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SMART DESIGN FOR WINTER

Satin and Weaves of Velvet Are Exceptionally Smart.

Sheer, Dainty Models Have Not Lost Caste—Lingerie Blouses Popular for Spring.

The blouse of heavy fabric—not necessarily really heavy, but in any event lacking the transparency of net or georgette—is one of the favorites of the winter season. Among the materials favored, satin and the various weaves of velvet are exceptionally smart. In emphasizing this fancy for the heavy blouse, however, it must not be understood that the sheer, dainty models of lace, net, georgette, etc., have in any way lost caste. The heavier models have merely been added, giving even greater variety to the already lovely display.

The sketch shows a very smart blouse, which may be developed attractively in velvet with bead or wool embroidery in contrasting color, or in satin with metal, silk or wool embroidery as the trimming. The blouse shown is waist length and finished with a soft, crushed girde of self fabric, two long fringe-tipped panels distinguishing the blouse in front. The slightly flared elbow sleeves are finished with the embroidery, and the neck has a piping of self fabric.

Another exceptionally smart blouse recently seen was of terra cotta colored satin, cut straight and long enough to reach just to the hips. The blouse was trimmed about the lower edge, the short sleeves and the square open neck with Bulgarian embroidery in an attractive blending of colors.

A smart and severely plain cascade blouse shown in one of the smart shops recently was of navy crepe de chine. It was cut as straight and plain as a Chinaman's shirt, reaching just to the hips, and was finished at the lower edge with two big tucks, each approximately an inch and a quarter wide. The elbow sleeves were similarly treated and the open neck was finished with a three-inch-wide accordion plaiting of self fabric. Narrow tie ends of the crepe de chine were attached at either side, at the normal waistline, and were loosely tied at the back.

An unusual-looking garment also recently displayed in the blouse department was a slipover blouse of knitted



Brown duvetyne, the most wanted material for winter, is cleverly used in this attractive suit. The choker collar is of beaver. Tan braid lends an original tone to the skirt.

USE FOR THE OLD BLOUSES

Worn-Out Garments May Be Transformed Into Numerous Articles of Apparel.

Old blouses make numbers of pretty and useful things after they can no longer serve for waists. A pink pussy willow taffeta blouse will make a lovely girde for a white net party frock, a dainty bouffant cap, or a most becoming facing for an evening hat, or if a delicate shade it will make a fetching camisole to wear under some new blouse.

If the silk has begun to slit folds can be laid in a girde or in an under hat brim so the worn part will never show and the silk will many times do remarkably long service used this latter way.

An old rajah pougee blouse that had been worn and washed till it was faded looking was dipped in deep rose dye and it made a most jaunty sports hat, covered over a buckram frame with heavy cords edging the top and bottom of the crown and the brim. Cable cord, covered with bias strips of the material, was sewed in a design, flat effect, on the sides of the crown and the hat was complete.

A biscuit-colored crepe de chine waist was dipped in coffee to give it more tone and from the whole parts of the blouse enough material was rescued to cover a small toque. Inch folds, running vertically, were laid around the sides of the toque and a loose blouse of silk on the crown gave a stylish tan effect to the hat.

The collar and front of this blouse, which was all in one piece with a bonneted bodice, and the cuffs were cut from this waist, to be used to give a new touch to another dress. This vestee and cuff set of tan crepe de chine will look well on either a dark brown or navy blue wool dress.

LEADERS AMONG SMALL FURS

Pekon or Fisher Takes Precedence Over Other Small Pelts and Prices Are Soaring.

There are women, writes a Paris fashion correspondent, who apparently cannot be extravagant enough in furs, for one sees full mantles of sable, mink, kolinsky and squirrel, the latter in the subtle dye or in the natural gray color. The skins are all worked in striped patterns, some of which circle the width of the mantle, while others run up and down. These mantles represent the height of luxury in fur wraps. They are of very simple design, many without sleeves, but always with big enveloping collars that muffle the throat and shoulders.

Next after these fancy fur garments come those of Hudson seal and nutria cut after the same fashion; occasionally a coat of baby lamb or caracul appears, but these skins are very rare in France.

In small furs, pekon, or fisher, still takes precedence over all other pelts. The smartly dressed woman shows such a decided taste for the pekon that prices are soaring.

Buttons on Baby's Bonnet.

Instead of having to rip the stitches from baby's bonnet-strings every time you wash them, fasten them on with a little pearl button; then all you have to do is to unbutton them, and this saves considerable time.

Black and White Checks.

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THE NEWEST NOTE IN BAGS

Moire Velvet to the Forefront; Beads Still in Favor; Miter Bags for Tailored Suits.

Moire velvet is being used for a number of the newest handbags, in combination with shell frames. The bead bags are made in combination of beads and velvet, for the woman who does not want the former variety. White metal is being used for frames, also, in the less expensive bags. Japanese brocade is in high favor, and is often made into envelope purses, their edges bound with gold metal. Crocheted miter bags, handmade, incrustated with steel beads in midnight blue and beige and blue, are smart with the trim tailored suit.

WORTH KNOWING

When handling velvet, use sewing silk. When the stitches are removed there will be no traces.

When putting a hem in a garment if a piece of cardboard is cut the required width, it may be slipped along and the task quickly and evenly accomplished, as it saves the constant handling of the tape measure, and there is no fear of the hem being uneven, as the cardboard is right.

Use rubbers instead of apples for miter pie. This is much to be preferred even when apples are plentiful. The hot boiled potatoes intended for cauliflower balls should be put through a potato ricer.

WILLIAM B. VALIN



William B. Valin, famous explorer and head of the John Wanamaker expedition to the arctic, who returned to the United States recently after two years spent in the frigid regions of the North.

Witty in Time of Misfortune.

When the conflagration that destroyed Drury Lane theater, in 1809, broke out, Sheridan, the principal shareholder, was in the house of commons. Declining the adjournment offered out of sympathy, he hurried to the theater, only to be pushed back by a soldier, with the curt warning: "Stand back, sir!" "My friend," replied the witty dramatist, "surely a man may warm himself by his own fire!"

Dreadful Mistake.

There was a distinct air of chastened resignation about him as he penned the following note: "Dear Miss Brown: I return herewith your kind note in which you accept my offer of marriage. I would draw your attention to the fact that it begins 'Dear George.' I do not know who George is, but my name, as you will remember, is Thomas."—Houston Post.

"Curse" for Rheumatism.

Rheumatism is perhaps a disease which affects more people on this earth than any other complaint, and the writer agrees that a simple is ample! But the number of recommended "cures" embracing the common Glander's salts and the costliest drugs, still seem to leave some sufferers to the annoying ache, a writer in London Answers states.

Apes Fear Fire.

Explorer Stanley has given an account of apes that carry torches at night. He was doubtless mistaken, for all the monkey tribes are afraid of fire. Nevertheless, gorillas will gather about a deserted campfire for the sake of warmth—though it never occurs to them to keep the embers alight by adding fresh fuel.

Won't Sweeten Coffee.

"Sweet are the uses of a variety," but we have no use for it.—Boston Transcript.



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