

INTERESTING NOVELTIES ON FASHION'S SPRING COUNTERS

May We Expect the Return of the Bonnet?—A Word on the White Sale

Even the most skeptical among us must be thrilled and interested by the attractive novelties Fashion is now placing on her spring counters, and in her spring shops. For instance, there are the quaint bonnets which are being displayed at the moment in our millinery departments, as a logical sequence of the modish gathered and flaring skirts.

Fluttering about one of these bonnets, a fascinating creation of garnet braid and white gardenias, in one of our smart shops the other afternoon, was a quaintly smart little person, dressed all in gray. She wore one of the new faille suits, made with a rather close fitting coat, flaring widely at the lower edge, combined with the most modern of old-fashioned skirts. It was a veritable "pull-back," having all of the fullness drawn to the back and held by a tape fastened at the side seams—fitting as smoothly and plainly across the front as the narrowest of skirts



House Coat of Cotton Corduroy

did some seasons back. From belt to hem in back, the skirt was stiffened with haircloth, causing the fullness to fall in several outstanding folds. At the involuntary upward and downward glance she induced, one expected to see a pair of extremely high French heels on silver-buckled slippers or a high-crowned flower-trimmed chapeau.

As the small person continued on her way from counter to counter, the skirt swung in true, noop-skirt fashion, which it must be admitted was quite fascinating.

The Annual Sale of White

At this season of the year, of course, one expects to find the shops veritable bowers of white; to find the most fascinating of cottons suggested for summer frocks, and to be charmed by the airy blouses, parasols, and other articles designed, as it seems, for wear in fairyland itself. The white sale this year is considerably mixed with pink and the other soft tones which have been gradually coming into favor for underwear the last few seasons. There are the daintiest possible combinations, chemises, camisoles, and the numerous other underfittings which go so far toward the success of frock or suit. Silk mull, and other soft cottons vie for favor with the more expensive Italian silk. All of these silks and cottons wash excellently and require no ironing. While the silk garments are at first a trifle expensive for the majority of purses, in the end they are economical; they fit so well, wear so well and are generally so entirely satisfactory.

The Vogue of White

White will be quite as modish for skirt, suit and frock this season as it has been for the past summer or two. Serge, gabardine and broadcloth are smart for those who can afford more than one white frock or suit, but for the practical woman cotton corduroy in its various cords will be far more practical; it may be easily and effectively tubbed when soiled. These corduroys come in the pale pinks, blue, yellows, and similar tones for separate skirts, suits, and sport coats or blouses.

Among the season's novelties is the house coat; it closely resembles the sport coat or blouse, and could in fact be used for the same purpose, but it has been designed for house

wear, to take the place, as it were, of the kimono, with the woman who does not care for, or who has not the time to indulge in, the luxury of so complete a negligee as a kimono, or similar loose-fitting house robe. These are being developed in the colored cotton corduroys, and in like corder cottons. They are finished with wide collars, deep, roomy pockets, and are loosely belted. Combined with skirts of white linen, duck, khaki, or cotton corduroy, they are excellently suited to morning wear and the house.

Continued Popularity of the Jumper

The jumper dress or blouse is one of the most satisfactory notions introduced for many seasons; instead of losing favor because of its general popularity, it is, on the contrary, becoming daily more in demand. For business, street, and general day-



Jumper Dress of Serge

time wear, the dark blue serge jumper frock combined with an underblouse of crepe de chine, Georgette, or black satin, is most satisfactory. The fact that the underblouse may be changed, and the frock so varied, makes its appeal to women who like a change now and then, but who can not afford a great number of frocks. Satin or taffeta blouses or jumpers, with sleeves of a transparent or contracting material are still being worn for afternoons and more dressy occasions, combined with skirts of taffeta, faille or satin.

THE GRAIN TRADE

(By R. D. Jarboe, chief grain inspector.)

A gradual upward tendency has been noted in grain quotations during the past month. The movement has been heavy for all sections, resulting in blockades at nearly all sea-ports.

The Canadian crop, which was a very heavy one, has moved with great rapidity, 187,726,890 bushels of wheat reaching Winnipeg from September 1 to December 1. The elevators west of Winnipeg retained only 44,530,000 bushels on the latter date. James A. Patten, who operated on the bull side of the market early in the season, is reported to have sold out a big line of long stuff and joined the bears, only to again abandon his position and take up the bull side of the controversy.

Mills at Tacoma and Seattle are running to about two-thirds capacity. The Tacoma mills are turning out 36,000 barrels of flour each week and those in Seattle 30,700 barrels. This requires about 275,000 bushels of wheat weekly, or 1,100,000 bushels monthly. Should this activity continue until another crop is harvested and the mills throughout the state and at Portland operate on the same scale, not a very considerable portion of the wheat remaining will be available for export as wheat.

Charters are remaining high and scarce. However, if the canal is opened soon it is thought the situation will be somewhat relieved. A cargo of barley containing 3600 tons or over 300,000 bushels, was sent from Tacoma to Europe last week. Shipments of wheat from the United States since July 1 to October 30 totaled 147,064,000 bushels against 96,045,000 last year. Canada, for the same period, shipped 175,747,000 bushels against 41,217,000 the preceding year. Notwithstanding the heavy shipments as indicated, only a normal supply of breadstuffs are on hand in importing countries.

Great Britain received 87,200,000 bushels against 100,956,000, last year, and France 28,400,000 against

30,664,000 last year. However, flour shipments have been heavier this year than last and the excess in all probability will make up for the loss in wheat receipts.

Taking everything into consideration, the present market conditions might be said to contain more bullish features than at any previous time since harvest, and while no sensational advances are expected, the feeling seems to be that every bushel of American wheat will be needed and that the market will hold steady with an upward tendency.

EXTENSION SCHOOLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

W. S. Thornber, Director of Home Economics and Agricultural Extension Department of Washington State College, announces the following Extension Schools and Demonstrations in the state:

- Dayton, Jan. 31 to Feb. 25.
- Waitsburg, Jan. 31 to Feb. 25.
- North Yakima, Feb. 7 to 11.
- Sunnyside, Feb. 14, 15, 16.
- Naches, Feb. 17, 18, 19.
- Wenatchee, Feb. 28, 29, March 1.
- Cashmere, Feb. 28, 29, March 1.
- Peshastin, Feb. 28, 29, March 1.
- Entiat, March 2, 3.
- Chehal, March 2, 3.

Lectures and Demonstrations for Okanogan County

- Dairy and Livestock School, Pine Creek Grange, Feb. 19 to 25.
- Pateros, Feb. 21.
- Methow, Feb. 22.
- Carleton, Feb. 23.
- Twisp, Feb. 24.
- Winthrop, Feb. 25.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN LUMBER AND ITS USES

The Extension Department of the State College announces a correspondence study course in Lumber and Its Uses. This course has been prepared by one of the best authorities on the subject in this country and will be of special value to lumber dealers, contractors, carpenters and others interested with wood-working industries. For full information write Extension Dept., State College, Pullman, Wash.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Walla Walla, Wash., December 29, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that Walter McKensie, of Bishop, Washington, who, on April 18, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 06448, for sh seq, seq swq, Section 19, nwq neq, Section 30, Township 13 N., Range 44 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before William A. Inman, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Colfax, Washington, on the 7th day of February, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Leonard M. Bowman, George Morgan, Odell Bishop, W. B. Channell, all of Bishop, Washington.
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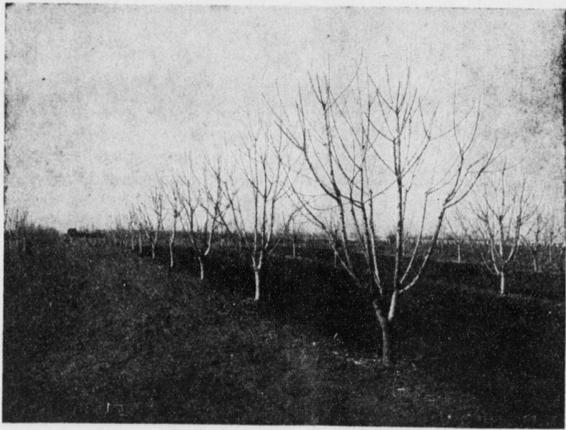
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CHAR-PITTING STUMPS

Of the various methods of removing stumps none seem to prove more economical or efficient than the char-pitting method of burning them, according to Mr. Geo. A. Nelson, County Agriculturist of Wahkiakum County, who has used the method to good advantage in his county.

In preparing the stump for burning, the bark should be removed from the base, and on some stumps, it is necessary to remove some of the dirt. Thus the fire may be started so near the bottom that it will start burning under the main part of the stump and the roots. Any kind of wood that forms good coals may be used. It should be cut short and either stood up around the stump or laid on its side. The wood may be piled so as to start the fire entirely around the stump or in one place, as may be desired. The former method will burn the stump out more rapidly, but takes more wood and more time to prepare. After the wood is placed it may be covered with fern or other similar material, and a thin layer of dirt should be placed over it, with the exception of leaving a place large enough to start the fire. Only a light coating of three or four inches of dirt should be put over the fire, and this should not be piled against the stump over 18 inches high. As the wood burns down the fire will break through the dirt in places, and it will then be necessary to apply more dirt to cover it. As the fire burns into the stump more dirt should be shoveled over it. Should the fire burn higher on the stump than where the dirt is piled it should be put out, instead of trying to cover it by piling the dirt higher. The fire should be covered at all times, and never be allowed to burn into an open blaze; as when it does much of the fuel is burned up and the heat lost. The object is to confine the heat. When this is properly done it becomes intensely hot around the base of the stump. As the main part of the stump is burned out care should be taken to keep the roots covered properly, so that they will all burn out.

Another method of char-pitting stumps, that has been recommended by the University of Idaho, is to saw the stump off as near the ground as possible, and skid it up on its base from two to four inches, using stones for this purpose. Then in the summer, when it is dry, a fire can be started between the two parts of the stump. The two burning surfaces radiate heat upon each other and thus maintain continuous combustion. The top of the stump gradually settles down, burning the roots out.

Only soil that contains a considerable amount of clay is suitable for char-pitting, sandy or gravel soils are not adapted to the work. This method has proven equally successful in Wahkiakum County on both the hill and bottom land. It has proven especially successful on the reclaimed tidelands. The quality of the stumps and the nature of this soil makes it especially adapted to the char-pitting method.

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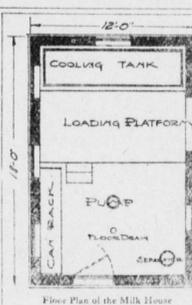
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