

INSET PANELS IN SKIRTS POPULAR

New Designs Give a False Appearance of Petticoat Through Split Overdress.

SPLIT FRONT IN BODICE

Combining of Two Materials Affords Opportunity for Testing Artistry of Modiste.

Once in a while a checked suit of marked distinction looms up on Fifth avenue's horizon and proclaims its smartness as far as one can see it, but in between these exceptions flow streams of checked suits at all prices from \$7.98 up, and each one proclaims its smartness loudly instead of sinking into the background as does a dark blue suit of little merit.

The combination of two materials in one model extends to street wear as well as to dressier costumes and some of the smartest of the dark blue suits and frocks are built up of cloth and silk in the same color, while occasionally the silk shows several colors, though the cloth is one tone.

The overskirt of cloth opening all the way up the front to show a petticoat of the silk figures in a number of the new tailored models.

Striped silk in dark tones is effectively combined with cloth in one of the tones by some of the designers, but the idea needs to be exceedingly well handled in order to be successful.

The petticoat front already mentioned has appealed to many of the French designers and frequently is merely an inset panel instead of a bona fide underskirt.

Another Lanvin model, sent over for a private customer, is on the same general order as this particular one, though in details it differs.

A wood splitting machine has been invented which automatically handles logs two feet long and eighteen inches thick.

In The Realm of Women's Clubs

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Woman's Club of Bethesda.

The Women's Club of Bethesda, met March 23 at the home of Mrs. Roger Tarcy, Frankland Park, Va. Miss Katherine Stuart, field agent for the Audubon Society of the District, made an address on "The Conservation of the Birds," and plans were discussed for co-operation with the Audubon Societies of both Maryland and the District to help save the birds.

Forest Glen Reading Club.

The Forest Glen Reading Club met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. John H. McQuinn, Forest Glen. One hundred and fifty bandages were made for the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital by members of the club as a Lenten offering.

Woman's Club of Kensington.

The Woman's Club of Kensington, held its regular meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. P. Hay, Baltimore street, Kensington. The topic for the afternoon was "Current Art," and the club listened to a delightful lecture furnished by the Federation of Arts and read by Mrs. Nay.

The Paramount Dramatic Club.

The Paramount Dramatic Club gave a banquet and box party Monday, March 27, at the Moose Hall, arranged by the entertainment committee, composed of the Misses Wolf and Rosenfeld, assisted by Messrs. Black and Rophel.

Frances Scott Chapter, D. A. R.

The Frances Scott Chapter held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of the regent, Mrs. Edward B. Moore, at Black and Rophel.

E. Wilcox and Mrs. R. M. Sutphen; membership, Mrs. Katherine Winslow Feltis, Mrs. Grace Winslow Keen, and Mrs. Esther B. Noble; program, Mrs. S. P. Saffold, and Mrs. L. A. Gibbs; social and visiting, Misses Williams, Haynie, Miss Rose Nelson, Miss Helen McFarland, and Miss Nell Brantley.

Mrs. R. M. Sutphen, the chapter's treasurer, is to serve on the House committee and Miss Rose Nelson, the recording secretary, will be on the page at the coming national conference.

At the conclusion of the meeting Tuesday bridge and five hundred tables were made up and refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Olney. Prof. T. Henry Healy furnished several musical selections, and Miss Rose Nelson gave a reading.

Pen Women Meet.

The League of American Pen Women held its regular business meeting at the Public Library Monday evening at the president, Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis, presiding.

New members elected were Mrs. C. V. S. Wilson, Sarasota, Fla., editor and proprietor of the Sarasota Times; Mrs. Mary McNeil Fenolosa, Spring Hill, Mobile, Ala.

The next social meeting will be held at the Raleigh Hotel under the direction of Miss Mae Ruth Norcross, second vice president.

The archaeology section of the Twentieth Century Club, will meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. John Lowe, 2622 Woodley place, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The French section will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, the Dupont, Twentieth and R streets.

The art section will hold its last meeting of the season on Thursday, April 12, at 3 o'clock at the home of its leader, Mrs. Dayton Ward, 1700 Lumbard road.

The mothers' pension bill, which became law in Maryland, during the closing hours of the session, originated in the Takoma Park Civic Study Club.

The club accepted the invitation of Miss Edna Anderson, Beveridge, to unite in forming a State-wide committee of 100 to present the bill.

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SAYS AUSTRIANS BLAME ENGLAND FOR LONG WAR

American Attorney Under Constant Scrutiny During Visit in Dual Monarchy—Declares People Don't Understand Why Allies Reject Peace.

Special Correspondence of The Herald. Berns, April 8.—An American lawyer who, representing an Englishwoman seeking divorce from an Austrian nobleman, visited Vienna and Budapest in the interests of his client, has just returned to Switzerland after a series of experiences with the Austrian system of espionage.

The lawyer before starting on his journey spent a week here until he convinced the Austrian minister there that he was an American and a lawyer, and that he was going to Vienna and Budapest solely for professional business.

Everybody is tired of the war and wishing for peace. Food is scarce and dear. Destitution and unemployment are widespread in Vienna, where the streets are crowded with crippled officers and soldiers.

Women have taken the place of men everywhere. In the streets one sees them at work driving carts and carriages.

In Hungary conditions are better, but the hatred against Austria has increased instead of diminishing owing to the war. In talking of the people one meets in an ordinary way, for instance in hotels or on trains, the invariable question they say is, "Why is it impossible to have peace soon?"

It is interesting to point out that when the Pope recently made strong representations to the Austrian government about aerial bombardments of undefended Italian cities and appealed to the aged Emperor to spare at least churches, the reply is reported to have been that the Austrian general staff regretted it very much, but that for special reasons it was absolutely impossible not to resort to aerial raids in the war with Italy.

MONT DE PIETE HARD HIT. French National Pawnshop Needs Funds Because of Big Business. Paris, April 8.—The war has caused a crisis in the affairs of the Mont de Piete in France and in the interest of its millions of clients, as well as of the famous institution itself, the government is being urged to take action.

A decision was taken some time back by the French authorities not to allow the Mont de Piete, during the continuance of the war, to sell any of the articles placed in pawn by its clients.

It is thought likely that the treasury will eventually advance a loan to the famous French institution to enable it to carry on business until the war is over.

Jordan G. GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF TRADED-IN PIANOS AND PLAYERS. WHEELOCK PIANO—Mahogany Case, fine shape, \$265. TECHNOLA—Mahogany Case, fine, \$295. CHICKERING—Nice case, fine tone, \$385. KNABE—Mahogany case, fine tone, \$375. OUTSIDE PIANOLA PLAYER—Mahogany case, \$35. BACHMAN—Mahogany case, fine condition, \$168. HENNING—Ebony case, \$105. NEWBURN—Mahogany case, like new, \$165. KIMBALL—Golden oak, like new, \$185. BRADLEY—Mahogany case, \$168. G Street at 13th

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