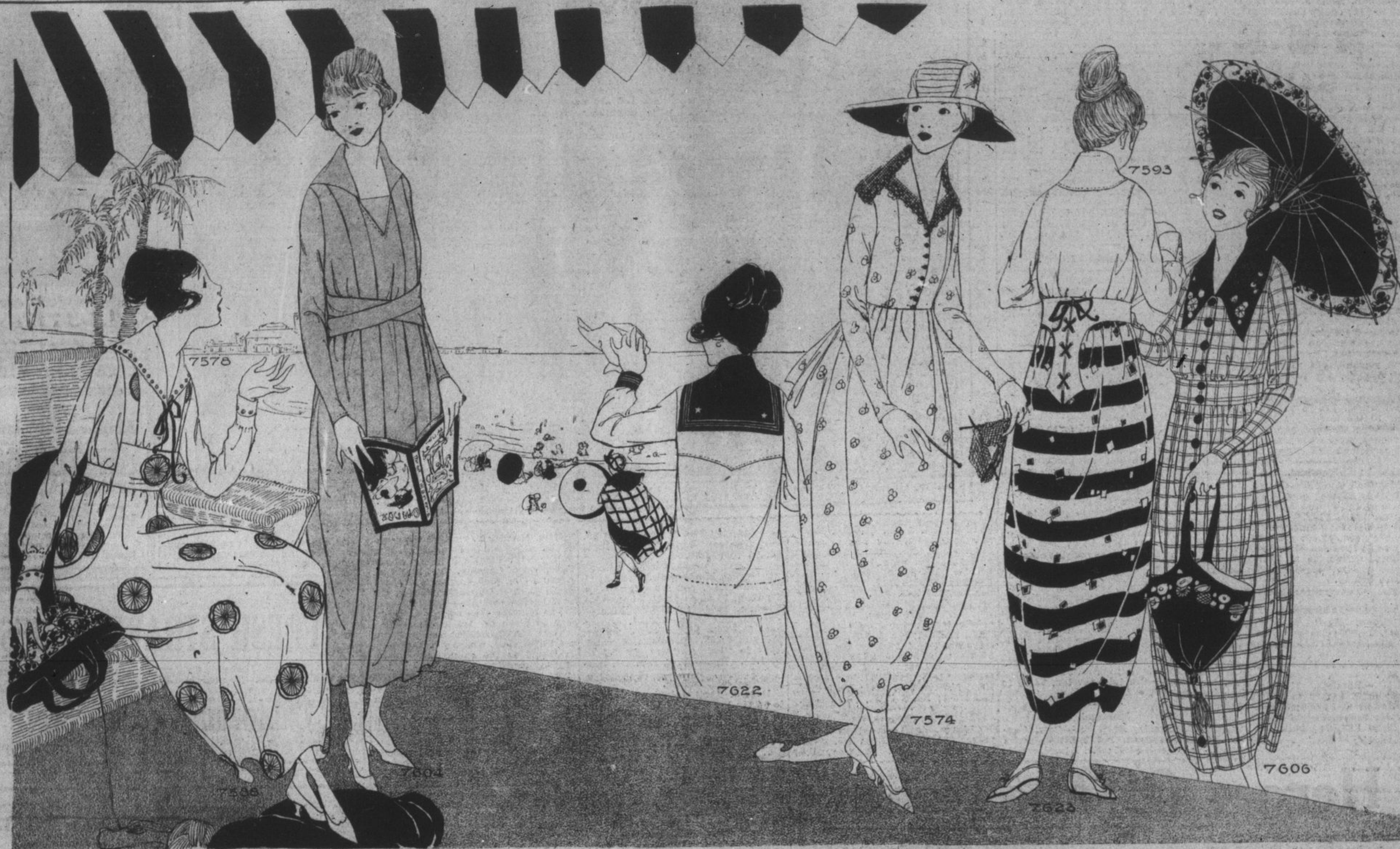


# Here They Are, Clever and Chic, the Frocks for Southern Climes



By Maude Hall.

Manufacturers of materials, following designers of frocks, have turned their eyes Eastward for inspiration for styles for the coming season, although their offerings will have their first exploitation in Southern climes. The magic of tropical sunshine has touched the counters of the fashionable shops and transformed them into bits of fairyland. Never in the history of dress have such lovely dress cottons been seen as now. They are principally of Oriental designs, although there are some wonderful things from England and Switzerland.

Equalling in beauty of texture and design the best of the imported cottons are those made at home, for American makers, put on their mettle by shortage abroad have risen to the occasion and produced such success as this country has never witnessed before.

The novelties include crepe de

chine with Chinese and Japanese borders and designs, titwillow voiles, eclipse French-knot dots, Mifado crepes, and moon dots, rainbow stripes, lampwick plaids, old-fashioned gingham, brick blocks and a long list of French materials with broken stripes and shot effects. For separate skirts there is satin baronet, thick and beautiful, with almost the high gloss of spun glass. Feltie, broadcloth, figured pongee, etc., are also offered. Sports fashions have a new interpretation for spring and summer, for the arbiters of dress tell us that they are not essentially fashions suitable only for tennis and golf and such pastimes, but informal fashions for those who like to look their youngest, prattiest and smartest.

The jumper skirt is given a prominent place among the spring models, both for sports and semi-formal wear. A pretty effect in figured pongee has the skirt gathered about the waistline, with plait each side

of the back gore to form a panel effect. Shoulder straps may be attached to the upper edge of the removal jumper and buttoned to the straight narrow belt.

Lavender is evidently to be a spring favorite, for there are wonderful new frocks in lavender gingham, voile, etc. A model that is smart, yet very simple, fastens at the left side of the front under a box plait. Plaits each side of the center-back form a panel effect. The belt is of self-material, but the collar is of white linen.

Modes for the Southern season revive the middy, the smock and various forms of the loose blouse, designed to be worn with separate skirts of contrasting material. A pretty model in white cashmere has a collar of blue satin stitched with narrow white braid and embroidered with red stars. There are also some delightful blouses in soft, crinkly crepe of exquisite colors. As a rule they show some kind of handwork

in their decoration, embroidery done with heavy white cotton being exceedingly desirable.

A picturesque frock, created especially for the frivolities of Palm Beach is in floral printed—orange. The skirt is gathered and joined to a dart-fitted bodice, the front of which is trimmed with black satin buttons. There is a collar of flit lace and the revers are edged with flit. The skirt is a two-piece model, closing at the left side, with gathers across the back gore caught up and tacked to the foundation in bustle effect. Above the bustle is a straight ruffle, attached to the skirt. Foulard frocks are to be in high vogue again, though this serviceable silk is not so greatly needed as it was in the day when summer frocks of chiffon and georgette were not worn. Still foulard has its own merit, and whether used alone or in combination with other materials, is a practical thing. The straight, gathered tunic that is seen on so many of the spring skirts

is good in foulard and over a narrow separate skirt of plain satin or serge, often looks extremely well and serves a useful purpose.

The rainbow stripes and similar effects are wonderful for sports frocks. They launder well, no matter how unusual the color schemes, for all practical sports frocks are intended to be laundered. The latest applicant for smart favor is the two-piece skirt, with front gore buttoned to a belt which is laced at the back. Worn with the skirt is a blouse of plain satin, though many of the latest waists are fashioned of georgette.

One of the brick-block cotton fabrics is employed in the development of a one-piece frock with blue and white color scheme. The skirt is gathered and attached to the waist with a straight belt, which is trimmed with black buttons. Japanese embroidery ornaments the collar, although the home dressmaker in copying the design could use instead,

one of the Japanese crepes, with just as good effect.

There are several very good looking checks, those in brown and white, blue and green, gray and rose and black and white perhaps commanding the smartest attention. The charming model has the front and back in panel effect, the sides being gathered to form a tunic. The lower edges of the tunic may be finished with marabout or any of the furs accepted as summer trimmings, or bands of contrasting material may be substituted.

Panel effects are as prominent among the spring and summer models as are tunics. When the wearer is of slender figure, it is well to plait the panels, but in straight effect it presents quite as fine an appearance.

Flit meshes in attractive patterns are used for collars, cuffs and the lower edges of tunics and panels. Big meshed flit net, heavy flit lace and embroidery in gold or silver or

possibly in colored beads, bugles, etc., or colored silks or wools are stunning in tunics when skillfully designed and knowingly applied.

**Guide To Patterns.**

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## THE QUESTION THE GUNS ANSWER

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 14th is "Jesus Requires Confession And Loyalty."—Mark 8: 1-9:1.

By William T. Ellis.

Doubtless it would help clarify the thinking of some persons concerning this great war if they were to look at only one section of it, that part which is comprehended within Bible lands, and realize that the question is whether Christianity and civilization, or Islam and deterioration and terrorism, is to rule over the ancient pages. The Christian allies are thundering in dread gunpowder tones, "Thou art the Christ."—Thou, and not Mohammed. The issue that has brought on this long expected war is at root the question of the place of Christ in life. Shall the Carpenter be sovereign or the camel-driver? May Islam continue to oppress Christianity?

Vivid and near as this supreme question of life is made by the war in Europe, it is not singular for it thus to be actualized. This is the issue which has been dividing human society, and creating wars and conflict ever since the gentle Galilean Passant, from the pleasant fields of Palestine, walking close to every nation, and rising to assert itself at the present unexpected moment, is this question of questions, which no

man can escape for himself—"Whom say ye that I am?"

Getting Down to Basis.

A town meeting is called to consider an important and immediate issue, and then it fritters its opportunity away by irrelevant questions and discussions. This is so with almost every gathering. Lying on the surface of this tragic conference at Caesarea, Phillippi, which we study to-day, are many subjects for discussion. Yet at the bed rock the issue is wholly one of the character and mission of Christ. Was He the Messiah, the One long prophesied and expected?

The lieutenants of Jesus reported to their leader the common opinion of their day and world. He was reputed by one party, they said, to be the Baptist; another declared that He was Elijah come again; others contended that He was Jeremiah in the flesh. All conceded Him an extraordinary place. This was the opinion of the scholars and of the sophisticated men of the time. The world's best wisdom agreed that Je-

sus was not like other men; and the most grudging of verdicts in the centuries since grants Him at least this much.

Not flattered, but rather disheartened by the report, Jesus turned from the wisdom of the wise to the simple faith of His own friends. Then, as now, the eyes of the heart had clearest vision. Lowly belief saw further than scholarly skepticism. Therefore Peter's prompt reply rang boldly out, thrilling the heart of the lonely Leader, who in this hour of being understood and trusted, "Thou art the Christ."

With all his faults, Peter had that spiritual faculty which discerns the inwardness of truth. His was elemental wisdom.

That same wisdom discerns Christ standing at the cross-roads of time, awaiting the judgment of men upon Himself, by which judgment men themselves are to be judged.

A Great Soul's Suffering.

Lifting its snow-crowned head in grandeur so high that it dominates the entire region of Palestine from Jerusalem north, stands Mt. Hermon, strong in its majesty and beauty, to the solitude and strength of this mountain Jesus had taken His friends. At its foot, in or near Caesarea, Phillippi, He underwent this experience which some writers have called the "passion of the north." Here He faced the question of what He had come into the world for and how far the world recognized Him and His mission. Into every strong life there comes these experiences, when the soul is searched to its depth, and the eternal "why?" is frouted in all its solemnity.

Suffering by anticipation is keenest pain. It is not the shock of the bullet in the body, but the thought of it that hurts the more. Jesus underwent His Calvary in spirit beneath the shadow of Mt. Hermon. What this crisis of self-examination and of realized public appraisal meant to Him we cannot understand. We know that His soul was exceeding sorrowful. Out of the depths of this hour flowed the sublime teach-

ing of self-renunciation. Here Christ lifted up the cross upon which He later was to be lifted.

A Friend's Foolish Counsel.

Nobody suffers alone. We are tied together in the bundle of life, for weal or for woe. The sharpest thorn in the Leader's crown of sorrow was the knowledge of the suffering of His disciples. To prepare them for what lay before them Jesus "began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed." Without figure of speech and with utmost directness and plainness He told these men who were looking forward to earthly crowns that the world had for them nothing better than crosses.

At this point the mistake which is being made every day by fond parents and friends was made by impulsive Peter. He wanted to spare his dear Master the suffering which Jesus had indicated.

Just so there are some shortsighted families who would keep their sons from the dangers and discipline of war. They unconsciously hold to the craven philosophy that the comfort of the carcass is the real end of life. Whereas we know that the war has won the achievement of grandeur of character by myriads of men.

Of course Peter was shortsighted and foolish. The Peter plan is responsible for thousands of sons and daughters who have come to man's estate unfit for life's burdens. Parents have spared children hardship to the softening of their soul fibres. Pedagogy, philosophy and religion all unite in the admonition to parents to teach their children to endure hardness. No price of suffering is too great to pay for highest usefulness. We cannot escape the profound truth that the ability to serve mankind in loftiest ways always costs tears and bloody sweat.

Something of shock comes to us as we find the gentle Master saying sharply to the man whose confession a short time earlier had been a ward of the keys of heaven, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Whatever leads one aside from his truest destiny is of the evil one. One of the worst of all mistakes in life is to seek the easy way. The temptation to escape the burdens and cares and hardships of life by striking clear duty is a temptation from Satan himself, even though it come in the loving solicitude of parent or wife or nearest friend.

Trade Mark of Christianity.

A New York advertising man, Mr. Herbert Houston, once spoke of the cross as the "trade mark of Christianity." This was a happy phrase, and more. It plows deep into the soil of the mind. The genuine article is

always known by its trade mark. True Christianity never lacks the cross. The followers of Christ all wear His brand; as Paul said, "I bear in my body the brand marks of the Lord Jesus." In the words of our lesson, Jesus himself says, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The size of a human soul is measured by its capacity for suffering. The greatest saints have been those to whom the cross was the most real experience. That symbol of surrender and of suffering and of sacrifice and of service is more than a symbol; it is a life reality. Out of the depths of His own agony in the "passion of the north," Jesus delivered to humanity this great truth of the life spent in suffering and in service. What else than this is the deepest need of our day—men and women who will lose their lives for the world's sake, and who will pour out their souls unto death, and who are crucified with Christ, that the world may have the life of Christ? In this vicariousness is victory.

Secret Treaty With Finns.

Petrograd, April 11.—According to the *Vestnik*, a secret treaty exists between Finland and Germany by which Germany has the right to keep warships in Finnish ports.

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