

# New Sash for Spring Skirts

### Will Differ From Those That Achieved So Much Popularity This Winter.

#### GOWNS IN BLACK AND WHITE

Effective Combination That Has Made a Decided Hit With Parisiennes—Gray in Differing Shades Is Also Being Widely Used Just Now.

Paris.—Sashes, sashes and again sashes. Until a year ago there were only long belts, hanging or crossed. In August they came to us glorified because they were enlarged and lined with a different color to call attention to the decorative scheme they occupied in the decoration scheme. Up to the last month, these belt-sashes were tied in the big loops at the side and dropped softly to the hem of the short skirt. Now the loops have disappeared, and the sash, coming from some part of the very edge of the skirt, and falls to a long, severe line. The sash that will adorn spring skirts will be about a third of a yard wide and will be lined with itself, unless the owner has a black and white costume, when the sash will show white underneath.

Speaking of black and white, the combination was brought out by two big houses in August. Other places called the idea "old," "demode," and did not advise their clients to order anything in it. During the last month the very best gowns I've seen at the opera, theater or afternoon teas have been one of black satin or velvet with touches of white; and they have been so much admired and have been such a success that it is not surprising that nearly every smart frock being ordered today follows the black-and-white craze.

#### Combinations in Gray.

In the spring it is sure to be repeated, for by the side of the black and white, colors appear garish. If anything shares equal popularity with this combination, it is gray, which is used in different shades. The gray is apt to be built on white, either in corage or skirt, and with the many foldings, the shades vary from pearl to iron. As all the layers are of mousseline or tulle illusion, the ensemble is delicately soft and seductive.

We occasionally use gray with Natter blue, but by itself or with white satin it is best and most flattering. Gray used with white in this manner will greatly influence spring styles here. Parisiennes who are tired of black, or even of the black and white combination, instead of ordering new things in colors, will brighten the black with gray; the couturiers, scenting the

#### Satin for Coat Suits.

The designers here are bringing out a heavy wave of satin for the first time since the war. There is a strong tendency to omit blouse and arrange the coat so that it can be kept on. A few of these new coats are buttoned down the back from neck to hem, which removes any possibility of their being taken off in a public place.

It appears that the prevailing creed in fashion is that a woman must not think of going in her shirt sleeves any more than a man would think of doing it; she wears a wash blouse beneath the jacket for purposes of cleanliness, but not publicity. So far-reaching is this creed that the medieval tunic which extends only to the hip line, and is fastened to the shoulder or stays over the head, is worn with a cloth skirt over a blouse, even in the house.

Probably the best thing to remember in buying clothes now is that the figure must be straightened out in the medieval manner, from bust to hips. You can choose your own way of doing it, whether by a deep drapery, by the straight lines of the fabric or by a belt of suede or leather that conceals any inward curve beneath the arms toward the waist.

There is no evidence that embroidery in bullion and silk thread will go out of fashion this spring, but the ornate French designs taken from stained-glass windows of the fifteenth century have given way to the more primitive designs that one sees on the pottery of Indians.

The fashion for the cashmere and Paisley shawls that came out in October will again find expression this spring in figures printed on flat surfaces, and also the reproduction of the Paisley pear, which is an old Indian design, in embroidery done in colored and bullion threads.

#### Chinese Effects.

Fancy link buttons are being employed in great capacity on one-piece dresses and waists. The buttons are sometimes like fine filigree in the shape of balls, or dice, although small, and others are like dumb-bells, wheels and other designs are also customary. The Chinese effect makes itself seen in these link buttons as they show characteristic Chinese motifs.

#### High, Transparent Collars Again.

There has been desultory warning that the high collar and long plaited jabot of the Empire period are coming into vogue again, but last fall the same note was sounded and still women refused to give up the comfort of the open neck, so it was a surprise to see so many high cut blouses and shirts as appeared in the recent importations. Nearly all the velvet and velour suits were worn with blouses of delicate lace or chiffon which had high boned collars. Many of these blouses also showed plaited jabots, sometimes plain and sometimes edged with real lace.

#### The Veil Question.

Precedent has been set in the veil question, and borders that used to hang down are now worn around the hat's crown or brim to form part of the trimming, while the narrow finished edge has become the border. These are fashionable veils are of heavy quality net in coarse mesh, embroidered in worsted. While the veils are black, brown, blue or plum,

#### Gold a Favorite.

Undoubtedly the favorite color at present is gold, and this is not only seen in jerseys, but in velours, duvetons, leathered fabrics and suedes, and is combined with the new stripes and plaids. It is used, too, to tone up costumes of dark cloth or velveteens, and is petronated very much in sweaters and scarfs and other accessories.

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#### Why Rheumatism Comes With Cold Weather!

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# WESTERN CANADA LEADS "CASCARETS" FOR AS WHEAT PRODUCER

## 342,000,000 Bushels Wheat in 1915; in 1916 Many Farmers Paid for Their Land Out of Their Crop.

"Mistress of Wheat" is indeed its 1915 crop exceeded, acre for acre, the production of any country on this continent in a striking fact proved by the following figures:

In 1915 the Dominion of Canada produced 376,000,000 bushels of wheat, which represented an average yield of 17 bushels to the acre. The United States produced 1,011,505,000 bushels, serious competitors in wheat production in South America were Argentine, with 178,221,000 bushels, or less than 12 bushels per acre, and Chile, with 19,000,000 bushels or 13 bushels per acre.

The three Western Canadian prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta produced between them 342,000,000 bushels out of the total Canadian 376,000,000 bushels. It will be seen, therefore, that, outside of the United States, Western Canada produced considerably more than the combined production of North and South America. Canada is of course a new settled country, and the fact that the crop of the United States was practically three times as much is no discouragement. The United States has at present more than twice times the population of Canada in approximately the same area.

To illustrate further the greater productivity of Western Canadian land, we submit the following figures, showing the 1915 yields per acre in the three provinces of Western Canada and in the states which in that year produced the greatest quantity of wheat. The figures are taken from the U. S. department of agriculture's annual report and from the figures of the Dominion census bureau:

Province/State	Bushels per acre 1915
All Canada	17
Western Canada only	29
Province of Manitoba	29.1-5
Province of Saskatchewan	28.4-5
Province of Alberta	28.1-2
United States, all	32.4-5
Montana	17
Washington	20.1-2
Wisconsin	25.1-5
Ohio	22.3-4
Iowa	20.2-5
Illinois	19.4-5
Pennsylvania	19
Nebraska	18.1-2
North Dakota	18.2-5
Indiana	18.1-5
South Dakota	17.1-5
Minnesota	17.1-10
Texas	17
Virginia	15.1-2
Kansas	13.4-5
Missouri	12.1-2
Ill. passports	12.1-2
Oklahoma	11.3-5

In 1916 the crop was not as heavy, but the yields in many districts were very large. So large, indeed, was the acreage under cultivation in 1915 that the resulting crop proved too large to be all threshed the same fall. It overflowed railroads, and made marketing slow. A less amount of fall plowing was done than would have been done in a less heavy year, because the average farmer was too busy with his threshing. All these conditions necessarily reacted upon the acreage seeded in the spring of 1916. Add to this that labor last year, owing to the great number of Canadians who have enlisted, was scarce and high-priced, and one factor in the decreased yield—smaller acreage under crop was evident.

Another factor is that this year Western Canada has experienced, in common with the entire North American continent, conditions that have been less favorable to the production of big crops. The conditions have resulted in smaller yield per acre and reduced grade of grain in certain localities.

The average yield of wheat in the three western provinces is estimated by the government at about 16 bushels per acre, oats 43 bushels, and barley 27 bushels.

The financial value of their crops to Western Canadian farmers has been greater this year than ever before. Owing to the high prices of grain that are prevailing, returns have been received that are extremely profitable. With wheat standing at the present time at over \$1.90 per bushel at the Great Lakes, a wheat crop at present figures would pay the farmer, even supposing he had only the average of 16 bushels per acre, over \$300 per acre. A large number are receiving \$500 per acre—some have received \$750, and a few even more than that.

This price, of course, is not all profit; it represents the gross return, and the cost of operation must be deducted. But it does not, even at the highest figures, cost more than 65 cents to raise a bushel of wheat in Western Canada, so that the profit can be figured accordingly. It must be emphasized that the acre which produces a \$300 crop costs in the first case, probably less than that. In the United States the same class of land would cost in many districts from \$100 to \$200 per acre, and even then a return of \$300 would be considered extremely satisfactory. In Western Canada the best class of agricultural land, capable of producing crops that in size compare with any country in the world except, perhaps, some European countries, can be obtained at, on the average, from \$20 to \$30 per acre, with irrigated lands somewhat higher. It is no exaggeration whatever to say that a number of Western Canadian farmers have paid for their land entirely from the proceeds of last year's crop, and this includes men who last year began for the first time—Advertisement.

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At all such times persons should copiously of hot water, and say, "Morning and night, and take three or four times a day, uric comes in tablet form, and had at almost any drug store, and solves the uric acid in the system, and carries it outward. I would estimate everyone to take three or four times a day, and continue for three or four days, and in this way would rid the system of the uric acid.—Adv.