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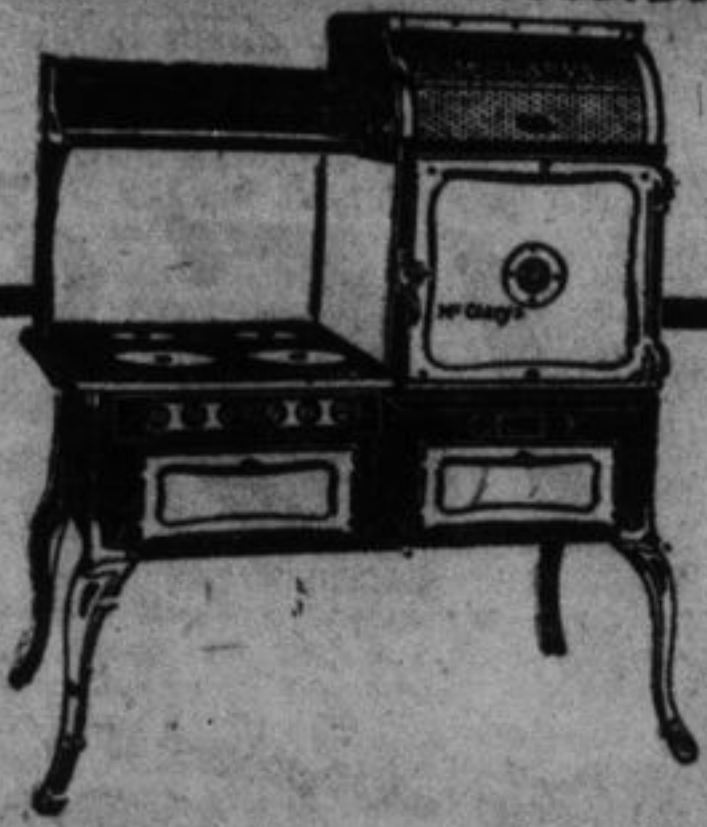
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FOR SUMMER WEAR

Silk Frocks Are Likely to Rival
Costumes of Cotton.

Cape Dresses Are Found to Be Practical, Attractive and Suitable for Many Uses.

Taffetas, canton crepes and georgettes are now the most interesting items occupying the interest of the dress and costume trade. Costumes assume greater importance each hour, especially in the frock and jacket or frock and cape, which are adroitly varied by frock and sleeveless box or mandarin jacket combinations. Both women and misses exhibit marked interest in these adaptations, finding them both practical, attractive and suitable for many uses.

Some manufacturers are showing crepe in a number of frocks that are decidedly straight in line. One frock has a cerise ribbon running through the pockets, around the square neck and down the front. Another smart crepe frock is shown in white and finished off in black, with trimming of black buttons.

The crepe costume is shown in solid colors as well as mixed, one model being in orange, having a green silk thread making a check. The green is repeated in the bindings of the neck and sleeves.

There is no denial that the three-piece frock is selling extremely well, and there is also a strong demand for



Black Net Silk Faces the Collar and Tuxedo Front of This Coat Suit.

smart taffeta dresses. One model had its coat designed in long-waisted lines, girdled attractively and trimmed with a circular ruffie. Coat buttons run up to the neck and a smart crisp collar adorns the coat itself. The girle is of blue leather studded with steel beads, with green taffeta for trimmings.

Some buyers express the belief that there will be a great vogue this summer for the silk dress built on simple lines, rather than for the cotton frock. Heavier types are thought to be the materials most likely to be favored. Roshanara and heavy cantons especially are believed best adapted to the straight lines and conservative styles of the time.

FABRICS ARE SELF-TRIMMING

Variety of Bordered Materials Solve Both Problems in Making Smart Costumes.

The greatest possible variety of bordered materials appears in shops to help solve the trimming problem. A white cotton bordered in black check might be used to fashion a Russian blouse and also a skirt to go with it, thus making up a smart little costume, or the blouse might be worn with separate all white skirts.

While fabrics having a woven-in or printed border, in silk, cotton and wool are available in sufficient variety to satisfy any taste, the woman who wants something wholly individual may take advantage of the vogue and embroider a border of her own designing on her skirt, blouse or frock.

A basket weave wool fabric having a woven-in border in contrasting color was used to make one of the fringed skirts. The material was raveled to form the actual fringe, a distinctive touch was given to the skirt by knotted-in strands of wool matching the border, so that the fringe was also a two-tone affair.

Specializing in Dresses.

Specializing in wedding dresses, as well as light-colored party frocks, one New York company has produced a line of dresses which introduce effective features. Satin and lace, combined in a manner well suited for the bride's dress, are featured, with all-over tulle effects as well as panels. One model in slimy fashion used chiffon with silk Spanish lace, arranged in long scarf panels, with arm slits, that gave an adjunct the appearance of a cape adding an elaborate feeling when worn with the bridal veil.

Greatest Heiress Wins Royalty

After the wedding of Princess Mary and in awaiting the wedding of the Prince of Wales, the appetite of the British public for romances has satisfied itself for the moment by absorbing every possible detail in connection with the marriage of Lord Louis Mountbatten and Edwina Cynthia Ashley, says the London correspondent of the New York Tribune. Here, indeed, are all the requisite ingredients — romance, royalty and riches all combined. A popular young member of one of the collateral branches of the royal family weds perhaps the richest heiress in all England, granddaughter of the late Sir Ernest Cassel, who bequeathed to her the bulk of his vast fortune; and the King and Queen, surrounded by nearly all the members of the royal family, attend the ceremony to see the Prince of Wales create a precedent by being as best man to his cousin and brother officer—the first time that the heir apparent to the crown of England has ever appeared in such a capacity.

Lord Louis Mountbatten, though he bears only the courtesy of the son of a peer, is closely related to the royal family, of which, until a few years back, he ranked officially as a member. With the other members of his collateral branch, he assumed the surname of Mountbatten in 1917, at the same time as the King assumed for himself and his immediate family the style and title of the "House of Windsor." It was then decided that only the direct descendants of the King should bear the title of prince, and the heads of the collateral branches, discarding their own titles, mostly of foreign extraction, became British peers. The branch of the Battenbergs to which Lord Louis belongs—the new surname of Mountbatten is a direct translation of the German—has a distinguished career, and the outbreak of war in 1914 found him First Sea Lord of the Admiralty. It was he, in fact, who, in association with Winston Churchill, the Cabinet head of the Admiralty as First Lord, was responsible for the prompt mobilization of the Grand Fleet, which had such a decisive effect on the course of the war. Due to his German origin, however, an agitation was worked up against him, and, in spite of the loyal support which he received from the Government, Prince Louis resigned his post. In 1917 he was created Marquess of Milford Haven. He died less than a year ago, suddenly and in somewhat reduced circumstances. His second son, Lord Louis Mountbatten, whose marriage fell just short of a royal birthday, followed the sea like his father and like his elder brother, the present Marquess of Milford Haven.

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He has two years' naval service during the war as a midshipman to his credit. A close companion of the Prince of Wales, though a few years his cousin's junior, he accompanied the prince on his Australasian tour. Last year he was appointed the prince's naval aide for the Far Eastern tour. Just concluded, and shared with him all the labors and pleasures of that memorable trip. It was during the closing stages of the tour that Lord Louis' engagement to Miss Ashley was announced, an engagement which, though he is not now strictly a member of the royal family, still required the King's assent, and at the same time it was announced that he had asked the Prince of Wales to act as his best man. Overriding tradition, the prince agreed, and his attendance as best man was his first public appearance since his return to England. The bride, Edwina Cynthia Ashley, though a simple commoner, has a family association with the royal family. Her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, the famous banker, was a close personal friend of King Edward. When Sir Ernest's daughter, who married Col. Wilfred Ashley, gave birth to a daughter, King Edward stood godfather to the child. The bride, who was given away by her father, Col. Ashley, was born in 1901, and is therefore a year younger than her husband.

St. Margaret's, Westminster, an old church dwarfed by the close proximity of the Abbey—which at the moment presents a somewhat mottled appearance, due to the trying-out on some of its ancient walls of a preservative that several London newspapers accuse of looking like white wash—is famous for its fashionable weddings. Fourteen hundred invitations were issued, and the church could barely accommodate the large number of guests, coming from all parts of the world, eager to attend a ceremony graced by the presence of the King and Queen and the other members of the royal family, including Queen Alexandra, the ever-popular Queen Mother, who never fails to attend the weddings of the younger members of the royal family. Included among the guests were several native Indian rulers, notably the Aga Khan, the Maharajah of Bikanir, who commanded a camel corps in the East during the war; the Maharajah of Kapurthala and the Jam Sahib of Nawanganar, better known as "Ranjit," most famous of cricketers.

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