

SHOP TALK—BY AMY ARMSTRONG

OUR very best wishes to the June bride. Not only that but we have discovered several things in the shops this week which may interest her, particularly if, as is the custom with brides, she is rushed to death at the last minute. To the world at large the most important thing about a bride and a wedding is how she looks walking down the aisle or standing under the wedding bell of flowers in the parlor of her home. To the bride herself and to her intimate friends there are more personal garments and household linens upon which for weeks and weeks she has been expending much time and thought. The wedding itself is over in a day but these other things are to be a big factor in her life for a year or two and it is to them that she gives the careful consideration. To the dressmaker may be consigned the business of the bridal gown, the arranging of the satins or laces, but no one save the bride herself and a loving mother are permitted to select the "three suits of this," the two of these, one of these better ones and a half dozen for every day."

And what fun it is to do that selecting. Really it's about the nicest thing about getting married, isn't it, ye who have been there yourself, and ye excited maiden to whom this month of June is the beginning of things—perhaps your finish, if you but knew it, although that is a pessimistic remark and unworthy of the present story. But what we started out to say about the shops is that perhaps never before in any year has it been such an easy matter for a bride-to-be to get together a trousseau with so little trouble and so reasonably. Styles have changed radically in the matter of underthings, changed from the styles which have been the accepted thing for years and years, way back into the days of our grandmothers and great grandmothers, and they have changed for the better in more ways than one.

The head of the lingerie department in one of our largest stores was telling me yesterday how the wash satine, crepe de chine and even Georgettes have almost entirely replaced the elaborately embroidered garments in sales for trousseaus. This new mandate of Dame Fashion has much to recommend it. In the first place the wash silks are in most instances much less expensive than the better garments in the embroidered, for the simple reason that they do not require much trimming in the way of expensive laces, the material of which they are made being pretty enough in itself. Then another thing it is not nearly so much trouble to laundry them and a girl usually likes to do her best garments herself at least for one or two months while they are new. And still another advantage is that they pack away for the wedding trip or into the small closets of our modern apartments to better advantage, taking up less room and not being so easily crushed.

But perhaps the best feature of all is that these garments can be bought ready made with more satisfactory results than they can be made at home which is a great saving of labor for the girl who is about to be married and, since fashionable, this kind of undergarments is to be preferred to any other. Just imagine the hours and hours the women of the olden days spent putting fine stitches into tiny scallops and flowers and other patterns, ruining their eyes and their dispositions. I have known many a bride to wear herself thin and into a nervous state where she was nothing but temper to her family and even to the man for whom she was doing it all, and of whom friends said on the

day she was married that she never looked more tired or old in her life. To be sure it is a pleasure for a girl to prepare her things but it is economic waste to overdo anything, and there will always be plenty of towels to embroider, pillows and scarfs and the like to sew on to keep her busy as much as she has time to spare.

And now to be specific and to tell about some of the very prettiest "nighties" and things I have been shown during the week. The head of the department I mentioned before tells me that there is much point to most of the latest shipments. The newest of the new is a sleeveless "nightie" which is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The arm's eye and the neck come together in a long point on each shoulder and the points are caught together with narrow ribbons which are left long as to ends and loops making a soft falling drapery which is most attractive. You know how horribly wrinkled and "unpretty" the sleeves of a gown get during sleep through the night. This gown will not have such a disadvantage. The neck and edges are all picot edge, the color is flesh with a touch of purple in the bit of hand embroidery which adorns the front and which is something on the order of the daisy stitch but prettier, and the cost of all this daintiness is only \$10. There is another sleeveless gown in society satin, flesh color, at \$12.50, which is a dream. There are camisoles to match, with the points and sleeveless, some in flesh, some in white society satin.

Here is something not especially designed for brides perhaps, but which will interest them and likewise every woman who is the proud possessor of

a sport suit—which I am sure means every woman in Salt Lake and the surrounding country. It is a petticoat built along straight and simple lines for wear with sport skirts. It comes in white wash satin or jersey silk in a perfectly plain bottom with a wide tuck or two, or with the tucks hemstitched, and is quite the most "classy" thing in pettiskirts I have yet seen. These skirts are selling at \$6.95. There are some camisoles at \$5.95 which have the new feature of being of the thin materials but combined so that they are more useful than others for covering up purposes. They are of net with a Georgette lining and have a wreath decoration across the front. They are not only pretty but practical for wear with net or Georgette blouses.

However it is not true that a bride should have no dainty embroidered lingerie in her trousseau trunk. One of the shops has some Spanish and some Phillipino work which is popular and not so wonderfully expensive either, gowns in the former priced as low as \$5, in the latter as low as \$3.75. This shop also has been having a sale of art work which has been embroidered by experts for display. A young woman about to be married can find any number of pretty things here and every piece is at half price. There are undergarments, pillow covers, scarfs of various kinds, luncheon sets (one exquisite one done in black, something very new) and all sorts of other pieces. The girl in charge tells me that pajamas, embroidered ones, are quite popular for brides this year and some of those on display need only be washed to be most attractive.

The head of one of the millinery departments was telling me that he is making a specialty of bridal veils made to order. Surprisingly inexpensive they are, too, at \$5 and \$7.50, and they can be made any length desired. Orange blossoms are particularly good this year and are snuggled into almost every one of the veils somewhere. They can be made either of silk or cotton net. His head milliner was formerly in charge of a bridal department in a large department store of one of the big coast cities and is an expert in her line. She is glad to consult with the brides-to-be and plan their costumes with them, even to the hats for the bridesmaids, if there are to be any. In the department are scores of attractive white hats for this purpose, either all white or with a touch of color in flowers or ribbons, which can be chosen with a view to fitting into the color scheme of the wedding.

But the garments I saw during the week which appealed to me most were some porch or house dresses altogether in a class by themselves. They were the most attractive thing in that line I have ever seen. There were two distinct styles and many different patterns and colors. One lot was scalloped around the bottom of the

waist, (sleeves and skirt, the scallops piped with contrasting material. They had pockets and belts, likewise piped, and anything daintier for lounging on the porch or for wear at the breakfast table could not be imagined. A bride wearing one of these could keep her husband's love forever and need not worry about whether she was en-

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