

## TAFFETA SILK IN USE EVERYWHERE



Taffeta silk is, by all odds, the most popular of the heavier weights in silk fabrics, its only close rivals, in the high regard of women, being crepe de chine and georgette. It is used for many of their belongings and for those of their little daughters. For evening and afternoon dresses it is the pre-eminent favorite, and its gentle rustle this summer is going to last as long as that of the leaves does.

All the designers need do to make salable frocks of taffeta is to follow the mode and introduce a little originality in the details of finishing decoration. Two very excellent examples, that are up to date and original, portray an afternoon frock that is made entirely of taffeta and are having a decoration of white yarn.

Navy blue in taffeta, with decoration of white yarn makes an ideal dress for midsummer, and it is this combination that is shown in one of the afternoon frocks patterned. White taffeta faces the upper part of the long tunic and forms the cuffs. Blue and beige or blue and tan make combinations as

pleasing, and are very fashionable this season. In this dress the tunic is set on to a narrow yoke, which extends above the waist and fastens to the bodice. Two large buttons that repeat the colors used, call attention to this feature. The tunic is laid in three deep plaits at each side, giving a widened hip line and revealing its facing. Three-quarter length sleeves and a Chinese collar are items worth noticing in the design.

Navy blue, black, or any of the favored colors in silk will look well in a dress like the ruffle-trimmed model pictured. It has three corded shirtings at the waistline where bodice and skirt are joined, and a corded tuck defines the hip line. Elbow sleeves and a rolled collar high at the back add two very important style details to the design. The narrow frills on the skirt have picot edges, and there is a charming lace vest in the bodice. It is the only detail of this dress that is not made of the silk; even the smart bow at the waist is fashioned of it.

## Negligees of American Design



WHEN negligees come up for discussion, the temptation is to pick out these varied and fanciful ones that reflect the costumes of other lands. But there are others of American design that are really better liked by our own people and that merit the preference shown them. They are graceful, dignified, more or less simple garments, often developed in beautiful fabrics. They reveal an appreciation of what can be done with lovely colors when designers are not restricted in using them. It is in the realm of negligees that they can give fancy free play and be more daring than even evening dress will warrant and a little journey into the shops convinces one that designers make the most of this privilege.

Speaking of dignity in this apparel, some of the new negligees have acquired so much of it that they might be easily mistaken for evening dresses. Those made of light-colored brocaded silks and satins, like the handsome example pictured, leave one in doubt at first glance as to whether they were intended to blush unseen by any eyes, but those within the walls of home, or to be placed on parade. There are just some little touches about it, like its simple decoration of silk-covered cord finished with silk-covered balls, that relegate its usefulness to the hours spent at home. But the fascinating turbans and caps that are worn

with these negligees lend them the unmistakable flavor of boudoir dress. The negligee pictured is a model that slips over the head and has a round neck split a little way down the front. Its edges are finished with silk-covered cord and silk-covered cord laces it at the front and hangs from the shoulders. The side seams are left open at the bottom and the material rounded off and bound with the covered cord.

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### The Transparent Hat.

The type of hat said to be having the greatest sale for summer is the one made of transparent material. This may be hair braid, malines, organdie, georgette or lace. So heavy, in fact, is the call for transparent hats that it is difficult to secure hair braid in sufficient quantity to supply the abnormal demand.

### Short Vamped Shoes.

Short vamped shoes are having a decided vogue—the popular models conforming to the blunted toe, but the models put out by the exclusive shops have a more rounded, medium toe that is far more graceful to the foot.

## CAREFULLY-MADE PLANS WILL PREVENT WASTE OF MANUAL LABOR IN HAYMAKING



This is the Best Way to Haul Hay if the Distance is Not Too Great.

The hay crop, even when the labor supply is normal, causes more worry, anxiety, and disappointment than any other crop. The time for harvesting is comparatively short. Other crops require attention at the same time. And the weather is to be reckoned with. This year, when farm labor all over the country is very scarce, the difficulties of haymaking will be much greater, and larger quantities of hay will be lost than usual—unless labor-saving methods are more generally employed.

A great deal of labor is wasted every year during hay harvest, say specialists of the United States department of agriculture, not because of actual idleness on the part of the workers, but because labor is expended unnecessarily on operations that do not utilize it to the best advantage. If an old method can be superseded by a new one that will enable the same number of men to accomplish more work in the same length of time, or fewer men to accomplish the same work in the same length of time, it will mean more hay saved, more profit to the farmer and a better condition for the country.

### Shift Burden From Man to Horse.

Although there is a scarcity of man labor, there are still plenty of horses on most farms, and herein largely lies the solution of the problem. On farms where considerable hay is grown methods must be adopted by which the greater part of the heavy labor is done by horses. This will necessitate the general use of certain types of labor-saving machinery, some of them not so common in the East, which have been thoroughly tested and proved satisfactory in the western part of the United States. The small hay grower, however, need not make a very heavy investment in new haying apparatus, for by rearranging the working of his crew and using a little more horse labor for the hard work he can add considerably to the efficiency of his crew.

Here are some suggestions made by the specialists for avoiding waste of labor in haymaking:

Do not run two or more mowers close together. If the front mower has any trouble that causes it to stop, all of the mowers usually wait while repairs are made on one. There is a tendency, also, for drivers to waste too much time talking when they stop occasionally to let the teams rest. A good practice when two or more machines are used is for each driver to lay off a "land" for himself and work independently, so there will be no interference from other machines.

### Side Delivery Rake Is Best.

Do not turn hay by hand. It is too costly. The cheapest and most efficient way of stirring hay in the windrow is with a two-horse tedder. One man will do more work than 12 men stirring with hand forks. It is not even necessary to have a man to run the tedder. A boy big enough to drive a team will do just as much work.

A one-horse rake operated by a man makes raking very costly. A two-horse sulky rake is better, but the side-delivery rake is best. When curving is done in the swath and a hay loader is used, the crew can start taking the hay from the windrow as soon as the side delivery has made one double windrow across the field. If the sulky rake is used, the crew will have to wait until the rake has gone several times across the field. In this matter the extent of the haying operations has to be considered, of course. On very small farms the use of the side-delivery rake might not be economy.

If the weather is clear and the hay is in proper condition, there will be no necessity for hay-caps or for further labor till the hay is thoroughly cured and ready to be hauled. But hay-caps will pay for themselves in one year when the weather is bad. They are more especially needed with clover, alfalfa and pea vines, all of which cure slowly.

If hay is to be bunched, the hand method is too expensive. A two-horse sulky rake can bunch 30 acres or more a day and a boy can drive it just as well as a man. Even more labor can be saved, however, by using the push rake to bunch hay after it has been raked into the windrow. It is a good plan to have two men working together to round up the bunches, since more can be accomplished than when each works alone.

It is a waste of time to pitch hay onto a small hayrack on a high-wheeled wagon. Use a large hayrack on a low-wheeled wagon.

Loading hay with pitchforks is the hardest, slowest and most expensive way. The men are working constantly, but the horses are doing nothing most of the time. If a loader is used, the hardest part of the work is done

by the horses and the men can handle about 30 per cent more hay.

### Save Labor on the Stack.

The push rake furnishes the most economical method of hauling hay to the stack, barn, or hay press if the distance is not much more than one-fourth of a mile. One man, or a boy, with a good push rake and a team used to the work will handle three times as much hay as two men with a small rack on a high-wheeled wagon.

Stacking hay with a push rake and an overshot stacker mounted on wheels eliminates nearly all of the back-breaking work of the old pitchfork method. With a yield of one to one and a half tons to the acre, two men on the stack can easily handle all the hay brought in by three push rakes, accomplishing a vast saving in labor and hay over the pitchfork method. Another method not so good but still vastly better than the pitchfork method is a stacker equipment with a double harpoon fork. The outfit can be made at home and will cost very little compared with the labor it saves, but harder work is necessary to get the hay on the stack than with the overshot stacker.

When hay is to be baled from the field, one man by working in the afternoon, can round up enough hay which has been bunched by push rakes to keep the press going next morning until the dew is gone from the hay in the windrow. When the hay is not thus rounded up the crew will lose two hours or more on mornings when there is a heavy dew.

Carelessness in setting the press may result in loss of labor. When the press is properly set two men can get plenty of hay to it from the stack.

## COMMERCIAL ACREAGE OF VEGETABLE CROPS

Compared With Last Year Marked Reduction Is Shown.

Estimates Based on Reports Received From Seed Growers—Increase Is Indicated for Sugar Beet and Garden Peas.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The prospective commercial acreage of vegetable-seed crops for 1920, compared with last year, shows marked reductions in the acreage reported for dwarf snap beans, all beet, carrot, lettuce, onion seed, radish, spinach, sweet corn, and tomato seed, while a slightly increased acreage is reported for garden pole beans, cucumber, muskmelon, watermelon, parsley, pepper, pumpkin, and Swede turnip seed.

These estimates are based on reports received by the bureau of markets, early in April from commercial vegetable-seed growers and are as accurate and complete as it was possible to obtain at that time.

The estimated prospective production for 1920 (computed on the basis of the acreage reported and the average yield per acre for the four-year period 1916-1919), compared with that for 1919, is about 35 per cent less for sweet corn and English turnip; 50 per cent less for dwarf snap beans, celery, parsnip, and squash; 60 per cent less for cabbage and radish; and about 80 per cent less for garden and mangold beet, carrot, onion seed, and spinach; while an increase is indicated of 20 per cent for sugar beet and garden peas and 50 per cent for onion sets.

The estimated acreage and prospective production for 1920 are more comparable with those for 1917, and the reductions in acreage and production as noted should not be taken as an indication that the vegetable-seed growing industry in this country is on the decline from that of prewar years.

## GENERAL FARM NOTES

Plan your work and work your plan.

The application of acid phosphate has paid well on many alfalfa fields.

Humus, when decaying, makes available plant food from the store of unavailable plant food in the soil.

Humus acts as a sponge and increases the water-holding capacity of the soil.

For extra good melons, plant on hills of rotted manure and thin the vines to not over three plants to the hill.

## I Owe My Life to PE-RU-NA

Mr. McKinley's letter brings cheer to all who may be sufferers as he was. Read it:

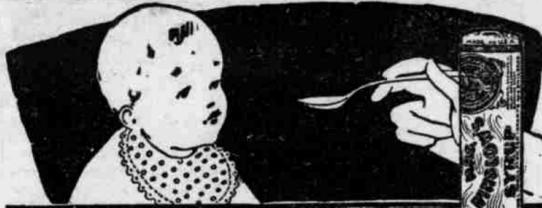
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## BREAK IN TRAIN'S SCHEDULE

Fair Driver of Auto Had a Hunch, and the Sequel Proved She Was Correct.

Let me recommend a ride in a new car with a woman driver as the best prescription for a thrill that will last a lifetime, writes a correspondent. Mine came when, after reluctantly accepting an invitation to ride from a friend who had just received her new machine, we mounted the incline to a grade crossing in a suburb and started across the tracks. In the exact middle the engine stopped and nothing we could do had the slightest effect on it. While working we were approached by an excited flagman. "A limited is due here in two minutes," he said, "and it never has stopped at this station."  
"It will today," calmly replied my friend. And it did, but not before it had been flagged and the train crew helped boost us from the rails.

More Critical.  
"Kind sir," began the measly mendicant, "the Lord loves even the meanest and most humble of us, and—"  
"I am more particular!" interrupted J. Fuller Gloom. "On your way!"—Kansas City Star.

Naturally.  
"How did you enjoy the exhibition at the zoo?" "I thought it was a beastly affair!"

## FRECKLES

MAN IS AFTER INFORMATION

After Listening to Much Sage Advice, Bill Jones Wants One Matter Cleared Up.

Our friend Bill Jones is a traveling man and needs rest, but unfortunately he doesn't sleep well. He has consulted a number of doctors in the various towns he visits, and being a systematic person has made a sort of digest of the advice he has received. It sums up as follows:  
Don't sleep on your left side, as that creates a pressure on the heart.  
Don't sleep on your right side, as it interferes with the action of the right lung.  
Don't sleep on your back, as that is bad for the nervous system.  
Don't sleep on your stomach, as that causes a pressure bad for the digestion.  
"Don't sleep in a chair, as the body cannot properly relax."  
Bill wants to know if anyone can tell him how to keep from falling over when he sleeps standing up.

Intruders.  
"Why don't you take children in this apartment house?"  
"Their crying," replied the janitor, "is liable to interfere with the phonographs and player pianos."

Ever notice that when you are out time the other fellow is invariably late?

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