

The Newest Raincoats



Cashmere Buttoned at the Side

WHEN clouds gather and threaten our street costumes we can still smile at the weather prospects, for a rainy day does not necessitate a surcease from good-looking outdoor raiment. Today, thanks to the fact that fashion has joined hands with good, sensible comfort, a raincoat is not a thing of undecided line, to be quickly consigned to a dark closet on the slightest excuse. It is modish, fits well and is made of many kinds of material to suit every feminine taste.

The striped silk, for instance, is a model which shows how this material has been well used. Gray and black are the colors, well chosen, for the glistening texture must not be overornamented nor conspicuous in shade. Black silk bands are effectively used at the bottom of the straight, loose sleeves, which are cut in one with the upper part. A flat collar and buttons are all that is necessary to give a pleasing whole.

Quite different from this is the full military cape of blue silk. A panel arrangement forms the front, passes over the shoulders in a pleat and continues down to the hem of the cape. Protection is afforded by the high military collar, which fastens in front by means of brass buttons. This model is very comfortable, amply protecting any suit beneath.

Perhaps the mannish tan appeals to you. Of covert and fitting wonderfully well for a loose coat, it has won its way to many feminine shoulders. The raglan sleeves are strapped loosely at the lower edge. A straight collar and bone buttons complete the strictly tailored effect. Two or three seasons ago women sought this style at the men's department, but now they are here in sizes that fit feminine shoulders.

The covert coat with deep pockets and shoulder capes is another model which a slender woman can wear to advantage. Breadth of shoulders is



Gray and Black Silk



Resembling a Top Coat

there, and a comfortable fullness of sleeves is combined with neat, well-tailored cuffs. Huge pockets, into which many things can be stowed, are really formed by a continuation of the side seams. The length promises full protection to skirts.

Almost like a topcoat is the plain model of smooth woolen material which has been made waterproof. Indeed, in this day of long separate coats it were well to consider this one in its double role. A single-breasted effect is very pleasing, while comfort is a characteristic of this severe type.

Cashmere in a rubberized form is fashioned into a cape coat which few women can resist. The usual straight line of a cape has been varied, crossing over to the side. Button-trimmed straps mark the shoulder line, and the front is slashed to allow an easy movement.

The raincoat has surely won our admiration. In its newest form it fills a long-felt want: that of a becoming overcoat for wet weather.



With Shoulder Capes and Deep Pockets



A Full Military Cape



The Mannish Tan