

IN POPULAR DESIGN

Coming Season's Tastes, by This Time, Are Defined

SERGE IS HIGHLY IN FAVOR

For Cloth Suits, That Material Has Preference Over All Others—Yellow as a Color Has Caught the Fancy of the Parisian of Fashion.

THE first openings at the fashionable dressmakers' are naturally regarded as the important events of the season. But the later displays at these houses sometimes seem more significant, since by that time the designers have felt the pulse of their clientele and know better what is going to be accepted, declares a fashion writer in the Kansas City Star.

It was an interesting study after one of these affairs the other day to go over the list of about eighty gowns that had been shown and try to determine the trend of fashion at that particular house. The display included everything from tailored cloth suits to evening gowns.

More than half the wool suits were of serge. However, this house does not make a specialty of cloth suits, and it is quite true that the tailors who do are showing a much greater range of materials. But it is an unmistakable fact that serge is in favor at the best houses.

The other materials used in the cloth suits were covert, cloth, extremely fine, soft ratine, flannel, and a leather mixture with a smooth, silky surface. Quite a number of covert cloth suits have appeared lately, not in heavy weight, but in a quality which has all the suppleness demanded this season.

Yellow Popular in Europe.

The shades of tan or beige in which covert cloth comes are in line with the present popularity of anything that falls into the scale of yellow—a popularity which is established in Paris, at any rate, though it has been much slower in invading this country.

WITH THE NEW POCKETS.



Tailored Dress of Gray Striped Suede Cloth With Embroidered Vest and Black Patent Leather Belt.

low appeared over here almost timidly at first, in blouses, perhaps of chiffon or net or tulle lace. Occasionally a lemon-colored evening gown was seen. And so the thing has gone on, until whole groups of gowns in striking new shades of yellow are now displayed.

Many of these shades are really wonderful. But the fact that they are so fascinating constitutes them a veritable yellow peril. Of all trying colors, yellow is probably the most deadly enemy to the average woman's complexion. The worst of it is that the new shades are so wonderful and palpitating that women who never before cared for yellow are being fascinated now.

If yellow is adopted for a corsage it is absolutely essential—except in extremely rare cases—that it be separated from the face by an ameliorating zone of some more becoming color or combination of colors. With the present evening gowns this is easily accomplished, for the skirt material plays almost no role in the transparent chiffon or lace corsage. But in afternoon or tailored frocks the problem is serious. Mustard colored ratine, for example, may have other things to recommend it, but it certainly is not becoming to one woman in a thousand.

Tailored Silk Suits. While the house above referred to does not make a specialty of cloth suits, it does create charming tailored three-piece dresses in silk fabrics. These shown the other day were in Bedford cord, cote de cheval, ratine, canvas and tussor. The coats were either curiously designed short ones, elaborate modifications of the Russian blouse, godet coats, or hip-length ones very slightly cut away in front. No "wide open" cutaways were shown in this particular exhibition.

Belted coats with godets, or else with the fullness made by plaiting the lower part on at the waistline, were a feature of some of the most attractive models. Tunic effects were conspicuous in the coats, as well as decidedly prominent in afternoon and evening costumes.

Some of the short coats evoked a murmur of admiration, but, as a rule, the longer ones seemed to please better. And yet, if Paris had its way, the short coat will be extremely fashionable for dressy models. The French women who help the couturiers in leavening the styles have unqualifiedly accepted the bolero, which is the general name for all those short coats, just as "Russian blouse" is the general name for almost every variety of belted coat.

Patch Pockets on Skirts.

A striking and attractive detail of the handsomest suits shown the other day was the placing of patch pockets on the skirt. Sometimes one of these pockets appeared on each side about twelve inches below the waist line; not toward the front, but actually at the sides, below the hips. They were about six inches wide and four or five inches deep.

One model in light-blue serge had a pocket at the right of the front, while a row of good-sized white pearl buttons was placed at the left of the front. In the back of this arrangement was reversed; the pocket being at the left and the buttons at the right. Another suit had pockets about eight inches wide and four deep, with flaps ornamented with a close-set row of large, white pearl buttons.

In the dry-goods trade it is common talk that the demand for silks this year is greater than it has been for a number of seasons. Not only is the quantity greater, but the variety of kinds used is almost unprecedented. One can see the reason for it in every display of gowns. The immense popularity of the silk suits contributes to this demand, but the afternoon gowns in silk are so unusually interesting that they have been very successful.

Those exhibited the other day were in taffetas, tussor, charmeuse, crepe or crepe voile, with one or two in brocade, polka and in foulard. Taffetas, tussor and charmeuse were in the lead. Which moves me to comment once more on the partiality which the great Paris dressmakers have shown this spring for a fabric which, so far, has failed to excite any popular enthusiasm here.

Short Taffetas Popular.

At any rate, the enthusiasm has been reserved for the appearance of the new short taffetas. The charm of this fabric and its appropriateness as a material for the universal separate coat have won for it immediate favor with women who can afford elaborate wardrobes. But whether the rank and file will take up even the new weaves of taffeta this spring is doubtful.

Tussor is another silk which has had comparatively little attention here, although in the early news from Paris the all-powerful Callot was reported to be using it. At the display with which we are concerned just now tussor was employed in several of the coat and skirt suits, as well as in some of the afternoon gowns. However, the best of these models were in special weaves, which I have since sought in vain in the shops.

Psyche Knot.

Hints of the new spring fashions declare that hair must be dressed in somewhat quaint, old-fashioned styles. Hats which are small, flat and long in the back, yet which sit close to the head, will call for some of the ringleted coiffures beloved of our grandmothers.

Hair needs air, plenty of it, and sunshine, and heavy rolls have the fatal effect of making the hair thin and keeping it so.

Sometimes a braid is used just back of the flat pompadour, and the hair is coiled in the back. This gives a round line to the face very satisfactory with most features.

The Psyche knot is about as popular as any fashion at the present hour, and is excellent for young girls.

WELL WORTHY OF MONUMENT

Project on Foot to Erect Memorial to Edwin L. Drake, Who Sunk the First Oil Well.

Fifty-four years ago, or, to be exact, on August 27, 1859, oil was struck in western Pennsylvania at a spot which bore the picturesque name of Pithole, now a deserted village, but at one time the scene of epoch-making activities.

The man who discovered oil by boring for it was a picturesque character, of an adventurous disposition, by the name of Edwin L. Drake, widely known under the title of Colonel. He had observed traces of oil on the surface of a stream near Titusville and he resolved to sink a well to secure this commodity in larger quantities and to replace the crude methods which the Indians of western Pennsylvania employed. They immersed blankets to secure the lubricant, more, however, on account of the medicinal qualities of the crude oil than for its commercial values and uses.

It is proposed by the people of Titusville, Oil City and other cities in the oil regions to erect a monument to Drake to mark the spot where the first oil well was sunk. A Drake memorial museum has already been established at Titusville.

The history of the early production of oil in the oil regions of western Pennsylvania reads like a romance, and it is, indeed, a romance, founded, however, on the most solid structure of fact.

It is a fact that the discovery of oil was one of the most vital in the history of the United States. It seems fitting that some shaft or monument should mark the place where Drake made the prescience to sink the first oil well, which increased so amazingly the wealth of this country and added so much to the comforts of life.—Wall Street Journal.

Pottery Tea Sets.

English and American pottery showing the finer deposit work is very pretty. This is newer than the deposit on glass, which has lost its popularity because of its fragility.

An invalid would appreciate one of the pottery tea sets, which is so ingeniously fitted together that it takes up only a few inches on the tray. The English ware is either black, white or dark brown in color, while some of the American ware is beautifully shaded in tones of brown.

CATCHER LESLIE NUNAMAKER



The luck of Owner John I. Taylor of the Boston Red Sox in getting high-class youngsters for his team is proverbial, and he apparently never made a happier strike than when he landed that husky young giant, Leslie Nunamaker, for backstop duty. Nunamaker is big and strong; he is not exactly graceful; it may be that the length of his legs gives one that impression. But for headwork he is declared to have it on a lot of the backstops who have had years the advantage in training, and he has handled the Red Sox pitchers in his shape.

Mrs. Marquand is the only woman traveling with the Giants this season.

Stallions state that Myers will hold down first base for the Braves until he blows up.

Booe, the new member of Fred Clark's team, is doing some grand work as a utility player.

Now they are picking the St. Louis Cardinals as the "dark horse" entry for the National League race.

There is one thing about the Reds that has not been as noticeable in years past. They fight right up to the very end.

Danny Moeller and Clyde Milan are the two best base runners on the Washington team, and also two of the best in the junior league.

Reports from Cincinnati state that Armando Marsans, the Cuban, is playing such a clever game for the Reds that Mike Mitchell is hardly missed.

John McGraw will not stand for cliques of any kind on his team. He has repeatedly said he would release any man starting any kind of a rum-pus.

Ralph Works, the former Detroit, and Packard, the A. A. star the Reds won in the draft last fall, are two twirlers that have made good with Joe Tinker.

Manager Chance picks the Senators to win the flag in the American league this season. The Peerless Leader is much impressed with the speed and aggressiveness of the Washington players.

No more games will be cut short in Cleveland to allow visiting teams to catch a train. Ban Johnson ruled that every contest must be played to a finish if it is necessary for the visitors to engage a special train.

The members of the New York Giants are glad the effort is being made to stop players from writing for the newspapers. The New York players have been getting as much abuse from members of their own profession as they have praise.

SPORTING WORLD

The trotters that have covered a mile in 2:30 number 28,810.

Des Moines has made a place on its program for a race among pacing teams.

The report that Jim Jeffries contemplates entering the ring again is not taken seriously by the sports.

Willie Ritchie states that he is perfectly willing to meet Freddy Welsh July 4 for the lightweight championship if the English champion will make 133 pounds.

Tom Thorpe, brother of Jim, has entered the Carlisle Indian school, at the tender age of fourteen years. Jim is said to have advised the boy never to become a professional.

If Boston succeeds in having the A. A. U. meet held at the Harvard stadium about the time of the International meet, the championships this year will rival the Olympics in class of entries.

Hobey Baker and Tal Pendleton are the only Princeton undergraduates to wear two varsity letters. Baker's were won in football and hockey and Pendleton's in football and baseball. Pendleton would probably hold a track letter but for the two-sport rule.

The latest promised International invasion of American golf is that of Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, the English women's champion, and Miss Cecil Leach, whom she defeated for the title. They and Mrs. Hurd, nee Dorothy Campbell, will come over in the early fall to compete on our links.

GRAVE UNDER TREE

UPROOTING REVEALS A ROMANCE OF EARLY BOSTON.

Patriotic New Englander Bequeathed Land to Harvard College, From Which It Still Derives a Small Revenue.

The uprooting of an old tree in the Granary burial ground on Tremont street (the Long Acre of the eighteenth century) furnishes the material for a sorrowful record of a Boston family of the early days of the town. In removing the roots of the tree, on the south bounds of the burying ground, next the Park street church, where once stood the town's granary, was uncovered a gravestone. It bore this inscription, says the Boston Globe: "Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Rootes, died Oct. 9, 1683, aged 29."

Thomas Rootes was a mariner, sailing to the island of Jamaica, whither he took fish and staves, and returned with molasses, sugar and tobacco. He owned one-eighth of the ketch, or small vessel, in which he sailed. From the earnings of his vessel and his wages as a seaman he in 1676 purchased a small house and strip of land on the east side of Fort Hill. It fronted on the Batterymarch, now the street of that name.

The front of the lot was but eleven and one-half feet, but the lot broadened out to fifty-one feet in the rear and had a depth of eighty feet.

It was purchased of Joseph Gridley, and in the rear were ropewalks which were burned in the fire of 1793.

Thomas Rootes had married Elizabeth, daughter of Ambrose Gale of Marblehead. Gale had married Mary, daughter of Samuel Ward. It was Elizabeth Rootes' grandfather, Samuel Ward, who when he died Aug. 30, 1682, gave Harvard college Bumpkin island, between Hingham and Hull. It is the large portion of land which is passed lying at the left hand before entering Hingham harbor.

"The island that I have given to the College which Leyth Betwixte Hingham and Hull called Bomkin Island; my mind is that it shall be and remain for ever to harford College in Newengland; the Reant of it to be for the easment of the charges of the Dietate of the Studente that are in comonsee." The island then was valued at £80; in recent years it has yielded the college an annual income of \$50.

Ward also gave Ambrose Gale land at Hull. Ward had lived at Hingham, but his home was in Charlestown, near the meeting house, when he died.

On Sept. 5, 1683, Rootes being about to sail on a voyage to Jamaica made his will and parted from his wife and a little daughter, three years old. They were not destined to meet again.

The gravestone revealed his wife's death a month later, on Oct. 9, 1683. The father never returned from the voyage, meeting death by sickness or the perils of the sea.

His father-in-law, Ambrose Gale, administered on his estate and became guardian of the orphan Mary, who was taken to Marblehead to live with her mother's family. There she married one of them, Azor Gale, in 1798, and had several children. One of these, Azor Gale, Jr., died in Boston in 1728, aged twenty-nine years.

In 1705 they sold the house and land on the Batterymarch in Boston. Azor Gale, Sr., died in Marblehead in 1728, aged fifty-nine; his widow, Mary, some years younger, died 1730, aged fifty.

Hints on Exercise. Exercise favors the growth of bone and muscle. It quickens the elimination of waste products. It accelerates the work of the liver, the lungs, the skin and the kidneys. It makes more active the brain. It brightens the eyes, clears the skin and tones up the whole organism. The appetite is made keener and digestion is aided by a greater appetite for food.

But while exercise is absolutely necessary to health and to a perfect digestion, it does not always achieve this end, as for instance, when it is taken too soon before or after meals, says Health and Strength. No one should exercise immediately preceding or following a meal, one hour before and two hours after eating being the better time. It is fairly safe, however, to fix the time preceding a meal at one hour, for the stomach is then somewhat empty.

Survival of the Fittest. Five-year-old Dorothy's pet cat had presented her little mistress with a set of kittens. In spite of tears and pleadings Dorothy was informed that she could keep only one kitten, and that the rest would be drowned.

A few weeks later the little girl was taken into her mother's room to see the new twins. She looked at them wonderingly for awhile, then turning to her grandmother she said: "Which one are you going to drown?"

Bright Colors Popular. But a few years ago, with the advent at the White House of a young lady who liked a certain soft shade of blue particularly, all this was changed, and later when another daughter of the executive mansion lent her favor to a bright pink shade women suddenly appeared to wake up to the fact that they might all wear bright colors if they pleased, and behold all public places where women were met together blossomed as the rose.

There can be no doubt that the change had already greatly to the picturesque and brilliancy of public assemblages, but as to the general question there is still, as was said in the beginning, room for doubt.—Exchange.

Those Dear Girls Again. Miss Homeleigh—Perhaps you won't believe it, but a strange man tried to kiss me once.

Miss Cutting—Really? Well, he'd have been a strange man if he tried to kiss you twice.

BASEBALL

Manager Miller Huggins believes he has a star in his young pitcher.

Already some of the Cincinnati bugs have been predicting a new manager for the Reds.

Frank Schulte, of the Cubs, predicts that he will make at least thirty home runs this season.

Connie Mack is in doubt as to his old twirlers. The Old Fox is carrying ten pitchers with him.

Hughey Jennings has Deacon Jim McGuire and Joe Sugden helping him develop the young Tigers.

Hughey Jennings admitted very recently that the Tigers are stronger than they have been since 1870.

Jimmy Archer will be used on first base against the left-handed pitchers, according to Evers' announcement.

Bert Shotton, the Browns' young outfielder, is picked by the St. Louis scribes as the fastest man in baseball.

Maranville, the shortstop of the Boston team, is not much bigger than a shad's eyelash, but he can hit and field.

It begins to look as if Callahan had let go of a real pitcher in Chief Johnson. Tinker is willing to bet a little he did.

Cy Morgan, whom the Athletics sent to Kansas City, is pitching superb ball. Cy won his first A. A. game by defeating Toledo 8 to 2.

Coach Heine Peltz of the Cardinals is working out daily coaching four of Manager Huggins' twirlers—Redding, Burke, Hunt and Perritt.

Manager Joe Birmingham says he will not shift Larry Lajole to first base this season. "He'll play second this year," said Birmingham.

Sam Agnew, whom the Browns purchased from Vernon, Cal., is one of the most promising young backstops that ever donned a pad and mask.

The French youths are taking to the game of baseball very fast. This year the American game has been played on many of the back lots of Paris.

Ray Schalk looks like a second Jimmy Archer. Ray has developed the "snap" throw and has Jimmy Archer's habit of polling out two-base drives.

McGraw states definitely that Jim Thorpe will be retained on the roster of the Giants all this season at least. The Giant leader is no welcher, at any rate.

They say that McGraw's offer of \$5,000 for Harold Jarvis, the young first sacker of the Boston Red Sox, saved the youngster from going to the minors.

Pitcher Cutting of the Milwaukee Brewers was the first twirler to pitch a one-hit game in the American Association. And at that it only was a scratch hit.

In the last two seasons Lajole and Jackson, the two great Cleveland sluggers, have been at bat 1,906 times and poled out 739 hits—a combined average of .387.

Catcher Almsmith of Washington is catching the best ball of his career. His batting is so good that Manager Griffith has placed him higher up in the batting order.

Big Chief Johnston was a minor leaguer for a day. The White Sox turned him back to St. Jo in the Western league, but by night he had been bought by Cincinnati.

Secretary Mason of the Browns has adopted the scheme inaugurated by Secretary Blackwood of the Cleveland last year of sending on advance information on his ball team.

Manager McGraw has secured a promise from Malcolm Russell, the sensational shortstop of the University of Virginia line, to play with the Giants if he decides to enter professional baseball.

Joe Tinker is making hay even though the sun has not been shining every day since he took charge of the Reds. In Pittsburgh the other day Joe was given a tremendous round of applause when he came to bat the first time, showing that he is popular in other places besides Cincinnati and Chicago.

Gentle Hint for Teacher. Percy is a shrewd little fellow, not at times above mild schemes for his own pleasure. The other day his music teacher commended him for a well-prepared lesson.

"The little girl next door," Percy answered, with an angelic smile, "has a man teacher. An' when she gets a good lesson he takes her to a show."

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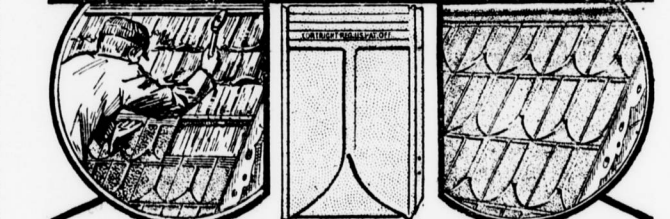
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