle and daub cottages can be found in the pharmacopoeia of either the allopathist or the homeopathist, observes the London Daily Express.

Willow tea is but a crude form of the salicylates which have long been recognized as the orthodox anti-uric acid and anti-pyretic remedies.

Common mallow, called "pick-cheese" by children, provides a tasteless mucilaginous liquid, which is worked up in various shapes and given for coughs. The leaves of the colts-foot, horehound and balm are all used, in liquid form mostly, for coughs and chest affections.

Foxglove cordial is given to old people suffering from palpitation of the heart, and does as much good as when it is called "fine, digitals."

Camomile and dandelion broths or teas are sold as tonics by the wise women who would be at a loss to say what was meant by *Anthemils nobillis* or *Taraxacum*.

Beautiful comfrey is used, both plant and root, as a poultice for cancerous and other growths, and a broth is made from it for kidney affections. This has obtained official recognition under the name of *Symphitum officinale*.

The "cure" for measles is saffron tea. This is prepared by pouring boiling water on the dried stigmas of the purple autumn crocus. An infusion of flaxseed cleanses and heals wounds. Self heal has cured quinsy; sage has many valuable qualities.

## FIRST KNOWN USE OF CIGARS

Mentioned by Name in Book Published in 1740, but Were Smoked Before That Time.

The earliest known mention of cigars is in a book published in 1740 under the title of "Distresses and Adventures of John Cockburn." It appears that Cockburn was cast on a desert island in the Bay of Honduras, from which he swam to the mainland, and thence traveled afoot to Porto Bello, a distance of 2,000 miles. Here he met some friars who gave him some "accogars" to smoke. "These," he says, "are some leaves of tobacco rolled up in some manner that serves both as pipe and the tobacco itself." Though this is the earliest date at which cigars appear to be mentioned, that same, so far back as 1408 two soldiers sent by Columbus to explore Cuba told their companions on their return how the natives carried in their mouths a lighted firebrand made from the leaves of a certain herb, rolled up in maize leaves. The description of an Indian method of smoking given by Lionel Wafer, in his "Travels in the Isthmus of Darien," in 1690, shows that they then smoked cigars made just as we make them now. The manufacture and consumption of cigars in northern Europe only dates from the close of the seventeenth century.

#### Music and Thinking.

About 1000 A. D. a monk in an Italian monastery had been thinking about the long, laborious task of training singers for the church service. Ten years were required for a singer to memorize words and music of the various chants and hymns used! There was no system for learning, a new tune independent of the words. And while he was thinking he heard his choirboys practicing one of their lessons, a hymn that rose in pitch with the first syllable of each successive line, just as the scale series was formed.

#### Thought flashed!

And the result of his thinking was the use of the syllables ut (changed to do later), re, mi, fa, sol, la, si (to facilitate scale learning). The immediate result was that Guido's choirboys learned all their tunes—and could take new ones—in six months as against ten years in the old way.

And the indirect result is that boys and girls in the schools of this country learn the scales by a process similar to that thought out by a monk in Italy nearly 1,000 years ago.

#### Agean Islands.

The Agean Islands are Thasos, the extreme north, off the Macedonian coast; Samothrace, Imbros, and Lemnos, near the Dardanelles; Euboea, the largest of all, lying close along the east coast of the Greek peninsula; the northern Sporades, including Skiathos, Skopelos, and Skyros, near Euboea; Lesbos, Chios, Samos, and the large group of other Sporades, such as Rhodes, Cos, and Patmos, adjacent to the coast of Asia Minor; and, finally the large group, the Cyclades, extending southward from Euboea toward Crete and including Andros, Delos, Naxos, Paros and Melos.—Literary Digest.

#### Military Correspondence.

"Why did you reject Col. Pufferbay? Too much military efficiency." "How was that?" "His last letter to me started off something like this:—'From Col. Pufferbay, To Miss Gloria Pittie. Subject, Love.'—Birmingham Age-Herald."

#### Flatterer.

She (relating experience)—Really, for a time I was quite beside myself. He—Yes had a charming companion.—Boston Evening Transcript.

## NEW YORK NEWS

### ITEMS IN BRIEF

Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State.

Interesting News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points in the State and Be Reduced in Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Rochester may build a city asphalt plant.

Avon will purchase a motor fire apparatus.

Diphtheria is quite prevalent at Geneseo.

Dundee will spend \$1,500 in cleaning its streets.

Rochester is planning a city-owned asphalt plant.

Free medical clinics will be established at Geneseo.

Dundee, reports houses are scarce and prices higher.

Canandaigua's new National Guard unit wants 60 men.

Seneca Falls citizens are after street improvements.

Lockport has adopted a preventive tuberculosis program.

Lockport will buy 20 voting machines at \$801.46 each.

Tonawanda will push war gardening vigorously this season.

Two hundred aliens will be naturalized at Fredonia soon.

Olean has started a big crusade against all street loafers.

Ferry's town board has appropriated \$600 for town highways.

Brewing of 2½ per cent beer has not started in Rochester yet.

Corning Protestant churches raised \$50,000 in their Sunday drives.

Charles H. Garlock will head the Liberty loan campaign at Phelps.

Rochester is satisfied that its motor vehicles are being conducted along proper lines.

Hundreds of aliens are reported to be seeking citizenship in Niagara Falls.

Work on the barge canal will be completed in North Tonawanda this spring.

It is probable that the federal employment office in Rochester will be continued.

Rochester Moore has gone on record as being in favor of the League of Nations.

Orleans county board of supervisors recommend that road building be deferred until 1920.

Lockport's board of commerce has awarded 22 prizes to war garden contestants of that city.

During the past season the grape crop in the Chautauqua belt amounted to 46,228 carloads.

Dried apples were shipped from Lima at 15 cents a pound, double the price of former years.

Bath merchants have given up their co-operative delivery service and will deliver their own goods.

At Hornell the first steps have been taken to federalize the local unit of the New York guard.

Nearly 250,000 people in Buffalo have signed petitions asking for a continuance of Sunday movies.

United States employment offices in Buffalo, Dunkirk, Niagara Falls and Jamestown will be continued.

Conesus lake is the lowest it has been at this time of year, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Interest has grown to the scrying point at Albion where the county monument is being considered.

Seven Chinamen, who have served in the United States army, have applied for citizenship in Buffalo.

Rates on the Auburn branch of the Central will be strictly on a 1 cent per mile basis, after the 1st of April.

Although the lake is free from ice and fishing could begin, Dunkirk's harbor strike has tied up the industry.

Niagara Falls, through pressure of the milk dealers, will probably prohibit the keeping of cows within the city limits.

A town law passed a law, town may appropriate \$75, instead of toward the observance of Memorial day.

Salamanca is in leave, a new paper, it is to be Democratism, politics and will be called The Acquirer, Rev. H. S. Robbins will be editor.

Salamanca is making preparations for the Victory loan of which W. E. Hazard will be named chairman. The city's quota will probably be \$426,000.

Funds for the Yates county memorial hospital for soldiers and sailors have already reached a total of \$14,000. The sum of \$36,000 remains to be raised.

The Walker permissive Sunday baseball bill is reported favorably from the senate code committee, and has now been placed upon the general orders calendar.

It is expected that the convention of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's association, to be held at North Tonawanda, will be the biggest in the history of the organization.

Dr. Frederick R. Smith, former president of the New York Moral Federation and imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine of North America, in 1914, died in Rochester, aged 64 years.

The Boylan resolution to provide service ribbons and honor medals for residents of the state who served in the world war has passed the assembly. The measure now goes to the governor.

The assembly has concurred in the recent action of the senate in passing a bill abolishing the state council of defense, which was created in the war emergency. The measure now goes to the governor.

Assemblyman Rows has introduced a bill increasing the salary of supreme court stenographers from \$3,000 to \$4,500 a year. The tax for stenographers' salaries is levied upon various counties in each judicial district.

Orangers in Seneca county have decided to try and do away with the dual county seat plan which has been effective in that county. While Seneca is the designated county, Ovid has been cutting it on the ground.

According to the statistical bureau Buffalo with a population of 275,000 read during the last year 1,100 books. The total number of books read was \$4,717, showing that borrowers at the main library and branches.

Mail routes from Geddes have been extended and carriers will receive more pay for increased mileage. If Rochester will hold its garbage disposal plant, the corporation offers to pay \$1,000 a year providing it gets a vote in a month.

The annual appropriation for the year 1915, \$50,000, for the entry of the government, was passed by the assembly. The two Socialist members cast the only opposing votes. The Democratic members criticized portions of the bill, but did not vote against it.

The senate advanced the O'Brien bill to order of final passage. Senator Gibbs made a number of amendments to the bill, with the understanding that the measure shall remain in effect on third reading. Senator Williams introduced a bill for the purpose of supporting and voting for the O'Brien bill.

New York state troopers have had formal possession of their new barracks a quarter of a mile from Onondaga Castle on the state property between Onondaga and Syracuse. They have been located a year ago.

The oil gusher struck by the Karl company at Chenoweth (lucky field is said by all accounts) the largest strike ever made in territory about Chenoweth. The well is 400 feet, the well is estimated to be 300 to 500 barrels. The strike caused great interest in that county. The oil is a fine high grade product.

There is a widespread feeling among Rochester sportsmen that they should be at least one closed, year pheasants, otherwise if the rate of shooting is continued, they will be exterminated. This plea is not only to Niagara county, but to the adjoining territory. In order a closed season, the state conservation commission.

The executive committee of the New York State Conservation commission, in session in Lockport, has decided to accept a membership campaign in the state. A paid staff will be sent through the state to all farmers to build up the state pheasants to an extent to the of the conservation commission, furthering the food supply.

The Dairyman's League Co-operative Association, Inc. is to be the of an organization launched in a by nearly 5,000 members of the Dairyman's league. It is to be a corporation separate from the Dairyman's league, but connected with it by its interests, directors. The announced purpose is to establish a milk market by providing a marketing agency with a supply of milk of each farm, to regulate its cost and to get the best of each producer and give substantially the same