

OUTFITS FOR THE SOUTH A FORERUNNER OF SPRING

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Stay at Homes Profit by the Tempting Things That Bring Visions of the Summer Wardrobe

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Each year the first cottons seem lovelier, partly because of the promise of winter's end that they hold, but partly because there has been a tremendous improvement in the quality of the cottons turned out by the manufacturers, and particularly by domestic manufacturers. When it comes to the designing and making of fine cottons Rodier heavily kind. No one can quite rival him in the beauty and variety of output, and his goods this year are as exquisite as usual, in spite of the obstacles war conditions have thrown in his path.

This season, as last season, a very large proportion of the sheer cottons are of voile weave or of voile in connection with some contrasting weave. Flowered voiles, striped voiles, cross-bar voiles, cotton voiles interwoven with cotton velvet, cotton voiles with openwork designs, embroidered cotton voiles and a host of others are in the showing, and the colorings are very lovely.

Domestic voiles, which were much finer last year than ever before, have gone a step further, and though they cannot show fancy weave designs to compare with those of Rodier are very effective in the flowered, striped and barred classes. Cotton velvet stripe designs are among these domestic stuffs as well as in the imported fabrics, and some very good one tone wash voiles are being made over here and are much used for Southern sports costumes, as are the imported cotton velvets.

Of linses, so we are told, there is to be a scarcity. The flax fields have been destroyed in many parts of Europe, and even where the manufacturers and workmen are ready the flax is not. As a consequence the French fashion autocrats will probably try to launch some substitutes for linen on the wave of public favor, though at the moment there seems to be plenty of handkerchief linses and a fairly good supply of heavier linses in the market. The domestic linses, however, have things more their own way than usual.

Fortunately there are many good cottons of durable texture that make smart summer frocks and suits. Pique is likely to be even scarcer than linen because the sections of France from which most of the supply of imported pique has come is war bound, but there is a good substitute that looks much like pique, and there are numerous effective corded cottons.

The new sports clothes, which are perhaps the most interesting part of the Southern showing, are more in line of light weight wool or silk than of cotton or linen, but many good looking separate white tub skirts of wash corduroy are offered, and the chances are that this material will renew its last year popularity in this connection.

There are good separate skirts in base weaves, and the one that resembles homespun in the heavy cotton cordis and in linses, and these are worn with the separate sweater or sports coat and thin tub blouse.

But the sports material par excellence, if one is to judge by the latest models, is the jersey—wool, silk and wool or all silk. These materials have had considerable vogue here for a year past and abroad for a longer time; but now at last they seem firmly fixed in favor and promise to have a big season. The manufacturers evidently believe in them, for they have made them in great quantities and in great variety, and Chanel, who has sprung into such Parisian prominence as a specialist in sports clothes, is sending over more models in jersey or tricot than in any other material.

Down on Broadway there is an interesting collection of these Chanel models, along with others from various houses, and the cleverness with which, in almost every case, the designer has achieved individuality without sacrificing simplicity is an admirable thing. One of the best of the models is in black and white, which the black stripes are laid underneath. The coat is loosely belted, the belt ends being crossed over in a rather novel way in the front and falling from neck and shoulders over the back is a deep, square collar reaching to the top of the belt, and the skirt is so that the belt shows at the top, while lower the plaits flare to reveal the black stripes.

Black and white is used too for another Chanel model whose coat is of white jersey striped narrowly in white, while the skirt is all white. The coat or smock is a little like an aristocratic middy blouse, cut down the front in sailor fashion with a sailor collar and slipping on over the head, but more sharply than the middy and more loosely belted. A row of buttons runs down each side of the front.

Opening down the front and slipping down over the head comes still another Chanel model in soft woven blue jersey, skirt plaited, blouse or coat, less longer at sides than in front or back and opened up a little way at the waist. There is no sailor collar on this blouse, but the front is slashed right down the middle and the sides are

that the stripes run diagonally, an arrangement too striking to suit the average wearer. The plaited skirt solves the difficulty, and some of the best makers simply abandon all idea of flare and give their striped skirts fulness enough but straight lines. A very successful suit on this order is of putty color tussore—or at least a rough surface silk that looks as

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Dip the slices in the crumbs, then in the egg and then in crumbs again. Fry either in deep fat or brown them as one does slices of fried potatoes, using but a small quantity of fat. Serve the slices in an overlapping row on a pattern and garnish with parsley. They are also excellent to use as a border garnish.

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Shantung bathing suits with black taffeta pantaloons.

with buttered crumbs and bake until brown. Vegetable soups are good if sautéed quickly in hot fat and used in connection with glazed onions and braised carrots to serve with broiled meat or fish, preferably in the form of a garnish on the meat platter. Something out of the ordinary for a luncheon or supper dish is boiled beefs with a large part of their centre removed and the cavity filled with hot stew. This makes a hearty dish for a family who are not large meat eaters. As soon as the beefs are thoroughly boiled remove the skin and make four incisions at the top of the beef, indicating the size of the opening. What is removed should be carefully served for salad or used in the making of a savory relish in connection with chopped celery, onion and red cabbage. Have a dressing made by cooking in a saucepan over hot water two beaten egg yolks, a tablespoon of butter, a half cup of equal parts of water and mild vinegar and the usual seasoning of salt, pepper and paprika. When slightly thick pour the dressing over finely cut, crisp cabbage, cut as for cold slaw. Stuff this mixture into the beet shells and if not sufficiently hot place them in the oven for two or three minutes prior to serving. For an economical salad, follow the same process, but allow the beets to become thoroughly chilled and fill them with celery mayonnaise or cold slaw, as preferred. No lettuce is needed. Onions cooked in Dutch fashion are appetizing and this method has the advantage of hastening the preparation of the dish by slicing the onions so that the annoyance of odor is somewhat lessened. Put the onions in thin slices and put them in a shallow saucepan with enough cold water to cover them. When almost tender add a little butter, pepper and salt. By this time the water should be almost absorbed. Flavor slightly with mild vinegar, allow the water to boil up once and serve with either hot or cold meat. The addition of the vinegar is the novelty of this dish and will be relished by the average person who likes onions. Foreign professional chefs simplify the cooking of eggplant by omitting the pressing out of the juice. Crisp fried eggplant is much used at clubs, hotels and restaurants as a foundation on which to serve a poached egg, a daintily cooked fillet of fish or the heart of a broiled chop. These slices are also used as a base on which to set a baked stuffed tomato or green pepper. Eggplant is now served in strips half the size of a French fried potato and heaped around the edge of a platter with fish or meat of any kind in the centre. These small pieces are sufficiently cooked by being plunged into deep fat and thoroughly drained before serving. Eggplant used in any of these ways adds a flavor to the dish with which it is served which while delicate is a noticeable improvement.

VARIETY IN VEGETABLES

VARIETY in cooking winter vegetables can be made an interesting phase of catering for the home. To serve so commonplace a vegetable as the turnip, for instance, in an attractive and different guise is a culinary achievement worth trying.

Few persons have eaten turnips cut in slices and cooked and served like eggplant, yet they are excellent when so prepared. They should be pared, cut in medium thick slices and boiled until tender. If the strong turnip flavor is not liked by the family it can be lessened by changing the water once or twice while boiling the vegetable.

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skirts or with wool skirts of plaid in which white plays the most important role, though lines of the gay sweater color enter into the scheme. There are whole costumes in these bright tones with touches of black velvet or leather to relieve them.

Wool and silk "jerzette" is used in the same way, but jersey weaves seem likely to escape from the realm of sports and figure in more formal attire. A serge woven in imitation of jersey will probably find popularity for tailored suits of all kinds and some very attractive one piece frocks of a simple character, but not essentially or necessarily for sports wear, are being made in the all wool and in the wool and silk jersey cloths. The tricot serge will undoubtedly be pressed into the same sort of service.

A very rough openwork woolly stuff is made up in white for Southern wear and figures in the models for spring, and apropos of rough surface materials, the old favorite ratine is not entirely put aside. It appears in new form with white ground and stripes formed, like Roman stripes, of narrow lines in various soft bright tones grouped together to form wide stripes. The effect is very likeable and particularly adapted to sports clothes, a fact which the designers have been quick to appreciate.

It has been used for several popular models notably the one of our sketch in which delightful shades of blue, bright rose, light yellow and a dark gold stripe the white ratine. There is a good cape collar of plain white and stripe. The scarf girde is of gold silk and a cap and scarf are of the striped ratine with gold tassels.

Cotton velvet in bright or light one tone effects has been chosen for a class of sports suits all more or less on the loosely belted lines lumped together as Norfolk, all very severely tailored and all neatly bound throughout and buttoned in black leather. You may have the models in rose, blue, yellow, green or white, and while the leather neutralizes any tubbing qualities the velvet might have, so that the suits are not over practical, they are pretty and are said to clean well.

Very shaggy angora coats and suits are liked for resorts where the weather is by no means sure to be balmy and for sports wear here at home. Many garments of this description are on view in the shops, and corduroy in the bright colors is always with us, both winter and summer.

Good looking raw silks in putty or biscuit color with bright stripes make up well for sports wear, but it must be remembered that stripes are seldom successful in a plain full flare skirt, less longer at sides than in front or back and opened up a little way at the waist. There is no sailor collar on this blouse, but the front is slashed right down the middle and the sides are



Two Jersey cloth sports suits and one of cotton ratine.

VARIED ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

Miss Alice Sherwin Coleman makes \$200,000 worth of artificial flies a year. She has been in business as a professional fly maker for more than ten years. When she began she knew next to nothing about the work and, there being nobody to teach her, she had to learn from experience. In one instance an order of twenty-four dozen flies was returned to her because their wings came off. Nothing daunted by this mistake, Miss Coleman took the whole twenty-four dozen painstakingly apart and made them all over again.

Miss Coleman makes 200 stock varieties of flies besides filling orders for special kinds of flies. At one time she bought feathers from various foreign countries, but since the war began she has been forced to depend on the United States. These feathers, most of them from barnyard stock, she colors to suit her purpose.

Mrs. Agnes L. Riddle of Denver, Col., is the champion organizer of farmers. Indeed she was told when elected State secretary of the Farmers Grange of Colorado a few years ago that farmers were the one class of workers who could not be organized. At that time the grange in Colorado had 500 members and fourteen organizations. Mrs. Riddle failed to be impressed by this assertion. Instead of writing to the farmers she wished to reach and having them to join she went after each man personally. If she found him in the barn she worked with him while talking organization. If he happened to be at home taking a meal she talked while he ate, or, as was often the case, if he chanced to be ploughing

she trotted behind him or at his side and did her talking. At the end of two years there were 2,000 members of the State grange and ninety-two organizations. Though Mrs. Riddle now owns and manages a large farm, she began her working life as a trained nurse. Then she married an invalid farmer and within the next few years they adopted six children. When the farmers of her section decided that they wanted a representative in the State Legislature they picked Mrs. Riddle for the place. Upward of 5,000 men voted for her. When asked what their woman representative had got for them the farmers answered:

"She has helped to get experimental stations for research work, demonstration farms and an agricultural college, a domestic science department, rural fire delivery and parcel post."

The "Marrying Magistrate" of Monroe, Wis., recently decided that all girls wishing to marry should be able to bake bread. A few days ago a young couple appeared before him asking to be married. After putting the usual questions to them he asked the girl: "Can you bake a batch of good bread?" The young woman is reported to have hesitated a moment, then nodded her head. "In the future I intend to put that question to every girl who comes to me to be married," announced the Magistrate. "If she says no she will have to get some one else to perform the ceremony."

According to the census Pennsylvania last year had 7,000 woman farmers, the majority of whom owned the land they worked. In Georgia during the past three years the number of woman farmers has more than doubled. The majority of the women go in for raising hogs, cattle and fruitstuffs, leaving cotton planting to the men.

The women of Des Moines, Iowa, are credited with being responsible for the establishment of a municipal court in their city. A majority of the male voters went against it, but the majority of the women voters was so heavy that they won the day.

TODAY'S BEAUTY HELP

You can keep your hair at its very best by washing it with a teaspoonful of canthrox dissolved in a cup of hot water, afterward rinsing thoroughly with clear water. One finds that the hair dries quickly and evenly, is unstreaked, bright, soft and very fluffy, so fluffy in fact, that it looks more abundant than it is, and so soft that arranging it becomes a pleasure. This simple, inexpensive shampoo cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly of all dandruff and dirt, and leaves a clean, wholesome feeling. All scalp irritation will disappear, and the hair will be brighter and glossier than ever before.—Adv.

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