

LATE TRENCHES TOOK VACATION WEEK



PANAMA STRAW FOR TRAVELING



PRACTICE CUTTING HAT

Summer's Most Striking Ornaments.

WITH the reign of white in Summer fashions, there has come a return to favor of the mother-of-pearl ornament. This iridescent, old-fashioned shell is once again very much in evidence, and for a girl to be without a trinket showing the pearly tints of its polished surface is to argue herself not in touch with what is most modish in the world of dress.

A very appropriate and charming revival of this, too, for there is perhaps no jeweled knick-knack which looks so chaste and dainty with sheer hot weather garb. The mother-of-pearl ornament in its guise of 1896, however, is far removed from the pieces of opalescent shell jewelry which our grandmothers affected. Today they serve a practical as well as an adorning purpose, while old-time fantastic effects have given place to simple and graceful designs, which appeal to the woman of fastidious taste as well as to her sister who seeks novelty and faddishness in everything she buys.

In greatest popular demand are the mother-of-pearl buckles and pins of various shapes and innumerable sizes. These wonderfully useful accessories express a note of chaste elegance in tailored attire. In fact, the morning gown or shirtwaist suit which does not boast of a set of pure white or opalescent pearl buckles is without the hall-mark of Summer's smartest negligee frocks.

Particularly worthy of notice among the buckle sets are the tiny oval buckles an inch or less in length, which are used as stock pins. These come with or without pin attachments and if they are not employed actually to hold a collar in place, they are tacked on as a finish for tailored tabs, or bows and loops of ribbon.

The circular buckle which clinches the fingerless belt has a popularity of two years' standing. This Summer seen in countless unique shapes, the most striking of all being a large pointed buckle having central pearl slides instead of the more ordinary gilt prongs. To accompany delicately tinted frocks, these buckles are chosen with a view to the most prominent color in the mother-of-pearl, and should the material be green or pink or lavender, when the cream-colored shell rooks against it a green or pink or lavender cast dominates the opalescent lights which wave across its surface.

Nor are these wonderfully fair ornaments employed exclusively for belts and stocks. White or tinted ties and pumps are also set off by pearl buckles.

AT this late day fashions are of vital interest to but one class of women—those who are obliged either through lack of time or funds to buy their wardrobe at the last moment. This class is not a very small one, though, and as a consequence the mid-Summer offerings in the shops are in many ways quite as tempting as those which were so eagerly snatched up earlier in the season.

Everything now, however, is made up ready to wear, and a view of the pretty things spread out to catch the fancy of eleventh-hour shoppers reveals not possibilities in the way of fabrics, trimmings, etc., but finished frocks, coats and headgear. Most of these strike a note quite in accord with the wrinkles of Summer's most exclusive modes, and if a woman has kept at all in touch with earlier fashions she has no alternative but to choose smart garments. What is more, they will be reasonable in cost, for dealers seldom venture to ask other than rock-bottom prices when the season will so soon be at an end.

A very striking feature of the light ready-to-wear frocks is the predominance of polka dots, large and medium size, both in the materials themselves and in the fabrics which trim them. To be sure, there has not been a Summer for many a year when dress designs have not made their appearance, but the polka-dot rules this season as it has never before in its history, and to be strictly up to date a woman must have at least one coin-spotted dress in her wardrobe.

For every-day wear charming little waists in tan or white linen dotted with large black or blue moons are selling for a song, and these, in accordance with all smart and practical negligee bodices, show low turn-over collars and short sleeves.

Then, for afternoon use, there are the polka-dot foulards of satin and soft silk. Black and white dots, dark blue with white dots, cherry color with deeper dots, and lemon color with orange dots, all range themselves in the array of simple accordion-plaited and shirtwaist dresses. Dainty little yokes, or, in still later style, yokes made from narrow stripes of the silk, fagoted in Renaissance effect, also trim and complete these useful and becoming frocks; but a more trim and genuinely chic dress than one of

MOTORING HEADGEAR IN WHITE

these no woman could wish to possess, and they can be purchased anywhere from \$12 to \$25.

When it comes to lawn and evening gowns, the limit has not yet been placed on the polka-dot craze, and while the effect produced by the coin spots is unique, rather than striking, because of the delicate colorings in which they appear, in pink or blue or lavender tints they give extreme distinction to whatever they adorn. They are employed in a most novel way on some of the ready-to-wear frocks by serving as trimming for exquisite filmy creations of organdie and lace.

One such gown which did not fail to draw the attention of every woman who passed a certain fashionable modiste's window where it was on display showed wide emplacements of white organdie stamped with coin spots in the faintest bluish of color. These insertions, eight inches wide, encircled the small puffed sleeves and the full bodice just at the waist line, while two emplacements, 12 inches in width and edged with the tiniest Valenciennes rills carried out the color scheme in the sweeping diaphanous skirt.

To return to practical apparel, a word must be vouchsafed to the pongee frock in natural coloring. Somehow, as the Summer days grow hotter, these unobtrusive, yet cool, little dresses stand out as they never do at any other time of the year. Therefore, if you are considering a sensible, all-around satisfactory garment, do look at what is offered in this linen-colored silk, for the woman of moderate income cannot help but find it all she could wish.

Cut on princess lines, the pongee dress is unusually charming, and let me say right here if the shopper would pardon me, that the pongee which she should choose one which is in some way set off by black. The pongee with black polka dots, the pongee which is put together by black spiders and fagotings of black silk, or the pongee which shows merely a girde of supple black satin at the head of the corselet skirt, ending in a wide bow in front—all express that indefinable yet exclusive modishness which emanates first,

last and always from the dressmakers of Paris.

And now as to ready-to-wear wraps. For general purposes the coat of the Spring and Summer suit is all the average woman requires, but the vacationist who is looking forward to any kind of jolly, outdoor life during the next few months must have some sort of surtout for driving, motoring or tramping. Stylish tailored affairs at reduced prices, show all of them, a contrasting note or color in the revers, cuffs and buttons, or, as in the coaching coat pictured, in the lining of the hood and cape. Toggles and cranes coats of three-quarter length are commended as being useful in daytime and evening alike. These in their most irresistible guise bear a military stamp in the double-breasted effect, with brass or black velvet buttons and gold embroidered collar.

Coats for motoring are in silk, and white or toned shades of scarlet continue to be favorites. The white motoring hat, too, is everywhere, affected by fashionable women, and the many little toques which come for the purpose fill the bill to the very tip of a T. Small mushroom and visor-cap shapes in white or cream-colored straw not only become the prettiest and the plainest faces, but they do so securely on the head that they defy even a hurricane wind. Wings applied in Alsatian effect directly in front, or ribbon rosettes gracing either side of the front,

trim these hats very simply and youthfully. Noteworthy is a visor-cap of straw, set off by fawn-colored wings branching from baby blue ribbon knots and tied under the chin by fawn-colored strings. On a trimly coiffured head this hat gives the jaunty effect of a navy officer's cap. For fast driving it is protected by a fawn-colored hood of thinnest silk.

If the vacationist has need of a traveling hat, the best investment she can make will be a hand-made toque of Neapolitan or other supple straw. The imported tailored models are now marked down to coat prices, and the outing hat pictured is a smart illustration of what a shopper can pick up for five dollars and less. Another hand-made hat is built of natural colored straw—10 inch width, like mesh ribbon, edged with satin straw, being folded and crushed together to form a tip tilted to the left side. Pale blue algerettes rise from this bow. Huge buckles made of straw are also stunning additions to simple outing hats.

As a last word to the woman who pays respect to Dame Fashion as well as to a good time on her Summer vacation, remember to have a silk, lace or lingerie bolero among your other accessories, and if you can't afford one of those infinitely little affairs, made up from dainty bits of lace braid and hand-embroidered medallions, have regard to the latest advice from Paris, which says that a fancy plaid or check

The Money Problems of the Girl in Business

No. 4—Value of Spending Money on a Vacation—Rest and Relaxation Are an Absolute Necessity.

ONE of the most important lessons for the girl in business life to learn is the value of recreation. It seems almost absurd when one is in the full enjoyment of health and vigor to consider the possibility of a time when these conditions may no longer exist. And there is nothing easier than to over-estimate one's power of endurance.

The girl who is in earnest about her work, who has formulated definite plans for future success, and who is eager to make money, is sadly prone to forget that the most perfect machine in the world is bound to go to pieces eventually if kept continually working. Every expert engineer knows this, and at regular intervals he shuts off steam and puts his machinery into temporary retirement. Then he gives it a thorough overhauling, carefully cleaning and oiling every crank and axle, tightening up loose screws, testing straps and minutely examining every part of the intricate mechanism for signs of latent weakness. And, as a result of his thoughtful, disaster is avoided and the machine lives on in usefulness its allotted span of life.

If the business woman would adopt similar methods with that most wonderful piece of machinery, her physical and mental organism, taking her annual vacation systematically as she takes her 11 months of steady work, she would find herself both physically and financially the better for it.

There is no more paying investment than a reasonable amount of loafing. Even the week-end holiday, from Saturday to Monday, would save many a business woman from nervous prostration if she would but make the most of it the whole year through.

Also it is money well spent to make a weekly visit to the theater—provided a girl refrains from that trying ordeal, a problem play. There is nothing like a good laugh for straightening out the kinks in one's nerves and temper. The trouble

with most working women is that the laud do not come often enough.

Our cousins across the Atlantic have an old saying about being "penny wise and pound foolish," which means simply that there is such a thing as mistaken economy. The girl who can't afford to do away for at least a couple of weeks during the heated term, is generally the same girl who sits up nights to do her sewing and then goes to bed too nerve-racked and weary to sleep; who cannot spare the money or the time for a square meal and a brisk walk during the luncheon hour, but sits cooped up in her office and nibbles at a chocolate éclair; and who invariably finds her career cut short, sooner or later, by a complete physical breakdown.

The net result is that she spends ten times as much in doctors' and druggists' bills—without counting the money lost involved in months of enforced idleness—as would have supplied all the little necessities she denied herself, along with a good many luxuries.

The woman in business today, no less than the man, is made to realize that the victory goes to the strong. The only capital whose value does not fluctuate with the rise and fall of the market is vigorous health.

The average employer is chary of allowing for vacations, though here and there one may find a really generous one, who not only gives a vacation to each employee but gives the salary along with it. An employer of the latter sort, though he may not be in the least aware of it, is a promising candidate for sainthood. If any event, however, the vacation must be taken, even though it be of only a week's duration, and a girl may be compelled to supply her office with a substitute meanwhile. In these days of close competition it is hardly wise to advise a girl to give up her position rather than forego her outing. And yet she may do more unwise things than this. Said a newspaper woman the other day: "I've never had a vacation during my whole career, except when I've had to give up my work to spend from three to six months in a sick room—which has

happened more than once. If I had my time over again I'd take a month off every year, though the deluge followed it. It may sound paradoxical, but it is the only way to maintain your place in the world, for once your health gives way you must step down and out. You may manage to get a bare living even then—but you will never achieve any success worth mentioning."

As soon as the warm days begin to come the girl whose work keeps her much within doors begins to be conscious of the "tired feeling" that the patent medicine pamphlets speak of. It does not exist merely in the imagination, either. It is an actual physical fact, and it indicates that the much enduring human machine is succumbing to constant wear and tear; that the monotony of work has put its mark on body and brain and nerves; and that, by-the-by, if Nature's warning remains unheeded everything will go with a crash.

But it is not patent medicine that is needed. Change of scene, change of occupation, a temporary cessation of the deadly humdrum, will work miracles far beyond the agency of drugs. What body and soul are crying out for is relaxation.

Even the doctors—that is, the most advanced of them—will tell you that no longer do they prescribe medicines for man and woman who are tired out.

"Get out of the mill!" they say brusquely. "Take to the woods and live the simple life. Be lazy for a while. As for work, let it go; just forget it. The world can worry about you just for a month or so, anyhow. Besides, if you don't lay off the harness now for a while you will soon have to lay it off for good."

But I can't be spared just now, doctor," urged a busy woman who had great ambitions, when her physician gave her this wholesome advice. "Besides, if I must die, I'd rather die in harness."

"You won't die," he answered grimly. "You would be martyrs never do. Instead, you'll go all to pieces and spend the next ten or fifteen years in abject helplessness—a mental and physical wreck—a burden to yourself and every one about

you." She stared at him for a moment in shocked amazement; but he was very much in earnest, and she ended by taking his advice.

When you do take a vacation, take it sensibly. Make your plans far enough ahead to have a certain amount of money on hand when the time comes so that you can go away with comfort and with a little reserve fund in your pocket. Go to a place where you will find some social life, and where young people of similar tastes to your own will be about you. The so-called quiet places that are remote from all suggestion of urban life are well enough for married women with little families, but they are not for the business girl needing rest and recreation combined.

It is not necessarily expensive to go where one can have a good time, for there are many delightful seaside and mountain resorts where comfortable accommodations can be obtained for from \$7 to \$10 a week. And if care is taken to select a place where there are free promenade concerts and where boating and bathing can be indulged in at moderate cost, the "extras" will amount to little.

But, as you value your peace of mind, avoid the cheap country boarding places—the farmhouses of the alluring advertisements—situated in some God-forsaken hamlet on the other side of nowhere. You would better stay in the city than to go to one of these places, where your room would be a tiny cubicle just under the roof, hot and close as a stovehole; where sanitation is unknown and conveniences absent; where there is no society save that of the mosquitoes; and where the food served you will inevitably be chiefly of the canned variety.

After a couple of weeks spent in such surroundings you return to the city distinctly worse off than when you went away, having acquired nothing beyond a depleted pocketbook, an abhorrence of all things rural, and perhaps a touch of malaria for good measure.

Another important item to consider is the vacation wardrobe. Without pretty frocks and dainty accessories no girl can hold her own among the visitors at a Summer resort, and if she cannot be a part of it she would be a vast deal happier miles away from it.

It is not essential that the wardrobe be either extensive or elaborate. In fact, simplicity is in decidedly better taste for a young unmarried woman. But it must

be well chosen and must include, for instance, a modish coat suit and a number of pretty lingerie waists—plain ones for morning and dressier ones for the afternoon and evening—to wear with it; a simple evening dress for wearing at the weekly dance, which is now a feature at every Summer hotel; one or two stylish hats, and an adequate supply of gloves, handkerchiefs, neckwear, hosiery and shoes, all of which must be of good quality.

It is the minor belongings of dress no less than the little characteristics of speech and manner which determine the standard of a girl's intelligence and breeding; and when she goes away among absolute strangers she owes it to herself to create a favorable impression.

Finally, coming back from the vacation and taking up the prosaic routine of workaday life is a good deal of an ordeal, but the sensible girl who has made the best possible use of her holiday will waste no time in lamenting its brevity. She will wisely arrange her return so that Sunday will be spent at home, getting things back into everyday order. And on Monday morning she will be at her desk at the usual hour, with her cheeks glowing through their coat of tan, her eyes clear and bright with sheer joy of living, and her heart full of hope and courage for another year of effort. In truth, her new energies will doubly repay her for any and all of the money she may have spent on board, clothes and car fare, and life will hold something of decidedly new pleasure.

The Uses of a Panama.

Lustige Blatter.

Hatter—This Panama hat costs \$5.

Customer—For Heaven's sake, why so much?

Hatter—Because of the quality; you can sit on a hat like this.

Customer—But I don't want a hat to sit on.

Hatter—Well, you can draw a hat like this through a ring without damaging it.

Customer—But I don't want to draw my hats through rings.

Hatter (exasperated)—You don't want to sit on a Panama, you don't want to pull it through a ring—well, in the name of all that's holy, what do you want a Panama hat for at all?

Balms to Beautify the Skin

Toilet Accessories Useful at Season of Tan and Sunburn.

IN the Summer more than at any other season of the year a girl requires those little accessories to the toilet table and bath which keep one cool and preserve the delicacy of the complexion. In cities it is an easy matter to provide cucumber creams, almond and benzoin lotions to whiten and soothe a skin irritated by sun and wind. But in the country this does not seem so easy. The wise girl will look to Nature for her healing and beautifying balms, and Nature never fails her.

Here are some simple and effective toilet articles to be found anywhere: Fresh cucumber peeling will soothe, whiten and soften the skin. Alder blossoms, steeped into a tea, make an excellent lotion for the complexion, and help it also when taken as a tea. Raw tomatoes, rubbed over face, arms and neck, greatly beautify the skin, and nothing gives a livelier tint to the complexion than a rub with water-melon, either the center or inside of the rind. Tea made from steeping the leaves of orange trees quiet the nerves and induce sleep, and help clear the complexion. The same happy results are obtained by drinking water in which orange blossoms have been boiled. This decoction may be had in drugstores, while anyone can make it at home in three minutes' time.

In this season of frequent rain a girl need never be without rain water to wash face and hair in. It is extremely beneficial to both hair and skin, and nothing gives a livelier tint to the complexion than a rub with water-melon, either the center or inside of the rind. Tea made from steeping the leaves of orange trees quiet the nerves and induce sleep, and help clear the complexion. The same happy results are obtained by drinking water in which orange blossoms have been boiled. This decoction may be had in drugstores, while anyone can make it at home in three minutes' time.

Druggists sell all manner of lotions to clear the eyes and relieve irritation caused by sun, dust and the glare of sand at the seashore. Nothing, however, is as good, as simple and as beautifying as Nature's remedy, handed down by lovely Spanish señoritas for hundreds of years. To secure this lotion, cut a small incision in the side of a grape vine, insert a tiny hollow tube of wood or straw, with a flat end in the incision, and hang a little vial just

under the end of the tube. In the course of 24 hours a surprising quantity of sap will be found in the bottle, and this acts like a charm, externally and internally, upon inflamed eyes. The Spring is the best season in which to secure this sap in quantity.

One can never have too many bala bags for the Summer. Make a number of cheesecloth bags, and fill each with a mixture of oatmeal, almond meal, Florentine orris, powdered, and, if the skin is tanned, a little benzoin when the bag is put to use. Such a bag is wonderfully refreshing in the bath, and soothes and beautifies the skin. Lemon juice squeezed over it in the bath will relieve sunburn and help dry an oily skin.

Now that women wear bare arms to the elbow, thin-armed girls will be glad to learn that they may secure plump arms by rubbing olive oil well into the skin every night. It is also beneficial to get pure olive oil for the purpose, since any other kind will cause hair to grow upon the skin, and pretty nearly all cheap olive oils are adulterated with cotton seed. They are wholesome to eat, but not good for the skin.

In getting lotions and creams for the face, keep in mind that Nature's remedies are as possible. They cannot harm the skin and injure the complexion. For this reason, rice powder is safe and cooling, while prepared chalks, dry and shrivel the skin in time, and many powder preparations contain chalk.

Very beneficial to the skin is a bath of lavender water. It should be of good quality. It tones up the skin and seems to magically smooth away tired wrinkles from the face.

Four Seasons of "Ball."

Four-Track News.

Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O, ball. In the Autumn we have football, in the Winter the social ball, in the Spring baseball, and in the Summer the moth ball.