

Clever Details Lend Cachet To Fetching New Frocks

Genius that expresses itself in small things is truly great. Mediocre talent finds little difficulty in dealing with problems whose solution is self-evident, but when it comes to the manipulation of little details in such a manner that big results are produced, then it is that the master hand is needed.

Some of the biggest problems in dress designing have to do with the disposition of minor trimmings. Self-garnitures play such an important part in the decorative scheme of fashionable frocks that their arrangement reduces itself to a question of skill. Shoulder straps exploited in the form of suspenders are engaging the attention of the best coutouriers, and the remarkable uses to which they are put are the dismay of the average dressmaker.

Light weight coats for spring and summer are establishing an enviable record for themselves, for they are chic with almost any kind of a frock. Developed in the big plaids and checks they look best, and the brightest of colors are used. There seems to be a very strong liking for the high, close collar, because the latest coats have the neck finished in such a way that the collar can be buttoned close to the neck or turned back.

Well-dressed women continue to sing the praises of the Norfolk jacket, because it is trig and comfortable. Checks and mannish mixtures naturally suggest themselves for the development of the Norfolk suit, yet advance models are displayed in linen, cotton gabardine and tub materials of substantial quality.

Of the street gowns the fashionable inclination is still toward the dark blues and browns. Not only is this true of suits with long or short coats, but is quite as characteristic of the serge and the silk dresses. Many of them are combined with plaid.

One sees gowns made with so little sophistication or complexity that the description of them is necessary quite bald. A dainty gown, quite in the accepted fashion, has no ribbon wound about it, introducing a slightly lighter shade by way of variety.

There are many delightful models among the afternoon frocks; some are in crepe de Chine or chiffon, satin or foulard of fairly fancy, while others are in a more conservative material.

The municipal authorities in Glasgow, Scotland, are now training women to be machinists owing to the shortage in these mechanics due to the war.

ite fabrics for spring and summer blouses. Whole dresses and many blouses will be made of this, the blouses, especially, in fawn and dust-colored shades, which are supposed to get better than any other with dark cloths. These fasten down the front and show often congregations of tucks and display high collars. They fall loosely about the throat. Some of the high collars are cut away quite in front, some leave just room for the chin. As the season advances many chiffon blouses will be worn of a tender shade of pink, almost white, and white is worn over pink. These underbodies are also made in the lighter shades of silk. They are cut low and scalloped at the top and are decidedly smart.

All white frocks in materials other than lingerie stuffs are more numerous than they have been in many seasons, and while some are rather characterless and insipid, others are extremely good looking. White taffeta with lace or tulle is much in evidence, and good looking little frocks entirely of white taffeta, self-trimmed and relieved only by a little chiffon or lace and perhaps a nose-gay of color, are in some of the imported collections.

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always, comfortable in the warm weather. A new "marble" lining rivals the quaint blue-and-white Chinese "willow-plate" pattern of pleasing memory. The novel design is of gray and rust-colored irregular markings upon a white ground, giving a most realistic effect of weather-beaten white marble. When used to line a white or very light-colored jacket, the effect is chic and unusual.

Front seams upon skirts are gaining favor. One smart skirt emphasizes this seam by the addition of frogs stretched across it, running from the hem to just below the knees. Folds of self-material are to be seen stitched about the bottom of skirts instead of hems. Such a fold ends in a neck-tie bow at the centre front of the skirt.

land House," returned home from their southern trip this week. Miss Kathleen Hughes, Ottawa, is the guest of Miss Sybil Kirkpatrick, Johnson street.

Miss Flora Rees, who has been visiting Miss Helen Campbell, Emily street, and Miss Helen Rees and Miss Violet Britton, who were staying with Mrs. J. C. Smith, Johnson street, returned to their homes on Thursday.

Mrs. William Hope, Miss Constance Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McKenzie, and Miss Rita McKenzie, who were in town for the Assault-at-Arms at the R.M.C., returned to Montreal on Thursday.

Miss Emily Wilson, visiting Miss Kathleen Simmons, Barrie street, left to-day for her home in Battle Creek, Mich. She will spend a few days with Mrs. A. B. Turner in Hamilton enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gurd returned to Montreal on Thursday, after attending convocation, when their nephew, Gordon J. Smith, received his B. Sc., being an honor graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crothers and Miss Minnie Crothers, Earl street, left this week for Atlantic City. Miss Marjorie Pense and Miss Winifred Claxton left for Halifax on Wednesday, and sailed from there to-day for England, where they will join Miss Elsie Pense in London.

Professors Layne and Prince, Queen's University are sailing from New York to-day for England.

Mrs. Lawrence Lockett and two sons returned from Montreal to-day. Major and Mrs. P. E. Prideaux, will occupy Mrs. Carson's cottage at Dead Man's Bay for the next two weeks. When Mrs. Prideaux will leave for England to spend the summer with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith and their son, Ray Smith, left for their home in Sudbury on Thursday. Miss Aileen, Miss May and Miss Rose Rogers and E. Rogers have given up their house and taken rooms at 126 Earl street.

The engagement is announced in Quebec of Miss Mabel Agnes Wallace, daughter of the late Captain William Wallace, and Mrs. Wallace, to Thomas Hood, Montreal, eldest son of Mrs. and Mrs. Henry A. Hood, of Yarmouth, N. S. The marriage will take place early in June.

Never do a thing gratis to-day that some one is likely to pay you to do to-morrow.



Societies

(Continued from Page 3.)
Miss Beatrice Armstrong, Trenton, is in town taking a course at the Military Hospital and expects to go overseas with Queen's Hospital Corps. Alfred Birch, Utica, N.Y., and Royden Birch, Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. Samuel Birch, Bagot street, for the week-end.

Mrs. Frederick Hammond, who has been Mrs. James Macparland's guest, sailed the end of this week for England. Mrs. Samuel Birch, and Miss Ada Birch, Bagot street, will leave early next week for Halifax, to visit Mrs. Stanley N. Graham.

Mrs. Hugh Nickle, Earl street, expects to leave to-morrow for Kelowna, B.C., to visit Mrs. W. J. Knox. Rav. Neil M. Leckie, Kirkwall, was in town this week to attend Convocation.

Foster Chalmers returned to Ottawa on Friday, after spending a few days in town. Miss Mary Chalmers, formerly of Frontenac street, has moved to Mrs. K. H. Anderson's, 193 Earl street, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilhooly, here for Convocation, returned to Ottawa on Thursday. Miss Annie Dewar, Ottawa, is visiting Miss Elizabeth McCallum. Henry Gracey returned to Gananoque on Thursday.

Among the Gananoque people who were in town for the performance of "Fugation" on Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taylor, Mrs. W. Bulloch, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bennett and Miss Elsie Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Campbell, who were in town for the closing exercises at Queen's, returned to Ottawa on Thursday, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Ruth Campbell, B.A. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis, Sydneyham street, have returned home from New York and Atlantic City. Mrs. C. H. Putman, who was in town for the graduation of her son, C. V. Putman, returned to Ottawa on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Peterboro, were in town for the Assault-at-Arms at the Royal Military College on Wednesday evening. Professor and Mrs. T. Colander, the bride and groom of this week,

sailed for England to spend the summer months. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, who has been the guest of Mrs. James Craig, Earl street, returned to Trenton yesterday.

Rev. S. Harper Gray, of Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, was in town for Queen's closing exercises and the licensing of students in Chalmers church on Thursday evening.

Rev. A. H. Scott, B.D., Perth, was in town for a few days this week. Mrs. Dewar and Miss Margaret Dewar, who were in town for Miss Nora Dewar's graduation, returned to Ottawa on Friday.

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