

NEW IDEAS FOR WEAR

Hints of Spring Emerge From the Late Winter Novelties.

CONSERVATISM IN SKIRTS

Materials For Both Spring and Summer are Varied and Make Fascinating Study For the Feminine Mind, New Styles of Silk.

Late winter is not apt to introduce any radical novelties, yet there are hints of spring to be gathered here and there and those women who order new costumes feel that their style should be assured.

A few advance models have been sent over and a few facts are to be ascertained, but the lines are capricious and no one need be surprised to find what is stated to-day denied to-morrow.

It is quite true that plaited and shirred skirts are to be fewer, but so far, they are confined to the thinner materials; cloth models are made to fit snugly about the hips and to flare freely at the feet; let that result be obtained by what means it may.

Materials for both spring and summer are varied as never before and make fascinating studies of color. As I stated last week, plain cloths will be given the preference for formal dress, but the checked and mixed materials for utilitarian wear are charming necessities.

Buttons are exceedingly handsome, roll-over cuffs, chevrons, canvases and the like are also popular. The new collars are particularly charming and are made in many of the best materials.

New foulards and silks appear almost every day. One of the very newest is exquisitely soft and light and is shown in indescribable all-over, scroll-like patterns.

While, in all grades of thickness and weight, it is to be a favorite. Its favor seems to increase from season to season rather than to show any sign of falling off. It is predicted that white linen suits either duck or butcher's linen, will be the height of smartness for summer wear and are being made up in shirt waist and blouse styles.

HOW TO HAVE HANDSOME WHITE HANDS

Secrets of Havings Shapely and Pretty Nails and Some Suggestions About Manicuring, Precautions By Which Chapping and Redness of Skin Can Be Avoided.

So great is the charm of a beautiful hand that there is scarcely any other that surpasses it. The artistic hand, with its delicate, tapering fingers, is like the poet, "born, not made."

Care and scrupulous cleanliness are soon repaid in the toilet of the hands, but too much manuring is as bad as not enough. Too much polishing makes the hands so tender as to be reddened and roughened easily, and the nails so brittle that the slightest contact with anything hard breaks them down into the quick, causing intense pain.

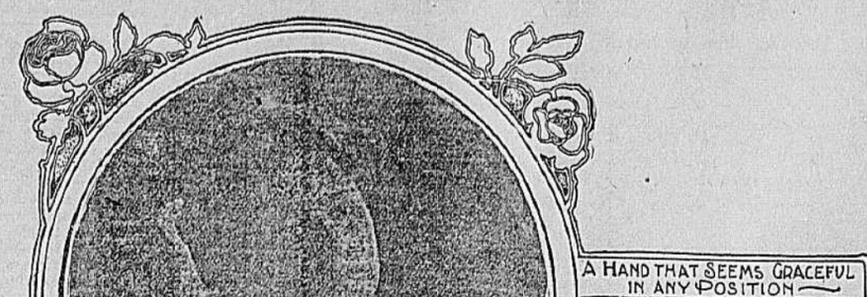
The finger nail should be about one and a half times as long as it is broad and neatly rounded at the top. An extremely ugly fashion is that of trimming the nails to sharp points. If there is anything in this world worse than a creaking door to set one's teeth on edge, it is to shake a hand and feel a slight graze from such claws.

Chapped hands are an especial source of annoyance to many persons during cold weather. Every one should keep a bottle of glycerine on the toilet table; it is best to add a few drops of rose water. Another preparation of glycerine is one drachm powdered borax, six ounces of rose water, and one ounce of olive oil.

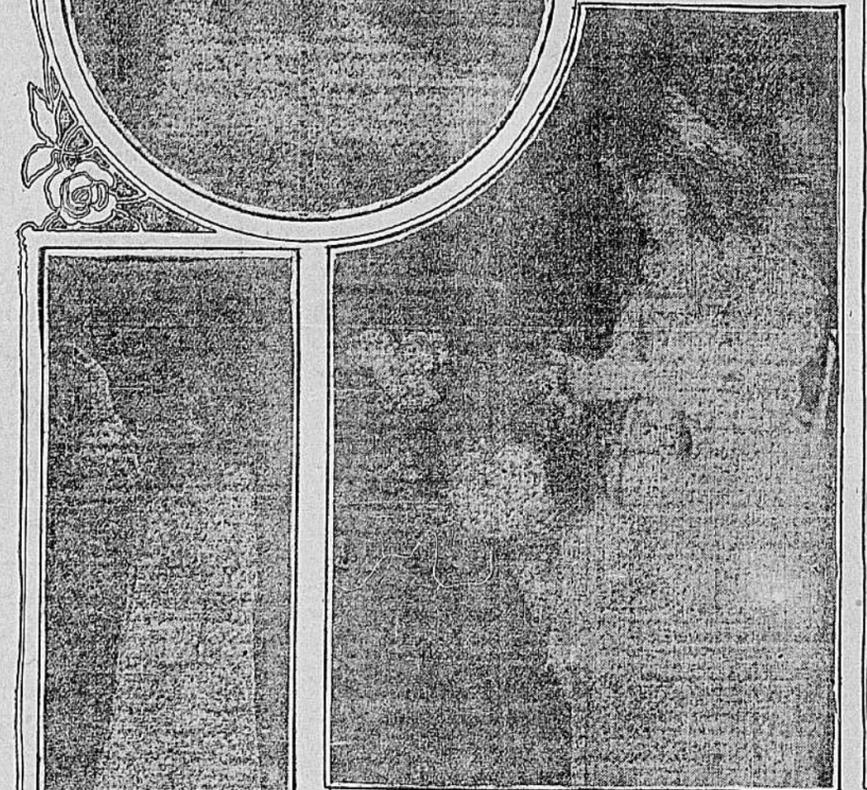
Excessive moisture, a disagreeable affliction, can be helped, if not cured, by care. Such hands indicate an anæmic state of the system and want of quick circulation, the corrections for which are nourishing food, a tonic and cold baths.

For the fingers, the exercises, as they may be called—extend the right or left forearm forward horizontally, hand open and palm up. Close the fist tightly, folding the thumb over the fingers. Open the hand and stretch the palm and fingers, using some force.

Children, as well as their elders give evidence of the favor shown all white. A recent smart morning brought them out in numbers and some of the most beautiful designs, it is dyed and shown in blues, browns, greens and the like, although to my eyes, nothing is so satisfactory as the natural tan, with embroidered figures.



A HAND THAT SEEMS GRACEFUL IN ANY POSITION



POLISH THE NAILS WITH THE PALM OF THE HAND—IT'S THE LATEST FAD.

standing position, with the head held erect. The movements should be slow and steady, but made with some force, "energized," as they say in the gymnastics.

Having brought one's hand into a state of perfection, or as near it as possible, the proper study of man's hand—the hand of the one who would be wooing—may very well next engage one's thoughts.

In choosing a husband, avoid a man with long, narrow hands. This is the hand of a nervous, fussy man. It shows that he is vainglorious. The fat hand, with puffy fingers, is not the one to slip the wedding ring upon a fair finger.

For the exercise called hand flinging, bend the elbow and extend the forearm horizontally forward, flexing the wrist to face the palm toward the body. Then fling the hand rapidly edgewise up and down, as though cutting the air or dropping water from the fingers.

Charming novelties in the way of stocks are to be seen and are replete with suggestion. At this season one's gowns and waists are apt to need freshening, and a new stock is a most desirable one made of straight embroidered strips of silk, the embroidery either in French or Oriental style and in blended colors.

scrutinize the hand which is offered to you in marriage before breathing the final "no" or "yes." A glance at a man's thumb should be sufficient, for "the thumb confesses the man."

When the thumb is unequally developed and the first phalanx is extremely long, it is neither love nor logic that governs the man, but merely sheer will. If the middle phalanx be much longer than the first, reason predominates.

Gertrude.—To cure pimples (acne), use a lotion of: Lime water..... 2 1/2 ozs. Tincture of camphor..... 1/2 drams. Flower of sulphur..... 25 grains.

Allice Brown.—As one grows older, light hair is apt to change its color somewhat and to become dark. Try washing the hair once a week in warm water, in which powdered borax is dissolved in the proportion of a tablespoonful to four quarts of water.

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Muscles Must Be Exercised to Secure Firm Flesh and Shapely Lines. Valuable Information Given in Regard to Questions Asked Correspondents of the Times-Dispatch.

Parker.—To make and keep the hands soft and white, use a lotion made of two ounces each of bay rum, glycerine and lemon juice.

Annette.—For an oily skin wash your face every night with warm water, in which powdered borax has been dissolved, the proportion being a half teaspoonful of borax to a quart of water.

Beatrice.—To free your complexion of freckles apply a lotion every night made by dissolving 1 ounce of powdered alum in a pint of rose water and one ounce of lemon juice.

Roberts E.—To fill out unshapely hollows on each side of the collarbone and tone up flabby muscles about the neck, stand perfectly erect with the arms at the sides, life them vertically, inflating the lungs as the arms ascend.

Prudence B.—To clear the voice to a tenor, take a glass of whiskey, whiskey and lemon juice, add a half cup of hot water, stir well and drink. The dose, if necessary, may be repeated several times during the day.

James X.—If you suffer from cold feet, stand erect, and very slowly lift yourself upon the tips of the toes, rising very slowly. Remain in this position as long as possible, then gradually return to a normal position.

Among the revivals is beautiful Spanish lace both as trimming and in itself. It is many years since it fell from favor, but its beauty is beyond question and both those women who have treasure laid away and those to whom it is new will welcome the acquisition.

Pink Satin Dinner Frock. A Dainty dinner frock of pink satin is made with a long, clinging skirt applied in ruffles and lace. The waist is relieved by touches of black velvet, which give it a very French appearance.

FOR THE SHIRT-WAIST GIRL. Amethyst-embellished shirt-waist sets are a useful as well as ornamental way of wearing the February fashions. Buttons for the front of the blouse, cut links, belt pins, all come set with the soft gem of purple hue.

SEASONS LUCKY GEM

Amethyst the Precious Stone Linked in Fate With February.

HEART SHAPED VALENTINE

This is a Popular Shape and Amethyst Because of Its Association Makes It Doubly Appropriate—Pendants of all Sorts are Now the Craze.

The February-born will find sincerity and peace of mind, freedom from passion and all care if they the amethyst will wear.

After all of which, there is the February-born maiden who would recklessly disregard the suggestion of Dame Superstition, when so many good things may be had just by the wearing of an amethyst?

From days of old, the stone of purple hue has been a favorite with the artificers in gems and up-to-date jewelers utilize it with essentially artistic effect in the creation of all manner of lovely ornaments for fair feminine adornment.

One of the most popular designs is jewelry in the heart-shape and in amethyst is doubly appropriate to the month of St. Valentine's. The gem, in the language of gemmologists, means "true love," so you couldn't find a prettier love token for a February birthday girl than a gold and gemmed trinket in the form of an amethyst heart.

A heart-shaped amethyst rimmed with a row of pearls is a lovely little brooch. A chain for longnettes, pures or froc, has tiny purple beads dangling from its links all down its golden length.

This season there is a fad in fashions generally for things that dangle—drops and tassels and pendants of all sorts. Even jewelry has caught the craze. A rope, very long, formed of twisted strands of innumerable seed pearls has at one time been worn by the most fashionable of our society.

A lace pin in the form of a spray, the main stem delicately suggested in gold from its extended small pearls—these are in demand and a diamond of many lines of tiny pearls. There and there a diamond hangs to the branches like a berry.

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