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# Of Interest to Women FASHIONS

## NEW ACCORDION-PLEATED SUITS

BY ANNE RITTENHOUSE.  
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PARIS, August 24.—It is much easier to hear gossip than to see startling fashions on French women. For instance, a group of women who



THE OUTSIDE BLOUSE HAS DISAPPEARED, BUT THE SHORT COAT WORN WITH PATENT LEATHER BELT GIVES THE SAME EFFECT. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS ACCORDION PLEATED AND HAS A V-SHAPED COLLAR OF FINE BATISTE.

insist that they get official information say the reason the Galleries Lafayette was able in pre-war days to quickly

put upon the market, in a cheap way, the best productions of the high dress-makers, was German money and ingenuity. It is said that German manufacturers could buy an assortment of gowns the first day of an opening, rush them to Germany, reproduce them like paper dolls, rush them back to Paris and sell them to the department stores. It was through this channel that the great mass of Paris women were able to buy the newest gown invented by a famous dressmaker before the smart set of Paris had even seen the fashion. Naturally this aroused immense indignation, and the dressmakers, whether or not they knew of the scheme, made arrangements to see the American buyers first and the buyers of other nations afterward.

We in America know this trick quite well. The reason that the French dressmakers did not deplore it in America was because it did not come under their eyes. The truth should be brought home to them quite forcibly that this is the reason hundreds of conservative women have bought American instead of French models. It is to be expected, however, that the same thing will happen when the American models as has happened here in Paris. We now have a practice of selling the trade of Europe and the clientele afterward, and this very trick puts a good gown made by a 5th avenue dressmaker into the hands of hundreds of women at one-fifth its original price before a smart woman has had a chance to see it. I have had a well known New York model follow me like a plague down the length of the continent, selling at various prices in various windows, between Florida and New York. Now all these factors in that stupendously important industry of women's apparel have come up for official discussion this season. They are fought over each day by Americans and French. A strong tendency to design and make an expert to see us for the American buyers to come here and get inspirations, then go home and work out the clothes.

The French say this is not fair. The Americans then ask France to keep them from doing it by designing novelties. The French retort that if they design for Americans they could not keep the trade of Europe; that the American market is too small to be important. The American retorts that the market is the biggest in the world. The French point to the statistics of Holland and Switzerland up to 1914. The Americans shrug their shoulders and say: "German money." All is not harmony; be advised of that.

In the meantime the department stores, like the Galleries Lafayette, Le Printemps and the Louvre are putting out clothes that attract masses of women who never bought their gowns at these shops before the war.

Among their best models are accordion-pleated blouses and tunics with long coats. Thin serge is used, and gabardine, but not the rough homespun fabrics.

In the suits which are of beige, or dark blue, the skirt is longer and wider than it has been, but has middle of back pleats and has panels of accordion pleating at the sides and middle of back. The outside blouse or tunic has disappeared, but the short coat worn with a patent leather belt looks like a tunic, especially when it is accordion pleated and has a V-shaped collar of fine hand-embroidered batiste. This bit of lingerie has returned to high fashion.

Do you know where some keen American women have found such collars? Among the bins for babies in the shops devoted to infants' wear.

## LITTLE STORIES for BEDTIME

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS.  
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### A Lesson in Politeness.

A flock of modestly dressed, yet rather distinguished looking, feathered folks alighted in a cherry tree and began helping themselves to Farmer Brown's cherries. They were about the size of Winsome Bluebird, but did not look in the least like him, for they were dressed almost wholly in a beautiful rich, soft, grayish-brown. Across the end of each tail was a bright yellow band. On each the forehead, chin and a line through each eye was velvety black. Each wore a very stylish pointed cap, and on the wings of most of them were little spots of red, which looked like sealing wax. From this they get the



THEY WERE ABOUT THE SIZE OF WINSOME BLUEBIRD, BUT NOT LOOK IN THE LEAST LIKE HIM.

"If they stay long Farmer Brown won't have any cherries left," remarked Peter.

"Don't worry," replied Jenny Wren. "I don't know anybody equal to them for roosting about. Here are most of us with families while those gadsabouts haven't even begun thinking about housekeeping yet. They certainly do like those cherries, but I guess Farmer Brown can stand the loss of what they eat. He may have fewer cherries, but he'll have more apples, because of them."

"How's that?" demanded Peter.

"Well, replied Jenny, they were over here a while ago when those little green cheries threatened to nibble up the whole orchard, and they stuffed themselves on those worms just the same as they are stuffing themselves on cherries now. They are very fond of small fruits, but most of those they eat are the wild kind, which are of no use to Farmer Brown or to anybody else. They eat so many of the cherries that some folks call them Cedar Birds. Others call them Cherry Birds. Now just look at that performance will you?"

There were five of the Waxwings, and they were now seated side by side on a branch of the cherry tree. One of them had a plump cherry which he passed to the next and so it went to the end of the row and half way back before it was finally eaten. Peter laughed right out. "Never in my life have I seen such politeness," said he.

"Hub!" exclaimed Jenny Wren. "I don't believe it was politeness at all. I guess if you get the truth of the matter you would find each one was stuffed so full that he thought he couldn't have room for some cherry, and so passed it along."

"Well, I think that was politeness just the same," retorted Peter. "The first one might have dropped the cherry instead of passing it along."

Just then the Waxwings new away.

## For Girls to Make

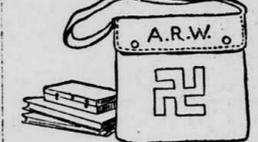
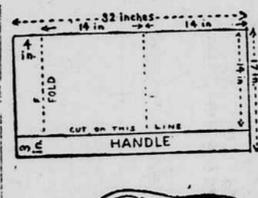
How to Make a Book Bag.

By CORA HAMILIN.  
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Now that it is time to gather up the school books again, every girl should have a pretty bag to use the very first day. If a piece of denim, burlap or cretonne, 17 by 22 inches, can be found in the attic or in mother's scrap bag, then nothing else is needed.

There are seven things to do to make this cloth into a book bag, 12 inches wide and 14 inches deep:

1. Cut a strip 32 by 14 inches for the body of the bag, and a strip 32 by 3 inches for the carrying strap.
2. Using one of the 14-inch edges of the big piece as the top of the bag, measure down four inches from this edge; fold the end over with the wrong side of the cloth out, thus making a flap 14 by 4 inches. Baste along the fold.
3. Fold the bottom of the piece up to the basted fold, wrong side out. This will make a bag section, 14 by 14 inches, with a 4-inch flap covering.
4. Paste the sides together with a half-inch seam on the wrong side of the material; stitch and overcast this seam, or make a French seam if the goods is inclined to ravel. Turn the bag inside out.
5. Finish the edges of the flap with a half-inch hem. Sew on two snaps to use in fastening the bag shut.
6. Now take the long, narrow strip and make it into a strap one inch



wide, by folding and sewing it together. The ends of the strap on either side of the bag can be used just as is now. It will be much prettier if it is neatly decorated. One good way is to stitch on your initials with black or colored thread. Another way is to cut colored figures from tissue and stitch them on with heavy black thread or yarn.

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material criss-crossed with bands of velvet, and coat skirt, sleeves and neck are finished with fur. Suit coats having front and back panels that are considerably longer than the coat proper are frequently shown. Among the models considered good for the "stout" figure is the coat with plain fronts and bloused back. Skirts are generally quite narrow. This is especially true when a long coat is used or when the suit is made of velvet or duvety. The lighter weight materials such as broadcloth and serge frequently have pleated skirts, the pleats so arranged, however, that there is no flare.

**GREEK GIRL MAKES PLEA.**  
Sister of American Soldier, Dead in War, Speaks for Thrace.

Because she has given her brother to the cause of America in the world war, sixteen-year-old Eugenia Malfreda, a Greek girl now in New York, has sent to William S. Felton, chairman of the delegation of Friends of Greece, at present in Washington, an appeal to use his influence to secure for the Greeks of Thrace freedom from Bulgarian rule.

The Greek women of Thrace would sooner die than live longer under Bulgarian administration, the girl declares. She voices an appeal to American women and girls to lend their aid to the cause.

"I wish I was a man to come and speak to the President myself," she continues, and she explains her appeal to Americans by explaining that her brother, a volunteer in the United States Army, died under the Stars and Stripes on the battlefields of France for "liberty, justice and democracy."

have the strength to resist them, and the widest possible style range is in evidence. Short and long suit coats have both received the approval of Dame Fashion, with the latter somewhat in the lead, and chic little Eton jacket effects have not been barred.

The sketch indicates what one of the foremost American designers of suits has brought out in the way of a velvet model, featuring both the Eton jacket and the long skirted coat. The coat skirt, or tunic, is rather full. This fullness is laid in wide pleats. The jacket is finished in front with a vest of white or colored ma-

**MRS. MARY BAILEY DIES.**  
Resident of Riverdale Was Brought Here in Unconscious Condition.

Mrs. Mary Bailey, Riverdale, Prince Georges county, Md., died at Casualty Hospital Monday. She was taken suddenly ill at home, and was unconscious when she reached the hospital in charge of her family physician. Dr. William B. Carr, deputy coroner, performed an autopsy at the morgue and reported that death was due to heart disease.

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