

STYLES FOR MY LADY.

WHAT THE NEW SPRING WRAPS ARE LIKE.

Straight Front Fashions, Now Only Firmly Established in Favor, Are Already Threatened with Modification—Velvet to Be Popular Another Season.

New York correspondence:



TRAIGHT front fashions have become firmly established, their acceptance coming both because of their extreme stylishness and because of the comfort they afford. That would seem to be an indorsement that should hold for a long time, but as winter ended indications were not lacking that a successor to them was being sought, and these hints have grown more numerous. Probably the straight front is too strongly entrenched in women's favor to be overthrown now, but the opposition is significant of how rapid is the shift from one idea to another, and it means that even if this first assault is not successful, succeeding ones will win in time. The first hint came in wraps that were made pronouncedly short-waisted, and later it was disclosed that some of these wraps shifted from gowns whose wide belts suggested empire

such a course is unsafe. White velvet or corduroy make a beautiful gown, and when trimmed with straps of embroidered white broadcloth, nothing could be more simple and elegant. Black, blue and golden shades of velvet are often chosen, and are trimmed with stitching, bands of lace or silk, and with lace applique. Lace and velvet seem always a beautiful combination. The first gown of the next picture was an example of this treatment, its golden brown corduroy being banded with crystal embroidery and trimmed with lace. Even in such heavy material as velvet, skirts are very long, and the fullness which is more and more a feature of the backs of dresses, is not diminished. It seems a pity to do it, but the under side of pleats and tucks is often removed when such arrangement provides fullness at back and hips. While the outline of almost all dresses is simple, except about the sleeve, there is a tendency to worry a lot of detail into a dress, and all sorts of wonderful traceries and arabesques are accomplished on the surface of gowns by application of strap trimming or stitching. Two and three materials are put together to make one dress, and though so far the letter of the overdress is escaped, still there is a spirit of it suggested in dresses where the under skirt shows only in front at the parting of the upper skirt. There will be much of this for summer dresses, organdies and semi-transparent materials falling over silk that shows in front or at intervals. There is to be a revival of the use of two or more shades of a single color for this style of dress, too. The middle gown of this picture is typical of the forthcoming treatment so far as it now is indicated. It was Nile green organdy over white taffeta, the front breadth of the skirt being a darker green. There is promise of many two-shade dresses in gray, too. The new frock coat is a stunner. The one pictured here was fur trimmed, but



WRAPS THAT HINT OF INCOMING STYLES.

fashions. There are always plenty of women who will welcome empire styles, so if when the change comes it comes in this way, it may not prove so regrettable as now would appear. An example of these empire effects is shown in the first of the accompanying pictures, a white, spring-weight broadcloth wrap trimmed with narrow edging of dark fur and with cream lace. Then other cloaks swing free from a deep yoke, and still others shawl tenderly to the figure from the edge of the yoke, the waist being suggested a good deal higher up than at the usual corset line. Many wraps are gridded under the arms, a great rosette at the back being made the starting place for sweeping drapery that falls to the train, and sometimes an arrange-

collar and double sleeves of velvet will be the thing for spring wear. The hip seams of these garments are curved deeply to bring about the long front effect. The skirts come well below the knee, and are comfortably full at the back with almost a suggestion of the double ripple that dressmakers permitted to multiply, a few seasons ago, into a clumsy pipe organ effect. Smooth cloth is the choice for these coats, and they are made in deep red, green, brown and black. Some suggestion of strap trimming is often added. The front may be double breasted and gentlemanly, or may blouse, with either single or double front effect. There is a tendency to snug fit and small armholes that makes only a close fitting bolice possible underneath.



TWO NEW GOWNS AND A SPRING COAT.

ment of panier-like folds curve from the rosette over the elbows, making cape sleeves and adding to the short-waisted look. For such wraps lace and fur are to be companions, and two or more kinds of lace are often used. Two garments of this general grade appear in the next picture. The yoked cape was salmon pink de soie, drapery and rose ruching of white mousseline. The other was white broadcloth embroidered in silver and green. Bear fur and white chiffon were used in its embellishment. Long cloaks that display these short-waisted tendencies almost always shape to a train, but sometimes they are bobbed off at the back and parted to nearly the waist, that the train may sweep freely through. Velvet was very popular during the winter, and many women are investing in it now, which shows plainly that they expect to secure wear from it in another season. There has not been a cheapening in the prices for it to indicate that

This design made in heavy black silk makes a very useful garment. Copyright, 1901. **Modish Reminders.** A button is planted upon many a battement. Flounciness still have a tendency to grow deeper at the back. Hip-yokes, both deep and narrow, will be a feature of skirts or gowns. White duck or butcher's linen will be used for the shirt waist for strictly tailor-made wear. Soft chips and Neapolitan straws which can be manipulated into any shape are promised features of millinery. All ways know about how many and what sort of handkerchiefs, slippers, stockings, gloves, neckwear and the like you need, and when you see any of them that are just right at a bargain lose no time in investing.

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