

Her Real Uniforms 1918 Style

Red Cross "Changes" and Other Smart Official Clothes Now Fixed by the Work of War Time



Official Uniform of the National League for Women's Service.



Dress of The Women's Motor Corps of The National League for Women's Service.



Home Defense Costume

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MARS has set the styles for 1918, with service and simplicity sounding the keynote of the new modes. Fashions in women's clothes this year mean far more than a pleasing arrangement of draperies. The prevailing styles are real uniforms—not modifications of any mode, but brand-new fashions that indicate just what line of endeavor the wearer is following in "doing her bit" for her country in the place of the men called to the colors. Today Miss America is wearing a real uniform, not for a feud, but for a cause.

Driving Their Own Cars.
Throughout the country American girls and women by the hundreds of thousands have abandoned wearing civilian dress practically altogether during the day time and have donned a uniform of one sort or another. "So great is this activity in war service that there are many branches from which to select, and there are few women in the country unfitted for some one of these lines."

Those who own cars and drive them, have a chauffeur's license and are willing to give their time may join the far-reaching National League for Women's Service in New York City. There are now 150 women enlisted in the motor corps service, and it is predicted that before the winter is over 1500 will have enrolled. In every city there are branches of this corps and all of the women are dressed in uniform and wear jaunty military caps.

By no means does the fact that a woman is married bar her from this division of uniformed workers, for 95 per cent of the women are married and have homes and children to care for. They can give only a certain amount of time each day for the service, but so well regulated is the working schedule that there are never any hitchhikes.

In every city where these uniformed women are active they are ready for emergency calls for the use of motors. At the New York headquarters cars have been given to use to the following activities: For the Mayor's committee of women, one car daily;

Mayor's committee of National defense, four cars daily; military police, three cars daily; board of exemption, one car daily; war relief clearing-house, two cars daily; Mayor's committee on food conservation and the 71st Regiment for recruiting, a car on demand. So, if one doesn't think that his corps is busy attending to these duties and also the calls that come in unexpectedly he is mistaken. These women in khaki are hard workers.

Then there is the general uniform for the women of the National League for Women's Service. It is a sensible dress of blue serge for winter wear and a soft hat of blue, and for summer, khaki clothes and caps. These women are busy in many ways. They help in food conservation work, make investigations of places that send in requests for workers and have a hundred and one duties to perform.

Work of the National League.
There is no use trying to overlook those who are ready for emergency call to work in America that is being done by this league. In every city where the league has a branch these young women, dressed in a uniform but slightly different from that worn by a trained nurse, are on hand for canteen duty. Clubs are constantly being opened for soldiers not yet sent to camp. In these clubs there are cafeterias or lunch counters, and the young women of the canteen branch do this work. Not long ago the league had a call to furnish a dozen women to at-

tend to the canteen, furnishing breakfasts for 2000 men entraining for camp. They were on duty early in the morning and every man had a good, substantial breakfast served him by these volunteer uniformed women.

The Red Cross uniform is generally the best known in any community. The snowy white official uniform is more than attractive, for it represents a great purpose and a tender work of mercy for humanity.

Though the white uniform is the one best known, the war has made it necessary to make changes. One may frequently wonder to what service the young woman belongs who is seen on the streets in dark blue serge with an Army cape fascinatingly lined with bright red. This is the traveling suit of the Red Cross nurse. Never before

is the newest negligee which one is supposed to wear down to breakfast. The pajama trousers, gathered in at the ankle, are of flesh pink satin; the border of Venice lace in cream, cunningly pinfold pockets of the lace and a ribbon sash that ties perkily at the back. The loosely-cut sleeves fall just below the elbow, where there are wide Venice cuffs.

White mohair frocks for indoor wear have slightly gathered skirts braided in white soutache as far up as the knee and simple bodices touched at the cuff and on the belt, with shawl collar of white satin opening to show a narrow vest of white tucked chiffon.

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Chinese Embroidery Now Much Sought After.

Women Are Gleaning in Oriental Departments of Shops for Trimming.

Women are gleaning in the Oriental departments of the shops for bits of Chinese embroidery to use as trimming. Some of these embroideries are quite moderately priced; all of them show rich and beautiful colorings, and sometimes the silks may be matched so that details of the pattern can be

repeated by hand here and there on a gown. Not infrequently, however, strips of embroidery offered at low prices are so worn and shabby that they are scarcely worth buying, and no matter how effective the pattern, they would detract from rather than add to the smartness of a new gown.

Pale blue lingerie is coming into vogue since women seem to have tired of so much pink. Pale blue is not a very satisfactory tint for underwear after the first washing—for the color turns a dingy drab. White lingerie with pale blue ribbons is really much prettier and infinitely more satisfactory in the long run. White negligees are most beautiful

when made of rich materials. Nothing, for instance, could be lovelier than a peignoir of embroidered white crepe de chine or a warm room gown of white velvet touched with fur.

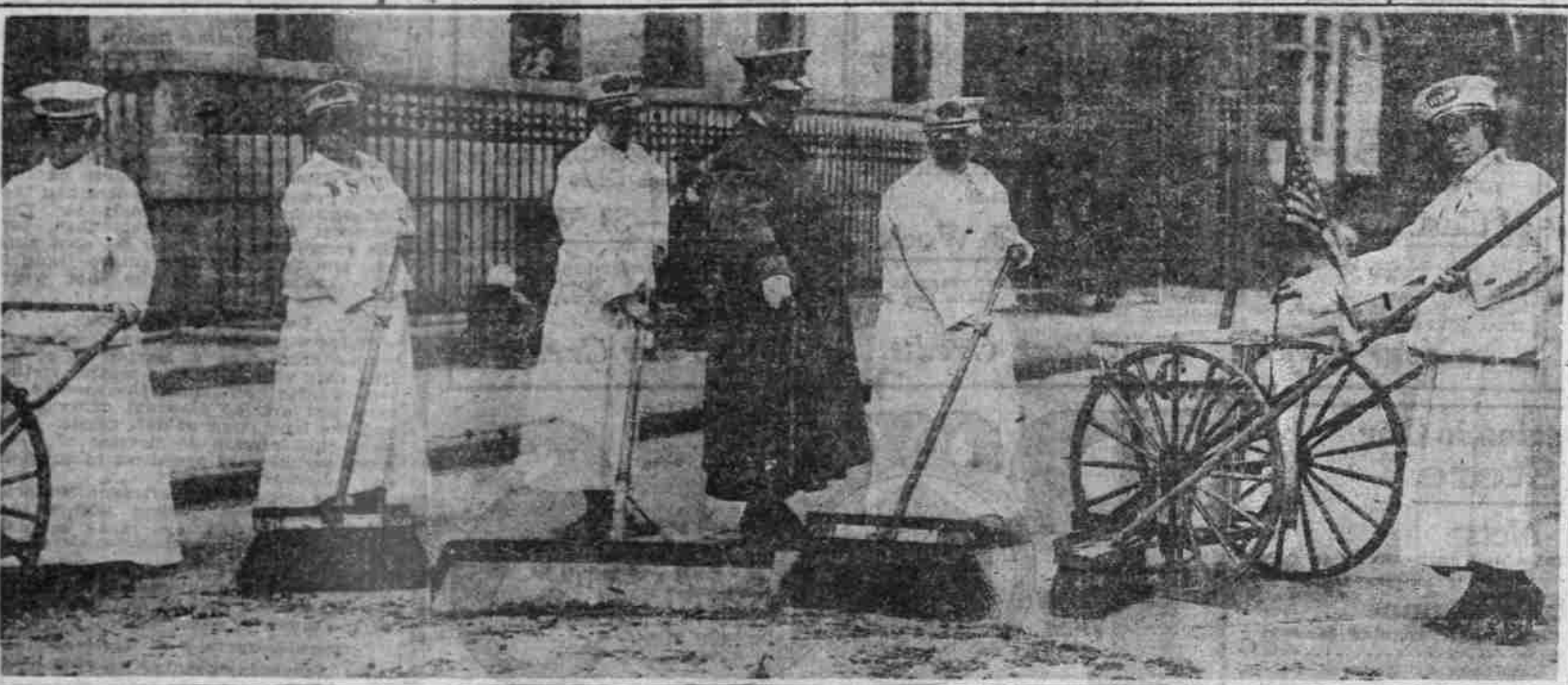
A golden yellow costume worn in a Belasco play this season, and draped in simple folds that suggest the Fra Angelico Madonna, has offered inspiration for many an enchanting tea gown.

Salt Has Many Uses.
Sprinkle a little salt in the skillet before placing the fish in it to fry, and it will not stick to the skillet. By adding a tiny pinch of salt to the milk when fresh it will keep a much longer time.

Good, Strong Walking Shoe Is Recommended.

Norwegian Calfskin Stout and Sturdy but Soft and Pliable.

A SPLENDID hiking shoe for women is made of Norwegian calfskin, stout and sturdy but delightfully soft and pliable on the foot. The top of the boot buckles around the leg, keeping snug and damp from the stocking. Low, broad heels, brass eyelets and hooks and perforated lacing at toe and heel make these hiking boots very



Elizabeth Branagan, Street Cleaning Inspector, and a Platoon of Her Workers.