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THE LATEST FASHION NEWS

BY JUDIC CHOLLETE

SNAPSHOTS OF THE MODE.

The Waist of 1908 is Very Small. Dull Jet Trimmings Chic.

The waist of 1908 is growing very small. Corsets are worn fully two sizes smaller than they were formerly, and everything points to the return of the little round waist. A corsetiere who makes corsets for many professional beauties has this to say about the new round waist: "The call for the small corset may be due to the fact that there are fewer fat women than there used to be. The craze to lose flesh is so great that the fat woman has almost disappeared from the face of the earth."

Those who are tired of embroidery and who do not care for the barbarism

Cloth and net is a favorite combination for waists that are to be worn with the tailored suit. The blouse is usually of the net, with bands of chiffon broadcloth.

The little dress seen in the cut is a pretty design for the small girl. A nice fullness is given the skirt by the plaits coming from the square neck. The puffed sleeves are comfortable for warm weather.

JUDIC CHOLLETE.

SPECULATIO...

One View of the Influence of the Stock Exchange.

Now, let us see what speculation does. What justification is there for it? Americans are known as the greatest of all speculators, not merely stock speculators or speculators in commodity futures, but as speculators generally, willing to take a risk, anxious to put their intelligence, their wit, their brain, brawn and resources against the tricks of fate. And we have grown and grown steadily, expanding politically and intellectually, and who shall say not morally? Legitimate speculation, then, has some good effect, some proper function, some economic basis and excuse.

Some of the things that speculation on the stock exchanges and on the commodity exchanges make possible are or should be obvious. It divides or limits the risks of trade, gives a market at all times for securities or commodities, makes it possible for every one to know what the market value is of any security, of wheat, cotton, corn, oats, coffee, etc. It keeps pace with the increase in trade. Speculators are always ready to buy or sell at the market price. It follows the fluctuation in values and registers these changes in the market prices. It makes possible the development of the country along great broad lines. It is a means of warning those who are holders of securities that the value of their property is decreasing and makes it possible for them to take proper action in the premises. It is an insurance for the producer, the manufacturer, and vitalizes the farmer's credit. These things are overlooked when speculation is attacked, and that is because the gambling factor in the speculative market is more spectacular, more intrusive and more susceptible to picturesque denunciation. Speculation begets certain evils impossible of eradication and which assume their present form simply because the speculative markets facilitate their development. Abolish the markets and they will manifest themselves elsewhere, no less vicious and no more easy to remedy, to root out.—John Paul Ryan in Metropolitan Magazine.

When Servants Were Fined.

What would servants of modern times say to the following rules and regulations that were adopted over 300 years ago in the household of Sir J. Harrington, the translator of Aristotle?

A servant absent from prayers to be fined twopence; uttering an oath, a penny; leaving a door open, a penny; a penny fine for any beds unmade, fire unlit or candle box uncleaned after 8; any one breaking any of the butler's glass, a shilling; twopence fine for any one who has not laid the table for dinner by half past 10 or supper by 6; any one being absent without leave, fourpence fine; a penny fine for any follower visiting the cook; a fine of a penny for any visitor's room left untidy for four hours after he or she dressed; a penny fine if the hall be not cleaned by 8 in winter and 7 in summer; a fine of threepence if the stairs be not swept every Friday after dinner.

All these fines were deducted from the servant's quarterly payment of their wages.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Mrs. Thos. Stenton, postmaster of Pontypool, Ont., writes: "For the past eight years I suffered from rheumatic pains, and during that time I used many different liniments and remedies for the cure of rheumatism. Last summer I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and got more relief from it than anything I have ever used, and cheerfully recommend this liniment to all sufferers from rheumatic pains." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm-hearted wish of the writer to be of use to some one else. This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.



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of brilliant flet net and colored embroidery are turning to jet trimmings. The dull jet is not even used now in mourning, but the cut jet comes in wonderful designs. Every woman is glad of its return to favor.

The success of a woman's costume depends largely upon the skirt worn, and the greatest attention should be given to the shape, fit and hang of this. The fashionable skirt of the day is like the one seen in the illustration that fits sheathlike over the hips and gracefully flares out beneath. It is a nine gored affair, with the plaited sections arranged below the hips, and a close and perfect fit is maintained over these. JUDIC CHOLLETE.

IN FASHION'S REALM.

Fashionable Demiseason Colors. Darned-Net Blouses Modish.

Topaz brown, a cold gray blue and a peacock green are newer than the purple tones, which in the earlier part of the season were almost done to death.

White net blouses with a large mesh darned in white or colored silks in a splashing design are smart. These blouses are made up over chiffon to soften them.

An incontrovertible edict has issued from the throne of fashion. It is a



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grief to the sensible woman. It is a defiance of the judgment of all wise medicine men. It is a menace to comfort and health. To carry it out takes time, trouble and money and eliminates all possibilities of economical dressing. Yet the edict providing for the return of long skirts has gone forth and must be obeyed.

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