

OUR WEEKLY FASHION LETTER

A TIMELY REVIEW OF THE LATEST MODES (Special) By JUDIC CHOLLET

Much as we regret it, all costumes, even those for street wear, are decidedly longer, and none but the distinctly morning suit clears the ground in the free and easy way we have all—except the short, stout woman—grown to love.

Plaids and stripes in indefinite tones are to be worn for morning frocks dur-

and wrought gold pins without gems are also popular.

The cut shows a charming dinner gown of black crepe de chine, trimmed with ruffles of the material and velvet combined with medallions of cream lace.

PERTINENT SUGGESTIONS.

One of the most distinctive features of cloth and woolen blouses is the little kilted frills of taffeta with which they are trimmed. They outline the center box plait as well as the little straps which form a species of epaulet over the shoulders. In blouses of a



OF BROWN CHEVIOT—5561, 5557.

ing the early spring. In gray these suits are particularly fetching, barred off with a dull shade of yellow.

Elaborate braiding marks a number of costumes among the spring showing. A citron green cloth suit is braided with soutache a tone or two deeper than the material and about two inches wide. This braid is put on in an effective design.

Many of the smartest muslin frocks will depend for their beauty and trimming upon a narrow cluny insertion that joins the seams on skirt and waist.

It is early to predict just what the spring hats will be, but there are some lovely advanced models that give one every confidence in those that are to follow.

The walking suit illustrated combines one of the latest coats with a graceful box plaited skirt. This model is of golden brown cheviot, with collars and cuffs of velvet.



WAIST OF RAJAH SILK—5441.

more elaborate description these kilted frills are carried out in lace dyed to match the material.

Worn at the theater was a delightful specimen of the new evening head-dress, consisting of a fold of white tulle laid softly around the knot of hair, with a large soft chou placed close against the hair at the left, and on this poised a brilliant green and blue humming bird, his thread-like tail plumage sweeping lightly down over the hair.

A great deal of handsome lace is to be worn in the spring, and it is not assuming too much to say that lingerie effects will be in high favor for the summer. Yokes, gimpes and undersleeves of lace or embroidery will be important adjuncts to all frocks simple or elaborate, and the idea is a happy one for the woman who likes frequent changes to renew the freshness of her dresses.

There is a revival of the pale blue vell spotted with black chenille and

edged with a narrow plaited frill. This is the vell to wear with chinchilla and sable toques. It is also the vell for wintry weather if the complexion be clear and sufficiently bright, for pale blue vells are much more flattering to the skin than most women believe.

The waist seen in the cut is of plaid rajah silk. This silk in plaids and checks will make many of the smart little suits of the spring. As illustrated, it is made over a gimpes of lace and muslin. The trimming is of velvet ribbon.

WELL TO KNOW.

When pressing a skirt out it is always advisable to lay a damp cotton cloth over the material, so that it is not touched by the iron. This prevents the material from becoming shiny, while it obviates any fear of its being scorched.

When altering a skirt pattern which is too narrow over the hips, care must



VELVETEEN COSTUME—5556, 5465.

be taken to avoid enlarging it at the front width. Skirt patterns may be shortened by making a fold of the superfluous length across the middle of the pattern. They should never be altered at the top or bottom of the skirt.

If rubbed gently with breadcrumbs after each wearing, gloves will remain clean much longer than would otherwise be the case. Fold them in tissue paper when not in use.

Here is a way of fastening a blouse or slip that hooks up the back without any one's assistance. The blouse is put around the shoulders, with the back to the front, the sleeves being left free. It is then fastened from top to bottom in this way, with the exception of the hooks at the neck, which can be easily reached. The blouse is then turned around and the arms slipped into the sleeves without much strain on the fastenings. It must, of course, be understood that only an unlined blouse can be treated in this fashion.

Velveteen is worn alike by young girls and their mothers. The costume illustrated is designed for a girl of fourteen and is handsomely carried out in a beautiful shade of blue velvet called this season Neptune.

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AN EMPIRE EFFECT—5503, 5544.

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The form of the short jacket which is replacing the bolero is the short half fitted sack. It hangs to about three inches below the waist line, just suggesting the line of the bust on the sides as it curves in at the waist line behind. It is generally trimmed with up and down lines, bands of cloth embroidery or braiding, and a narrow welt may make it more elaborate. Sleeves are long. If they do not reach to the wrists, they cover the greater part of the forearm. A small gigot sleeve is often seen on a coat of this kind.

Dresses of soft black net are trimmed with black velvet ribbons and always look well. Among other diaphanous fabrics silk muslin and nylon rank with net and chiffon, and there are some beautiful examples of flowered chiffon with interwoven black borders, either straight in Grecian or in tabbed design, that are very popular.

Vell pins have now been added to the long list of expensive items that go to complete the modish feminine toilet. Usually they are narrow bars of gold set with small stones harmonizing with the vell and hat. Pearl settings are, however, much admired.

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