

## In the Realm of Fashion

### BROWN TO RULE FASHION'S REALM.

LONDON, March 19.—London's leading sartorial expert says that the color for the coming season will be brown. It will be the most fashionable as well as the most popular color for some months to come. There is sometimes a marked difference between colors and styles which are fashionable and those which are popular. The men who help to make the fashions by wearing clothes of styles which either they or their tailors originate often in advance of the fashion, but it would hardly be right to say that there are often fashions for the few and fashions for the many, and that this season the two will be practically the same so far as the color of the lounge suit goes.

It is not difficult to discover why brown should be the color for the coming season. Men's fashions change slowly and brown has been slowly coming into fashion for the past two years or more. About two and a half years ago the tailors, aided and abetted by the manufacturers of cloth, tried to persuade men to wear brown suits and last autumn the craze for one particular shade of brown was so great that the cry everywhere was "sold out." This season no one shade of brown will be more fashionable than another. I have seen excellent cloth of plain dark brown and I have seen others of a bright snuff colored brown and I have seen many others in between those shades.

There are just two shades of brown which it well to avoid. One is very dark brown; in a bad light that looks too much a bad black or blue, and the other is a shade of brown with a yellowish tinge in it, and that it bad, because if you are a dweller in towns it is apt to harmonize too well with your own pale yellow complexion. With these two exceptions one can take one's choice.

To get the best effect with a brown suit one's shirt and tie and socks should "go" with it. The best shirt is a white soft-fronted one, with a neat pattern of thin brown stripes. In most cases the brown tie that is worn with this suit, should be several shades lighter than the suit, but, of course, if the suit is very light then the tie must be dark, and in that case there should be no half-way measures about it; it should be quite dark. The socks should match the suit, and, as a rule, there is not much difficulty about that. An exact match is unimportant so long as the suit and the socks have the same kind of brown in them.

And the hat? The soft felt hat will probably be the most fashionable hat and brown the most fashionable shade. As to the shape, this is a matter which must be left to individual taste, but, generally speaking, the soft felt hat will be a neat and rather small hat. I do not think that any one particular shape will be very fashionable; the wise man chooses a shape which suits his own particular style.

### SHE HAD MATRIMONIAL GRAFT.

Iowa Woman Swindled Would - Be Suitor of Small Sums.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 17.—Mrs. Florence Gamble of Boone Iowa, who was indicted by a federal grand jury for the misuse of the mails, pleaded guilty here before District Judge Smith McPherson. Mrs. Gamble operated a matrimonial scheme by mail. She secured the names of possible clients from the daily papers and wrote them advising them that she was about to inherit a fortune, which would be theirs if the necessary fare for the marriage was forwarded. In this manner she secured sums ranging from \$25 up.

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### AMERICAN FASHIONS FOR AMERICANS NEAR REALITY

Revolution Nearly Complete and Parisian Fashions Ignored—Coat Length from 30 to 40 Inches.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Sartorial home rule or the designing of American fashions for American women, is to be proclaimed in this country, according to promises in speeches made before 500 American designers, members of the United Cloak and Suit Designers' Mutual Aid association here. As a matter of fact, it was declared, the fashion revolution in the United States is already about complete and "our conventional dependency on Paris" has been practically eliminated.

Designers were urged to study American pictures and ignore Cubist and Futurist creations.

"Paris has gone mad for separation," it was declared. The convention voted for a 30 to a 40-inch length of a woman's coat and jackets during the coming season.

### FILMY GOWNS ABANDONED.

Fashion Decrees Clothing Shall Be Of Serviceable Material.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Women are abandoning the filmy, lacy materials that look beautiful when made into gowns, but which are too fragile for these hard, matter-of-fact days. Instead they are demanding useful dresses, made on simple lines, of heavier and coarser material—something that will stand the wear and tear of busy life.

This is the advance announcement made by the chairman of the fashions committee of the Chicago dress-makers' clubs, which will open its five-day convention Tuesday. The chairman says the filmy creations, chiefly from Paris, are no longer in demand.

"We are going to display gowns made to fit, wear and last," she said. "The materials will be somewhat heavier and coarser. They will stand rain, dust and hard knocks and be serviceable in every way."

By way of contrast we shall display some of the latest Parisian atrocities. One of these is a dress that comes as high as the knees in front and trails behind. Chicago and Western women will be given an opportunity to shudder over this unspeakable thing.

### WILSON'S NEW RULE PLEASES CHILDREN.

White House Grounds to Be Open Two Hours Longer for Egg-Rolling Contest.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—President Wilson could hold office for life, if Juvenile Washington had its way, for there was jubilation among the children when it was announced today that on Easter Monday the White House grounds would be kept open two and one-half hours beyond the regular time for the annual egg-rolling contests. Hitherto the sloping lawn of the White House has been at the disposal of the children for four hours, from 9 to 1 o'clock. This year the gates will not be closed until 3:30.

The egg-rolling on Easter Monday in the White House grounds is an institution that draws hundreds of adults to watch the frolic. It has been the custom for the President and his wife to visit among the romping children some time during the morning, and both Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Taft appeared to take keen enjoyment in the observance.

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