Grand Array Offered in the Gayest of Wearables.

Newest Coats Are Made of Backet Weave Silk Ratine; Smart Over-Plaited Skirt.

We wemen would be utterly devold of vanity if we did not want to revel in a variety of pretty country clothes these sunny summer days, asserts a fashion correspondent. Now is the time above all others when we have an opportunity to bring together an assortment of beautiful colors in our dress. In town we are limited to certain styles and shades, except in our evening dresses and our negligees. For the country the gayest of things are offered, and there is so much to choose from that we need to exercise taste and Judgment in our selections,

The sweater or coat must not be chosen because it appeals to you as a color that you have always liked, but bought with a picture of the entire costume in mind. For instance, one of the new open mesh slik sweaters of a tawny gold hue is charming with a rough slik skirt of blending shade and a wide-brimmed old blue straw hat with yellow trimming.

The plain type of sport clothes made of dark colored tweeds and similar cloths may be infinitely practical, but why be practical at the expense of beauty? A woman should make a picture in her sport clothes. Conts and sweaters alone offer unlimited opportunities. It is well to be constantly on the lookout for something new in the way of these jackets that take the place of the stereotyped sweater. which is gradually being replaced by models quite as useful and infinitely

dresses or with a pretty white blouse could be expected, then had come stand skirt are made of a basket weave lence, unbroken silence. All attempts silk ratine. These come in the gaybe prettier in effect than a white silk | name appeared on no prisoner or casfrock worn with such a coat in bright ualty list. red, the whole costume topped by a vivid searlet hat? These coats are smart, too, when worn over a plaited and there found partial surcease from 💠 white sport skirt or the plain white skirts made of very heavy gaberdines and serges, or with the white flannel skirts which are so much in evidence this year. Full length as well as the sweater length coats may be had. Of course, the sweater length is the most popular because it can be worn all

day long if one wishes. A coat of this material in rose color has long set in sleeves and is trimmed with hand-drawn work down the front, the trimming continuing all the way around the bottom and also omamenting the collarless neck and the pockets and cuffs.

SMALL HAT ALWAYS WELCOME



Small hats are always welcome for motoring and general outdoor wear. Here is one, olive green in color, with brown Paradise feathers, affording a most pleasing combination.

To Make a Placket.

The placket of a shirt may be placed opening should only be as long as is necessary for the skirt to be slipped on and off easily. Leave the placke; seam open for about ten inches from the waist, according to the size around the hips, but in all cases the shorter the placket the better. Two strips of material, each half an inch longer than the placket opening, should be cut, One ip must be about four inches and se other strip about two inches wide. he wider strip is doubled over and sewn to the left side of the skirt to form an underfisp, whilst the other

atrip is faced to the right side. Dotted Swize Is Liked.

For mideummer dotted swiss is apparently to be a great favorite as a dress fabric. Colored swiss with white dots lends. The widest possible range of colors is in evidence, but there seems to be a pronounced fancy for brown. Frequently a such of satin or fullle ribbon matching the freck to color will girdle it at the waistline. Orgundle and volle dresses are also in great demand and it is said that dark flowered cotton volle frocks will be active rivals this season of the more costly atlk voiles and chiffons.

LILACS AND LYRICS

By GERTRUDE BURNHAM.

Illac time. It isn't far from London."

The lilting refrain persisted in the mind of a girl who stood irresolutely morning, when even that dingy city was being afforded a glimpse of blue sky. At the corner a barrel organ was grinding out its tunes to appreciative groups of dancing children.

Well, why not go down to Kew? It really wasn't "far from London," and now that the war was over she would soon leave England for America and the opportunity would be gone. With sudden decision she halled a passing bus and started on the journey to Kew with the baunting refrain still in her

Lilacs, that was the magic word, Lilacs, white and purple, how lovingly they clustered about the little New England home,

Her eyes clouded with a sudden mist. She saw again two figures standing by the bushes, a lithe, sturdy lad in khaki, and a girl in a lilac frock who raised shy, adoring eyes to meet his. The heavy odors of the white and purple glory with which he had heaped her arms filled the air during those last sacred moments before his departure for France. There were caresses and promises, but few tears, for the girl was one of a race who unflinchingly sent their best to 🕏 fight for liberty under the banners of the United States, and the man would have scarned to show emotion.

After his departure she had written him again and again. At first the re-The newest conts to wear over light plies were received as regularly as to locate him had been in vain and est of colors, such as hunter green, the corroding agony of suspense grew rose and bright scarlet. What could upon her. No one had heard and his

Finally she had volunteered as a * Red Cross nurse for foreign service, 🕏 personal sorrow. Now her work was over and she was going home. Going ... home, to what?

With a start she came to herself. The bus had reached Kensington, and Kew Gardens lay before her. She alighted and walked slowly along. The birds were singing and their sweet notes were all that broke the silence, The peace of it stole over her and she sank down on a bench, balf-hidden among the Illac bushes, and gave herself up to bitter-sweet memories.

A man wearing the silver bars of a first lieutenant in the service of the United States stood beside a London bookstall, ddly turning the leaves of a book of poems. His eyes caught the following lines:

"Come down to Kew in Hise time, in Hinc time. It isn't far from London,"

He read absorbedly to the end of the poem, then re-read it. Turning the first state of the first state of the poem, then re-re-with sudden decision he asked the bookseller how he could rench Kew. The bookseller gave him the necessary directions and advised him to go by all means to see the famed beauty of

The young man thanked him and purchased the book of poems. The next bus that rumbled along toward | ... Kensington found him on its top, immersed in deep thought. His mind was far away in a little New England village which he had not seen for over a year. There stood a farm house with clustering white and lavender liluc bushes, and beside them a girl in a frock to match, her laughing face s frock to match, her laughing face

bent over the lovely blooms. He swung off the bus at Kew and . strolled down the winding paths, enjoying the rustic solitude to the utmost. He turned a corner and came upon the illacs filling the air with magic sweetness. This was familiar, this was home, and all that was needed to complete the picture was the girl, looking up at him with the lovelight shining in the depths of her eyes,

Still held by the exchantment of his dresm, he turned and saw a girl sitting on one of the garden benches with bowed head. As he looked she raised her head and he are her face. As recegnition enture be swiftly stretched out fils army and she flew either at the side or the back. The to them like a homing bird, too luppy to be surprised. So swiftly had the dreams of both become reality that dreams of both become reality that there was no consciousness of abrupt

transition. One hour later a squirrel skipped out from behind the bushes and cocked his head to one side. He was watching this couple who were so close to gether on the park bench, so quiet, . save for the low murmur of voices and

soft laughter. The man had explained the long atlence in a way which increased the girl's love and trust. He had been on a secret service mission of great danger, which had made it nopossible for him to communicate with anyone. He 💠 had since been promoted and cited for

Then same the story of their appearance in the garden, and he unwrapped the book of poems, Two heads came close together and the listening squirrel beard words which

sounded strangely like this: "Come down to Kew in lifac time, in

lilar time, It jen't far from London." And the man, the girl, and the squirrel all agreed with the poet that it was an excellent thing to do.

CARRIED "HONESTY" TOO FAR

Trusted Clerk Rather Overdid It, and Lost the Confidence of His Employer.

Cash registers became an institution as a means of compelling honesty among employees handling money, "Come down to Kew in lilac time, in There was a time when their installation was taken as an affront by every clerk concerned, but a new generation has accepted them as a matter of course. That they still have their use upon the London pavement one spring demonstrated recently by one employer -a grocer-who was telling his story over the counter the other evening to a belated customer.

"Last summer," the grocer said, "my family was living down at the beach and I used to leave early in order to get down there for a late dinner. I had a clerk that I trusted to lock up and put the money in the safe. Naturally the cash register would show in the morning what he had rung up.

"For a few days I thought it was working fine. He was a good clerk and I thought he was honest. Then when I got to thinking about it I decided he was too-honest. For ten days that register and the cash agreed to's penny. Now that's better than I could make it do myself. It ain't nat-

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scheme. Just before I left I rang up \$2,75 on the register and put nothing in the till. Next morning the cash and the register agreed as usual. That was enough for me. Any man who is so honest he will make up mistakes out of his pocket must have plenty

of money to do it with. "No, he isn't working for me now."-New York Evening Sun.

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