

# Woman's Viewpoint



## LITTLE JOURNEYS INTO FASHION LAND

The housekeeper who wears clothing suited to her working hours knows that it adds to her comfort. Such dresses, however, are not always attractive in appearance; and the woman who ignores neatness and a pleasing effect in her costume while busy with her routine household tasks makes a mistake—and is apt, moreover, to acquire habits of slovenliness.

The design of a housekeeping dress shown here is neat, attractive, stylish in cut and convenient. The two little pockets in front not only are ornamental, but they save much time that might, without them, be wasted in seeking for keys, pencil, note pad, handkerchief or purse. A housewife may need any or all of these things at unexpected moments; and many an hour is wasted during the week when the little necessities of housekeeping are collected in a pocket.

A charming way to make up this frock is the following: Use a gingham with a general effect of blue or pink—whichever is the more becoming.



ATTRACTIVE HOUSE DRESS.

Get a small piece of plaid, of the ground color of the dress, and use it for pocket, cuffs, collar. If the aim is to be rather dressy, also make bands of the plaid around the bottom of the skirt, and three inches wide above the hem is attractive; and about two inches above it, make another band about half the width.

Any pretty color combination gives a smart effect, and this simple dress can be made exceedingly attractive. A ruffled neck or lawn collar will add greatly to the general effect. If the frock is to be worn for summer wear, little ruffles are charming in place of bands, and are little trouble in ironing.

## OSTRICH FEATHERS ADORN NEW HATS

It was predicted last autumn that before many years the ostrich would be one of the wild birds of America.

Great farms of ostriches, it was said, had been turned loose to wander as best they might on the western plains. Such of the ostriches as were hardy and possessed a taste for adventure would doubtless naturalize themselves in a wild state, become acclimated to new living conditions and establish a race of hardy wild ostriches. Such of the birds as were delicate, those who languid and pined for the lost days of their California farm homes, would doubtless die out. The theory of the survival of the fittest would again have a chance to work out, and the result would be that wild ostriches would flourish on prairie dogs and rattlesnakes in our overcrowded west.

Well, that was the prediction. The season for it, of course, was that ostrich feathers were being sold at an attractive price in the market; hence ostrich raisers were turning their farms and their capital to better account. They were literally throwing their ostriches away, to avoid spending money to keep them, much as many moonshiners throw away their faithful baby cats when spring lures the moonshiners to mountain and shore.

The prediction about the ostriches was doubtless justified.

But, if your eyes deceive not, ostrich again is in high fashion. It is used on many of the new spring hats, and so attractively used that it is bound to be popular. Truly, some of the new ostrich plumes are very wide and not very long—are things of especial grace and beauty. We shall all want one. Indeed, we shall feel like mentioning it to the prairies and plains of the west to try our luck at plucking wild feathers from a chance passing ostrich.

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## COLORED EMBROIDERY ON SILK COATS.

BY ANNE RITTENHOUSE.

Special Correspondence of The Star. NEW YORK, April 10.—It would be tiresome, probably, to go into a summary of the troubles of the house of Drecoll since the war began. The first day of mobilization in Paris the name of "Vienna" was not approved, and the street mobs, who during these first two days were not completely under the control of the police, were apt to direct vengeance wherever they saw a sign or a head or heard a name that proclaimed the presence of an alien, and it wreaked its vengeance in whatever way it thought best.

One of the first symbols of war between the allies and the central empire was the taking of off the name "Vienna" from the great Drecoll sign that for so many years had stretched across the big building facing the Place de l'Opera, which can be seen from three points of the compass. The creature then named probably saved the house from any violence at the hands of the lawless people who flooded the streets that fatal Saturday night and Sunday.

However, it did not save the house from influence and a ruined reputation. I remember the first day of the Drecoll opening, which came a week after war had been declared, and the anxiety of M. Wagner, who was in control. His name was against him in that day, and as he himself said, he knew he would not make a success of the opening, even though the house had a collection of gowns that had never been so good and so original.

After months of trouble the house went under English management, and this spring the American buyers flocked there and brought home clothes that have widely influenced fashions.

Decoll's Trimmed Coats. One of the features of this house this season is the splendid, self-colored embroidery on the silk coats that go with separate skirts or one-piece frocks. The house also uses a great deal of tan and shirtings that used to be called "cane au lait."

This is in keeping with the fashion in coloring advocated by Jenny and Cheruit, who have sent over so many frocks and suits in silk, serge and gabardine in the several shades which are commonly gathered up under the word "tan."

This is joyful news for those who prefer the plain, and who like the shades. They are more becoming than the gray tones that have been brought in, and they level themselves more easily to the addition of color and white collars.

Decoll makes many of his coats longer than those that have been worn, and he covers the surface with elaborate embroidery in a loose Chinese stitch; or, he uses buttons and long, simulated buttonholes.

## Plain, Pleated Skirts.

The sketch shown today promises to be one of the really popular models.

## Traveling Comfort.

It is between seasons now, so far as traveling goes. Most persons have returned from their winter trips, and have not yet begun their summer journeyings. But few there are who are not planning summer trips now, and the following hints may be helpful at planning time as well as at traveling time.

Dust is one of the discomforts to be combated in summer travel. Almost all robes are more or less dusty—we may be thankful when we strike one that is "less" dusty than the others. And as dust is plentiful, so water is usually rather scarce. There is never a plentiful supply, on even the best of our trains. So the woman who would travel comfortably had best be prepared to keep her face and hands clean.

In the traveling bag there should be room for several bottles. These bottles, which need not be of more than half-pint size, should have screw tops so that they will not be leaky.

In one of them put a mixture of alcohol and water—rainwater or boiled water will be softest. Use this to give a really cleansing, as well as tonic, sponge to the face and throat after a hot, dusty trip by train.

In another bottle have some benzoin. This should be used to soften the water in the train dressing-room, and a little of the benzoin, on a bit of absorbent cotton, diluted in the proportions of half a cupful of water to a teaspoonful of benzoin, may be patted and rubbed directly on the face.

Some good toilet water may be in the other bottle, as this is very stimulating and cleansing to the skin.

In a little cotton bag have a plentiful supply of bits of absorbent cotton, with which various washes and creams may be applied to the face.

Some good lotion for the hands might be put in the third bottle. Instead of the Cologne, of which alcohol may be made to take the place.

A tube or jar of good cold cream is

## admirable to help take off the dirt. First

of the face, if possible with clear water. Pat half dry and then rub the cold cream into it thoroughly. Then run off the cold cream and wash with the benzoin and water, applied with a puff of cotton.

Be sure to carry a small smelling salts bottle filled with some strong and pungent salts.

## FASHIONS AND FADS.

Sport hats of straw are trimmed with wide velvet and fancy grosgrain ribbon.

There are washable buttons of white suede to accord with the leather trimmings.

Floated skirts are finished around the edges with narrow knife-pleated ruffles.

Yokes, high collars, pockets and a full flare are features of some of the best sports coats.

A great deal of heavy silk embroidery is used upon both afternoon and evening gowns.

A rose-colored linen trimmed with bands of Belgian blue embroidery is one of the prettiest.

New veillings are in fine figured designs with dots, all-over scrolls and some dotted borders.

A cunning style for a little girl's dress is her short cotton jacket over a plain, full skirt.

Quaint dress trimmings combining the reds, blues and greens of a cashmere shawl, are new.

Nothing is prettier for children's frocks than the simplest of fine gingham, preferably in tiny checks.

Some of the new hats are like pokes; others have drooping, broad brims with hanging edges of lace.

New millinery colors are summer blue, turquoise, citron, salmon, blue, green, violet gray and Du Barry rose.

Dressy afternoon gowns are apt to have elbow or three-quarter-length sleeves, but long sleeves are still good.

## THE DAILY MENU.

- BREAKFAST.** Cereal. Fried Tomatoes with Milk Gravy. Graham Bread. Coffee.
- LUNCHEON.** Cream of Celery Soup. Toasted Sardine Sandwiches. Fruit. Cake. Tea.
- DINNER.** Chicken Broth with Rice. Fried Chicken. Egg Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Peas. Spinach. Coffee.
- Cup Custard.** Coffee.

## TODAY'S HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

BY MARY LEE.

Early April is the most practical time for papering and painting the house or apartment. It is well before the spring rush, the workmen have time for the job.

"Tell me something about the way you go to work when you have a house to decorate?" I asked my friend, the lady interior decorator.

"In the first place I study the family," she replied rather unexpectedly. "My theory is that a room should be the background for people, just as a frame should be selected with regard to the type of picture; for instance, a Japanese print should not be framed in a heavy gold frame, or an oil painting in light bamboo.

"Next I study the lighting and size of the room and the purpose for which it is used. As you know, my tendency is always toward simplicity. That is the reason why I love to do suburban homes best of all, for here I can work out individual tastes and play with unusual color schemes.

"Elaborate patterns, whether in paper, upholstery or ornaments, distract the eye from beauty of line or subject. All these points when properly considered and worked out constitute what is called 'atmosphere' as applied to a home. A house in which the persons, fittings, proportions and decorations of the rooms all seem to belong to each other, all harmonize perfectly, undoubtedly has atmosphere.

"For the ceiling and woodwork come in for serious consideration, and I can only give general suggestions for these. Tans, browns, gray-greens, olives, smoke grays, whether expressed in paper or the new flat-tone, velvet, paints, will give the best background for the rooms where we come in contact with those outside the family; that is, the living and dining rooms. Cream ceilings and just a touch of cream in the wood paint give a warmth which is preferable to dead white always.

"For the bedrooms soft, indefinable designs come in an indefinite variety of lovely colors, flower or chintz borders, which blend with the cretonne or chintz bedroom fittings. There is not the slightest excuse in these days for an ugly bedroom when an exquisitely dainty one is so easily and inexpensively achieved.

"Just a word about the nursery. Have a plain washable wall up as far as the child can reach, and then put on running frieze of delightful animals, dancing Dutch babies or stories illustrated by fascinating figures. Can you imagine anything which would make a child happier than such a room of its very own?"



SMART SUIT OF BISCUIT-COLORED GABARDINE. DESIGNED BY GABRIEL.

of the season, and therefore it is quite well that you know about it. The material is biscuit-colored gabardine—and biscuit is one of the most popular shades included under the generic term of "tan." The skirt is laid in large pleats, and there is no trimming; this is the type of skirt that gladdens the heart of the woman who has wearied of tunchings and loopings and ribbons and ruffles.

American women should make a strong effort to wear plain skirts as a part of their street suits. Engaged in manifold activities as we are, we should adopt, to some measure, the mannish simplicity of outdoor costume.

The coat of this suit has a tight top part, a flaring pelium, long, small sleeves and plenty of buttons, and next to the novelty of the slashings with buttons as trimming is the narrow belt with its leaf-shaped ribbons in front.

## Sammy Jay Talks With Mr. Quack.

When Sammy Jay exclaimed so joyfully that he was so glad that he had found Mr. Quack a funny look passed over Mr. Quack's face. You see he wasn't at all sure about Sammy. He knew what mischief makers all the Jay family are, and he felt uncertain as to just why Sammy was so glad. He was suspicious of Sammy. Yes, sir, he was suspicious of Sammy. Jay. That is what comes of getting



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a bad name. If you get a bad reputation, which means being known as doing bad things, people doubt you when you are trying to do something good.

"Quack, quack," said Mr. Quack in a low voice. "Why are you so glad to have found me? Is it to get me into more trouble by letting the hunters know where I am?"

For just a second Sammy's quick temper flared up. "No, it isn't," he snapped. "I may have done some mean things in my life, but I never have done a thing like that. I'm glad I've found you because Mrs. Quack will be glad to have been looking for you for her, and so has my cousin, Blacky the Crow."

"Why hasn't she been looking for me herself instead of leaving it for you to do?" inquired Mr. Quack, still a little suspicious.

"How could she?" inquired Sammy scornfully. "You ought to know if anybody does that it wouldn't be safe for her to come anywhere near the bank of the Big River because of the hunters with their terrible guns."

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## LITTLE STORIES for BEDTIME

By THORNTON W. BURGESS. (Copyright, 1916, by T. W. Burgess.)

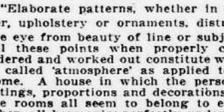
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Mr. Quack sighed. "I suppose you will stick to it," said he. "You must excuse me for seeming to doubt you, Mr. Jay, but I cannot remember that any of your family ever tried to help me before, while I do remember very many times when members of the Jay family have made a great deal of trouble for members of my family. Now if you will tell me where the nearest hunter is you will take a great load from my mind, and I will be ready to believe anything you tell me."

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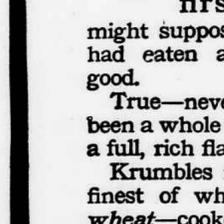
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## FASHION PARAGRAPHS.

Much metal is used on the new frocks.

There are sometimes trimmings of little metal chains at belt and cuffs of frocks. Then there are metallic fringes on evening frocks. There are metal spangles and sequins, too, on evening frocks. There are tassels of metallic thread and there are gold and silver cloths and laces, too.

Tucks, singly or in groups, running parallel to the bottom edge of the skirt, are interesting in their possibilities. They give body to the skirt, of course, and help to make it stand out properly.

Leather is one of the season's trimmings. It is used for belts and collars and cuffs on suits. Separate collars and cuffs sets of it are sold. These are sometimes in shiny finish, but some of the prettiest are in dull suede in old blue, tan, gray and other soft shades.

Organdie is made into some of the most charming of spring and summer frocks.

Shawl collars and diminutive shoulder capes are shown on many spring suit jackets.

Hems of contrasting color are a feature in some of the lingerie frocks. For instance, a frock of figured pink and white organdie shows a hem of pink.

The sailor shape is doubtless the most popular of the season's new hats. Sometimes it has a perfectly straight brim, sometimes one that rolls on each side.

Ostrich is used on hats and in fans.

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## Toasted Sardine Sandwiches.

Cut well baked bread into thin slices, spreading every other one with butter and the alternate layers with a nice quality of sardines. Fit together a buttered slice and a slice spread with the sardines. Carefully fast the top and bottom of each sandwich and serve immediately.

The more novel the shape and coloring of the parcel the more fashionable it is.

Bright-colored corduroy skirts are having things all their own way for country wear.

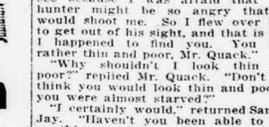
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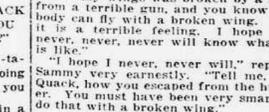
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