

Suggestion for Draped Gown That Has Won Admiration



A gown of black charmeuse trimmed with lace. The skirt reveals a fish panel of the same material, accordion pleated.

GOOD USE FOR OLD GOWN

Complete Transformation May Be Made in the Fashioning of the One-Piece Frock.

It is rather astounding what a fashionable air can be given to a one-piece frock that has served during the winter as a house gown, by adding to it a belted jacket of figured silk material or crepon. Also, it turns the gown into a serviceable thing for outdoor wear through the spring and summer and saves one the necessity of getting a suit.

A dark blue crepe de chine trimmed with satin cloth which had served its purpose since December as a smart house frock was converted by one woman into a spring suit for the street and for afternoon wear by the addition of a dark blue watered poplin jacket which had a pronounced wave in it. This was lined with a figured silk in blue and yellow and belted in with a loose girdle of crepe

BEAUTIFUL NEW MODEL



de chine run through a jet buckle in front. The revers were of crepe de chine and the long sleeves had a two-inch turnover cuff of the same. The economy of getting this garment was furthered by having a separate skirt made of plain material, which could be worn at odd hours with a white shirtwaist.

Whatever else you forget in planning your spring and summer wardrobe remember that the short dressy coat is probably the conspicuous garment of the moment.

OLD POKE BONNETS REVIVED

Made Into Things of Beauty by the Clever Hands of the Up-to-Date Milliner.

Here and there one sees an alluring poke bonnet brought to life by the milliner who is clever enough to know that the old fashions are being revived, and if women wish to look like old prints they must have hats and mantles to go with the gowns.

The revival of the poke bonnet has met with approval because in its modern shape it is exceedingly becoming and does not clash with the ideas of present millinery. It is not a scoop; it merely has a rounded brim in front to shade the eyes, and is turned up with a flap in the back. There is a chin band of black velvet or colored satin ribbon and a bunch of flowers over one ear.

The milliners make these old-time flowered mantles to go with the hat, and the same color scheme is supposed to be carried out in the two. If a woman is going to attempt trimming such a hat and making such a wrap at home, it is wise for her to remember this.

Picturesque Nets.
Even in the matter of tailor-made gowns a certain picturesque note asserts itself this season, the severity of the coats, for example, being very frequently softened by the introduction of frilled jabots of net and lace, emphasizing the Directoire style in which the collars and revers are cut.

Change Purse Bracelets.
Change purse bracelets are among the new pieces of jewelry. The purse, shaped like a tiny circular powder puff box, has a closely fitted spring-operated lid which flies back at a touch and reveals a space for nickels and dimes. It is attached to a self-closing extension bracelet so narrow that it scarcely shows upon the wrist, and the purse itself is so fat that it readily slips out of sight under the glove's wrist.

Social Forms and Entertainments



What shall I give for a wedding gift? And what for a gift to the sweet girl graduate?

These are the questions uppermost in the minds of most every one these days. Christmas and birthday presents are easier to select, as we are apt to know the individual preferences of our near and dear friends, but in making a gift that is to mark two of the most eventful occasions in life one is often at a loss.

In days gone by teaspoons seemed to be the accepted offering to a bride; once a young woman received seven dozen. Afterward in confidence she said, "Of course, I suppose it's true that one never can have too many spoons, but how many other things I would have liked!" It just happened that she could not change any of the spoons, as all were marked, and all from friends who sent personal notes, saying they were just sure she would be delighted with teaspoons.

A woman of discretion and judgment who has given wedding presents to several generations says that if the young people are going to house-keeping she gives a door knocker, for even if the home is an apartment its quite the thing to have a knocker on the door; otherwise she gives candlesticks of brass, Sheffield or silver. Silver sugar tongs are a charming gift not apt to be duplicated or glass and silver dishes for sliced lemon with a two-pronged lemon fork, an odd-shaped tea caddy, in Sheffield, are good, as are all bits of Sheffield, either old or modern.

There are lovely sugar baskets and individual salts and almond dishes in pierced silver, and several girls are making collections of all sorts of little odd-shaped boxes in silver, brass and Sheffield. If we know the special fad or hobby of our friends it is always well to add to the collection as the opportunity presents itself.

There is no great difference between graduation presents and those given for weddings, but for the former we may find very delightful books, with pages for class history, class photographs and all the doings of commencement week. Such books are also obtainable for the bride, but one should make sure that there are no duplicates.

To go back to silver, there are all sorts of tea strainers, cups in silver holders, jelly jars, cheese jars with silver scoops, silver flower holders and handkerchief chains, such as our grandmothers carried.

In china, who would not like bouillon cups, coddles or salad plates, all of which may be odd pieces? Then there are wonderfully clever bowls and jugs in inexpensive pottery for holding flowers; the shallow ones may be equipped with Japanese or glass flower holders. Instead of the omnipresent cut-glass bowl, of which brides usually have dozens, select one good piece of rock crystal or a bit of opalescent glass; sherbet cups and tumblers look well in the latter and one does not tire of them. Nearly every one has something of which they make a specialty. For instance, an industrious maiden aunt sees that all the girls in her family are supplied with knitted wash clothes and bath towels, and a goodly showing they make, all tied with ribbon. A box of fine toilet soap accompanies the handiwork, all done up in tissue paper, banded with white satin ribbon. A grandmother gives each grandchild a silk quilt on the wedding day and an adoring aunt furnishes all her nieces with exquisite bags.

Then, who would not like four colonial glass candle sticks or a set of coasters with lemonade or iced tea glasses? Of trays there is no end in shapes, prices and materials. Any girl would like a set of clipping scissors and magazine opener. They come in brass, bronze and silver and a case of three or five scissors is an always welcome gift, as are jewel boxes and work boxes in leather.

Gifts of hand work are best of all and made from rare bits of brocade and embroidered, picked up during frequent trips abroad. Speaking of bags, one can never have too many and they are an acceptable gift to either bride or graduate; those of white hand embroidered or of Irish crochet are fitting accessories to the popular all-white costume. A set of six hand-made towels, a pair of pillow cases or a bedroom set in art embroidery are all good and stationary of all sizes, while the die is a gift longed for by many a girl.

When it comes to personal gifts, the list is too long to be given in a limited space, but I heard an eighteen-year-old girl say "she just hoped everybody would give her things that she could not afford herself." Silk stockings, for instance, was there ever a maid with too many?

A good idea is for the family or a group of intimate friends to combine and each give a piece of either turquoise or coral, so the girl will have a complete set. This makes the expense evenly divided, and it is better than each giving a separate article. Desk sets may be given in this way, for it is more harmonious to have all pieces match in form and coloring. Fans and hair ornaments must not be forgotten, and how about a real lace handkerchief for either bride or graduate?

Wedding Menus.

So many requests have reached my desk for suggestions for wedding refreshments that I slip these in, though it is contrary to our rules to use our valuable space for menus. I hope these will assist the many June brides:

- FOR A WEDDING LUNCHEON.**
Bouillon.
Lobster Cutlets, Sauce Tartare.
Rois.
Glazed Sweetbreads with Peas.
Egg and Endive Salad.
Fancy Ice Cream.
Bride's Cake.
Candied Grapefruit Peel, Salted Nuts.
Coffee.

- ELABORATE AFTERNOON OR EVENING RECEPTION MENU.**
Chicken Croquettes, Peas.
Lobster or Salmon Salad.
Bread-and-Butter Sandwiches.
Rolls Stuffed with Chicken Salad. Buttered Rolls.
Frozen Pudding, Orange Sherbet.
Assorted Cakes.

- SIMPLE AFTERNOON OR EVENING REFRESHMENTS.**
Chicken Salad.
Buttered Rolls.
Strawberry Ice Cream.
Bride's Cake.

- MILITARY WEDDING RECEPTION MENU.**
Bouillon Served in Caps.
Creamed Lobster in Ramekins.
Cold Baked Chicken and Virginia Ham.
Bread-and-Butter Sandwiches.
Olives, Salted Nuts, Radishes.
Ice Cream Served in Yellow Cavalry Cups.
Wedding Cake (decorated with crossed sabers to be cut by the bride with her husband's saber).
Punch, Coffee.
MME MERRI.

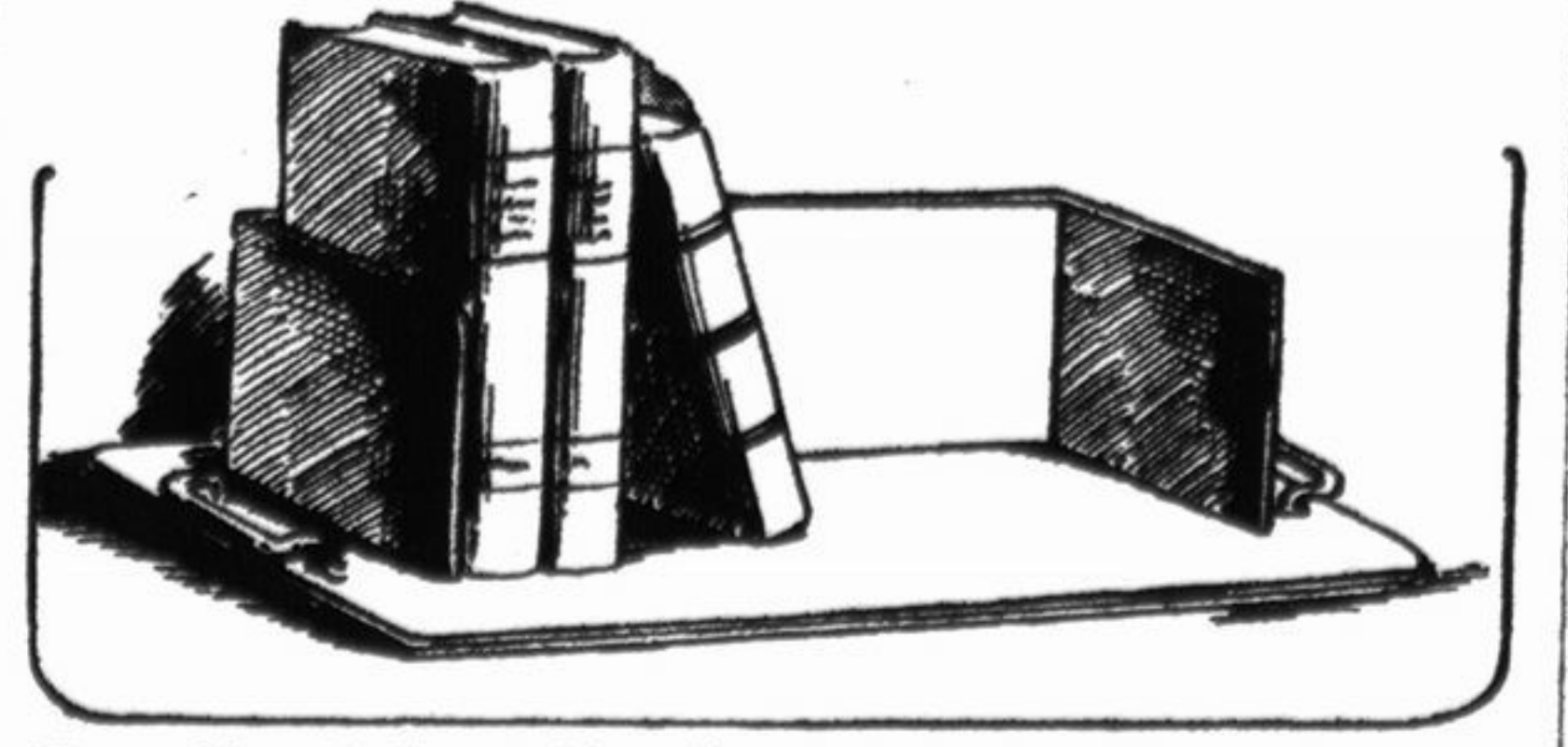
New Bracelets.

If your forearm is white and rounded, it deserves the decoration of a bracelet. Depending upon the size of your income or of your earnings, you may have a pretty and dainty bracelet of filigree silver, of silver links and crystals or in silver bands joined by tiny chains in coral. Just a wee bit more expensive are the beautifully engraved bangles in sterling silver and gold and a trifle beyond the income of the well-to-do wage earner (who is thrifty) are the snake bracelets in gold, set with amethysts.

Tulle Scarfs.

Pretty little scarfs are made of two long or short lengths of tulle, knotted at the ends or ornamented with tassels. They supply a little warmth and a touch of color may be given to the costume by them, as the two lengths used together may combine a color with either white or black.

Table Bookcase May Be Made by Amateur Carpenter



The making of the useful table bookcase of which we give a sketch is extremely simple, and may be undertaken by the amateur carpenter without fear of failure.

It can be carried out to suit requirements, and is composed of four pieces of wood, which can be dovetailed together or fastened together with screws.

Well-planed wood about half or three-quarters of an inch in thickness should be used for the upper part, and for the base a piece of wood of at least an inch in thickness will be required, and it should be rounded at the corners and bevelled at the edges. At either side small brass handles

are fastened on with screws, by which the case and contents may be lifted and moved when occasion requires. Suitable handles, with brass screws to fit, may be obtained at any ironmonger's at a trifling cost. When complete, the case can be stained a nice dark green and afterwards varnished.

A case of this kind will be found extremely useful upon a writing table, for the few books of references that are always necessary to have at hand, and in a bedroom also, placed, perhaps, upon the chest of drawers, it will be very handy for holding just a few of the favorite books that one likes to have at hand.

English Monocle Worn by the Fashionable Parisienne



Paris society ladies are now wearing the English monocle. The fad is sure to be taken up at once by the American society leaders, who have waited long for the opportunity of cultivating this distinctly English habit.

QUAINT SILKS HAVE VOGUE TO BE SLIM AND STRAIGHT

For Dressy Summer Gowns They Are Likely to Become Altogether General Features.

Nothing more persuasive could possibly be imagined for the dressy summer gown than these quaint flowered silks. When they first came to notice some months ago there were certain doubts as to whether they would find favor. But the authorities responsible for the introduction were firm in the belief that even the vividly colored examples would be accepted. These last are strongly reminiscent of old chintz designs, and there are others just as tender.

With silks, brocades and likewise crepons we shall have to reckon with a severe little waist bodice that will rest the onus of its success on some novel treatment of the belt. Either narrow, with one falling end looped over the left side of the front, or extremely deep and folded, or else the Turkish sash. The appearance is most amusing when the skirt is of one material and the bodice of another; those, however, in tone, the sash making for some dashing contrast.

All manner of overtures are being made to us to wear dainty neck ruffles and the zest is so keen there is every probability the desire will be fulfilled. Anyway, for a time, or until the warm weather renders the enveloping of the throat, even tulle, an unpleasant warm procedure.

DICTATES OF FASHION.

Nearly all the smart gowns with thin draperies narrow toward the feet.

Sashes of bright-colored velvet are finished with small silk or satin roses.

The favorite costume of the season is a suit of soft heavy silk. The coat is usually loose and made on one of the extreme models, while the skirt is draped and slashed at the bottom.

In spite of the humanitarian persons who are trying to save the plumage birds from destruction, the costly aigrettes and paradise feathers continue the most popular and fashionable millinery trimming.

A black taffeta parasol with gold ribs has the edge trimmed with two folds of satin. On the edge of one of the ribs is arranged a small bunch of black and white satin rosebuds, which also appear upon the handle.

Pastel Shade Popular.
It has become quite a fad to have the combinations, corset covers, petticoats, gowns, etc., in colored batiste to match the costumes with which they are to be worn, or else to harmonize with the decorations of the bouffant, particularly in the case of gowns and petticoats. The trimmings are usually lace of the shadow or Val variety. Cluny, baby Irish and Venice are used on gowns and petticoats. This fad will probably continue until hot weather arrives, at which time there is nothing better than white.

Enlarging a Blouse.
If a lingerie waist is a size too small enlarge it in this way: At each side of the back opening, set a strip of lace or other insertion. Do the same for the shoulder and under-arm seams, also the sleeves, and add to the size of the collar in the same way.

HOME DRESS



Peplinette in a deep used here. The skirt has a seam at the left sloping to the hips, and a straight line to the middle of little the upper part of sleeves from wrist to wrist. The bodice and waist-band are Materials require Knotted 46 inches long, 1/4 yard white satin.