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Frocks for the Summer Season

It is hardly a slip from spring things into summer things. And the French couturiers have a way of slipping both of the seasons at once upon our bewildered senses, observes a fashion writer in the New York Times. Of course, there are many of their designs which can be applied to either season, but when we begin to separate the summer things—those for early summer most particularly—we find fascinating models worthy of our most careful consideration.

The French cleave always to simple designs. Nothing else has the least interest for the Parisian dressmaker. So that, naturally, we expect to find more or less plainness of design among their summer dresses; which type of frock lends itself most conspicuously to the unpretentious methods of treatment. But the way they have of varying simplicity is a matter of constant astonishment even to expectant on-lookers. They will conceive a new way of handling gingham which is so ultra plain that the only remark we can think of to make is, "Why didn't I think of that first?" But that is the whole point. It takes the French to think of it first. That is the way their originality makes itself felt.

In the shops all sorts of new gingham and organdies and cottons of varying sorts are making their appearance and these, mixed with the silk dresses and coats which will be such conspicuous portions of the summer wardrobes, are succeeding in making the dressmaking salons look like so many bright garden spots.

It seems as though there is far more leaning toward the wearing of real summer clothes than there has been for some years. The fact is that they are made in so tailored a manner that they can be worn either in the country or in town, and for the hot days they are very much in demand by all women, no matter where they reside.

Fashioned From Two Materials.
 So many of the warm weather frocks, whether they are made of silk or of cotton, are fashioned from two materials. That is, they will have either their upper half or their lower half made of one sort of fabric and the other portion made of some contrasting weave and color. These are among the most attractive of the new summer things.

Then there is one very new and popular dress that is made of either twill or silk, with the skirt and coat of matching material. Then the bodice section, which is made on extremely long-waisted lines, has a row of large buttons ranged round its lower edge and to these the skirt buttons with big buttonholes. Between the buttonholes there are loose portions of the skirt allowed to bulge out and supply the necessary fullness to the skirt. Sometimes these bodices are made of a



One Interesting Way to Make the Gingham Summer Frock.

fine quality of white pique which is stiff enough to form the necessary body to which the skirt is attached. Others of them have pongee used for the waist purpose, and either the one or the other of these materials looks very well indeed.

Taffeta is one of the materials which is used for summer dresses this season. They are not only the evening frocks, but also those, in plainer designs, for afternoon, and even for street wear. Of course, the darker colors of this silk are chosen for the two latter uses, and they are then made up most simply, but the crispness of the silk and the charm of the designs of the new frocks make them positively irresistible. Crepe dresses, of course, still hold good in a perfectly remarkable degree, but there are many places and occasions where the taffeta ones will be the very best things to be found. One always looks fresh and snappy in a frock of stiff taffeta, and if one has the figure to stand the puffiness of the designs of these

dresses, then one can hardly keep from having at least one of them.

Short and Tight Sleeves.
 The French designers are still—or again—using short and tight sleeves for their summer frocks. They seem to know that there is no other portion of a gown that looks so cool as the one that clasps tightly about the arm and allows those long, white, bare arms to show and to be really cool. So, if you are at all inclined to want to wear short, little, close-fitting sleeves, why, then, you are privileged



Simple Summer Suit in Blue and White Striped Linen.

to go as far as you like and to design your own dresses according to your own tastes. You have the sanction of the French couturier behind you.

An excellent type of gingham dress was made from a red and white Rodier fabric in a soft, thin woolen material, but it is peculiarly well adapted to the use of gingham or chintz or ratine or any of those heavier cotton materials. The little Brambleh collar is somewhat in this design, changed so that it hugs more closely about the throat and then the little edging of linen, from which material the collar and cuffs are made, is carried in a strip down the entire length of the skirt. There was a black ribbon bow under the chin, and the girl wore a drooping black straw hat with red dahlias massed about the base of the crown.

The waistline of this plain little frock is placed at an entirely normal angle and the belt which holds it in place there is made of white kid to repeat the other white touches on the frock. The bodice is but slightly bloused and the sleeves are gathered a trifle at the place where they meet the flaring and turned-back cuffs.

The summer suit or the suit for early spring is a portion of women's attire which must be considered all by itself. It is something which is so necessary, but if it is too thick or even too thin, why then it fails entirely to serve the very purpose for which it was meant. It must be weighty enough to serve for the cooler days and thin enough to make it possible for wear on days which become pretty well heated, and before it is time to change to the real thin summer frocks.

Will Use Heavier Silks.
 This season many of these suits will be made of the heavier silks. Some of them will be made of the cotton ratines. Others of them, of course, will be made from the lighter weight serges and varieties of cashmere which are now upon the market. But as for the designs of the suits they will vie with the dresses for utter simplicity. Some of the coats are boxed. Some of them are made on cape lines without any linings and some of them are little short-belted jackets with rather full pelmets that flare out above the hips. There will be linen suits, of course, and some made of those cotton materials which are a combination of cotton and linen and which do not muss with nearly so much ease as those which are made from pure linen.

There is one of the belted suits made of white linen which shows a very faint dark blue stripe. There is a crossed waistcoat of printed linen or blocked linen, as they call it, and this shows both the blue and white with sprinklings of vivid orange in the design. The coat is an excellent illustration of those little ones that are belted low about the hips, and the skirt is made with just a little extra fullness at the side, where it is made to close under two or three flatly pressed plaits.

There are other suits made of ratine which show the whole bodice constructed of a piece of brightly toned chintz in the gayest of patterns. Of course this brilliant piece of pattern only shows as the coat falls apart at front, but there it does full justice to itself in creating, really, the whole decoration of the suit. This is a costume suit in its best sense, and one that will be able to serve more than one purpose through the hot summer

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The Rosary.
 The word "rosary" is derived from the Latin "rosarium," which was originally a garland of roses and used to crown the image of the Virgin Mary. As a rosary in its present use it was instituted in honor of the Virgin by St. Dominic.

Some Sobriquets.
 "The Sage of Monticello" was Thomas Jefferson; "Light Horse Harry," Gen. Henry Lee; "Old Rough and Ready," Gen. Zachary Taylor; "Mad Anthony," Gen. Anthony Wayne; "Old Hickory," Andrew Jackson; "Old Man Eloquent," John Quincy Adams.

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Whipping Ended Romance.
 This little episode in my life occurred when I was but six years of age. A neighbor's boy, Jack, and I loved each other. We all settled between us that we should get married and start housekeeping in our coal house, which was not used during the summer. We had to furnish our house first. All went on well until our parents began missing things—dishes, etc. A whipping ensued and our romance ended.—Chicago Journal.

Long Suffering.
 Scientists say that this old world of ours hasn't varied more than a second or two since recorded in making its annual trip around the sun. Considering the trouble and turmoil it has carried along, the record is remarkable.

There Was a Reason.
 Jimmy was visiting his aunt, who was a good cook, and he enjoyed every meal. One day after an unusually good dinner he glanced at his three cousins, who were fat and rosy, and said: "I know now why you got such fat kids."



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