

NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

Silk and Woolen Fabrics of the Season.

New York, Feb. 2.—When styles change fabrics must adapt themselves to that change. This has happened in both silk and woolen materials of late; all goods are turned out in chiffon weight from broadcloth to the finest silks.

Two silks are in strong evidence as spring fabrics. Neither of these is new in name, the foulards and shantung being old materials; but neither when you have seen them you will agree that their qualities are in very truth new. The chiffon foulards are especially simple in weave and fine texture, are light and graceful in their folds when made up.

Moreover, by the new process of finish foulards are now "shower proof," that is, a few drops of water or an accidental touch of dampness will not at once destroy the beauty of its surface.

The weaves in the new foulards of the spring showing are not plain as last season. A monotone stripe, a chevron, or a geometrical figure as a pastille is woven into the ground, surface, in self-color, while the design proper is larger and in another color, these designs are more striking in their arrangement than of old and are of dots and rings and triangles in lines, in zigzag patterns and dices, but the prettiest of any is a group of dots of different sizes, usually four in number with one or two overlapping.

The other class of foulards is made in a range from a polka-dot through a very rare size now to the coin-spot as large as a fifty-cent piece.

For the economical woman a foulard is a most serviceable and convenient dress to have; it may be put to many purposes with different sets of accessories, some fine lines, a few extra bits, etc., for no material adapts itself to so many uses with good results.

The second silk, the shantung, is rough in weave and may be had in medium or heavy grade with a coarse texture. The first grade is better for semi-dress costumes, but for a strictly tailored suit or a lounge suit, or for a dress where hard service would rule the day, then by all means choose that with the coarse weaving.

Some of the softer shantungs have a crepe weave which gives them a graceful effect when made up. The stripe shantungs also are very attractive and new, and especially useful for evening wear.

For evening wear we find real chiffon silks, such as crepe-de-chine, satsum, satin, moiré, silk voile, and marquisette in plain or fancy designs, twenty-four to sixty inches in width and in prices that vary from a dollar to ten dollars a yard.

And a word must be said for the new black chiffon taffetas, which are so serviceable and fulfill so many parts in a woman's wardrobe. The chiffon taffetas in black or dark colors are particularly well adapted to the new three-piece semi-dress costume. Fine lingerie is especially effective with it, and like the foulards it may be made entirely plain or elaborate by the style of its accessories.

Woolens are as charming as ever and would work up effectively into one of the new lounge coats now so fashionable, or it would look well in a short coat or Eton with fancy lapels or vest.

The woolen fabrics are fully as attractive as the silks, and will probably receive first handling for the coming season. The effect of water on cotton and silk must be full to the bottom. Some of the new skirts show panel effects both, back and front.

CATHERINE MANN-PAYZANT.

VERMONT NOTES

The Barre Hospital Aid association netted \$53.35 from its ball last week. The Brattleboro Y. M. C. A. has practically wound up its affairs, finding its debt between \$200 and \$250.

As part of the bankruptcy proceedings of Louis Rittenberg, the Saxon's River woolen mill was sold at auction last week to Henry Frankle of Philadelphia. He paid around \$31,000.

The E. & T. Fairbanks company of St. Johnsbury has increased the working hours at its scale works from eight to nine a day. The reduction in hours was made about a month ago.

The check list for March meeting at Bennington has been posted. It contains a few more than 2,000 names, an increase of about 100 over last year and indicating that the population of the town is 3,000 strong.

During 1907 there were 244 building licenses granted in the city of Barre. Fourteen houses and one business block were erected, the remainder of the permits being for minor buildings.

The advantages possessed by Island Pond as an ideal summer resort are to be exploited in 15,000 illustrated booklets. A subscription paper is being circulated there to pay for the cost of printing.

A two-story framed school building in South Dorset was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. It is believed to have been set as the janitor says he cleaned out all the stoves the day previous and left no fire in the house.

Wallace C. Lamson, a real estate dealer of Manchester, N. H., died Monday morning of a few minutes after shovelling the snow off the walks in front of his house. He was 57 years old, a native of Peru and moved to Manchester in 1863.

Figures from the annual report of City Treasurer Will L. Davis of Rutland follows: Total debt of city, \$107,110.85; receipts for 1907, \$222,745.31; expenditures, \$228,414.76; debts due the city, \$7,550.71; number of taxable polls, 3,148.

The Men's League of Rutland will observe Lincoln's birthday, February 12, with a banquet and post-prandial exercises. The address of the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. W. N. DeBerry of Springfield, Mass., the foremost negro preacher of New England.

Commitments to the House of Correction at Rutland for the month of January number 30 as compared with 20 in December and as low as 12 in some months the past year. The commitments at Rutland county jail for January were 32 as compared with 46 in December.

Nearly 150 cases of whooping cough were reported to the Rutland health officer during January. These cases were distributed among 51 families. Other contagious diseases during the month were: Scarlet fever, 5; measles, 3; diphtheria, 2; chickenpox and mumps, 1 each.

Charles G. Endlich, aged 64 years, is dead at his home in Brattleboro. He served in the Civil War and soon after its close came to this country. He had been employed by the late Jacob Estey and by Mrs. Levi K. Puffer, widow of former Governor Fuller.

The senior class of the Brattleboro high school plans to visit Washington instead of having a formal commencement. The excursion fund now amounts to \$130 and the seniors hope to raise \$100 more by a fair to be held February 20. The expenses of last year's class on the Washington trip were about \$500.

Edward Mack of West Rutland has established the running record here between Rutland City and his village, covering the four miles in 25 minutes. He made the distance over snow and ice at a steady dog trot and shaved the previous record of five and a half minutes. Incidentally, nearly 100 changed hands on the route.

The manager of the St. Johnsbury professional basketball team has reconsidered and will consent to his team playing the Brattleboro team on the dates selected by the latter's management. The series for the State championship will therefore be played February 11 and 12 at Brattleboro and February 12 and 13 at St. Johnsbury.

The report of the Soldiers' Home at Bennington for the last 10 days of January is as follows: Average present, 85; average accounted for, present and absent, 97. On the morning of January 31, 85 answered to roll call. Dr. J. R. Hamblin, a member of Co. B, 9th N. Y. engineers, has recently been admitted to the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Habbitt of South Londonderry have been married 52 years. They observed the anniversary quietly owing to the ill health of Mrs. Habbitt but were cheered by the presence of their four children. They were born in Londonderry and have lived there almost all their lives. Mr. Habbitt is 85 years old and his wife is 81.

W. J. Oare of Brattleboro, a railway postal clerk, has been in four wrecks in as many years. The last was the one on the Central Vermont at West's crossing near the Connecticut line last week. Although Mr. Oare has had a number of narrow escapes he has never been seriously injured. He covers the Brattleboro and New London run on alternate weeks and this leaves him opportunity to study birds, in which he is much interested.

Chittenden County Trust Company
Burlington, Vermont
GUARANTEES
4% Interest and all the taxes in this State on Savings Accounts.
To compute interest from February 1st on all Savings deposits made before February 5th.

VERMONT NOTES
The Barre Hospital Aid association netted \$53.35 from its ball last week. The Brattleboro Y. M. C. A. has practically wound up its affairs, finding its debt between \$200 and \$250.

As part of the bankruptcy proceedings of Louis Rittenberg, the Saxon's River woolen mill was sold at auction last week to Henry Frankle of Philadelphia. He paid around \$31,000.

The E. & T. Fairbanks company of St. Johnsbury has increased the working hours at its scale works from eight to nine a day. The reduction in hours was made about a month ago.

The check list for March meeting at Bennington has been posted. It contains a few more than 2,000 names, an increase of about 100 over last year and indicating that the population of the town is 3,000 strong.

During 1907 there were 244 building licenses granted in the city of Barre. Fourteen houses and one business block were erected, the remainder of the permits being for minor buildings.

The advantages possessed by Island Pond as an ideal summer resort are to be exploited in 15,000 illustrated booklets. A subscription paper is being circulated there to pay for the cost of printing.

A two-story framed school building in South Dorset was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. It is believed to have been set as the janitor says he cleaned out all the stoves the day previous and left no fire in the house.

Wallace C. Lamson, a real estate dealer of Manchester, N. H., died Monday morning of a few minutes after shovelling the snow off the walks in front of his house. He was 57 years old, a native of Peru and moved to Manchester in 1863.

Figures from the annual report of City Treasurer Will L. Davis of Rutland follows: Total debt of city, \$107,110.85; receipts for 1907, \$222,745.31; expenditures, \$228,414.76; debts due the city, \$7,550.71; number of taxable polls, 3,148.

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Farscewing Women Planning Spring Costumes—Marquisettes and Ballets.

New York, Feb. 3.—Farscewing women to-day plan their wardrobes far ahead of time, and though it may sound strange with the winter only begun, as you may say, yet this is the time to secure the most exclusive and beautiful designs for the spring.

It sounds almost trite to say the new cotton goods are pretty, but more and more are the designers and manufacturers paying heed to cotton goods, for such is our climate that they are four months out of the year, more acceptable than any other material.

First come the chambrays from the heavier grades to those of a muslin-like weight. Noticeable among these are those having tape strings a quarter of an inch wide; many have solid colored grounds with white stripes; others have embroidered dots thrown over alternate stripes of blue and black, blue and white, or green and white.

Mercedized stripes are shown in all sorts of varieties, in which dots are popular, also selected figures of zigzag stripes; self-colored invisible checks are shown in which are run the hair-line stripes in black.

Special attention has been given to the "mercedized" fabrics, which are almost as much sought for as silks and are certainly as pretty and more serviceable than some of the softer silks.

For the children or women's morning or business dress, nothing comes in handier or is more useful than the new ginghams. They have a good body, launder well, and are to be found in all shades from a very light tone to one that is decidedly dark.

Mention should be made of the rayon plaids in this material which are so well liked for children's dresses, and many old plaids and checks are shown which will be made up into suits and shirt waists for women; they will be plain in cut and finish and completed with white collars and ties and turn-over cuffs.

For wear with a freshened-up gown, in a heavier weight they are particularly appropriate and bright for the early spring.

On a stormy day do not make the mistake of wearing "any old thing" but have one of these bright gingham waists and clean white accessories and you will be a pleasing object to your employer or whoever your lot may be cast with during that day.

The newer cotton voiles are of two varieties; the sheer voile, for evening or afternoon wear, and the heavy cotton sort, which is said to launder so well, and is scrutable for the light weight dress in the hottest days. Some of the voiles show dainty plaids and checks in rather dark shades, which will preserve them from the "faded" look that a light color, a pretty combination is a white voile half-lined or checked in black, strewn with dainty embroidered figures in red or pink or green.

There are many charming designs among the marquisettes, which range from 35 to 50 cents. They are nearly always 60 inches wide with a floral border, which makes a most effective trimming for the empire skirts and the over-blouse waists of the season.

The batistes range in price from 25 cents to \$1.00 a yard, above which prices they are found with embroidered dots, fine lines, stripes of silk and threads and floral designs. One of these had a lined and trailing edge in shadow effects. The batistes are particularly favored as a material for separate and fancy waists.

Here are three attractive waists for afternoon or informal evening gatharings: the first was constructed from a finely striped batiste trimmed with a little—very little—of a good quality of Valenciennes lace, and a yoke and cuffs decorated with a not too elaborate drawn work design; the second waist was of embroidered Swiss which needed little trimming except that which it affords itself; and the last waist was of handkerchief linen, having a fine mercedized strip with here and there a colored dot, for which lace or Swiss insertion will be the best accompaniment.

Mull, netting, Persian lawn, India linen, many of them in decorative designs will also make up prettily into fancy waists on which should be used the finest of laces, hand embroideries, drawn work, or any fancied decoration provided it be fine and dainty enough.

For neckwear, the very few really "new" designs are almost too real; they are centered with the natural perfume of embroidered Swiss which needed little trimming except that which it affords itself; and the last waist was of handkerchief linen, having a fine mercedized strip with here and there a colored dot, for which lace or Swiss insertion will be the best accompaniment.

The pattern for their allow of many decorations from the goods, such as straps on the bias, or cross-wise panels of herring-bone effects.

For evening wear, dancing frocks, graduating dresses, or even the bridesmaid costumes, these silky finished cottons are used. They are shown in such weaves as cotton chiffrons, silks, muslin tissue cloths, dotted Swiss, all of the varieties of lawn, organdies, batistes and the new and beautiful marquisettes.

Attractive material is the mercedized foulard, which has a great measure of the charm and serviceability of the white fabric of the same name, and while the silk fabric may be beyond the purse, one of these mercedized effects will give excellent results. Cotton poplins, also mercedized, are fine for traveling and afternoon gowns that must see some hard wear; and they are very suitable for summer outing coats, giving quite as good style and perhaps more service than the silk texture. Poplins of silk and cotton will be a favorite material for the earlier suits and later on for the separate skirt. All the cotton mercedized poplins are to be found in the lightest shades of color, and if a good weight in chosen, the garment well-cut and well-made, it will be a useful addition to the wardrobe in lightness, style and a saving to some of your fine wool skirts.

I would strongly advise one of the four-ards, as a Sunday or afternoon dress to the business girl who can afford but one dress, yet wished for one that will do good service and yet be summery in effect. It will come in handy next winter for evenings at home or very informal affairs among intimate friends. Choose a medium shade such as Copenhagen blue, tan or grey, over which is thrown dots or rings of color or arranged in striped effect. One such foulard showed a ring-bone effect very indistinct but destroying the smooth surface so unbecoming to some gowns; over this surface was a design of large rings within which was a cluster of polka dots.

BURLINGTON SAVINGS BANK
INCORPORATED 1847
Had January 1, 1908, 25,890 Depositors
Total Assets \$11,895,414.88
This bank has always paid the highest rate of interest allowed by law, which at the present time is 4 Per Cent. per annum.

The Burlington Trust Co.
OFFICERS 1908
President, B. B. Smalley,
Vice-President, Henry L. Ward,
Treasurer, F. W. Elliott.
DIRECTORS
B. B. Smalley, Henry L. Ward, Daniel W. Robinson,
E. Henry Powell, Frank R. Wells

WINOOSKI SAVINGS BANK
WINOOSKI, VT.
Paid its depositors interest at the rate of 4% for the year 1907.
ASSETS \$1,427,560.91
OFFICERS:
Emory C. Mower, O. P. Roy, Ormond Cole, G. H. Shuman, B. J. White, G. B. Catlin.

BANKS TO LOAN
We have little banks, or safes, which we loan to customers who have one or more dollars on deposit. No charge is made for the use of the safes, but we expect them to be returned every 90 days in order that it may draw interest. Call in and get one.
HOME SAVINGS BANK
C. S. ISHAM, President. N. K. BROWN, Treasurer.

Howard National Bank
Burlington, Vt.
Capital \$300,000
Surplus and Profits 150,000
Interest Department
Beginning January 1st, interest will be paid on all deposits in Interest Department at the rate of
Four Per Cent.
Free of All Taxes.
H. T. RUTTER, Cashier.

PLAINTIFF GOT \$610.
Case of Hardware Company vs. Express Company Settled.
The case of the Strong Hardware Company vs. the American Express Company, which was set for hearing by a jury Tuesday before Justice A. V. Spalding, was settled, the terms of settlement being the payment of \$610 to the plaintiff. This was a suit brought to recover from the defendant company for the non-delivery of an express package sent to Lowell, the parcel going to Newport instead.

LOW RATES
TO THE
PACIFIC COAST
Feb. 29 to April 29.
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
\$54.45
FROM BOSTON AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND POINTS.
Through Tourist Car Service. Dining Cars. Magnificent Scenery.
Full details upon application. When writing please mention destination.
F. R. PERRY, D. P. A.,
302 Washington St., BOSTON.

HORSE BLANKETS
Strength and long wear are the leading features of the 5A Horse Blankets and 5A Lap Robes.
Horses and boys are hard on their clothes, and you want to get the strongest.
Ask for the 5A Horse Blankets.
We Sell Them
And we sell lots of them.
The blue girl is an exclusive valuable feature with 5A stable blankets.
None others stay on the horse as well.
Special Jobs.
Brown Duck full lined \$1.75-\$2.00
Burlap \$1.25 up
HAGAR BROS. Burlington