

ONE-PIECE GOWN IS IN EVIDENCE

French Frocks Elaborate, Colorful, Long and Short, Draped and Straight.

BRILLIANT SEASON IN PARIS

Fashion Shows Held by Leading Dressmakers to Determine Spring Styles Prove Disappointing to Foreign Buyers.

The fashion shows which are held at the leading Paris dressmakers to determine the spring styles are disappointing, perhaps, from the point of view of the foreign buyers, while to the Parisienne the season on the whole seems the most brilliant that she has seen for many a day, writes a Paris fashion correspondent.

The American buyers naturally expected great things from the French creators whose ideas have been so deeply affected by the mourning of France during these five years of war. They figured that this first victory season would be one of remarkable elegance, entirely forgetting the fact that France cannot throw aside her somber black merely because the ar-



Ribbon Trims This Tunic Dress From Paris—the Sash is of Wide Blue Ribbon and the Other Materials Are Crepe Georgette and Lace.

brocades that are used for upholstery. A new beaded embroidery is also to be noted in which tiny beads are sewed on in little loops in a very close design giving it a feathery appearance. The most gorgeous metal tissues and metal brocades are used in the evening dresses, which are always gracefully draped and are still short and trains shown with all of them.

Elaborate and Elegant. The Martial and Armand collection, for instance, is most elaborate and elegant in every detail, which is largely due to the fact that Mme. Valle was called upon in December to make a number of handsome evening dresses for the reception given to the Italian embassy for the King of Italy and President Wilson. She has an extensive Italian clientele, and with fifteen handsome dresses at this dinner and reception she was inclined to think that her Italian, Spanish and American buyers would buy the same kind of dresses in February.

NEW SPRING HATS

Headgear Displays More Trimming Than in the Past.

Bright Colors and Gay Flowers Are Used in Profusion on Many of the Models.

Paris has said the word and hats shall display more trimming this season, in consequence, than they have for many days past. Women had grown accustomed to the hat of line and nothing more and they liked it, but they have bobbed over to the new style and the streets are a-bloom with colors that are bright and flowers that recall the days of the Easter bonnet.

It is hard to say whether the hats are large or small or medium sized, for there are samples of each size and shape—the small ones being by far the most popular for this time of year when the winds are likely to blow a gale and when veils are necessary to keep the hat anywhere near the place where it naturally belongs.

They are summer hats with which we are concerned, but straw, the summer hat material, seems to be the least considered this season. There are hats of silk, hats of satin, hats of ribbon, hats of feathers, hats of flowers, but few and far between are the hats of straw.

The flower hats are, perhaps, the most successful because they have about them most of the feeling of spring. A whole bunch of flowers set on top of a lady's head speaks more eloquently of the change of the season. And then the flower hats are done in such a charming manner just now, with their little blossoms sewed flat to the shape and the shape hugging the form of the head. The little veil that ties it all together is just the touch which makes the whole complete.

Embroidery, which has found its way into most of the dresses which one sees nowadays, has taken a foremost place in the making of hats. A French hat that has reached these shores is made of natural-colored satin—one of those natural shades—and it has a narrow, straight brim with a full, rather puffy crown that is embroidered all over the surface with a winding design of black silk embroidery. The brim is faced with black satin to improve the effect.

A little bonnet hat is made all of blue forget-me-nots sewed closely together. It has long streamers of the narrowest of black velvet ribbons that lie coquettishly under the chin of the person who is fortunate enough to be able to wear it.

When the hats are made of straw they bravely adopt color as their chief excuse for being. One which came from Paris, too, is a brilliant salad green with a broad brim that is turned up at the back and trimmed there with a bow of wide velvet ribbon of the same color.

Indeed, ribbon bows are the thing to do this season. Some stick straight up into the air, others droop to the lowest possible point, while still others stand straight out on either side adding to the breadth of the hat.

COTTON LINGERIE IN FAVOR Serviceable Garments Are Made on Simple Lines With Little or No Lace Trimmings.

Lingerie made of cotton materials has again found favor in exclusive and high priced styles. When cotton went up in price the difference between the cost of silk and cotton garments became negligible.

WHAT MILADY IS WEARING

Women Now Choose Clothes That Are Suitable for Amusements or Social Functions.

It is not difficult to read something of the habits of the woman of today from her clothes. If she is fond of sports and drives her own car, she will choose a type of clothes that is suitable for these amusements.

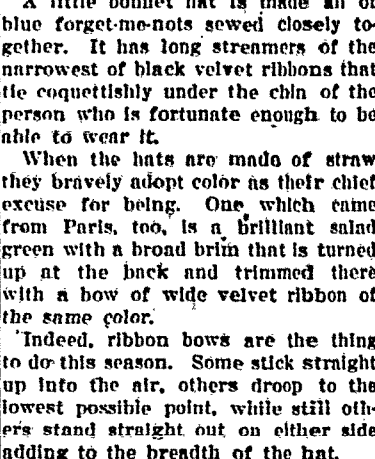
If she spends her morning hours in the garden and her afternoons entertaining friends at tea, then again one is sure to know it by her clothes. It has become a well known fact that fashion follows religiously in the footsteps of the habits and fancies of women. This is true in England and in France, also, but it is particularly evident in the clothes of American women.

A few years ago the American woman spent her entire summer day in country or sport clothes, but this season she is more likely to change her morning dress after her afternoon nap and appear at tea time in a simple frock of dainty material with light shoes and stockings and, possibly, a large shade hat.

The wearing of a dainty gown is a charming habit to acquire, and the gown need not be for afternoon wear alone, but may be worn for informal dinners as well.

It is not often that one finds a material and style that fits two occasions, but the materials and designs used in such gowns are very lovely and altogether appropriate for both afternoon and evening wear. Embroidered net in white, cream, and in soft colors, lace-trimmed English eyelid embroidery, embroidered batiste, chiffon, and new velvets made up over silk are quite as pretty as the most elaborate evening gowns.

TAFFETA FOR SUMMER WEAR



Everyone from the little miss of three to her grandmamma will wear taffeta this summer. The little miss rejoices in taffeta coats and her elder sisters in frocks of this favored silk.

NEW VESTS FASTEN IN BACK

Fashionable garment is cut in one piece and the collar is snapped to place. These new vests may be purchased in a wide choice of fabrics and colors and are cut in one piece, unlike the "but tied in front" model that we all know so well.

A winter suit that shows a high collar like a wall about the throat may be remade into a military model. Carefully remove the fur and store it away. If the collar fits well around the neck you can face it with a strip of black crinoline to prevent wrinkles.

Brass buttons in a double row may replace the covered buttons to give the suit a more military appearance. A regulation leather belt will be a added attraction and should be selected in a dark shade.

A Feather Fan. The feather fan, always a decided addition to the evening gown, is quite as popular this season as it was last. Its decorative value has gained its undisputed favor among women, for when in a brilliant shade of American Beauty, or emerald green it is worn with a jet black evening dress it affords a striking note of contrast.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF

Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State.

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

Bath grangers are out after new members. Houses are said to be scarce in Rochester. Atlix and Le Roy may get new power line.

Albion teachers get an increase in their salaries. Salamanca is adding to its street paving program. Retail prices of milk in Dunkirk have been raised.

Ice famine seems certain at Mt. Morris this summer. Death of rentable houses is reported in Gowanda. Oakfield grangers have taken in many new members.

Total receipts of the Yates county war chest were \$70,000. Cochoctaw has started a commercial club with 304 members. Le Roy churches have raised \$32,378 for centenary movement.

Olean is preparing a Victory gardening program for the year. Rochester does not fancy the three-platoon system for firemen. Rochester is starting a campaign to cut down automobile traffic.

Seneca Falls is reported to be in the midst of a scarlet fever epidemic. Orleans county teachers have voted for a minimum weekly wage of \$18. In Albany the assembly passed the bill to consolidate the Tonawandas.

Twenty-five farmers were excused from jury duty at Lockport last week. Dogs in Rochester and vicinity have been placed under quarantine for rabies. At Phelps a decrease of 25 cents on all grades of coal is announced by one dealer.

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Readjustment of industry, although at a moderate rate, is taking place in New York state, according to a preliminary report on a survey of employment conditions in March which the state industrial commission issued.

Governor Smith has issued a proclamation formally terminating the life of the state food commission, which was created at a special session of the legislature in the summer of 1917 as a war emergency measure.

The working hours at the Erie shops at Hornell have again been changed, and hereafter a 40-hour schedule a week will be maintained instead of a 44. This means that the shops will work eight hours a day for five days each week.

Orleans county residents are opposed to the Thompson-Adler power bill forbidding the use of water power for development by several companies having unused charters for water diversion in the upper and lower Niagara river.

The Genesee Light and Power company of Batavia has filed a petition with the public service commission asking authority to execute a mortgage upon its property and to issue under it \$250,000 in 6 per cent first mortgage bonds.

General orders from Albany have been received at Troop A headquarters, Batavia, that the state constabulary is to carry on a special campaign against all horse-drawn vehicles driven on the public highways at night without lights.

The minimum wage bill introduced by Minority Leader Foley and embodying recommendations of Governor Smith was substituted for the bill offered by the committee on labor and industries, was passed in the senate by a vote of 29 to 21.

Royal K. Fuller has been appointed secretary of the highway commission. Until recently he has been managing editor of the Watertown Standard. He also was a former political writer for the New York Herald. The salary at his new position is \$6,000.

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The assembly, without opposition, passed the Pellet bill, which would authorize the appointment of woman police officers in first and second-class cities. To be eligible for appointment an applicant must not be less than 25 nor more than 40 years old.

Emily P. Lincoln of Iroquois has been nominated by Governor Smith agent of the Onondaga Indians residing on the Allegany, Cattaraugus, Tuscarora and Tonawanda reservations. Mrs. Lincoln, who succeeded her husband as agent, has served since 1907 and her term of office will expire on April 18.

Major General John F. O'Ryan, commander of the 27th division and former head of the New York National Guard, has been assigned to command the New York guard, Adjutant General Charles W. Berry announced in Albany. He will at once establish his headquarters in the municipal building, New York.

The senate has confirmed Governor Smith's nomination of Colonel Frederick Stuart Greese of Nassau as highway commissioner, to succeed Edwin Duffey of Cortland, and the appointment of Mrs. Charles E. Smith of Buffalo as state civil service commissioner, succeeding W. D. McKelvey of Watertown.

John Mitchell, former organized labor leader, has resigned as president of the state council of farms and markets and W. E. Dana of Avon was chosen his successor. He did not resign from the council, but merely from the presidency. Jonathan C. Day, commissioner of markets of New York city, was elected vice president.

State Engineer Frank M. Williams is preparing data relative to the sale of abandoned canal lands so that it possible the first steps toward disposing of them may be taken on or about May 1. The material which is being assembled by the state engineer will be submitted to the canal board which the next week so that recommendations may be filed with the land board for approval.

Francis M. Hugo, secretary of state, is asking for a more strict observance of the automobile headlight law. Laws containing the names of 41 license and light controlling devices, approved by the state, are being sent broadcast to all chiefs of police, justices of the peace and other persons in authority. State troopers have received instructions to be on the lookout for all automobiles whose lights are a menace to other drivers.

The Thompson Sunday movie bill, which would give local municipal authorities power to permit or prevent exhibitions of motion pictures after 3 p. m. on Sundays, was passed by the assembly by a vote of 84 to 25. The measure now goes to the governor for approval. Thirty Republicans, including Majority Leader Adler, voted with the solid Democratic and Socialist minorities in favor of the bill. Speaker Sweet was recorded in opposition.

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