

WOMAN'S WORLD

Spring Fashions Offer Little That's New

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WHEN YOU START looking at the new spring clothes, the first idea which will come to you is that nothing very new has been added to the fashion picture. There is only more elaboration of details which we have already seen.

This will come as a welcome surprise to those of you who want to get along on a limited clothes budget. Since skirt lengths are about the same as last year, that means you don't have to run out and buy all new dresses and coats.

Furthermore, those of you who were able to buy only a basic wardrobe, can now add some of the trimmings which give you the well groomed look. You might like to add a new hand bag, new shoes and perhaps a scattering of pins to your costume.

Smart Fabrics, Exquisite Handwork are Featured

You will be impressed by the sheer beauty of fabrics this season—like never before. There are perfectly wonderful linens, heavy, luxurious satins, real silk in solid colors or excellent prints, and then the soft sheer fabrics like chiffon which is a very important part of the fashion picture.

The woollens which you'll be seeing in suits and coats are also mate-

Grey Chiffon



This full-skirted pale grey silk chiffon afternoon dress, worn over a matching color crepe slip, is from the spring collection of a New York designer. Below-elbow sleeves are cut in one with the bodice, detailed with a small buttoned collar. The waistline is elasticized and girdled with a bronze leather belt.



Back fullness is smart...

rials which will make you sigh with delight. They are beautifully woven and in stunning colors. Really sleek and silky gabardines that can show tailoring to perfection are as handsome as it's possible to be.

Exquisite handwork is featured on much of the clothing. You'll be seeing a lot of it on the new blouses in the form of magnificently embroidered collars, cuffs and blouse front. On dresses it shows off best on the new portrait neckline as well as the bodice and sometimes on the cuffs.

There is something so rich an utterly feminine about handwork in



Necklines are pretty

combination with good materials that you won't want to miss an opportunity to have something of it in your wardrobe. It can, however, be carried out without showing anything fussy.

Neckline Interest Shown Currently

Probably the most outstanding feature of the newest clothes is the importance attached to the neckline. Bared necklines, even in the most strictly casual wear, are featured.

Necklines can take the form of gently rounded curve or they may be deep and plunging such as are featured on many of the new blouses. On others, neckline interest may be displayed with what is known as the portrait type, which means the neckline is outlined with a highly decorative flounce.

On the beach dresses which you'll be buying now or later, you're most apt to run into the strapless variety. These dresses, however, often come with a bolero or stole with which you can cover up, if desired.

Choose Silhouette Most Flattering

This year you may choose the silhouette most flattering to you. The full-skirted look is still with us, but then, too, there's the slim-tailored variety, and several others in-between those two.

The full-skirted look can be very slimming, you'll discover, especially when it's carried out in a soft, sheer material like chiffon. Softly gathered at the waist, it falls in gracious folds that seem to hug the figure.

Most formal dresses are longer than those worn in the daytime, but the ankle-length formal is still the most popular.

Rounded Shoulders Are Essential

The stiff-looking artificial shoulders which we started seeing some time ago have gradually disappeared, and fortunately, too! They have no place in a fashion world which highlights beauty and femininity.

In the really high-priced dresses, no shoulder pads are used. If you do have them, make certain they are small and cleverly concealed. In other words, use padding to give a nice round line, but have it done so carefully that no one realizes you're wearing pads.

Coats Use Plenty Of Materials

Most of the coats seen currently are long and full, whether they're of the belted variety or princess style or fitted. If they're full length, that is, coming to the dress hemline, they're bound to use a lot of material.

Because of the lovely rich fabrics used on coats, you'll be amazed at some of the lovely details in tailoring. These features have often been used in the past, but it takes a good material to show them up to full advantage.

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Save Marriage — It's Worth It

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SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE if you can. Partly because marriage is the very root and basis of our civilization, but partly, too, because there is no companionship or happiness in the world like that of a man and woman who have achieved a successful marriage.

Don't think of your relationship with your husband as a fact accomplished, finished, settled, never to change. Think of it as being constantly in a state of development, up or down, for better or worse. Either your marriage is a more perfect thing today than it was a year ago or it is a less perfect one. Which is it?

Don't let it get into an unimaginative rut, a daily pounding along at distasteful drudgery. And don't let its only bright moment be escape—the radio, the movies, parties, murder stories. Make it in itself the core of your happiness, the center from which all these amusements and activities spring.



Consider expenditures

Easier said than done? Of course. But marriage, like anything else worth while, is a slow, hard, demanding job. And its success or failure is far more in the hands of the woman than the man.

Money Is The Root

Finances are of first importance and most wives fail in one of two particulars there and some fail in both. First, the wife won't keep expenses down to budget lines. And second, she takes no interest in how the money is made.

This last, and it is the most common failing, is peculiar to American women. European wives share every moment of a man's care, anxiety, doubt. They know who the customers are, what taxes and rent are, what the man's hopes and plans are. But some of our women remain all their wedded lives in a state of supreme indifference and ignorance on those points. What they want is the money and nothing else. And some of them urge a man into actual dishonesties in their eagerness for money.

Once the money point is settled satisfactorily, the marriage is halfway to success. Girls before marriage ought to be encouraged to work out budgets, to consider expenditures.

The Cutter marriage was on the rocks 11 years ago this year. Everything was wrong with it. The four expensive apartment-house rooms, the two exacting babies who started coughing in November and didn't stop until April. The surveillance of Jim's mother. The money shortage. And all the details that dust, didies, dishes, disgust and disillusionment could supply. The Cutters talked of divorce. But how? If Jim couldn't support his family in one unit, how could he support it in two?

Quarreling Stops

Then the older baby got polio and Jim and Nancy were awakened. The carping, scolding, quarreling stopped like magic. Mother and father turned to the task of saving little Beverly.

Beverly needed sunshine. So they drove out into the least fashionable of Toledo's suburbs and

One of the features of the Empire waistline is the opportunity it gives for a new type of decoration. Newest is the use of scatter pins, many times larger than those worn on your shoulder, so large in fact, that usually one is all you'll want. Very narrow belts are much favored. For sheer wools and those classic dresses of spun rayon, you'll like the ever-so-smart cord belts, many of which are leather. For soft dresses, there's a newer style: lace-like, jeweled belts that look much like the highly ornamental necklaces you've been wearing.

bought two acres and a shanty for \$1,300. The house had electricity, but no bathroom, no furnace, no luxuries.

"Freedom—don't we all love it—and I was free!" she writes me. "No telephone, no outside interests at all. Just Boppo, who was two when we went out there, and Bev getting well visibly, and Jim coming home a new man. He put our floor-heaters in, he got the garden into shape, he brought in the first two of my handsome brood of chickens in his pocket—tiny peepers to amuse Bev. In 1940 we mortgaged ourselves to the tune of \$19,000 and built two five-room cottages on the front of our place. They are completely separate from us, and they bring in \$200 a month. Jim says nothing on earth can keep us from being snug and secure."

"Well, we aren't worried about that. We're happy."

"I look back at our life a few years ago," the letter ends, "and I don't seem to be the same woman. That other woman always was trying to push her life aside and live in some dream. It took terror, poverty, change to awaken her. Ours isn't one of the sensational American stories. It wouldn't have mattered to anyone if our marriage had ended in divorce and our family been scattered to try all sorts of miserable makeshifts."

But it does matter to us and how good it is to be busy and secure and happy!"

Busy and secure and happy. That pretty well rounds out the sum of human need. If some of the restless, unhappy wives who feel themselves caught in a dull, dreary, futureless rut will attempt to put these three elements into their lives, they may find that it is a cheaper thing all around to salvage a marriage than to break it and throw it away.

Spurned Loves Trip Gem Thief

Ex-Teacher, Model Figure in Career

A gem robber who got away with violations with staggering ease couldn't get away from a psychological monster in the form of jealousy.

This was demonstrated in Beverly Hills when beautiful brunette Betty Ritchie said her love for master jewel thief Gerard Dennis froze when she landed in jail and discovered she wasn't the only woman in his life.

Miss Ritchie, 24, started out as a Toronto school teacher and then fell in with "one of the greatest burglars who ever operated." Now she was alone and friendless, waiting to see if she could go back to Canada to "forget."

"I don't care what happens to Jerry at all," she said of Dennis.

The frail brunette was near tears at her arraignment. Accompanied only by a policewoman, she heard the judge read the charge against her: "accepting a mink coat stolen by the million-dollar jewel bandit."

The handsome 29-year-old confessed robber, who wooed her with promises of marriage, jewels from his loot, and a luxurious apartment, had been grilled in New York about a series of daring robberies on the West coast and in the East.

While he kept a \$120,000 store of gems and furs triple-locked behind a closed door in their apartment, Betty said she was allowed no money for personal necessities and only \$12 or \$15 a week for food.

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THE GARDEN SPOT

Time Planting by Perennials

By Eldred E. Green

"WHEN SHALL I PLANT my garden?" Unfortunately this question cannot be answered exactly, as the weather varies from year to year and from town to town in the same county.

However, we can watch some plants and time our garden planting by them. These plants flower by the weather and the time of flowering gives the clue that the weather is right for some other plants to be started.

When the Goldenbell flowers it is time to plant many of our flowers and vegetables. In the vegetable garden we can sow beets, carrots, cabbage, collards, chard, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas, radishes, spinach and turnips. Peas can be sown earlier if the soil is ready.

In the flower garden we can sow calendula, cosmos, annual larkspur, mignonette, Shirley poppies, stocks, candytuft and sweet peas. Sweet peas can be sown earlier without ill effects.

Peony time and the first of the early shrub roses tell us to set out eggplants, peppers, tomatoes, and to plant the tender flowers such as

geraniums, dahlias, petunias, cannas and the colored foliage plants used so much for grave plantings.

These dates fall about two weeks apart in most years, but there are times when changes in the weather will delay the flowering of some plants and this bad weather should delay your other garden work, too.

Be weather-wise and watch the plants to time your garden.

In order to be ready for your seeds the soil should be prepared ahead of time. It is not necessary to prepare all of the soil at once but only to prepare enough for the plants that you are going to plant next. This spreads the hard work over a longer period and prevents weeds from starting before you are ready to use the ground.

If you use machinery, then a light surface raking will be needed for the later crops. The flower garden is usually a hand job, as the small size makes teams or tractors almost impossible. Generally a good fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potash applied at the rate recommended by the manufacturer will help produce better plants. A little goes a long way.

