

## Coat-Dress Has Strong Appeal; Smart Party Frocks of Taffeta

WHILE praise of the two-piece dress is being shouted from the housetops of fashionland the aristocratic one-piece tulleur, such as the picture shows, goes quietly and elegantly on in the tenor of its way. In fact, the coat street dress has not lost in prestige. Of course as an exponent of ultrasmartness it must be fashioned of cloth of first quality, displaying correct detailing of collar, one which will give eminent satisfaction from the standpoint of both utility and arresting appearance, is of covert cloth made in double-breasted fashion, featuring sleeves that fall into a wrist band.

In what a capricious mood do we find fashion these days. Especially in the matter of party frocks and formal evening gowns, the mode has gone to extremes. Just as millady



A One-Piece Model.

cuffs and pockets. Especially this season does the mode exact of the one-piece tulleur that it be of high-grade material and exquisite finesse.

The one-piece model pictured here answers all the requisites of a patrician type. It is man-tailored of handsome gray luster twill. The front opening buttons so as to accent a cleverly manipulated inverted plait which, while it gives necessary fullness about the hemline, in no way detracts from the slenderized straight-line silhouette. Fashion dictates out-in pockets for the mannish tulleur and here you have them. A charming feminine touch is bespoken in the vestee of flesh-colored satin.

Much might be said in regard to the new vogue for flesh and pale pink colored accessories to the tailored costume. Whereas once we chose white

has been completely won over to the idea of dresses as narrow, as straight-line and as short as can possibly be, stylists suddenly throw upon the screen billowy full skirts, with bodices which somewhat mold to the figure, the entire ornate with lace flouncings and flower trimmings.

So here we are confronted with a study in contrasts—slender svelte mod ernistic frocks versus bouffant picturesque period gowns. Stylists invite you to take your choice.

When the imposing robe de style, with its yards and yards of material in the skirt first made its appearance this season it was not taken seriously, but now its acceptance as a reigning mode for evening has become a fact rather than a passing fancy. Another very charming interpretation of the full-skirted mode takes on the quaint expression of the 1830 frocks as well as those of Colonial days.

The lovely taffeta frock shown in the picture is without a doubt a strong argument in favor of the bouffant and the picturesque. The taffeta is changeable, its exquisite rose-lavender tones reflected in the handmade tinted silk flowers which together with beautiful lace adorn this picture frock.

By the way, a taffeta silk vogue is



Showing the Full-Skirted Mode.

silk, crepe or satin collars, cuffs and vestees, the last word from Paris favors fascinating delicate pink tints.

Returning to the subject of the coat frock, favored materials for its interpretation include first of all hard-finished luster twills, the sort that always look spick and span and seem impervious to effects of dust and lint. The favor for gray in various degrees is amounting almost to a fad. It is said that gray fur neckpieces will be worn with these handsomely tailored one-piece street dresses. Beige also has its adherents.

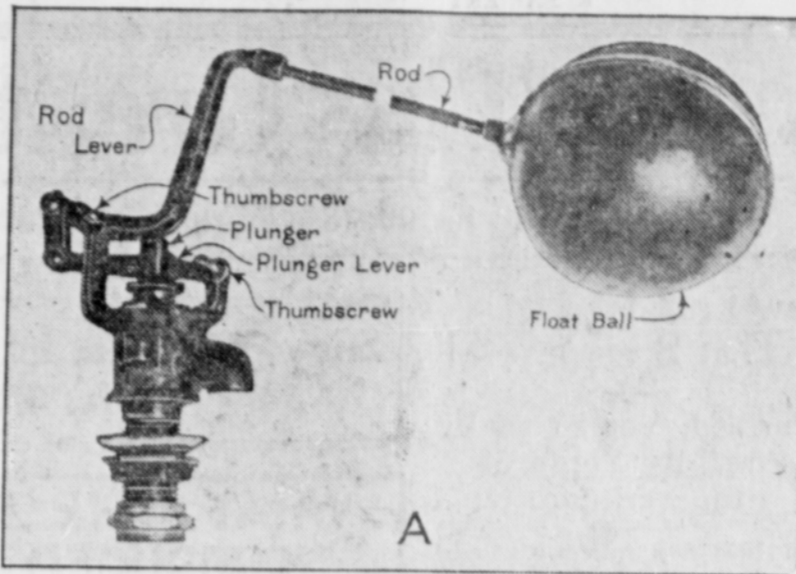
A very patrician-looking coat-dress,

overspreading the realm of fashion. Quaint striped and plaided borderings, like grandmother's silks so elegantly flaunted, are very smart. Per example, the slim maiden of today is dancing in adorable frocks made of pastel colored taffeta, such as nile green, rose, lavender or periwinkle blue. These have full skirts which are gathered into almost a normal waistline, with rainbow borderings encircling the hemline. A draped collar, suggesting a fichu is made of the stripes.

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## FLUSH TANK TROUBLES EASILY REPAIRED



Compound Lever Ball Cock in Flush Tank.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

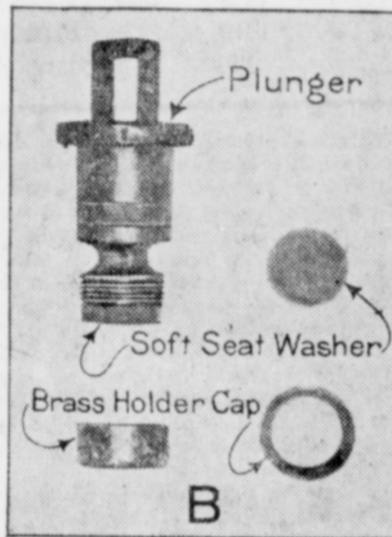
Among the parts of the home plumbing system most frequently out of order and needing attention is the flush tank of the toilet. Very often the trouble may be easily located by a member of the family and corrected at little cost without sending for a plumber, says the United States Department of Agriculture in a new Farmers' Bulletin, 1489, "Simple Plumbing Repairs in the Home." The first illustration, Figure A, shows an ordinary compound lever ball cock to control the water supply in a flush tank. The float ball and the seat washer on the bottom of the plunger are the only parts likely to need repairs. The buoyancy of the float is

screw the two thumbscrews which pivot the float-rod lever and plunger lever. Push the two levers to the left, drawing the plunger lever through the head of the plunger. Lift out the plunger, unscrew the cap on the bottom of the plunger, insert a soft, new washer, and reassemble the parts. The cap may be so corroded and weakened that it breaks during removal from the plunger. A new cap is then necessary, and it is well to have one or two on hand. When putting a washer on a ball cock, examine the seat to see that it is free of nicks and grit. It may need regrinding.

A flush valve, used in a low tank, is also erratic. Probably no other plumbing in the home needs attention so often. It is under water and subject to fouling and neglect. The hollow rubber ball gets out of shape and falls to drop squarely into the hollowed seat. The handle and lever fail to work smoothly or the lift wires get out of plumb, causing the ball to remain up when it should drop to its seat. To remove these difficulties, stop inflow to the tank by holding up the float of the ball cock or supporting it with a stick. Drain the tank by raising the rubber ball. If the ball is worn, out of shape, or has lost its elasticity, unscrew the lower lift wire from the ball and replace with a new one. A 2 1/2-inch rubber ball costs about 25 cents, and a new one should always be kept in the home. The lift wires should be straight and plumb. The lower lift wire is readily centered over the center of the valve by means of the adjustable guide holder. By loosening the thumbscrew, the holder is raised, lowered or rotated about the overflow tube.

### Adjustment Important.

By loosening the lock nut and turning the guide screw, the horizontal position of the guide is fixed exactly over the center of the valve. These adjustments are very important. The upper lift wire should loop into the lever arm hole nearest to a vertical from the center of the valve. A tank should empty within ten seconds. Owing to lengthening of the rubber ball and insufficient rise from its seat, the time may be longer than ten seconds with a correspondingly weak flush. This trouble may be overcome by shortening the loop in the upper lift wire. A drop or two of lubricating oil on the lever mechanism makes it work more smoothly.



Plunger and Washer Holder Cap.

the force which lowers the plunger, shutting off the water as the tank fills. A leaky, waterlogged float holds the plunger up, permitting constant flow and waste of water. A small leak in a copper float can be soldered. If a glass float is broken or a copper float is badly corroded, do not try to repair it. A new five-inch copper float costs about 40 cents.

### Plunger and Washer.

Figure B shows the plunger and washer-holder cap which screws on the bottom of the plunger. The washer should be soft rubber or leather, because the force which holds it to its seat is not heavy. The cap is thin brass. To replace the washer, shut off the water and drain the tank. Un-

## MAKE BUDGET TO HELP IN SAVING

### Get Whole Family to Co-operate in Plan.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Resolve to save more in 1926 than you did last year. The bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agriculture says, "Make a budget," and tells you how to do it.

First, estimate the size of your income for the coming year, without being too optimistic. Put down what you are fairly sure you will have. It is always easier to spend a bit of



Farm Woman Keeping Her Farm Records and Household Budget.

extra income than it is to make a smaller income go a little farther.

Now make a list of all the things your family will have to have for the year. Rent, fuel, light, and all the things for running the house, food, clothes for each person, taxes, insurance. You ought to have some fun, buy some books, give something to a good cause. You must look after your

health. You want to save something. Put it all down. Include every little item and what you think each will cost. Add up your list. How does it compare with your estimated income? If it is smaller, you are happy. If not, go over your list. Use your imagination. There are leaks, and you can find them. But you can't spend more than you make and be comfortable.

Your budget is made. You have a spending and saving plan for 1926. Get the whole family to co-operate in using it. No doubt before the year is over by all working together you will improve it. There is no law against changing a budget once made if you change it for the better.

The budget will be easy to live up to if you get an account book—any blank book will do—and write down in it each day what you have spent. Don't jumble up all the items together. Put all the food items on one page, all the clothes on another, all the savings on a third, and so on. Add up each page at the end of every month. Compare the totals with your budget.

### Spoon Cornbread With Bacon Is Hard to Resist

Spoon cornbread with bacon is a breakfast combination that is hard to resist. The spoon bread is usually baked in an iron skillet, although a baking dish may be used. Because of its smooth, rather moist texture, it is eaten with a spoon or fork. The United States Department of Agriculture gives the following directions for making spoon bread:

#### Spoon Bread.

1 cupful cornmeal 2 cupfuls water  
1 teaspoonful salt 2 eggs  
1 tablespoonful fat 1 cupful milk

Place the meal, salt, shortening and water in a double boiler and cook for ten minutes, stirring until thick and smooth. Allow this to cool, then add the well-beaten eggs and finally thin down to a batter with the milk. Beat well, pour into a greased pan or baking dish, bake in a rather hot oven for about thirty minutes, and serve directly from the pan in which it was cooked.



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