

SKIRTS TO ANKLE

American Ideas Have Won Over Those of Paris.

English Leaders of Fashion Refuse to Wear the Excessively Short Design Sent From France—Newest Sleeves and Shoes.

It's the most amusing thing in the world to watch what is happening in the fashion world in London. A few weeks ago, word came that in New York women were wearing long, tight, an-skirt, way down to their ankles and as tight as a pipe. At the very same time, in Paris, the skirts of the season were a considerable half dozen inches below the knees. What was to be done? London hesitated a week or so. Then, and I must have brought over strange notions that I had as if they were intended for the tropics, they decided to go with the skirt and short that no well-bred open British female could possibly get inside. So just naturally the English turned to our New York mode and now it's the latest possible thing to see a dress in Bond street or in the park that is cut above the length.

French dressmakers are astonished indeed they will not acknowledge that American fashion is actually competing with French. They shrug their shoulders and adjust their dresses to suit their patrons over there and pretend that they invented the idea themselves.

But the French have their way in sleeves, for one thing it's no way at all, for there aren't any. On the street, in the house in the evening, you certainly can't tell by the sleeves what sort of a dress you are looking at. The only garment that has sleeves is a negligee or a tea frock, and these have long wings that trail along the floor. It's a great pity, too, the lack of sleeves, because it's not one woman in a hundred that can bear a dimpled elbow, and the sights of red and unlovely arms that are exposed every day are getting on people's nerves.

Everybody wears braided shoes. Colors match the dress or suit and stockings are usually a very pale shade of the same color, or flesh, and so thin that they look like nothing at all. There is hardly any upper to the latest shoes, really they are sandals with a thin strap and a beaded or jeweled buckle to clasp.

CONVENIENT HAT-STAND



Hats are always difficult to dispose of, especially when a closet is very shallow without much shelf space. So, to solve the problem, a little wooden stand can be constructed to hold four hat boxes. This stand is built like a table with two shelves underneath—any kind of wood will do that can be painted or enameled. Each shelf holds two hat boxes, and these are made more attractive and durable by covering them with either a light-weight flowered chintz or cretonne, or heavy flowered wall paper. To be very practical the fronts of the boxes should be hinged by means of strips of linen so that the front can drop, and the hats be removed without taking the boxes from the shelves.

CHOICE IN FALL MILLINERY

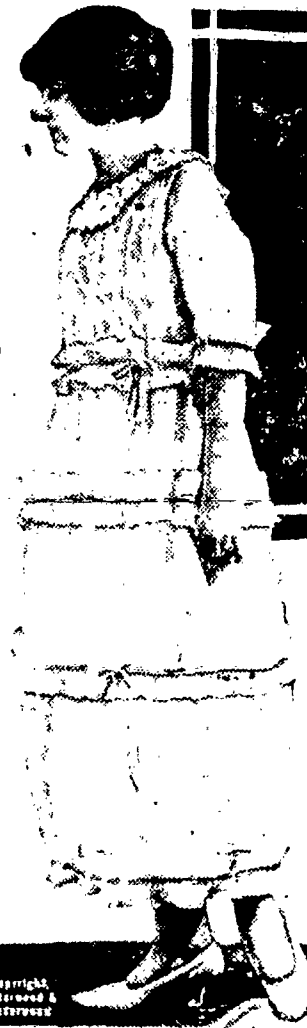
Duvelyn Pretty Sure to Be Popular, Though Many Other Materials May Be Selected.

Duvelyn is one of the biggest factors in the advance fall models that are now being shown in local millinery circles. Manufacturers are unanimous in the belief that it is going to exceed the popularity it enjoyed last year. Beaver strip is also well thought of in some parts of the trade, as there is no material for hats that is more flattering to a woman than beaver. Embroidered effects are being shown for the new season in a large way. Heavy wool, silk, flax, chenille and gold thread embroideries are used extensively. Hacks is a big factor, especially the domestic-pasted variety of this plume. Pasted feather varieties are being used in combination with heavy fabrics to good advantage. Flower trims are seen in heavily padded wool and chenille effects. Chenille grapes also are used as trimmings.

Used by the French.

The French designers are sponsors for all sorts of embroidery on midsummer and autumn blouses. Floss, chenille worked, beads and ribbonlike embroidery all are being used by them.

CHARMINGLY YOUTHFUL



Pretty little dress of pink organdie with coral velvet ribbons and a dainty frill of lace at the throat; just the thing for a young girl's party dress.

TO PROTECT THE SLEEVES

Most Serviceable Coverings May Be Made From Men's Handkerchiefs of Cheap Materials.

Nearly all business girls wear over-sleeves while at work; but if the sleeves are made of the usual black or dark material, they give a severe look to any dress.

It is a good plan to make the sleeves from men's handkerchiefs; they are cheap, sold for ten cents, answer the purpose. Perhaps the most serviceable kind is that with a white center and a colored border. A center of solid tint is pretty, and may show the dirt less; but the tint is likely to soon fade, and the goods on which it is used is likely to be more expensive than the white handkerchiefs.

Fold the handkerchiefs diagonally twice, to form a right angled triangle, four folds in thickness, with the edges of the handkerchief as the hypotenuse. Then cut off one of the corners or acute-angle, somewhat on a slant. The wrist of the sleeve should be about five inches before it is bound. All seams must be French ones so that there shall be no roughness.

Gather the wrist slightly, and bind it with a bias strip from one of the pieces that were cut off. It should be from three and three-fourths to four and one-quarter inches across when finished, or just large enough to slip the hand through easily. A narrow edging of lace may be added; it gives the sleeves a more finished appearance. Folding twice, of course, gives a pair of sleeves from one handkerchief.

When the sleeves are in use, the seam comes on the inside of the arm, and the point is pinned on the outside, just above the elbow. That will hold the sleeve comfortably in place, and the strain being on the bias of the cloth, it gives with every motion of the arm, and fits more closely than a sleeve made on the straight width.

Such a sleeve can also be worn by any housekeeper when she is at her work. They can be made and laundered so easily that they commend themselves to the practical girl.

COMBINE COLLAR AND GIRLDE

Attractive Feature of a Frock That Meets With Favor Among Many Women.

Navy blue and white organdie combined with bright-toned blue and red embroidery fashions an unusual little frock. Its very attractive feature is a high surplice collar, which is prolonged into a girle and fluffy sash bow of navy blue organdie. This comes also in combinations of brown or rose with white organdie.

Finer than calico but invested with all the quaintness and charm of that material are the new English prints of the type which one frock represents. Almost any of our grandmothers might have worn just such a dress with its square neck and elbow sleeves, but the modern young woman who wears this frock does not look in the least like anybody's grandmother. Bands of plain white braid emphasize the simplicity of the design and the material, and a band and bow of contrasting ribbon velvet is tied over the print sash. The flower design comes both in rose and in blue.

Garter Fanciee.

Some garters of the present day are quite elaborate. They are made of all sorts of silks, ribbons, laces and embroideries and are ornamented with bows. One pair is made of blue silk fringed at either side and embroidered in lavender and pink.

BANGOR "RUM HOUND" MAKES A QUEER FIND

Nothing Less Than Hens Which, Seemingly, Lay Quart Bottles of Whisky.

Other towns have hens that lay big eggs, but Bangor, Me., has a few biddies that it would seem, lay quart bottles of whisky.

Sheriff Fernandez and his deputies are trying to find out who owns these remarkable hens, but thus far all they know is that the flock has its habitat in a yard in Pine street. Deputies King and Noddin went up there browsing around for the stuff that congress abhors, and for a moment stood admiring the jaunty waddles scratching in the straw of their enclosure.

There seemed to be an unusually liberal supply of straw rum hounds notice these little things. One hen was particularly active and energetic in her scratching, and presently she uncovered, right where one would look for eggs, a quart bottle of whisky worth in these dusty days at least \$10.

Then the deputies took a turn at scratching in the straw and uncovered 24 more bottles. They are whitening a new tune around the county jail now. They call it "Whisky in the straw."

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN AMERICAN SOCIETY



Miss Geraldine Graham, daughter of Mrs. William Miller Graham of Santa Barbara, Cal., is generally acclaimed as the most beautiful young woman in American society.

FRANCE'S HEAVY WAR BILL

Military Expenses and Damages Total \$38,600,000,000.

France's total war bill will aggregate \$38,600,000,000, according to M. Dubois, who recently rendered a report to the peace commission.

HIS AUTO IS HIS HOTEL

Virginia Family Travel to Coast in Unique Vehicle.

A rolling hotel is the conveyance in which Joseph L. Bickerstaff of Richmond, Va., arrived in Minneapolis recently enroute from Richmond to San Francisco.

Mr. Bickerstaff has his car arranged so that the back seat is hinged to provide sleeping accommodations. A cooking outfit is fastened to the running board.

A family came through from Oklahoma. They said they were the advance guard of many from that State who will spend the summer at the lakes in Minnesota.

Large Tomato.

A tomato weighing over two pounds, raised by Mrs. L. O. Mayer of Kinderhook, Pa., is attracting considerable attention, due to the early and large growth. It is the only one ripened on the stalk. It is of the Stone variety.

Guards Saved 1,250 Persons in Year. Twelve hundred and fifty persons were saved from drowning last year by the United States coast guard service.

FOR MIDSUMMER DAYS



Cool, summery gown of soft autumn-leaf brown georgette crepe, suitable for afternoon wear. The girle frock, it is called. The beading is very unusual, and the girle of old blue satin strikes a bright note.

FASHION IN NEW BLOUSES

Probability That the Smartest Will Reach Well Below Normal Waistline—As to Sleeves.

Designers of blouses appear to have finally decided that the model reaching well below the normal waistline is quite the smartest thing. The question of sleeve length is now being banded about.

French-designed blouses brought over this season generally show very short sleeves—in fact, some are entirely sleeveless. American women have never favored the very short sleeves for daytime wear, most emphatically not for street wear, but the three-quarter-length sleeve has always been a favorite whether in dresses or blouses. Indications are that the smartest blouses for next season will have three-quarter-length sleeves.

Handsome laces are used to make blouses for wear with separate skirts of satin, net or chiffon. In this way an unusual and interesting costume may be developed, and as the waist of a dress made of one of the very sheer materials usually wears out before the skirt shows any signs of wear, the separate dressy blouse of all-over lace is an excellent investment. It enables a woman who is economically inclined to utilize every bit of available material and wear each frock until it is wholly worn out.

For blouses of georgette, chiffon or crepe de chine is a favorite trimming. Artificial flowers are also effectively used.

FASHION'S FANCIES

A frock of buff organdie is stitched effectively in green.

Quaint frocks of English prints are trimmed simply by bands of plain white braid.

Gray and black printed voiles are often chosen for the matron.

White organdie and black velvet appear together, even in capes.

A dress of almond green satin is faintly embroidered in silver.

An all-oleth motorcoat in white and red has three buckled belts.

Heavy black silk jersey suits are embroidered with tan colored silk.

Evening gowns have a new rule; very low fronts and very high backs.

All lace frocks are being shown in color.

Pinked taffeta ruchings are being introduced.

Lace and chiffon parasols are worn with lace and georgette.

Cock feathers are still the best liked decoration for small hats.

Many of the extremely low necks are now being veiled with tulle.

A sailor of tan pineapple straw, mushroom shape, is smart.

Tinsel Cloth Turbans.

Among the various styles of turbans offered to the trade is one in which tinsel-cloth is used. The best model in this line, according to the bulletin of the Retail Millinery Association of America, is the Hindu draped one made of this fabric. The drappings appear in a variety of arrangements on the pill box or elongated toque lines. Old gold, light blue, pink and steel are the colors used in this material. Various pretty trims are used—tinsel roses, ball, tassels, pearl hat pins and beaded flowers. Large models have this material, too, in a plainly fitted and semi-transparent effect on the trim and draped on the crown.

The KITCHEN CABINET

It has been said that a man is known by the company he keeps, and we can tell the quality and type of any one's life by the things he allows to absorb him.

DISHES FROM CORN AND EDIBLE GRAINS.

The coarser foods are quite necessary in our diet and should be used freely at all times of the year.

Hominy Gema.—Four one-cupful of scalded milk over half a cupful of cornmeal, add one-fourth of a cupful of cooked hominy, a tablespoonful of sugar, the same of shortening; mix well, cool and add salt to taste and the white stuff, stir in one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a little salt; beat well and bake in hot buttered gem pans.

Hominy and Pecan Croquettes.—Boil a half cupful of hominy with a half-teaspoonful of salt in two cupfuls of water five minutes, then put into a double boiler and cook two hours or over night in a double boiler. Add two tablespoonfuls of shortening, half a cupful of chopped pecans and a teaspoonful of scraped onion. Cool and shape in cylinders. Beat one egg lightly, add two tablespoonfuls of cold water, roll croquettes in crumbs and egg then in crumbs again and fry in deep fat. This makes one dozen croquettes.

Scotch Oat Crackers.—Put two cupfuls of rolled oats through the meat grinder, add one-fourth of a cupful each of milk and molasses, one and a half tablespoonfuls of fat, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt and one-fourth of a cupful of raisins or nuts cut in bits. Mix well, roll very thin and cut in fancy shapes. Bake 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

Oatmeal Tomato Soup.—Take half a can of tomatoes, one-third of a cupful of oatmeal, two cupfuls of water, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a small onion, pepper and salt to taste, a bit of bayleaf and two tablespoonfuls of peanut butter. Cook one hour; rub through a strainer, add seasoning, if needed, and serve hot.

Corn Flour Griddle Cakes.—Take one and one-half cupfuls of sour milk, the same of corn flour, three-fourths of a teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of salt and one well beaten egg. Beat well with a wire whisk and bake on a hot griddle.

New Jersey Game Wardens Start Warfare on Felons.

New Jersey game wardens have been called upon to join in a warfare upon cats which had been abandoned by the 10,000 workers in the Belcoville munition plant, near Mays Landing. The cats have turned wild and are killing game in their desperate effort to forage for a living. Young rabbits are killed, are the chief sufferers, while the cats have begun systematic hunting for birds and small game.

Guards have been shooting the cats in order to rid the grounds of them, and neighboring farmers claim that their young chickens are disappearing in increasing numbers, due to the depredations. It is believed, of the big colony of abandoned mousers. The cats were brought to the grounds when the shacks and buildings were inhabited by the workers.

BEAT HIGH MOVING COST

Family in Connecticut Move Goods in Baby Carriage.

A family at Middletown, Conn., took a slice out of the high cost of living by moving their family goods from their old house to their new one in a baby carriage.

"The expressman wants too much for the job," said ma. "Too darn much," said pa. "Let's do it ourselves," chorused the whole family.

The baby carriage was brought out and, laden with the family possessions, trundled to the new home. The baby carriage squeaked and groaned under the kitchen stove, but it stood up and made the trip in safety.

"That's a good baby carriage," said pa, eyeing the perambulator proudly. "What it ought to be," replied ma; "we brought up eight kids in it."

GIRL FINDS NAME

Weds Soldier Who Wrote it on His Way to Camp.

Dan Cupid drew a long bow to bring about the marriage in Bowling Green, O., of Iwan Wittblager, a Marton county soldier, and Miss Ruth Brooks of Millbury, Wood county.

While on his way to Camp Perry for training, Wittblager, then a member of the old Fourth Ohio, wrote his name on a piece of paper and threw it out of the railroad car window. The paper was found by Miss Brooks, who, in accordance with its request, wrote to the soldier.

Their correspondence continued, and plans for their marriage were completed when Wittblager was discharged from the service several days ago.

MAKE FALSE LEGS IN BALKANS

American Workmen Teach Natives Latest Methods in Factories.

Artificial-leg factories have been established under the American auspices in Bucharest, Belgrade and Athens.

In these workshops the latest models of American legs are made for the wounded under the direction of American workmen. In all Roumania, Serbia and Greece native workmen are being taught the latest American methods of manufacture.

America Had 2,251 Guns at Front. Twenty-two hundred and fifty-one American cannon were either on the firing line in France on November 11, 1918, or in reserve. General March, chief of staff, has announced.

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