

**DECREES OF FASHION.**

**SOME PREVAILING STYLES IN THE DOMINION OF DRESS.**

**Natty Tennis Suit of Checked Linen.** Showing Eerie and Blue. With Skirt Specially Adapted to Wash Fabrics—Stylish Plaited Waist of Figured Blue Dimity.

May Manton writes that checked linen showing eerie and blue was chosen for this natty tennis suit; the collar, cuffs, belt and front decoration



SUIT OF CHECKED LINEN.

of the skirt being made of plain blue. Three box-plaits are laid in the back and three in the front, the centre plait in the front concealing the closing which is made with button and but-

**Popular Design for Box-Plaited Waist.** The plaited waist has ever been a popular design, and its appearance in sheer summer fabrics will undoubtedly meet with approval. Figured blue dimity was selected for the stylish waist shown in the large illustration and described by May Manton. The collar and cuffs are adjustable and made of white linen. A jaunty stock of red snash completes the neck, and the belt is of red leather. The waist is unlined and the adjustment is accomplished by shoulder and under-arm seams, together with under-arm gores, which separate the fronts from the plaited back. Five box-plaits are laid in the fronts, the closing being effected by button-holes worked in a fly.

The sleeves are of the regulation shirt style; they are shaped with inside seams only and gathered top and bottom. The wrists are completed with linen cuffs of the newest design.

The waist will develop in percale, dimity, cambric, lawn, gingham, madras, silk, etc. The design can also be successfully carried out in light-weight cheviot and French flannels, and worn for yachting or cycling, the warmth of the material providing an excellent preventive against sudden chill.

To make this waist for a lady in the medium size will require four yards of thirty-six-inch material.

**Beautiful Ribbon Girdles.**

They are making the most beautiful ribbon girdles this year, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Nothing like them was ever seen before. They are entirely supplanting the belt, which is now considered ungraceful and a little out of date. Girdles vary in width from three inches to the depth of best ling and are made of ribbons of all colors.

A girdle that begins at the hips and reaches to the belt line should be made of satin ribbon three inches wide. There is a foundation of black crinoline, upon which the ribbon is sewed; it is lightly folded and carried around the figure nine or ten times, fastening with two large bows, which can be drawn through jeweled buckles. A very pretty finish for the girdle is an



LADIES' BOX-PLAITED WAIST.

ton-holes in a fly. Smooth under-arm gores separate the front from the back which has a pointed yoke. A casing is sewed at the waist line through which tapes are run to regulate the fulness, and the lower portion of the waist is worn beneath the skirt. The turn-down collar that finishes the neck is mounted upon a high neck-band, and can be made removable, if so desired. The sleeves, of moderate width, are gathered at their upper and lower edges; straight cuffs finishing the wrists and openings being made in back of sleeves that are finished with pointed overlaps closing with link buttons. A narrow belt encircles the waist.

The skirt is admirable for summer wear, its straight-back breadth adapting it specially to wash fabrics. The sides display the fashionable ripple effect on each side of the gored front, the straight back breadth falling in graceful folds from gathers at the top. The placket is finished in centre-back and the top is completed with a straight belt.

The style, which is an unusually smart one, can be developed in percale, cheviot, duck, dimity or gingham with collar and cuffs to match or of white linen. Blue serge is also suitable for making and the suit can be worn for yachting, shopping or traveling as well as for tennis.

To make this waist for a lady in the medium size will require three and one-half yards of thirty-six-inch. The skirt will require five and one-half yards of the same width goods.

embroidered lapel. This is a piece of the cloth, upon which iridescent beads and mock gems are sewed in patterns. In the back the revers have two points each finished with the jeweled trimming.

The girdle and revers are, of course, adjustable, and can be worn with shirt waists or old gowns of any kind or color.

**Linen Lawn Much Worn.**

A fine linen lawn is being much worn in Paris, and an entire costume of singular charm, suggesting that it should be taken to Ascot, made with the skirt crossed with insertions of Maltese lace in diamond patterns, was seen, the bodice showing the same decoration, fastening down one side with a frill of lace, and cut square at the top to show a little chemisette of white lisse; this drooped over a belt at the back and in front, made of white kid, fastened with a buckle elaborately jeweled.

**Latest Shirt Waist Sleeve.**

The latest shirt waist sleeve has the fullness laid in tucks just back of the cuffs and stitched up about four inches, one-quarter of an inch from the edge of each.

**Newest Stitching For Gloves.**

The newest stitching for gloves is in two shades. For instance, two rows of lavender inside, with black stitching all around, making the outside and inside row of black.

**HORSES KILLED TO SAVE GRASS.**

**A Perplexing Problem Which Confronts Northwest Ranchmen.**

The interesting news comes from the city of Butte, Montana, that in several parts of that State horses are so numerous and there is so little use for them that they are being killed by ranchmen and their flesh fed to hogs as food instead of corn. In Madison County several horse meat canning establishments are now in operation, and the product is said to be shipped East and then to Europe. Horses can be bought for \$3 a head or even less when purchased in large numbers.

These facts suggest the inquiry as to what is to become of the horse. With the introduction of electricity on street car lines, where, until a few years ago, horses were practically the sole motive power, and with the ever-increasing use of the bicycle, there seems to be less use for the horse than ever. This use of electricity and bicycles makes it probable that horses will be bred in very small numbers hereafter.

In the States of Montana, North Dakota, Idaho, Washington and Wyoming hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in cattle, sheep and horses. Large herds were formerly driven from Texas and the Southwest to fatten on the nutritious grasses to be found in the States named, but the constant increase in the number of cattle, especially those of the half breed variety, has also caused a reduction in their value.

The establishment of canning factories in Madison County, Montana, where horse meat is put up is not the first experiment of the kind in the Northwest. In 1895 it was made in Portland, Oregon, where horse meat was canned and shipped to France. It was found, however, that the enterprise did not pay, the demand being insufficient, while packers of beef refused to add horse meat to their line of trade because of the prejudice which would arise.

Reports from Madison County state also that horses in some instances are driven into corrals on the ranches, killed and the bodies dragged out into the fields, where the hogs can devour them. It seems almost incredible that this should be the case, but it has come to be a matter of self-preservation with the owners of large grazing districts, where there was danger that the horses would eat up all the grass, thereby leaving no fodder whatever for beef cattle.

It is not only the half breed horses that are found to be a drug on the market, but such fine stock as Clydesdales and coach horses are being offered by ranchmen there for very small figures. One ranchman in Madison County is said to have a herd of seventeen hundred horses of Clydesdale and Norman stock which he is willing to dispose of for \$15 a head. He is unwilling to sacrifice his stock for canning purposes, although the herd is eating the grass required for the grazing cattle and sheep.

The cattle herds in the Northwest are numbered by thousands, the prices for which are ridiculously small. The feed on the ranges is not increasing, while the cattle are, thus making the problem of finding feed more difficult. These immense herds roam the prairies of North Dakota, Washington, Montana and Idaho.—New York Herald.

**Moving Hospitals.**

The railway hospital car is the latest novelty in foreign railroading. In the event of a serious accident, these cars can be run to the place of the disaster, where the injured may be picked up and carried to the nearest large city for treatment instead of being left to pass long hours at some wayside station while awaiting surgical attendance. It also enables the railway companies at certain seasons or upon special occasions to transport large numbers of invalids to health resorts or places of pilgrimage. The interior of the car is divided into a main compartment, a corridor on one side and two small rooms at the end. The largest compartment is the hospital proper; it contains twenty-four isolated beds. Each patient lies in front of two little windows. Each bed is provided with a movable table, and a cord serves to hold all the various small objects which the patient may require. The corridors on the outside lead to the linen closet and the doctor's apartment. Various trap doors in the floor, when opened, disclose to view an ice chest, a compartment for the disinfection of soiled linen, and a provision cellar. If necessary, a portion of the hospital chamber may be transformed into an operating room for urgent cases. Finally, as customary abroad, a small chapel for religious worship is provided. This car will be put in charge of a surgeon and nurses, and will be chiefly used to carry invalids from Belgium direct to the health resorts of France.

**Dum Dum Bullets.**

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